

INVENT THE FUTURE

Campaign Highlights

Summer 2009



Students

Jason Travers, a doctoral student in special education, is studying ways to help autistic children learn to read. His research is leading to the development of software that creates computer-based literacy activities that are more effective for early childhood education.

First-generation college student Juan Plata recently graduated from UNLV with a degree in mechanical engineering. He won his division of the Senior Design competition last fall and is using the experience as he begins his path to graduate work in biomedical engineering.

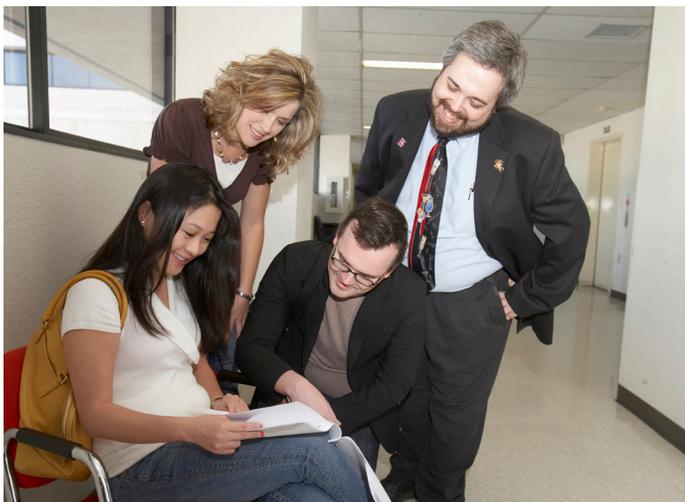
Husna Najand, a political science major and member of the Honors College, earned a scholarship to attend UNLV. She completed her departmental honors thesis on European Muslim youth, and the research experience as an undergraduate will help her as she prepares for graduate school.

Programs

The "Meeting the Makers: Bolstering Literacy Education through Interactions with Authors" series through the UNLV Libraries brought well-known authors to campus. The authors share insights into the literary world and visit a local school, conduct a writing workshop, and speak to the campus community.

The Physical Therapy program gives students the opportunity to learn through practice and through research. Students in the doctoral program work on research that examines the muscles and the way treatments can be developed to improve functionality.

Students in the William S. Boyd School of Law travelled to New York this spring to participate in a Moot Court competition. The team used the skills they learned in the Boyd School of Law's Lawyering Process Program—ranked third in the country.



Community and Alumni

The Edward G. Polivka Memorial Tribute Fund was established in memory of a talented faculty member in the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration. The scholarship, funded by contributions from people and organizations in the convention industry, was awarded to the first recipients this year.

The University Forum Lecture Series hosts speakers on a variety of topics that are open to the public and the university community. The forum allows speakers to share their insights in an intimate environment and extends the research mission of the university beyond the laboratory and into the community.

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