

INVENT THE FUTURE

Campaign Highlights

Fall 2009



Students

This summer and fall, more than 3,000 new students and their parents came to UNLV for orientation and welcome week activities. A generous gift from U.S. Bank provided funds to the Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) program to help the newest Rebels get off on the right foot.

For Diane Howard, a recent graduate of the College of Education, the path to her bachelor's degree was a long road. After receiving the Horvath Scholarship, Howard completed her degree – after 27 years of classes – and began her first teaching job this fall in Clark County.

Sociology student Ashlee Kalina received a scholarship to help her with her academic pursuits. As an undergraduate, she is working as a research assistant studying problem gambling treatment programs and is using the experience to prepare for graduate school.

Programs

UNLV students will soon gain a competitive edge in this emerging market with the creation of the new Solar and Renewable Energy Minor. With a gift from NV Energy, the program will boost student knowledge in the areas of solar and renewable energy utilization, sustainable building design, and global environmental challenges.

This fall, the first cohort of students in the Wells Fargo Global Entrepreneurship Experience began their studies at UNLV. Twenty students from all over the world are participating in the program that provides opportunities to learn from entrepreneurs through guest lectures and compete in national business plan competitions.

The legislative internship program, administered by the political science department, gives students an up-close tutorial in the capitol's business. Four students participated in the recent legislative session, including Jennifer Hooshmand (right), and each received a stipend from the UNLV Annual Fund to pay for expenses.



Community

For faculty in the Harrah Hotel College, opportunities for professional development and research activity related to human resource management are available through the Faculty Professional Development Fund established by HotlinkHR. Opportunities like these keep our programs on the cutting edge.

Students in the School of Dental Medicine hosted the first "Miles for Better Smiles" 5K this year and raised funds to help cover the costs of dental care for those who cannot afford it. This student-run event showcased the commitment of the students to the community they serve.

UNLV received a gift of \$14 million to establish the proposed Lincy Institute on campus, which will set a new standard for integrated problem solving by more effectively addressing large-scale challenges in the areas of education, health care, social systems, and public policy.



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