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Message from the Chairman

I am continually awed and impressed by the generosity of those who contribute to the Western Nevada Community College Foundation. This year, the foundation raised $2.1 million, $800,000 more than the previous year. In September, we hosted the seventh annual Recognition and Appreciation Reception and awarded a record $150,000 in scholarships to over 175 students. The Wildcats athletic program had a very successful inaugural year with the baseball team taking first place in the Scenic West Athletic Conference and the soccer team being ranked 12th in the nation for academic excellence.

Our goal of purchasing land for the Fallon Campus became a reality in June with the acquisition of 4.8 acres directly west of the campus. Our efforts over the next several years will be to establish a stable funding source for the athletic program, and to expand the Douglas Campus. We will continue to be involved in the effort to bring more community members on our campuses, so they can experience the difference education makes in a person’s life.

I have the enviable position of leading an organization whose goals are to provide access to education and to facilitate philanthropy – it is a fulfilling role and one of which I am very proud.

On behalf of the WNCC Foundation Board of Trustees, I extend a heartfelt thank you to the many individuals and businesses that value education and share in this drive to help others improve their lives.

New Endowments

Robert & Joy Pease Estate

The WNCC Foundation is a beneficiary of the estate of the late Robert and Joy Pease. Their gift of $398,000 is the second largest individual donation and the largest scholarship endowment in the 35-year history of Western Nevada Community College. Interest from the endowment will be distributed in annual scholarships that will impact the lives of many students into perpetuity. Robert and Joy Pease will forever be remembered for their generosity and faith in WNCC.

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www.wncc.edu/foundation/
**Investing in WNCC**

**Nursing Program Receives $60,000 Gift**

A family connection to nursing and a newspaper article about generosity to WNCC led to a $60,000 donation for the college’s nursing program.

Locke Lesch was reading the newspaper and saw an article about a donation that Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center recently made to WNCC. At the time, Lesch and his wife, Betty Ray, were considering organizations both nationally and locally to earmark for a personal donation. Coupled with the fact that their granddaughters were both nurses, the Lesch family decided to donate $60,000 to WNCC for high tech nursing education equipment.

“We want to make good use of the funds we have,” Locke said. “We were looking at programs all around the country and WNCC seemed to be the perfect fit.”

With the donation, WNCC purchased equipment that simulates illnesses in a computerized baby mannequin, requiring student nurses to work under pressure. A new IV machine, glucometer, abdominal palpation model, venous training arm, intramuscular injection hip, and various computer programs and graphics will help students prepare for the illnesses and injuries they will face on the job.

“We are very grateful for this,” said Dr. Judith Cordia, director of Nursing and Allied Health. “This really helps us to move forward and further develop our labs.”

The equipment is being used at the college’s Carson City and Fallon nursing labs where students experience bedside care simulations that are very close to reality in a safe, controlled environment. They can listen to real-life sounds in the bodies of the nursing mannequins, which can even talk, cough, and sweat.

“It’s about as close to reality as you can get.” Cordia said.

“This is an example of two people really making a difference,” she continued. “This gift is really for everyone in Carson City and Fallon because many of the nurses who graduate from our programs will be caring for people in their communities.”

In recognition of the couple’s generosity the college has named its Carson City simulation lab the Betty Ray and Locke Lesch Nursing and Allied Health Simulation Laboratory.

**Fallon Campus Acquires Land for Future**

The Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents have approved the college’s purchase of 4.8 acres on the west side of the Fallon campus. Western does not have immediate plans to build on the property, but the college can now start thinking toward the future.

The WNCC Foundation contributed $571,860 toward the purchase. Major donors were Carl and Bette Dodge, Virgil Getto, the City of Fallon, and Churchill County. The land will be paid with private contributions and a bank loan for $100,000.

The Fallon campus is landlocked on 12 acres, with Virgil Getto Hall being the last construction project at the campus in 1992.

In 2003, the college began work on a master plan for WNCC Fallon that focused on future development as well as acquisition of property. In 2004, WNCC started negotiations for acquiring the industrial-zoned property from the Jack N. Tedford Limited Partnership.
Beck Library Celebrates 10 Years

It’s been a decade since Alicia and Manuel Beck made the largest donation ever to Western’s Fallon campus library. To commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the $400,000 endowment, the Beck Library celebrated with week-long festivities in October.

The Beck Library endowment has supported students and academic programs at the Fallon campus with a variety of resources, supplies, and access services. In 1996, the library was able to expand their services and purchase new equipment, furniture, videos and books. In all, nearly 2,500 books have been purchased from the endowment.

Fallon Campus Library & Media Services Coordinator Vivienne McClendon cuts cake for the 10-year anniversary celebration of the $400,000 Alicia and Manuel Beck endowment.

CLASS CORNER

Amanda Heidermann - has been accepted to the University of Texas graduate school where she is working on her doctorate. The Carson High School grad earned a 3.95 grade point average while at WNCC and then transferred to the University of California, Berkeley, where she graduated with a degree in astrophysics. Heidermann spent the last year working at the University of Virginia National Radio Observatory in Charlottesville. Congratulations, Amanda!

Connie Jo Smith – ('94 Business)
Connie retired from government service after 21 years and is now working in private industry.

George Adam Smith, Jr. – ('99 AGS)
George recently purchased a home on 2.7 acres in Oregon. In addition to being a trained hospice volunteer, he renovates antique furniture and sells his work at antique shows across the country. He remembers WNCC fondly and states that he was given support and friendship by both faculty and staff.
A Scholarship Can Change a Life

Over and over, the foundation hears from students whose lives were changed by a scholarship they received. Establishing a scholarship is easy, and the options are many.

Annual Giving Awards - Generally donors establish annual giving funds in which they donate gifts to be placed in a WNCC scholarship fund. The sum may or may not change annually per donor wishes. Annually the foundation office confirms donor participation and posts scholarship availability accordingly.

One-Time Awards - Donors may establish scholarship awards which are awarded once or in designated increments until funds are exhausted. Memorial donations are often established as this type of scholarship.

Endowment Funds - Generally donors establish an endowment with a minimum of $10,500, allowing a scholarship of $500 to be awarded the first year. The WNCC Foundation expends the interest earned during a fiscal year as the scholarship amount, leaving the principal intact to allow the scholarship to exist in perpetuity. Donors may elect to create an endowment with annual donations over a period of a few years. Additional gifts to the fund may be made at any time.

The foundation would like to recognize and thank the following individuals and organizations that established new endowed and annual scholarships in 2006.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Robert & Joy Pease Memorial Scholarship - As the largest scholarship endowment in the 35-year history of WNCC, the Robert and Joy Pease Scholarship Endowment Fund will provide 10-15 annual scholarships, each in the amount of $1,000, to full-time students with financial need who maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

American Legion Auxiliary #4 Post 9/11/01 Veteran Scholarship - In support of a student who is currently serving in the military or has served since 9/11/01, the American Legion Auxiliary #4 established this scholarship. Each year, one $250 scholarship will be awarded to a student with financial need who is attending WNCC at least part-time.

Carson Valley Quilt Guild Art Scholarship - Members of the Carson Valley Quilt Guild have established a scholarship for students pursuing an Associate of Arts degree in Fine Arts. Two students will be awarded $500 each. The students must attend WNCC at least part-time and maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

English as a Second Language Scholarship - WNCC faculty from the English as a Second Language Department created this scholarship to support freshman students who are non-native English speakers. One student will receive $150 if enrolled in at least one credit in the ESL program at WNCC.

James S. Pawluk Accelerated Welding Scholarship - In response to the need for skilled welders in the community, James Pawluk, welding instructor at WNCC from 1979-2005, established this scholarship upon his retirement. An award in the amount of $1,600 will be given to one student enrolled at least part-time at WNCC in the Accelerated Welding Program.

Minden Rotary Persistence Scholarship - Members of Minden Rotary Club have established a scholarship for students residing in Douglas County with financial need who attend WNCC part-time or more and maintain at least a 2.75 grade point average. Two $2,500 scholarships will be awarded.

Sagebrush Chapter Model A Ford Club of America Scholarship - Members of the Sagebrush Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America established a scholarship for students pursuing an Associate of Arts degree or certificate in Auto Mechanics. One $500 scholarship will be awarded to a student with financial need who is attending full-time and maintaining at least a 2.0 grade point average.

TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP

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View “Establishing a Scholarship is Easy” at
Opportunities to Help
Community
Donations Benefit
Students

Community members are greatly appreciated as they continue to donate goods to the college. These gifts directly benefit students by reducing expenses and providing tools, materials and equipment that are used in classes.

Examples of donated items include cars that can be used by students in automotive classes; telescopes that benefit students and visitors to the Jack C. Davis Observatory; medical equipment for students in the Allied Health Department; and art and photographic equipment for use in the art department.

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill
Soccer News

Western Wins Region XVIII Championship

Western’s second-year women’s soccer team (10-8-2) won the Scenic West Athletic Conference Region XVIII Championship in dramatic fashion in October with a 1-0 overtime victory over North Idaho College in Coeur D’Alene. “Winning the tournament was one of our goals we set this year in August,” said Head Coach Hillary Arthur, who was named the conference’s Coach of the Year. “This just shows that you need to keep pursuing your goals until you reach them.”

The team finished their memorable year with a record over .500 after they fell to Laramie County Community College in the National Junior College Athletic Association playoffs in Overland Park, Kansas. The loss ended the season for the Wildcats but gave them something to build on next year.

Wildcats Surprise in First Season with Conference Title

The inaugural season for WNCC’s baseball team was a big hit as the Wildcats finished with a 37-18 overall record, a Scenic West Athletic Conference Championship, and a Top 20 ranking in the National Junior College Athletic Association’s final poll.

“We reached all of our goals we set out at the beginning of the season while playing in one of the top junior college conferences in the country,” Head Coach D.J. Whittemore, said. According to Whittemore the program started with five goals for the season: “Build and develop character in our players; graduate and transfer our sophomores; have fun; build relationships; and win a championship.”

John L. Harvey Field opened at WNCC April 28 and was Western’s home field for the final two series of the season, and the Region 18 tournament. The Wildcats apparently liked having a home field advantage, winning seven straight games in their new ballpark. WNCC closed out the season taking 11 straight games in true storybook fashion to clinch the SWAC Championship with a 30-10 conference record. This record was particularly impressive considering 32 of WNCC’s 52 games were away from home, and only eight were played at John L. Harvey Field.

Winning the SWAC Championship rewarded the Wildcats with a No. 1 seed in the 2006 Region 18 Tournament. WNCC served as the tournament host and won their first ever post-season game 9-1 against Salt Lake Community College. The Wildcats finished in third place in the tournament to cap off their very successful initial year.

Baseball News

Build It & They Will Come – John L. Harvey Field

The Wildcats played the last two series of their inaugural season and the Scenic West Athletic Conference tournament at the new John L. Harvey Field.

Then - Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn threw out the first pitch in the game against the College of Eastern Utah. Admission was free to the opening doubleheader to celebrate the opening of the new field. “This was our way of saying thank you to the community and the many individuals who have supported us,” Head Coach D.J. Whittemore said.

More than two dozen area companies and numerous donors helped WNCC complete the project. “This $1 million field was 13 months in the making,” Whittemore said. “It’s a great example of hard work and generosity coming to fruition.”

The team is still seeking donors in the form of labor, material, and cash to expedite the completion of the field.

JOIN/CALL
Coach D.J. Whittemore . . . 775-445-3250
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Western Nevada Community College players dog pile on home plate after winning the SWAC Championship in a 4-3 victory over the College of Southern Idaho.
Become a Booster and Support our Athletes!

Academically and on the field, Western’s athletes are making history. Would you like to encourage them to continue their hard work as both scholars and Wildcats? Join a Booster Club today and show them that the community supports their teams!

INFORMATION
Wildcats Women’s Soccer
Penalty Kick Club
www.wncc.edu/athletics/soccer/penalty_kick.php
- Wildcat Baseball
Dugout Club
www.wncc.edu/athletics/baseball/dugout_club.php

Texas Hold ‘Em Tourney Benefits WNCC Baseball

Eighty card players tested their poker strategies at a no-limit, Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament at the Peppermill Hotel-Casino on November 9. The $21,450 raised at the event will benefit the Wildcat’s baseball team which opens its 2007 season in January.

The fun started in the Tahoe Ballroom with a cocktail party. Cards were in the air at 7 p.m. and the blinds increased every 20 minutes. Ken Bartlett of Bartlett Architecture in Reno won the grand prize, a $4,000 one-year membership to Red Hawk Golf Course, and a $1,000 cash prize.

“Coach Dennis Banks deserves credit for organizing a great tournament,” Head Coach D.J. Whittemore said. “We are thankful so many people in the community are interested in supporting our team. These funds will allow us to play some of the top teams in the nation during our non-conference season.”

Athletes Earn Recognition for Academic Excellence

The WNCC baseball team was named one of the National Junior College Athletic Association’s 2005-06 spring academic teams of the year. The Wildcats were ranked No. 19 in the nation with a 3.01 cumulative grade point average.

Additionally, the WNCC women’s soccer team was named one of the NJCAA’s 2005-06 academic teams of the year and ranked No. 12 in the nation with a grade point average of 3.04.

Kudos to the Wildcats for proving that their performance in the classroom is just as important as how they finish on the field!

Tickets Available for 2007 Wildcats Fund-Raiser

Western Nevada Community College’s fourth annual Wildcats Athletics Benefit will be Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m. at the Peppermill Hotel-Casino in Reno. The event includes a dinner, auction and entertainment.

In just a few short years, the Wildcat’s athletic program has grown from a dream to an intercollegiate athletic program. WNCC receives no state general funding for expenses and must support the teams through private and corporate donations.

TICKETS
$100 each or $700 for a table of eight

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2201 West College Parkway
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Nursing Program 2006 Graduates Earn High Pass Rate

Western Nevada Community College’s acclaimed associate degree nursing program achieved a 93 percent pass rate for students taking the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses.

Students completing the two-year nursing program earn an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing and are eligible to sit for the national exam. The college graduated 42 nursing students in May.

Observatory Visitors Witness Rare Planetary Event

When Mercury, the planet nearest the sun, was visible in the western United States as it crossed in front of the sun on November 8, visitors at the Jack C. Davis Observatory had a front row seat. “The last time Mercury transited the sun was in 2003,” said Robert Collier, WNCC physics professor and observatory director.

Members of the public and students viewed the entire event inside the observatory on a 42-inch plasma screen or via several telescopes on the observation deck. Western Nevada Astronomical Society volunteers operated a solar telescope that enabled visitors to view solar prominences along the edge of the sun. Prominences are towering loops and sheets of glowing gas being ejected from beneath the sun’s photosphere out into the corona of the sun.

More than 100 Studying to be Nurses

WNCC is making an effort to increase the number of registered nurses in Nevada, particularly in the rural areas. The college has increased this year’s associate degree nursing program enrollment to 108.

“We have seen the population growth in the area and we are responding to it,” said Dr. Judith Cordia, director of Nursing and Allied Health. “All of our 2006 graduates are either going further in school or are employed in well-paying positions.”

A dozen of the last year’s graduates work for Washoe Medical Center in Reno in various departments including emergency room, intensive care, labor and delivery, oncology, orthopedics, and telemetry. One is employed with the Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center, one for Banner Churchill County Hospital, and four with the University of California, Davis.

“Everyone in the medical community is working together to make this work,” Cordia said. “Simulation is a key part of it. Some of the donations we have received have gone to buy equipment that actually allows us to simulate the birth of a baby.”

Peer Mentoring Takes Off

A new student success program, Peer Mentoring, is making a difference at Western Nevada. Based on the idea that students learn from their peers and need support through all aspects of attending college, peer mentors provide supplemental instruction (SI) as well as guidance. Studies indicate that across institutional types, disciplines, pre-college student preparation levels and ethnic groups, SI participants consistently and significantly outperform their peers who attempt the same course on their own. Twelve mentoring projects began in fall in areas such as nursing, social science, math, engineering, chemistry, disabled student services and adult basic education.

Partnership Features Psychology Degree

Students looking to earn a bachelor’s degree in psychology can now attend Western Nevada Community College to work toward their goal. The college has joined hands with Nevada State College to offer students a seamless transfer from a WNCC associate degree into an NSC bachelor’s degree program, without having to leave northern Nevada.

After completing their first two years, students can enroll in NSC junior and senior level courses offered be Internet, and earn their bachelor’s degree in psychology. Working closely with a WNCC counselor, students can choose classes that apply to both the associate degree at WNCC and to a bachelor’s degree at NSC.
WNCC 2007 Cultural Series

Faces, Voices & Stories

Geologic Tales of Lake Tahoe
with WNCC professor and geologist Winnie Kortemeier
Explore ancient volcanic activity and a display of rock samples from the Tahoe Basin in this multimedia presentation.
Friday, March 30 • Marlette Hall • 7 p.m.

Exposed to the West: Black Rock & Other Stories
Book signing and lecture with photographer Peter Goin and geographer Paul Starrs. Listen and laugh as Goin and Starrs share the wonderful stories and fascinating characters they have experienced in 40 years of traveling across Nevada.
Thursday, April 12 • Marlette Hall – 7 p.m.

A Vocal Celebration of Jazz
with Ce Ce Gable, one of the region’s premier jazz singers
Listen to Gable’s stylistic, smooth sounds in this performance in recognition of Jazz Appreciation Month.
Friday, April 20 • Marlette Hall – 7 p.m.

Embrace Diversity
12th Annual WNCC Multicultural Festival
Celebrate our community’s culture and diversity with live music, dancing, food & exhibits from local Nevadans.
Saturday, May 12 • Carson City Campus Outdoor Plazas • 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
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Celebrate Oral Tradition at WNCC Fallon
Josh Fleming, English instructor, and Dr. Lynda Mae, social psychology instructor, both teachers at the Fallon campus, have collaborated on a project that celebrates the beauty of the spoken word. The “Celebration of Oral Tradition” at the Fallon campus on Thursday, April 5, at 7 p.m. will feature students and community members who recite memorized works of personal value.

INFORMATION
775-423-7565

Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company 2007
The SPOTLIGHT is on Broadway!

You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown
The sweet honesty of Charles Schultz’ lovable comic strip comes to life in this Broadway revival version. Presented in the newly renovated performance space at WNCC Carson. This show will sell out. Make reservations early.
Sarah Winnemucca Hall
WNCC Carson City Campus
Weekends • March 30 – April 8

Thoroughly Modern Millie
This story of a small town girl trying to make it in New York in the Roaring ‘20’s makes for a delightful evening of romance, comedy and high-spirited entertainment.
Carson City Community Center
Weekends • November 3-18

Call 775-445-4249 for tickets to all shows
General - $18 • Students/Seniors - $16
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WNCC Carson City
Gallery Exhibits 2006-2007

COLLEGE GALLERY
Bristlecone Building

“Print is Print”
January 22 - February 16
An international print portfolio

MAIN GALLERY
Bristlecone Building

“Sight Seeing”
January 22-February 16
Artist: Lynne Haagensen

“How to Cross the Street”
February 26-March 23
Sponsored by the Capital City Arts Initiative

Reception
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

MAIN & COLLEGE GALLERIES
Recycled Art Show
April 2-19
More than 50 students and local artists use their talent, imagination and recycled materials to create paintings, sculptures and indescribable items.

Artist’s Reception
Thursday, April 19, 5-7 p.m.

Student Art Exhibition
April 23 - May 11

Artists’ Reception
Thursday, April 26, 4-7 p.m.

INFORMATION
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Coffee w/Carol

The WNCC Foundation is proud to present the following “Coffee with Carol” events to familiarize the community with the many outstanding faculty and programs at WNCC. Join President Carol Lucey at these free, quarterly discussions. Enjoy coffee and a continental breakfast and receive a “Coffee with Carol” commemorative mug.

DOUGLAS CAMPUS
March 23, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Featured Professor: Robert Collier
Topic: Astrobiology
Location: Bently Hall 106
RSVP to 445-3240 by March 21

CARSON CAMPUS
April 27, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Featured Professors: Ed Martin & Randy Naylor
Topic: Welding Technology
Location: Andy Butti Welding Center
RSVP to 445-3240 by April 25

FALLON CAMPUS
May 4, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Featured Professor: Janeen Malkovich
Topic: Computer Applications
Location: Getto Hall Rm. 304
RSVP to 445-3240 by May 2

Scholarship Reception Honors Donors, Recognizes Recipients

Western Nevada Community College faculty and staff are a committed group. Their investment in the college’s success and determination to serve students and community goes beyond day-to-day duties. A large number of faculty and staff invest in the college by donating funds through payroll deductions which go 100% toward the project or department of their choosing.

The benchmark as of June 30, 2006 is 26% and $170,870 pledged from 72 employees. As of December, we are at 40% and $224,605 pledged from 110 employees. Judging by the success of the campaign so far, college staff has taken the theme, “In this Season of Plenty, Give a Little & Help a Lot” to heart.

Vice President of Institutional Advancement Helaine Jesse hosted the lively event. Speakers included WNCC President Carol Lucey, Foundation Chair Tom Metcalf, and Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs Connie Capurro.

The generosity of the donors and their support of the WNCC scholarship program not only make a difference to students, but also to communities, as WNCC scholars meet their academic goals and take their place in the community and work force.

Foundation News

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To thank WNCC employee donors, the foundation’s Donor Relations & Events Committee held a Harvest Party in the Joe Dini Student Center in October. Everyone had a great time as they battled to win the apple on a string game, clothespin toss, and pin the tail on the turkey for great prizes. Donors sported cowboy hats and bandanas as they enjoyed delicious pies and hot cider while listening to foot-stomping music provided by Chris Bayer on banjo and fiddle and his daughter Danita on the blues harp.

Thank you to Lillian Hack and Nicole Block (co-chairs), Jed Block, Shelly Aldean, Michelle Bertocchi, Jeanne Broughton, Leslie Townsend, Sally Zola, and Roger Moellendorf for your hard work in making the party such a success!

Remember that an item you discard might be a student’s treasure.

American Legion Scholarship: (L-R) Donor Lillian Hack and recipient John Baldari
Tell Us About Yourself...

You are WNCC! Some of you have earned associate degrees or have transferred to four-year institutions. You may have reached milestones in your life that you would like to share. A strong alumni association can provide opportunities for meaningful interaction. But first, we’d like to get reacquainted. Please fill out this form to help us update our alumni database.

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Western Earns Approval For First Bachelor’s Degree

Western Nevada Community College has been approved to offer its first bachelor’s degree, following a unanimous vote by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. Perhaps as early as fall 2007, a Bachelor of Technology degree program in Construction Management will begin for those seeking a career or looking to advance in the construction industry.

Western currently offers an Associate of Applied Science degree in Construction Technology – Project Management. Now the college will seek to expand its mission to include bachelor’s degrees as well as associate degrees and certificates of achievement.

The 128-credit program is designed to attract new students as well as skilled workers, and provide an educational route toward a career as a construction manager.

“It’s great that we’ve been able to put this together for the community and students seeking a four-year degree,” said Gene Martin, WNCC construction technology instructor. “It has been well received by the industry in the area. They have been behind us all the way.”

The need for more highly prepared employees in the construction industry has been identified by community businesses in northern Nevada. In addition, the just-released NorthernNVision economic development report for western Nevada reiterated the need to expand the opportunities for residents to earn a bachelor’s degree.

Graduates with the Bachelor of Technology degree in Construction Management are expected to fill the shortage of construction managers in the area, according to Martin.

“It is time to see technology programs as ‘ladders’ where a student can indeed step off with a certificate of achievement or associate degree, but can also continue on, or return later, to complete a baccalaureate education and prepare for a life of continual learning,” said Dr. Carol Lucey, WNCC president.

Gene Martin, WNCC Construction Technology instructor, assists student Michelle Summer with a project in a construction class.
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