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Message from the Chairman

Every two years, the Western Nevada College Foundation elects a new chair and this year, it is my honor to serve. I was preceded by many excellent leaders: Shelly Aldean, Steve Lewis, Tom Metcalf and recently, Roger Williams, to name a few.

When Roger began his chairmanship, the stock market was hovering around 15,000 and just about everyone was feeling good financially. To make a long story short, the stock market hit 6,500, 12 percent of the American working force became unemployed and people didn’t feel that optimistic any more. Inspiring people to donate is always a difficult proposition during good times; in tough economic times it is exponentially harder.

A funny thing happened though, during this time. The number of people donating to the college through the WNC Foundation actually went up. The total dollar amount was down slightly, but a larger number of people thought that Western and the foundation were worthy of their hard earned money.

With a reduction in state funding and an increase in student enrollment, there has never been a more important time to be part of the foundation. There will be challenges ahead, but I am optimistic because of the great community that Western serves.

Northern Nevada is very well positioned for the paradigm shift in energy that is sweeping the country. We have wide-open spaces, sun, wind, very bright students and a college that can give them the education and tools to succeed. With these opportunities, for the first time in a long time, we have the ability not only to train and teach our best and brightest, but to also keep them in our state after college.

With all of this in mind, the foundation will be rolling out some new, exciting programs to help the college and the community meet their needs. Stay tuned!

Donal Hummer, Jr.

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 Investing in WNC

Donor Provides PATH to a Better Future for Women

DID YOU KNOW?

- One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.¹
- An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.²
- 85% of domestic violence victims are women.³

Lisa Lee is a licensed social worker who has been involved with the non-profit organization Advocates to End Domestic Violence since 1986. Director since 1989, she has a passion not only for keeping women safe but giving victims of domestic violence opportunities to change paths and reshape their futures.

When the shelter opened in 1979, it was one of only two emergency shelters in the Carson City area. As is the case with most domestic violence shelters at that time, women and their children could stay for only 30 days. Under Lisa’s direction, Advocates is now the largest center in northern Nevada with 51 emergency beds. The focus has broadened from emergency lodging to equipping each woman with life skills.

To help break the abuse cycle, Lisa has directed her efforts to the education of not only her clients but women in general.

“With education comes opportunities and independence,” she said.

The Advocates to End Domestic Violence Scholarship was established in 2007 to provide support for women who are single parents attending WNC to better their lives. To date, four women have received $1,000 scholarships. “Education is the key that opens the big gate,” Lisa said. “Once you can get through the gate, not only do you get through but you’re pulling your children through and changing their futures as well.”

Lisa and her colleagues have also developed the PATH program – Positive Action Toward Hope. Working with WNC and other services, Advocates individualize the needs of each woman and guide her in the appropriate direction to take charge of her life. Staff and volunteers comprise the guidance team with a career counselor, psychologist, and a marriage/family counselor. Participants are immersed in a program that addresses each aspect of their lives including education options. They may guide a client through the process of attaining a high school diploma or finance classes in a degree program. The success of the program is evidenced by a very low recidivism rate: 92 percent of the clients do not re-enter an abusive relationship.

In addition to grants and donations, Advocates is supported in part by its thrift store “Classy Seconds” located at 411 Hot Springs Rd. in Carson City. Funds raised at the store provide WNC scholarships and necessary items for their clients as they prepare to embark on their new life journeys.

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Nursing Donation Benefits Program

A donation by a local couple is helping WNC’s nursing program provide an excellent education to students. Locke and Betty Ray Lesch provided funds for new instructional DVDs and videos in the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The DVDs help teach leadership and management skills in the health care setting. Nursing faculty also obtained videos to teach students through simulation experiences. Thanks to the donation, the Allied Health Department has a very sophisticated simulation lab for our nursing students. The Lesches are generous donors who have provided WNC with high tech nursing education equipment in the past.

Photo: left to right, Betty Ray and Locke Lesch; Dr. Judith Cordia, director of Nursing and Allied Health; and Dr. Carol Lucey, president of WNC.
Auto Mechanics Program Receives National Certification

Western Nevada College’s Automotive Mechanics program has earned a strong endorsement from the national group that certifies training. Following an extensive examination of its courses, instructors and facilities, Western has earned a certification from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation.

Not only did Western earn the certification, it also received high praise from Marvin Linville of Rocklin, Calif., who served as chief evaluator.

“Western really came through with flying colors; you have a really good program,” Linville said. “NATEF certification is a direct link to the auto industry and shows that the auto program is up to a national level. Anything less, and the auto industry doesn’t consider it a structured program.”

The Automotive Service Excellence group certifies college level automotive programs. Completing a NATEF certified program usually means that a student is better prepared to pass the ASE tests, which are nationally recognized for their demanding level of required skills.

Western requested certification in the four required areas of brakes, electrical/electronic systems, engine performance, and suspension and steering.

Linville said the college’s automotive technician program could seek certification in four other areas; automatic transmission and transaxle, engine repair, heating and air conditioning, and manual drive train and axles.

NATEF sets standards for the content of instruction which includes tasks, tools and equipment, hours and instructor qualifications. Western has been fortunate to have several part-time instructors who are ASE certified and work for local auto dealers.

Linville said the ASE came into being in the 1970’s as automobiles became more complicated with smog controls and other advances, and there was a wide disparity in skill levels among auto technicians. Many more schools and training programs came into existence to teach mechanics and technicians the skills to work on more complicated vehicles.

WNC Determined Despite Budget Hurdles

President Lucey’s first meeting of the year for faculty and staff in August addressed the effects of the state budget issue on WNC with hard facts but a clear determination for success. Her bottom line was that there is a lesson to be learned from the current budget crisis: Nevada cannot thrive with the current limited economic model. Our economy must be diversified with a better educated workforce. Community colleges will be essential in this effort.

FACTS:

- The college lost 13.2% of its state budget.
- All classified employees were mandated to take 4.6% pay cuts and along with professionals were mandated to participate in a 4.6% furlough program.
- The 2009-2010 college budget will be at least 10% less than it was two years ago with the potential for another December reversion.
- WNC students will come to college needier than ever before, and with more life challenges.
- Despite a drop in resources, the college experienced an 11% increase in headcount and a 20% increase in FTE enrollment over last fall, with a 40% increase in full-time, degree-seeking students.

Since the college implemented its first strategic plan ten years ago, great progress reflects the need for WNC to remain strong and healthy to serve the community.

- More high school graduates are attending college (12-18% in 1999 to 22-40% in 2009)
- More students are attending full-time and are seeking degrees (400 in fall 1999 to 1400 in fall 2009)
- More students are staying in college and not dropping out (51% in 2000/2001 to 62% in 2008/2009)
- More students are completing their degrees (355 in 2000 to 457 in 2008).

Although WNC faces economic hurdles, we are determined to succeed in giving education its rightful place in Nevada as a top priority. We hope you will support us in this endeavor.
Change a Life with a Scholarship

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 SCHOLARSHIPS

Boys & Girls Club of Mason Valley Scholarship - The Boys & Girls Club of Mason Valley and Janet King, social psychology professor at WNC Fallon campus, have established a scholarship for students who have attended, volunteered or worked at a Boys & Girls Club. Preference will be given to students who have been associated with the Mason Valley Club. Four students will be awarded $200 each.

Carson and Sierra Coleman ECE Scholarship - In honor of their two young children, Jami-Sue and Gil Coleman have established a scholarship for students who are pursuing a degree in early childhood education. One student will be awarded $500. The program was established in 2005.

Monte Fast GED Scholarship - Jeff Fast, executive director of Friends in Service Helping, has established a scholarship in honor of his father, Monte. To support students who are pursuing high school graduation through the GED program, he will pay the GED testing fees and tuition for three credits if the student continues his/her education at WNC.

Machine Tool Technology Scholarship - In support of current students at Carson and Douglas High schools who are interested in the machine tool technology trade, Woody Wurster of Custom Stamping has contributed $10,000. Each student enrolled in the five credit, two semester program at the Carson City campus will be awarded $500. The program was established in 2005.

ONE-TIME AWARDS

International Women’s Day Scholarship - Funds raised by American Association of University Women of Nevada, Nevada Women’s History Project, Nevada Women’s Lobby and Delta Kappa Gamma-Lambda chapter have established a scholarship for a deserving female student enrolled for 6-11 credits. She must have a 3.0 or better grade point average and have financial need. One student will be awarded $380.

Kristin Ann Snow Memorial Scholarship - In memory of Kristin Ann Snow, a 2008 graduate of the WNC nursing program, a $420 scholarship will be awarded to a nursing student. The student must be enrolled full-time, have children and be at least 30 years old.

Endowment Funds - Donors may establish an endowment with a suggested minimum of $20,000 and can choose to make payments over a two to four year period. It is suggested that the donor include an additional $500 per year while the endowment is being funded to allow annual scholarships to be awarded during that time. When the scholarship is fully established, the 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. Additional gifts to the fund may be made at any time.

Remembering WNC in Your Estate Planning

At the heart of Western Nevada College’s vital partnership with the community is private support. By providing funding, our friends demonstrate a shared vision with WNC to become one of the finest colleges in the nation.

One of the ways to show support is to remember WNC in your will and other long-range estate plans. Charitable bequests allow you to contribute to WNC without giving away assets you may need during your lifetime. You can designate a particular program to support, or you can make a bequest that is unrestricted and allow WNC to determine the best use for the donation.

As you update your will, please consider bequests of cash and real property, retirement plans, life insurance and endowments. We can provide you and your attorney with language to include in your will that ensures that your wishes will be carried out.

If you are considering this opportunity, think it through carefully and meet with your attorney. Be very clear in describing what you want given and to whom. We hope that you will tell us when you have named WNC in your will as we would like to thank you for your generosity.

If you prefer anonymity, your gift will be kept confidential.

Leave a legacy that can change lives.

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Ways You Can Give

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 that you can participate in the growth and improvement of WNC. One way is to make a financial gift to the college.

| Annual Gift | An individual annual gift has a tax advantage for donors who itemize their deductions. Funds can be designated to address a variety of the college’s needs such as scholarships and athletics. |
| Memorials | A gift which recognizes achievement and shows love of family or friend is a beautiful memorial. When the gift also benefits the community through the education of future generations, it is truly a living gift. |
| Charitable Gift Annuity | In return for a transfer of cash or property, WNC will send you generous fixed payments for life. Payments can be made to you, your and your spouse, or two other people if desired. This type of gift provides you both security and tax benefits. |
| Endowment | Endowments are gifts that keep on giving. The fund’s principal is invested and only the earnings are used to support the desired project. This is an extraordinary investment that changes many lives and builds many futures. |
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| Life Insurance | You may now make a charitable gift of life insurance for the cash surrender value of the policy and the current premiums. The insurance donor receives the same basic tax benefits as other donors contributing to WNC. |

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Friedrich Von Schiller

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

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WNC Graduate Earns Northern Nevada Nurse of Achievement Recognition

When you walk into nurse Lori Salvador’s infusion clinic at Carson Valley Medical Center, it’s a “hug-fest.” For patients who are frequent visitors, those with cancer and others with illnesses that require regular care, Lori and her staff shower them with so much love, encouragement and confidence that patients almost forget why they’re there.

Lori, a 2000 graduate of the WNC nursing program, proposed opening an infusion center to her clinical director at CVMC in Gardnerville in 2004. She has been a full time nurse and manager of the center since it opened its doors in January 2005, supervising a staff of three full time and two per-diem nurses. The center is bustling on most days; during the month of August, Lori said, they had 470 patient visits.

Interested in nursing since the time her son was born, Lori decided, as a single parent, to schedule her career change to correspond with her son’s schooling. While he was in high school, she completed her nursing prerequisites while working full time. When he went off to college in 1998, she entered the nursing program at WNC.

“I was scared to death because I was 40 years old, but being an older student was never an issue,” Lori said. “I always felt that I got the same attention as a younger student.”

As a first-year licensed practical nurse student with a son in college, Lori refinanced her house to cover the expenses of college. She managed the second year by attending WNC full time while working the weekend night shifts at St. Mary’s Hospital and then Washoe Medical Center until her graduation as a registered nurse.

Reflecting on her experience at WNC, Lori is extremely positive.

“WNC provided excellent clinicals for the skills we needed,” she said. “The instructors made it fun and exciting, and were supportive, nurturing and compassionate.” She specifically mentioned instructors Sable Shaw and Carolyn Larrivee as a great team. “Even when you felt out of your comfort zone, they would push you and encourage you to do it,” she said.

After graduation, Lori began working a 48-hour week as a full time nurse at St. Mary’s Hospital while working a night shift at Washoe Medical Center, focusing on oncology and infusion therapy. She later worked as a traveling nurse in Boston, the Berkshires and at numerous hospitals in California.

Wanting to work in her community and having the necessary skills, Lori was instrumental in providing the infusion center to the newly-opened CVMC. Lori is proud of the track record there; patient safety and satisfaction are excellent, and there has never been a central line infection within the department.

She is modest about the honor she received as a Northern Nevada Nurse of Achievement. Her WNC family knows it is well deserved.

Western Alumnus Receives National and Local Recognition

Detective Daniel Gonzales has made great strides in his career since his graduation from the WNC Police Academy in 2003. Not only was he named Officer of the Year for Carson City in 2008, he also received national recognition from the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in August. The award was given to the Carson City Sheriff’s Office for Detective Gonzales’ work with the Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) grant in the capital city. The mission of EUDL is to create programs and enforcement for the effective prevention of underage drinking. This includes reducing juvenile access to and consumption of alcohol and enforcing the prohibition of alcohol sales to minors. In addition to his career in law enforcement, Detective Gonzales received his Associate of General Studies from WNC in 2008.

Photo: L-R: , CCSO Deputy Sal Acosta, Undersheriff Steve Albertsen, Detective Daniel Gonzales.
Ph.D. Student: Engineering Career Began at WNC

Johnathan Kendler has a focus. In pursuit of a doctorate degree in electrical engineering, his life is consumed by work and study. He is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Nevada, Reno and works weekends at Home Depot. Until recently, he was also employed at Heetronix, a Reno research facility. The rest of the time he studies.

After developing an interest in engineering in high school, his college experience began in 2001 at WNC. In his sophomore year, advice from mentors and personal interest led him in the direction of electrical engineering.

As a student in the pre-engineering program, he applauded the education as paving the way for his entry into the four-year program at UNR.

“WNC prepared me with a majority of the math background necessary for my bachelor of science program,” he said.

After receiving his associate of science degree in pre-engineering in 2002 from WNC, he earned a bachelor’s and Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from UNR.

Now in the Ph.D. program, he has completed two independent studies which will be expanded into technical papers. He hopes to graduate in 2012.

As for the future, he said “I want to go into research into new technologies in the various fields of study in electrical engineering applications.”

Reflecting upon his experience at Western, he said, “WNC provides students the foundation for the other programs of study they will be working on in the future.”

WNC Grad Wins Election to City Council

Rachel Dahl, who earned a degree from Western in 1993, was elected this summer to a four-year term on the Fallon City Council. She credits Western with getting her back on track academically after trying college at another institution. After earning her associate degree, she attended University of Nevada, Reno and earned a bachelor’s degree in political science.

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.

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_Baseball_

**Wildcats Finish Third at JUCO World Series – Dubbed “Brainy Cats”**

In only four years of play, Western Nevada College’s baseball team has been to the Junior College World Series twice. In 2007, the team finished fifth in the country. In 2009, the Wildcats finished third, and made history with a school record 48-win season.

Western won the Scenic West Athletic Conference regular season title, then hosted the tournament championship and won that, too. Next it was a victory in the Western District championships before the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., where the Wildcats placed three members on the all-tournament team.

But the team’s success is found in more places than on the base paths. The Wildcats have an outstanding academic record as well; a team GPA of 3.21 this year and NJCAA academic honors each year to date. Western was the only academic all-American team in the Scenic West Athletic Conference and the only squad in the 10-team Junior College World Series to make the list.

During the World Series, the local Grand Junction, Colo. “Daily Sentinel” even wrote a feature story describing the WNC team as “The Brainy Cats.”

Eight Western Nevada alumni have signed professional contracts since June 2007. To date, 23 players have either signed scholarships or gone on to play at NCAA Division I universities. Seventeen other Wildcats have signed with NCAA Division II or NAIA colleges and universities. In total, 38 Western Nevada alums have continued their baseball careers at four-year colleges or in the professional ranks. This past season “All 11 sophomores signed scholarships to continue their education and baseball careers at the four-year level,” Coach DJ Whittemore said. “Helping players accomplish their goals and having them earn athletic and academic scholarships is what Western Nevada baseball is all about.”

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS**

**Wildcats Fund-Raiser**

Western Nevada College’s seventh annual Wildcats Athletics Benefit which includes a three-course dinner, auctions and entertainment will benefit WNC intercollegiate athletic programs in men’s baseball and women’s softball.

*Friday, January 15 • 6 p.m.*

Peppermill Hotel-Casino in Reno

**TICKETS**

$100 each or $700 for a table of eight

**INFORMATION**

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WNC receives no state general funding for athletics and must support the teams through private and corporate donations.
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SPARTAN 300!

Purchase a shield & ensure the success of Wildcats Athletics

The Western Nevada College Wildcats Athletics Spartan 300 is a group of individuals, businesses, and organizations who believe that the community college athletics experience is something worth fighting for. Each member of the Spartan 300 has pledged to donate $100 per month for five years (total pledge $6,000) to ensure that Nevada male and female student-athletes continue to have the opportunity to excel on the playing field while they succeed in the classroom. Members of this elite group will have their names inscribed on a permanent “SHIELD OF HONOR” that will be displayed prominently at the WNC Carson City campus.

SOFTBALL

Student-Athletes Hail From Throughout State

The Western Nevada College softball team will be enhanced next season by a number of top Nevada high school students-athletes from northern Nevada and Las Vegas high schools. Interim head coach Leah Wentworth said the newcomers provide depth as well as additional talent for the team, which completed its first season this year.

SCHEDULE

www.wnc.edu/athletics/softball/2010/schedule/

Happenings

Texas Hold ‘Em POKER TOURNAMENT

Support the Wildcats Baseball team at a no-limit poker tournament on Thursday, October 15. The event will be in the Naples Ballroom at the Peppermill Hotel Casino in Reno, from 6-11 p.m.

A one-year membership at Red Hawk Golf Course valued at $4,000 will be offered as a grand prize. The entry fee is $200. Tell your friends!

REGISTRATION/INFORMATION

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Leah Wentworth, WNC’s new Wildcats softball team coach, brings the qualities that matter to the job – experience, abounding energy, and passion for the sport. She has played softball from the age of five, reaching successes at the college level.

“I was born with softball in my blood. I probably had a softball in my hand before I could even remember it,” she said.

Growing up in Carson City, the prospect of coaching a local college team was a perfect fit.

“I felt really passionate about being a part of the program and its success, because I know when I was playing ball, this could have provided lots of girls an opportunity to stay close to home and continue their education and develop their skills where they otherwise did not.”

Leah was an assistant coach for the Wildcats team in 2008, its inaugural year. She considers that first year an impressive academic success. The players had a team grade point average of 3.29.

“…the main focus of the college as well as the coaching staff is classroom success. Our main goal is to get these girls an associate degree in their two years and get them out and graduated and into the work world,” she said. She knows that academic excellence in the classroom will translate into performance on the field. Their goal this year is to become an All-American Academic Team.

Recruiting has been highly successful for the team’s new season beginning February 2010. Seven students will be returning from last season and eight new players are all Nevadans. Four team members have been ranked in the Top Twenty in Nevada, including three pitchers.

Coach Wentworth emphasized the need for community support to keep the athletic program strong. “I also want our girls to give back to the community as well and to be involved,” she said.
WNC Foundation Names New Board Member

Joseph Lushina has been named to the Western Nevada College Foundation Board of Trustees. Lushina joins 32 other board members and officers who develop funds for support of the educational, cultural and service goals of the college.

Joseph is a financial advisor and limited partner at Edward Jones Company in Carson City. His professional career includes investment banking, financial portfolio analysis and management, personal and business financial planning, estate planning and project management. Previously, he served as funeral director and general manager of Walton’s Chapel of the Valley Cemetery in Carson City. Joseph earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Western Illinois University and a Mortuary Science Diploma at the Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago. He earned his accreditation as an Asset Management Specialist from the College for Financial Planning in Denver. His involvement in the community includes membership in Carson City Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, Sierra Club and the finance committee of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church. In his spare time, Joseph enjoys traveling, reading, writing, hiking, fly fishing, canoeing, baseball, and studying Wall Street history.

Gifting to WNC

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There Has to be Someone Who Cares

Why I Give

Betty Kopfhammer is a remarkable person. She has walked the low valleys and climbed the high peaks in life as most people do. But through it all, her attitude is unflinching - steady and strong with much humor, love and generosity. She is an inspiration.

After marrying the love of her life, Betty and husband Gene began a life adventure that Betty cherishes to this day. Although Gene has passed, Betty keeps his memory alive by living life to the fullest as Gene had done.

“I was the talk of the camp,” she said, when she remembers their stint in Saudi Arabia. Gene was an engineer, designing refineries overseas. Betty was the colorful, engaging American wife who appreciated every opportunity as a learning and “giving back” experience.

Betty described how Gene worked and put himself through college. He later encouraged her to return to school while he cared for their five children. One of her assignments in night school made it to Time Magazine. The class was asked to write directions for tying a shoe string. She laughed as she said, “Try it. It’s not as easy as you think!”

Betty graduated with her high school diploma in six weeks and was offered a scholarship to the University of California Berkeley. Although she declined the offer, she has made it a life goal to give educational opportunity to as many people as she can.

“My whole world is giving back because when you are blessed enough to have everything you need, then you want to return the favor. Since my husband worked his way through college, we should do something for children who excel and don’t have the opportunity,” she said.

Betty does not live extravagantly but donates half of what she has to live on. In addition to including WNC in her will, she donates $10,000 per year to the college. She said that Carson City is “her world” and has spread her generosity to other organizations in addition to the college. She donates to the Nevada Children’s Museum, the Boys & Girls Club of Carson City, the Girl Scouts of Western Nevada, the Carson Tahoe Regional Healthcare Cancer Center, the Carson High School Wrestling team, veterans and others. She is also involved with the Elks National Foundation.

“There has to be someone who cares. It’s tearful to think of so many people who could do so much good, and who don’t,” she said.

Betty Kopfhammer
ARTS & CULTURE

The SPOTLIGHT is on Broadway!

Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company

The King & I
November 7-8, 13-15, 20-22

Winner of multiple Tony and Academy awards, this captivating and beloved musical is coming to Carson City for the first time! A British school teacher comes to Siam to educate the children of the King, a ruler intrigued by the West but entrenched in Eastern customs. Their unexpected and unlikely affection for each other overrides the vast cultural differences that separate them.

- Opening Night on Broadway
February 12-14, 2010

An exuberant celebration of Broadway’s current blockbusters, the show features songs and dances from Wicked, Hairspray, Mary Poppins, The Producers, Mamma Mia, Les Misérables and Jersey Boys.

- Sound of Music
May 2010

- White Christmas
November 2010

Tickets: $20/$18/$16
Carson City Community Center
Call 775-445-4249

Coffee w/Carol

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

DOUGLAS CAMPUS
Friday, Nov. 6 • 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Featured Speaker: Mike Thomas
President, Western Nevada Astronomical Society
Topic: “Celestial Wonders”
Location: Bently Hall, Rm. 106
RSVP to 782-2413 by Nov. 4

CARSON CAMPUS
Friday, Nov. 20 • 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Featured Professor: Marilee Swirczek
Topic: “Build It & They Will Come”
A class project reaches across America
Location: Donald W. Reynolds Center, Rm 103
RSVP to 445-3240 by Nov. 18

Events

Faces, Voices & Stories

GLOBAL LENS FILM SERIES

Friday evenings • 7 p.m
WNC Carson City - Marlette Hall, Cedar Building
Admission: $3 (General) • Free (WNC Students w/ID)
Information: 445-3324

Full-length, award-winning international films with English closed captioning

Oct. 16 • Mutum (Brazil)
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Nov. 6 • The Photograph (Indonesia)
Nov. 13 • Those Three (Iran)
Nov. 20 • Sleepwalking Land (Mozambique)
Dec. 4 • What A Wonderful World (Morocco)
GALLERY EXHIBITS 2009-2010

CARSON CAMPUS
Main Gallery - Bristlecone
Oct. 19 – Nov. 19
“Pyrotechniques III”
Pottery by Joe Winter

Dec. 7 – Jan. 14
Galen Brown Exhibit

Jan. 25 – Feb. 25, 2010
“Out of Print”
Nevada Arts Council Exhibit

Mar. 8 – April 8
“36 Views of Lake Tahoe”
by Norma Carder

CARSON CAMPUS
College Gallery – Bristlecone
Oct. 19 – Nov. 19
“Dark Side of the Moon”
Ink Drawings
by Jim McCormick

“Ancient Images – New Vision”
Multimedia by Susan Kotler

Nov. 30 – Jan. 7
Digital Photography Class Exhibit
Photographs by Claudio Rios

Jan. 25 – Feb. 25
“6 Sides to Every Story” –
Candace Nicol Project

Jan. 25 – Mar. 11
“Lingo of our Calling” –
Nevada Arts Council Exhibit

Mar. 8 – April 8
Lone Mountain Writers
Photography and Print

FALLON CAMPUS
Virgil Getto Hall Gallery
Through Nov. 13
“Stop the Car, Dad!”
Photographs of Nevada’s roadside attractions
by Erik Lauritzen

Information: 775-423-7565

Mar. 15 – 31
Carson Valley Quilt Guild
“Challenge Quilts” Exhibit

Information: 775-445-3000
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