**Western Nevada College Mission:**

The WNC mission statement as approved by the Board of Regents in 2012 is as follows:

***Western Nevada College inspires success in our community through opportunities that cultivate creativity, intellectual growth and technological excellence in an environment that nurtures individual potential and respects differences.***

The three core themes supporting this mission statement are:

1. Student Success
2. Institutional Excellence
3. One College Serving Many Communities

We have further expounded on this mission statement by adding the following:

* Insure student accessibility (both geographic and financially) as well as employability or transfer to another institution for a bachelor or graduate/professional degree.

The following are the key functions WNC will pursue, with the support of the IAC, in serving our region.

1. Provide College Access for Students:
   1. Those not academically ready for university success – remediation in preparation for transfer
   2. Those not financially able for university attendance – lower overall cost of university completion through high level of articulation and cost averaging over four years when successfully transferred to university
   3. Those who having left education need reintroduction – successful inclusion for long term career improvements or life direction changes
   4. Pursue a best practice dual enrollment program for high school juniors and seniors ready and wanting to pursue college level work while still in high school.
2. Be the workforce development engine as well as a key driver for career development within WNC service region as well as coordinating programs state-wide:
   1. Focus on applied technologies linked to expressed current and future industry needs – maintain a presence of agility and rapid response capability through proper funding
   2. Enhanced coordination with K-12 programs  - provide rapid and seamless output
   3. Amplify participation in certification and AA programs – deploy targeted recruitment and communication programs to increase enrollments from multiple sources within the communities served
   4. Provide new opportunities to underserved populations – develop and implement inclusion programs resulting in completions of critical certificates and degrees
3. Enrich our Regions Communities
   1. Improve cultural experiences – field and promote theater group, weekly activities at the observatory
   2. Provide specialty educational opportunities – expand community education and the specialty crop institute
   3. Support life-long learning – producing community interfaces that enrich the cultural fabric of our service region.