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Message from the Chairman

Western Nevada College has embarked on a journey which places student success and learning at the heart of our institution. This is the journey of a student-centered college, an institution driven by quality and dedicated to engaging its students in learning experiences which expand their minds and spirit. When students and stakeholders choose Western, we choose them. We are dedicated to their success. When they succeed, we succeed.

We are guided by three strategic goals: improving student success in program completion and graduation rates; ensuring institutional excellence in teaching, programs, and services; and embracing our college’s many communities and responding to their diverse needs.

As such, the WNC Foundation is committed to this journey. While the state of Nevada can provide funding for the basic operations, the kinds of academic opportunities and enhancements that make Western truly exceptional must come from private sources. We can provide our students with exceptional instructional facilities and services directly related to their needs through our valued partnerships.

To help the Foundation in this goal, we have commissioned a feasibility study that will allow us to test the level of support for significant components of our fund-raising plan – components such as a nursing and allied health facility in Fallon, a machine tool technology facility expansion in Carson City, and the establishment of scholarship endowments to benefit students from our entire service area. After careful research we have selected the Clements Group to serve as our partner and over the next few months we will be meeting with key community leaders and supporters for their advice and input.

It is an exciting journey, one that has the potential to strengthen our communities for generations to come.

On behalf of the college and foundation, I invite you to join us as we change lives.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”
AESOP, The Lion & the Mouse

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Investing in WNC

Endowment Established by Leonard & Laurie McCrigler

Leonard L. McCrigler and Laurie Lew-McCrigler chose to support the Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company and the performing arts department at Western Nevada College by creating the Lew-McCrigler Performing Arts Fund. It will be used to help provide necessary equipment, supplies and scholarships in the Performing Arts Department.

The endowment was established in memory of Laurie’s father, Robert J. Lew, physicist and 10-year Carson City resident, and in honor of Laurie’s mother Evelyn. Laurie said, “My Dad worked at RAND and then five years in The Hague, Holland, for NATO. It was here that I was exposed to theatre, from trips to London, and gained a lifelong love of plays and musicals, which I then shared with my husband. So, as my parents passed the love of theatre to me, we wish to pass it on to future generations.”

Donations Assist WNC Students

Sincere thanks to many community residents and businesses whose donations assist Western Nevada College students. Recent gifts include: automotive parts for the automotive department from Capital Ford; paint for the auto body repair program from Barrett Paint Supply; a 1989 Mercury Tracer from Christopher Mansfield of Carson City, a 1991 Ford Explorer from Doris Forney of Carson City, a HASS CNC machining center for the machine tool technology program from Diablo Industries Thin Film; and steel for the welding program from American Buildings Company.

Endowments require a principal contribution which is invested to maintain the funding in perpetuity.

“Start by doing what’s necessary, then what’s possible and suddenly you’re doing the impossible.”

St. Francis of Assisi

EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN

 Raises a Pyramid of Success

This year’s theme for the WNC Foundation’s employee giving campaign was “Building on the Pyramids of Success” or “King Tut Couldn’t Take It With Him, and Neither Can You.” The final tally during the November – December event was a combined five-year pledge of $150,589 from 54% of WNC’s employees. Funds generated will meet a multitude of departmental needs including scholarships, emergency student aid and athletics.

Receptions and other fun activities were held at all three WNC campuses to motivate employees to contribute to the campaign. 
HONORING FAMILY - Putting a Face & Story to the Name

Alfred and Lillian Hack chose a very special way to memorialize a very special member of their family, Le-Roy Ferdinand Hack, Al’s brother. In honor of Le-Roy’s interests, strengths and beliefs, they established the Le-Roy Hack Baseball Scholarship. To keep his memory alive, Al and Lillian requested that the following biography be given to each recipient of his scholarship, placing a face and story to his name.

“LeRoy was born in Sumner, Iowa on March 2, 1922. He graduated high school at the age of 16 and joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. At the age of 19, he joined the U.S. Marines at the outbreak of World War II and served honorably until 1946. He was in Nagasaki, Japan a short time after the first atomic bomb was dropped which ended the war. He was in communications working with the Navajo Code Talkers. He had great respect for these Native Americans who never had the recognition they deserved for their contribution to the war effort.

LeRoy’s love of sports was very evident throughout his life. He played baseball as a young man before joining the service, playing in the Amateur World Series in 1947. His love of sports continued all his life with not only baseball, but golf and bowling. He scored perfect bowling games of 300 more than once. He also was a baseball coach for young boys out of high school in Sibley, Iowa. His reasoning was that it was a way to keep them out of trouble!

He also was a math whiz who could add up columns of figures faster than an adding machine. His mind was a mathematical computer. He never went to college due to the depressed times and many of the bumps in the road of life, but his legacy lives on in his children who are successful in their individual careers. He set an example for them to live by and they have fulfilled that promise to the fullest.

We are proud to establish this baseball scholarship at WNC in his memory and hope that students in the future will have the opportunity to reach for that “baseball star” and make their dream of an education a reality.”

This year, when recipient Brett Moravec, pitcher, catcher, outfield and infield player for the Western Wildcats, takes the field, LeRoy will also be there in spirit.

LeRoy Hack

Flag Presented to WNC on “Flags Across America” Day

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Battle Born chapter, presented an American flag to WNC on September 11 to hang at John L. Harvey Baseball Stadium. Baseball Coach DJ Whittemore, WNC Vice President Helaine Jesse, and WNC students accepted the gift in a ceremony.

“The flag was presented to Barbara Hardwick by the U.S. Military in honor of her husband, Alvin, and his service to our nation,” said Stacy Woodbury, DAR corresponding secretary. “The Daughters of the American Revolution, Battle Born chapter, are always looking to foster patriotism in our community and we wanted Barbara’s flag to be enjoyed by everyone who attends an event at the stadium.”

The flagpole was also a donation, made by Carole Terry in memory of her parents, Joel and Muriel Anderson.

Helping Fernley Flood Victims

WNC baseball team members, coaches, faculty and friends joined the many volunteers who helped clean homes damaged in the recent Fernley floods. Among them were, in front row, Helaine Jesse, Andrew Reid, Pat Devereux, Travis Feiner and Victor Nunez. In back row, Kevin Edwards, Matt Klein, Logan Odom, Kyle Farrell, and DJ Whittemore.

Western Nevada College’s John L. Harvey Field will fly the Stars & Stripes more proudly than ever this season following the donation of an American flag by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Battle Born chapter.
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 WNC 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 WNC 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.

**ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Insurance Agents and Brokers of Nevada Scholarship** - The Insurance Agents and Brokers of Nevada have established an endowment in the amount of $125,000 for business students at WNC, especially for those students who have an interest or emphasis in Insurance and Risk Management. Students must attend WNC full-time and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

**ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**CGI Inc. Scholarship** - CGI Inc. has established a scholarship for students pursuing a degree in machine tool technology. Five students will receive $500 each. Students must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better and maintain an enrollment status of six or more credits each semester.

**Estimating as a Career Scholarship** - Members of the American Society of Professional Estimators Chapter 12 in Reno have established a scholarship for students who are pursuing an associate or bachelor’s degree in construction management. One sophomore student will receive $1,000 or two sophomore students will be awarded $500 each. Candidates must attend WNC at least half-time, maintain a grade point average of 2.8 or better, and have financial need. The student must have taken an estimating class or will enroll in an estimating class with the scholarship, and must have worked or be currently working in a construction-related field.

**Fallon Optimist International Helping Professions Scholarship** - In support of a student who is pursuing a degree in one of the helping professions, the Optimist Club of Fallon will award six $250 scholarships to students attending at the Fallon campus, with financial need. Candidates’ career goals may include corrections, counseling, nursing, psychology, sociology, social work and surgical technology.

**LeRoy F. Hack Baseball Scholarship** - This scholarship was established by Alfred and Lillian Hack in memory of veteran and sports enthusiast, LeRoy F. Hack. In his honor, a WNC Wildcats baseball player will receive a $2,000 scholarship. The student must have financial need, maintain full-time enrollment and a 3.0 grade point average.

**Maizie H. Jesse “Reaching for the Stars” Scholarship** - Formerly established as a “one-time” award by Helaine and Kirk Jesse in honor of their mother Maizie, this scholarship will now be awarded annually. One $500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is pursuing a degree in either astronomy or musical theatre. The student must maintain a 2.5 or better grade point average and have financial need.

**Mike & Dick Stoddard Memorial Scholarship** - In memory of Mike and Dick Stoddard, this scholarship was established by Cheryl Stoddard and the certified public accounting firm of Freeman & Williams LLP for students pursuing a bachelor’s degree in accounting. Mike Stoddard was a long-time Carson City resident and was the founding partner of the certified public accounting firm of Stoddard, Freeman & Williams. Both he and his son Dick were accounting graduates of the University of Nevada, Reno. Candidates for this scholarship must maintain a 3.0 or better grade point average and have an enrollment status of nine credits or more each semester. Each fall and spring, two students will be awarded $500 each.

**Nahid Sarvin Scholarship** - Former WNC nursing student Nahid Sarvinehbaghi has established a scholarship for English as a Second Language students. Two full-time students will be awarded $600 each. They must maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average and be involved in WNC’s English as a Second Language program.

**Student “Ability” Scholarship** - Susan Trist, Coordinator of Disabled Student Services at WNC, has established a scholarship for students who are registered with the DSS Office and have financial need. $350 will be awarded to a student who has a 2.5 or better grade point average.

**ONE-TIME AWARDS**

**Carl Dodge Memorial Scholarship** - In memory of Carl Dodge, a tremendous supporter of WNC, three recent graduates of Churchill County High School will be awarded $585 each. Dodge was a member of the Nevada State Senate from 1958 to 1980 and was appointed by Governor Paul Laxalt to the original committee that studied the feasibility of creating Nevada’s first community college system. Born in Reno in 1915, he moved to Churchill County when he was 5 years old.

**Daughters of the American Revolution John C. Fremont Chapter Scholarship** - This scholarship was established for Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree students who will be transferring to a four-year college for a bachelor’s degree in education. The student must attend WNC full time and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better.
Ways to Give

In the words of Henry Ford, “Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” The foundation invites you to partner with the college in building a better community. Our greatest resource is education, and educated citizens are our greatest asset.

There are many ways to participate in the growth and improvement of WNC. One way is to make a financial gift to the college.

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**Ten Timeless Lessons**

_from Dalai Lama for 2008_

1. Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
2. When you lose, don’t lose the lesson.
3. When you realize you’ve made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
4. Spend some time alone every day.
5. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
6. Share your knowledge. It is a way to achieve immortality.
7. Open your arms to change, but don’t let go of your values.
8. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
9. A loving atmosphere in your home is the foundation for your life.
10. Be gentle with the earth.

**Gifting to WNC**

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**BUILDING COMMUNITY – ONE STUDENT AT A TIME**

Yes! You can join Western Nevada College’s efforts to help build a better community by passing along some of your good fortune to those trying to improve their lives through education.

Please make your check payable to WNC Foundation and mail it with the completed donation form to the WNC Foundation Office. All contributions are tax deductible and truly appreciated.

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Thank you for caring!
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The WNC Foundation extends its deepest appreciation and gratitude to donors who have so thoughtfully invested in the support of the educational experience for so many students. Where would the college be without their dedicated support? You could argue that the college would not even exist.

The following recognizes those who made a gift to Western Nevada College between July 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007. If your name was omitted, please accept our apologies and contact the Office of Development & External Affairs at 775-445-3240. **On behalf of the college, thank you for the extraordinary opportunities you have helped provide.**

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“Resolve to feed just one person if you cannot feed a million.”

Mother Teresa
Baseball News

WNC Baseball Team Takes to the Road for Wins

Although their name is the Wildcats, “Road Warriors” might be a more apt name for Western’s baseball team. The team is scheduled to play its first 26 games of the season on the road this year, a daunting task for a young squad returning only six players from last year’s Junior College World Series team. “By the time we play a home game we will have traveled over 6,400 miles and played in eight different ballparks,” said Head Coach D.J. Whittemore.

Lately, Western has been rising to the occasion. The Wildcats picked an opportune time to play their best baseball of the year on February 29 and March 1 in Henderson, snatching three of four conference games from cross-state rival College of Southern Nevada. CSN is ranked as one of the top junior college teams in the country. WNC now leads the three-year rivalry with CSN 10-9.

As Whittemore puts it: “We have a lot of respect for their program and talent level of players. Any time we beat them it makes us feel good about what we’re doing, and tells us we’re doing the right things. What I’m most proud about is the way we responded to the challenge. It’s so much fun playing against a quality team; it brings out the best in us.”

Plan now for the Wildcats’ home openers on March 21-22 against Colorado Northwestern Community College. Come out to John L. Harvey Field on the Carson City campus and cheer on the home team! Game times are set for noon and 3 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

Grade Point Average

Wildcats Achieve in Classroom

The 2007-2008 Western Nevada Wildcats baseball team has continued a winning streak in the classroom. The team’s fall semester cumulative grade point average topped 3.0, marking the fifth consecutive semester that WNC Wildcats baseball teams have finished their academic semester with a cumulative grade of a B or better. What makes this remarkable is that five semesters spans the entire history of the college’s baseball program.

“The academic numbers for the Wildcats this past fall are in and they are good!” said Head Coach D.J. Whittemore. “A team GPA of 3.01, a 95 percent class completion rate, and 15 players who finished 18 or more units. I am so proud of the players’ efforts in the classroom this past fall,” he said.

“The team really buys into the philosophy that athletic excellence is only part of the equation. I am grateful to coach some outstanding young men.”

Freshman catcher Victor Nunez earned a perfect 4.0. “Victor’s results were even more impressive considering he is the only player on the team that doesn’t share living arrangements with other players. Victor’s drive home is to be with his wife and his 4-year-old daughter,” the coach said.

According to Nunez, “When you are in a situation like mine, you don’t have a lot of time to mess around so you have to keep your priorities straight. I want to be an engineer someday soon and provide for my family. It all comes down to hard work, determination, and dedication. If you want something you have to go after it with everything you’ve got. For the last four years I worked and put my wife through nursing school. Now that she is finished she is doing the same for me.”

Spring Baseball Season is Here!

GAME SCHEDULE
http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/baseball/season.php

TICKET INFORMATION
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- All-day Game Pass
  Good for both games of a doubleheader.
  Adults: $6 • Seniors 60+: $3 / Youth under 18: $3
  WNC faculty & staff with valid ID: $3
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  Purchase at the game location, or in advance from the baseball office: WNC Carson City/Cedar 300 . . .775-445-3250

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New Women’s Softball Team To Take the Field at WNC Next Year

Opportunities for area high school softball players to compete at the collegiate level are brighter with the announcement by Western Nevada College that a women’s softball team will begin play next year.

“We are pleased to announce the creation of an intercollegiate softball team, beginning in the 2008-2009 school year,” Athletics Director John Kinkella said. “This new sport will replace the intercollegiate soccer team we were forced to deactivate last fall due to a lack of soccer teams in our conference.

“We want to offer local students the opportunity to continue a sport they love and have played all their lives. We also are mindful of the need to ensure that our intercollegiate athletics teams must offer equivalent experiences for both men and women student athletes,” he said.

The Wildcats softball team will compete in the Scenic West Athletic Conference, which includes in-state rival College of Southern Nevada and five other schools. SWAC is also the conference for WNC’s men’s baseball team. Both teams are supported through fund-raising efforts and non-state resources.

Veteran coach Richard (Dick) Allen of Sparks will be at the helm of the new team. Allen’s teams won seven 4A state championship softball titles, compiling a 76 percent winning percentage in softball and 68 percent in basketball.

Allen was inducted into the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Hall of Fame in 2006 and has won 10 Nevada Coach of the Year honors in softball and basketball. His Wooster Colts softball teams were nationally ranked between 2000 and 2003.

At Western, Allen said, he hopes to help the student athletes enhance their skills and learn to compete at a high level, on and off the field. “Right now they have to go away to play, if they don’t go to the University of Nevada. I’d like to use this program to help student athletes prepare to possibly play at the university level, while they earn their degree.”

Allen is a lifelong Nevadan who graduated from Sparks High School. He and his wife have two grown children.

“It’s an opportunity to start at the ground level and develop a program that will allow Nevada high school athletes a chance to play two more years and get an education. I want to see them further their career and perhaps get the chance to continue on at a four-year college.”

Kinkella said that Carson City has agreed to allow the college to use a softball field at Centennial Park for WNC’s spring 2009 season.

Western will compete in conference against the College of Southern Nevada, College of Southern Idaho, Colorado Northwestern Community College, North Idaho College, Salt Lake Community College, and Snow College in Utah.

“Coach Allen is beginning the task of building our new team,” Kinkella said. “He’ll be out talking to area high school coaches this spring, and doing everything it takes to put together a competitive program.”
A Long and Winding Road

Everyone has dreams. Sometimes those dreams are put on hold or never realized because of life’s challenges. And sometimes, a very special person faces challenges and meets them head on. Nahid Sarvinehbaghi is one of those special people.

Nahid, a native of Iran, is now a U.S. citizen and a contributing member of the Carson City community. Her road to a nursing career in America was long and winding with major switchbacks. Her story is one of courage and stamina.

Nahid was an accomplished health professional in Iran before arriving in America. Holding a bachelor’s degree in midwifery from an Iranian university, she was a member of a medical team in both clinics and hospitals in Tehran. She delivered babies, prescribed medicines, and was highly regarded in the medical field. Her goal, though, was to be near family in America. After 10 years of waiting for her visa and green card, Nahid was ready to leave Iran.

In July of 2000, Nahid stepped off the plane at O’Hare Airport, never having set foot on American soil before and speaking very little English. Circumstances brought her to Carson City in 2002, and she decided to use her medical knowledge and skills to pursue a nursing career at WNC.

Her academic road began in the English as a Second Language program. Although she was an accomplished nurse in Iran, half of her prerequisite credits did not transfer to WNC’s nursing program. Instead of shortening the process by allowing WNC to accept the transferable classes from the Iranian university, she opted to start over and repeat all of the classes she had already completed in Iran. Her intention was to use those classes to learn English well.

After almost two years of prerequisite classes, Nahid was accepted into the nursing program at WNC. She continued to hone her English skills in addition to the usual, intensive work necessary to succeed in the nursing program. She was awarded several scholarships each year for her academic performance.

Nahid completed the nursing program in 2005, passed her RN exam and is working as a nurse at an area hospital. Her new goal is to complete a bachelor’s degree in nursing at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Nahid said, “WNC provides a huge opportunity for people who want to get an education. The financial assistance office counselors helped me financially and with work study positions. The scholarships I received gave me hope and support.”

In appreciation of WNC’s support, and having a unique understanding of students who face similar life challenges, she will provide an annual scholarship to benefit English as a Second Language students. She hopes that her support will make it a little easier for those students to travel their road to academic success.

Kudos

Former WNC Student Body President Elected Senator at UNR

Dennis Mankel, a University of Nevada speech pathology major, was appointed to the Associated Students of the University of Nevada Senate in the School of Medicine seat. The senate consists of 22 members elected from each of the academic schools and colleges. Good job, Dennis!

Tell Us About Yourself...

You are WNC! 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.

Name: ________________________________ *(please print)*

Address: _____________________________________________

Business: _____________________________________________ Title: ___________________________

Telephone: _____________________________________________ E-mail: _________________________

When did you attend WNC?* ___________________________ Year graduated* __________________

Program of study* ______________________________________ Year of Transfer _____________

Transfer School* ________________________________

What’s new in your life?* ______________________________________

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*This information may be printed in Class Corner. Yes_____ No______

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ARTS & CULTURE

Events

Faces, Voices & Stories

“Embrace Diversity – 13th Annual Multicultural Festival”
Saturday, May 10 – WNC Carson City Outdoor Plazas
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Local Nevadans will present food, music and dancing celebrating the community’s culture and diversity. Youngsters will enjoy the Children’s Cultural Corner.

Recycled Art(icles)
Show Kicks Off 13th Year at WNC

For some, the joy of spring comes with the sight of a robin, the bloom of a daffodil, or a sunny stroll in shirtsleeves instead of a jacket. For many in northern Nevada, the winter blues are shaken off with the creativity, humor and whimsy that defines Western Nevada College’s annual Recycled Art(icles) show.

The object of the contest is to illustrate the phrase, “One person’s trash is another person’s treasure.” Entries must be composed of recycled materials, and the materials must consist of things that have been previously used for something else. The contest is open to students, college staff and the community.

Creativity reigns as local artists of all ages produce amazing pieces with clothes washer drums, bottle caps, toilet plumbing parts, old CDs and microchips, spent ammunition, and plastic bags, to name a few of the common items that have been given new life.

The SPOTLIGHT

is on Broadway!

Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company

Carson City Community Center
Weekends • May 9-18

Call 775-445-4249 for tickets to all shows
General - $18 • Students/Seniors - $16
Youth 17 & under - $14

Damn Yankees
An aging baseball fanatic considers selling his soul for a chance to become a young hardball hitter that takes the Washington Senators to the pennant, but chooses to cling to what’s important in his life.

The show is animated with non-stop hits, including the boisterous “Shoeless Joe from Hannibal, MO,” the eye-popping “Whatever Lola Wants” and the encouraging “You Gotta Have Heart.”

The WNMTC production stars James McDuffie as Joe Hardy, Carla Wilson as Meg, Sami Busey as Lola and Jim DeZerga as the conniving Applegate.

Forty singers and dancers round out the cast, accompanied by a live orchestra. Stephanie Arrigotti produces, conducts and directs; Gina Kaskie-Davis choreographs.

GALLERY EXHIBITS 2008

CARSON CAMPUS
Main Gallery - Bristlecone
Through - April 4
Recycled Arts Show
April 7 - May 9
Student Art Exhibition

CARSON CAMPUS
College Gallery – Bristlecone
Through – April 4
Challenge Quilts 2008

CARSON CAMPUS
Atrium – Bristlecone
Through April 8
“Assemblages”
Works of Candace Nicol

FALLON CAMPUS
Virgil Getto Hall Gallery
Through March 28
“Large-scale Paintings & Pastels”
Works of Sidne Teske
Reception March 27 • 5-7 p.m.
Western Nevada College Employees Celebrate by Giving

Employees at Western Nevada College have given a bit of comfort to a child they’ll never know. As part of the college’s annual holiday potluck luncheon, faculty and staff members collected donations for Austin’s House, a newly opened facility that provides emergency housing for children who are referred by Child Protective Services and the courts.

In all, 46 WNC employees donated $735 to the Carson Valley center. College President Carol Lucey presented a check to Sue Bennett, a board member for the non-profit organization, during the luncheon.

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First Tech Prep College Day a Success

In November, as part of Western Nevada College’s “Bridge to Success” program, 260 juniors and seniors enrolled in tech prep classes from Carson, Dayton, Douglas, Fernley, Mineral County, Rite of Passage, Silver Sage, Virginia City and Yerington visited WNC to learn more about the opportunities at Western. Students met with technology instructors and received information about admission, counseling, financial assistance and registration. According to students, teachers and counselors, the day was a great success.

To invest in the future of high school graduates and the subsequent positive impact on the community, AT&T donated $10,000 to support WNC’s “Bridge to Success” program. For more than 60 years, AT&T has committed more than $1.8 billion to philanthropic programs supporting education, community development, the arts, health and human services, and technology access in communities across the country.

Jack C. Davis Observatory

Fun for Star Gazers of any Age

Almost every Saturday since the opening of the Jack C. Davis Observatory in 2003, its director and amateur astronomers welcome the public to look at the stars, moon and planets. The observatory, located at 2699 Van Patten Avenue on the northern end of the Carson City campus, is a research-level facility open to the public for free.

The observatory is open on Saturday evenings throughout the year. The Western Nevada Astronomical Society hosts “Star Parties” each Saturday from dusk until 11 p.m. A star party is simply a gathering of people who share a common interest in astronomy.

Director Robert Collier, Professor of physics and astronomy at WNC, is intent on preserving the dark skies for future generations. Visiting the observatory will give you an appreciation of how light pollution can impact the viewing of the dark skies and an opportunity to learn how to preserve them.

The society may schedule additional star parties for astronomical events like solar or lunar eclipses or meteor showers. On July 9, Jupiter will be at its closest to the earth and although you will be able to see it with the naked eye, viewing it through one of the observatory telescopes will be magnificent.

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Invest in the Future

Dr. Carol Lucey, left, president of Western Nevada College, presents a check for $735 donated by college employees to Sue Bennett for Austin’s House children’s shelter.

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The sun shone brightly, and there were plenty of smiles and hugs at the WNC Foundation’s Eighth Annual Scholarship Appreciation & Recognition Reception on September 21.

Sarah Winnemucca Hall and Lifted @ Sedway Café were filled with more than 250 scholarship donors, recipients, friends and family. Many of the foundation board members, faculty, administrators and staff attended both as hosts and as personal scholarship donors.

Why is this event so popular? Certainly, its purpose is to publicly acknowledge the generosity of the donors and congratulate the scholars. But it is also an opportunity to put a face to the name, as donors and recipients meet and talk. It is an opportunity for those donors who have named their scholarship in memory of a special person to talk about that person. It is an opportunity for recipients to tell their story and express the significance of the help they have received. And it is an opportunity to bond in the common theme that links them – the improvement of lives and community through education.

The Foundation would like to once again thank the many scholarship donors who have made a significant difference in the lives of more than 175 students this year. Their generosity allowed the foundation to fund almost $120,000 of the $142,000 awarded for the 2007-08 academic year.

### Happenings

**Record Amount Raised at WNC Baseball Team Benefit**

Billy Paganetti received a one-year membership to the Resort at Red Hawk by winning Western’s third annual no-limit, Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament in October at the Peppermill Hotel Casino in Reno. Almost $23,000 was raised that will benefit the Wildcats baseball team.

**Observers watch intently at the Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament.**
Happenings

Wildcats Fund Raiser a Success

Mark Kotsay, Major League Baseball centerfielder, was the keynote speaker at the fifth annual Wildcats Athletics Benefit in January. The event, held in the beautiful new Tuscany Ballroom at the Peppermill Hotel Casino in Reno, also featured a number of other special guests. In attendance was Cole Rohrbough, who graduated in May from WNC and was signed by the Atlanta Braves; Carson High School graduate Darrell Rasner, who played at the University of Nevada, Reno and now pitches for the New York Yankees; and Reed High School graduate Jake McGee, who plays in the Tampa Bay Devil Rays organization. Also attending and signing autographs was Wooster High School graduate Jake Rasner, a pitcher for the Chicago White Sox minor league team.

A record 300 guests were entertained by Kotsay, who has been in the major leagues since 1997, with the Florida Marlins, San Diego Padres, the Oakland A’s and now the Atlanta Braves. During his college years, Kotsay was named both the college Player of the Year and College World Series MVP after setting records that still stand. Baseball America named him the 1990’s Player of the Decade.

In addition to the line-up of speakers and distinguished guests, the crowd was entertained by Master of Ceremonies Bryan Samudio, KRNV Channel 4 TV Sports Anchor. A prime-rib dinner, raffle, silent auction and live auction, made for a fun-filled evening for all.

The event raised a record $42,000 for support of all WNC athletic programs. Community college athletics in Nevada receive no state funding, thus private support is critical to their ongoing success.

WNC Foundation Names New Board Member

Western Nevada College Foundation Board of Trustees is honored to name Carolyn C. Barbash as a new member. She will join 35 other board members and officers who help develop funds for support of the educational, cultural and service goals of the college.

Barbash is the executive of electric operations and new business development for Sierra Pacific Power Company’s western service territory including Carson City, Douglas County, South Tahoe, Yerington, Hawthorne and Tonopah. She has 20 years of electric utility experience including engineering positions in transmission planning, wholesale power contracts and transmission contracts.

Carolyn has a master’s degree in business administration and a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, and is a registered professional engineer.

She also serves on the Western Electric Coordinating Council Board of Directors and WECC Governance and Nominating Committee, is co-chair of the Renewable Energy Transmission Access Advisory Committee to Governor Jim Gibbons, and is a former member of the Nevada Women’s Fund Scholarship Allocation Committee, the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Sierra Pacific Student Engineer Committee.

A very special thank you to our corporate sponsors, Peppermill Resort Hotel & Casino, Southern Wine & Spirits, and the Harvey Whittemore Family.
Coffee w/Carol

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

CARSON CAMPUS
Friday, March 21 • 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Featured Professor: Emily Howarth
Topic: Electronic Technologies—It’s All Ones & Zeros
Location: Reynolds, Rm. 105
RSVP to 445-3240 by March 19

FALLON CAMPUS
Friday, March 28 • 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Featured Professor: Jeffrey Downs
Topic: Numeration Systems of Ancient Cultures
Location: Getto Hall, Rm. 304
RSVP to 423-7565 by March 26

DOUGLAS CAMPUS
Friday, April 18 • 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Featured Professor: Robert Collier
Topic: Astrobiology: The Search for Life Outside Our Planet
Location: Bently Hall, Rm. 106
RSVP to 782-2413 by April 16

On Saturday, April 26, the WNC Fallon/Greater Nevada Mortgage Services Golf Tournament will tee off in a shotgun scramble at 9 a.m. at the Golf Course @ Fallon. Golfers will enjoy a tournament luncheon, raffle, and tee prizes. All proceeds will benefit scholarships for Churchill County High School graduates who attend WNC Fallon.

COST
$60 per person
$240 per team
$60 Hole sponsorships each

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New Poker Run Highlights Tenth Annual Golf Classic

Starting off the work week on Monday morning by playing golf with friends under beautiful sunny skies at Thunder Canyon Golf & Country Club sounds like wishful thinking. But the WNC Foundation made it happen at the Tenth Annual WNC/Greater Nevada Credit Union Golf Classic on September 17.

In addition to the usual fun, a new “poker run” highlighted the event. Players received a playing card at each par three hole. The person with the best poker hand at the end of the tournament won half of the total poker run money. First place team overall was Carson City Toyota*Scion with players John Anderson, Joe Alferez, Dana Whaley and Greg Whitt.

124 golfers participated in the event raising $37,000 to benefit special projects at the college.

There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life -- happiness, freedom, and peace of mind -- are always attained by giving them to someone else.

Peyton Conway March

Mark your calendars, head for the putting green, and hit a few range balls to get ready for two great events to benefit students at Western Nevada College.
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