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Campaign Highlights

Summer 2008



Students

Graduate fellowships not only benefit the students who receive them, but also help to support the advancement of graduate education and the research interests of the community. The President's Graduate Research Fellowship program, funded through the Frank Koch Living Trust, provides funding that helps these students focus on completing their doctoral degrees.

Students can participate in a campus-based LeaderShape Institute session, thanks to support from Target Corp. Students from all majors can apply to attend the week-long session of values-based leadership workshops.

The James Deacon Endowed Scholarship in Environmental Studies provides support for students who are pursuing degrees in environmental studies. Recent recipients of the scholarship, Michael Matulis and Kelly Douglas, are seniors in the program conducting field work for their own research.

Programs

With private support from KLAS-TV, the civic journalism program helps students try their hand at reporting about the community surrounding UNLV. The students are given a backpack with equipment and head into the community to research and compile stories about diversity, politics, education, and other issues impacting the local community.

This spring, undergraduate and graduate students from UNLV attended the Tri-State Donald W. Reynolds Cup business plan competition. The undergraduate and graduate teams both earned first place in the Nevada tournament, and the undergraduate team placed second in the tri-state cup.

The Mendenhall Innovation Program, funded by entrepreneur Robert Mendenhall, pairs the analytic components of engineering with the practical tools of marketing. The technology commercialization minor and lecture series offer engineering majors the opportunity to gain necessary business skills from faculty and practitioners.



Faculty and Staff

Cheri Young, an associate professor in the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration, teaches students about organizational behavior and studies environments that help employees to thrive. Private support from the Harrah's Foundation helps fund her latest project, which engages undergraduate students in the research of employee engagement.

Christopher Blakesley is the Cobeaga Law Firm Professor of Law at the William S. Boyd School of Law. Prior to joining UNLV in 2002, Blakesley taught in Hungary, Austria, France, and other universities across the globe. Private support for this professorship helps UNLV bring talented faculty to our campus.

The Harry Reid Silver State Research Award recognizes research that is not only highly regarded but is also responsive to the needs of the community and state. Christopher Kearney, professor of psychology, received this award for his ongoing contributions to research on children and adolescents who refuse to attend school. Gifts to UNLV's Annual Fund help to support this award.



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