



**UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS**

**GRADUATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY  
DECEMBER 19, 2022**



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Monday, December 19, 2022

4:00PM

<i>Student and Dignitary Processional</i> .....	<i>UNLV Jazz Ensemble with Master of Ceremony Anthony Barone</i>
<i>Opening Remarks</i> .....	<i>Provost Christopher L. Heavey</i>
<i>Presentation of Colors</i> .....	<i>UNLV Air Force &amp; Army ROTC Honor Guards Field Drummer Ryan N. Bond</i>
<i>National Anthem</i> .....	<i>Karol Avila, mezzo-soprano The Star-Spangled Banner, accompanied by David Loeb, piano</i>
<i>UNLV Alma Mater</i> .....	<i>UNLV Choral Ensemble and UNLV Symphony Orchestra Joseph Svendsen and Thomas G. Leslie, Musical Directors</i>
<i>President's Message</i> .....	<i>President Keith E. Whitfield</i>
<i>Greetings</i> .....	<i>Nevada System of Higher Education</i>
<i>Recognition of Outstanding Graduates</i> .....	<i>President Whitfield</i>
<i>Student Commencement Speakers</i> .....	<i>Kathryn R. Henry, Maria D. Ramos Gonzalez</i>
<i>Class Profile</i> .....	<i>Provost Heavey</i>
<i>Conferring of Degrees</i> .....	<i>President Whitfield</i>
<i>Readers</i> .....	<i>UNLV College and School Deans; Joe Ervin, Liz Jost, Gail Sammons, Jacob Thompson</i>
<i>Concluding Remarks</i> .....	<i>President Whitfield</i>
<i>Recessional</i> .....	<i>UNLV Fight Song</i>
<i>Class Songs</i> .....	<i>My Head, My Heart by Eva Max Levitating by Dua Lipa Why the Bright Stars Glow by Valerie June Happy &amp; Sad by Kacey Musgraves Younger Me by Brothers Osbourne</i>
<i>Grand Marshal</i> .....	<i>Sara Jordan</i>

# *Academic Traditions and Special Honors*

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS**

Since its first classes were held in the 1950s, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) has undergone an amazing transformation, from a dusty outpost on the south edge of town to a thriving urban research institution. Along the way, thanks to its innovative frontier spirit, UNLV has kept pace with one of the country's fastest-growing and most enterprising cities.

The university's origins were humble. In 1951, when the post-war boom had swollen the Las Vegas valley's population to more than 50,000, the University of Nevada, Reno established an extension program here. Twenty-eight students began meeting for classes in the dressing rooms of Las Vegas High School's auditorium. In 1954, the Nevada Board of Regents founded the Southern Regional Division of the University of Nevada, popularly known as Nevada Southern. Twenty-nine students accepted degrees at the university's first commencement in 1964.

The UNLV Graduate School was founded in 1965, and we graduated our first 11 master's students in 1967. In 1969, with the Board of Regents' approval, the university adopted its current name, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. By the following year, as Las Vegas' metropolitan population reached 275,000, UNLV enrolled more than 5,500 students. Our first doctoral student, an Ed.D., graduated in 1977, and we granted our first Ph.D.s in 1991.

Over the next several decades, UNLV continued this heady rate of development — erecting more than 100 buildings, developing dozens of graduate programs, creating partnerships with the community, fielding nationally ranked sports teams, founding an alumni association, promoting scholarship, establishing a fundraising foundation, and recruiting diverse and talented students from across the country. UNLV has come a long way from the high school dressing rooms that once served as its classrooms. It is fair to say that the first 57 years of graduate education at UNLV have been characterized by growth and maturation. Thanks to the dedication of faculty and staff members, students, generous donors, and Las Vegas residents, the university has much to celebrate, especially at commencement.

## **ACADEMIC DRESS**

The academic caps, gowns, and hoods that make the procession so colorful are part of an 800-year tradition. Academic clothing was first worn in medieval universities like Cambridge, Oxford, Paris, and Bologna.

The European custom was carried to America with the establishment of our own colleges and universities. In 1895 an academic code of dress was adopted, and the standards of a robe, hood, and cap were accepted by most of the colleges and universities in the United States.

Different types of gowns may be distinguished in the academic procession. The bachelor's gowns have long, pointed sleeves. The master's gowns have oblong sleeves with an arc cut away in the front. The doctoral gowns are faced with velvet and have bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of velvet. The hood, draped from the shoulder, denotes by its length and colors the field of study and the institution that conferred the doctoral degree.

Doctoral regalia was standardized in the U.S. by the Intercollegiate Commission that created the Intercollegiate Code in 1985. It is periodically updated, and the last update was in 1986 when it was recognized that dark blue is the official color for Ph.D.s. UNLV is unique. Gray with scarlet doctoral robes are absolutely distinct, and there is no other university that has a robe like ours. We adopted the unique scarlet and gray in 2012 when Neal Smatresk was the president of UNLV.

The doctoral hood harkens back to ancient Greece when students would give donations to teachers by placing coins in their hood, because it was not appropriate to pay teachers outright. We can still carry on this tradition today. Graduates, please let family members and friends know that they can continue the tradition of dropping money into hoods.

UNLV commencements have historically been held with both undergraduate and graduate students combined. However, in May 2022, the university hosted its inaugural graduate commencement that gathers the graduate community together. At that time, we also began a new tradition of utilizing the doctoral hoods and a new UNLV lucky coin. Our "Vegas twist" is that after a graduate is hooded, the advisor will drop a UNLV lucky coin in the graduate's hood, symbolically saying farewell, good luck, and best wishes as they embark on their next journey. This is uniquely UNLV and Las Vegas.

## ***UNIVERSITY MACE***

The university mace, which has its traditions deeply rooted in history, is carried on ceremonial occasions at the head of the academic procession by the Grand Marshal, whose symbolic duty is the protection of the university, its persons, and its processes.

The mace, a long club with a ball of iron, steel, or brass at one end, was used in warfare as late as the 16th century. The use of the mace as an instrument of ceremony, however, began about the year 1250 in England and France. The mace is still used widely today in university ceremonies like commencements and inaugurations.

The UNLV mace, cast by UNLV art professor emeritus Michael McCollum in 1970, was created using the lost wax process. Erik Gronborg's design for the cubical head of the mace included facets depicting the university seal, a rendering of the Statue of Liberty, a likeness of Renaissance scholar Leonardo da Vinci, and a shelf of books flanked by artists' brushes. The mace bearer for the December 19 ceremony is Sara Jordan, professor in the Couple and Family Therapy program.

## ***OUTSTANDING GRADUATES***

UNLV has a long-standing tradition of honoring graduating students who have made a special mark during their time at the university. Undergraduate and graduate students are selected for the honor after a semester-long nomination process. Those students highlighted during commencement are chosen based on such factors as academic achievement, community outreach, research and creative work, and their ability to overcome adversity.

## ***HONOR SOCIETY MEDALLIONS***

Students who have been initiated into UNLV's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society may wear a bronze medallion hung on a blue ribbon to be worn at commencement. Each year Chapter 100 at UNLV invites to membership the top 10 percent of graduate students and undergraduate seniors in their college class and the top 7.5 percent of the junior class in all academic disciplines.

Many disciplines have honor societies specific to their fields. Members wear their cords, pins, or medallions at commencement.

# Graduate College

## Doctor of Philosophy

Fortino Acosta, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Nexuscapes, A Landscape Approach for a Water-Energy-Food  
Nexus Decision Making Process

Cyndy Anang, Special Education  
Activity-Based Intervention and One-To-One Correspondence  
for Children with Developmental Delays

Kendra L. Antill, Special Education  
The Effects of Coaching Provided Via Video-Conferencing to  
Caregivers of Children with ASD

Cristian D. Arteaga Sanchez, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Identification of Factors Contributing to Traffic Crashes by  
Analysis of Text Narratives

Jan Michael Ballesteros, Sociology  
The Model Minority Myth and the Mental Well-Being of  
Academically Struggling Asian Americans

Nicole Martha Baldwin, Chemistry  
What Can General Chemistry Students Learn from External  
Representations of Acid-Base Titrations?

Drew William Barkoff, Geoscience  
Trace Element Behaviors During Igneous Evolution and  
Hydrothermal Alteration of an Evolved Rhyolite, the Blawn  
Formation, Wah Wah Mountains, Utah: Implications for  
Critical Metal Abundances in Highly Evolved Rhyolites

Megan Leigh Becker Wright, Psychology  
Stability of Neurocognitive Abilities in Heterogeneous  
Subgroups of Schizophrenia

James Martin Bristow, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Application of Experimentally-Calibrated Numerical Models  
for Prediction of Composite Masonry Prism Strength

Oswaldo Cisneros-Merino, Computer Science  
Jiapi: A Statically Type Checker Generator for Statically Typed  
Languages

Robert David Cochrane, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences  
The Parkinson's Prison and the Hero's Journey to Escape:  
Improvisation and Storytelling on Parkinson's Disease

Brooke Dena Conway Kleven, Public Health  
Markers of Neuroinflammatory and Degenerative Processes  
in Professional Athletes with Traumatic Encephalopathy  
Syndrome

Lee Doernte, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences  
Effect of Metronome, Hospital Mattress, and Step Stool  
Usage on Chest Compression Rate and Depth During  
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR): A Collection of  
Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses

Joshua W. Donnelly, Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Crime Attractors in Sin City? A Pre/Post Test of Crime  
Patterns and Police Enforcement Around Recreational  
Marijuana Facilities

Amelia Fuqua, Special Education  
Technology-Based Self-Management of Initiations for  
Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Low  
Communication Who Participate in an Alternate Assessment

Elena O. Gavrilova, Clinical Psychology  
Evaluating the SCL-90-R for Use in Collegiate Athletes

Negasi Niguse Gebremichael, Civil & Environmental  
Engineering  
Effects of Particle Size and Replacement Proportion of Post-  
Consumer Glass in Concrete

Kasra C. Ghaharian, Hospitality Administration  
Payment Profiles: Using Payment Transaction Data to Identify  
and Characterize Gamblers

Kimberly Gonzalez, Mechanical Engineering  
Enhancements to Nuclear Thermal Propulsion Rockets

Raelynn Frazier Grasso, Educational Psychology  
Exploring the Role of Epistemic Cognition and Self-Efficacy in  
the Career Decision-Making Processes of College Students:  
An Explanatory Sequential Study

Blake F. Hament, Mechanical Engineering  
A Mechanically Intelligent Hosing-Drone

Scotia Hammond, Special Education  
Exploring the Intersection of Stress, Resiliency, and Students  
Relationship with Their Teachers Among High School  
Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders

Wenjia Han, Hospitality Administration  
Purchase Intentions for Hospitality Products with Negative  
Online Reviews: The Joint Effects of Rating Disadvantage,  
Attitude, and Sales Promotion

Chin Chai Huan, Geoscience  
Redox Change Across the Late Cambrian Steptoean Positive  
Carbon Isotope Excursion (SPICE) in the Southern Great  
Basin, USA

Neiufi Longi, Public Affairs  
Diffusion Return: A Case Study of New Orleans

Jennifer John, Psychology  
Beyond the Numbers: A Deeper Dive into the Dearth of Girls  
and Women in STEM

Devin K. Kelly, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences  
Influence of Physical Activity After ACL Reconstruction on  
Gait: Implications for the Development of Knee Osteoarthritis

- Cindy Xuan-Mai Kha, Biological Sciences  
Investigating Conserved Mechanisms for Embryonic Eye Regrowth in *Xenopus laevis*
- Josiah R. Kidwell, Sociology  
Mediating Religion in Las Vegas: An Ethnographic Exploration of Technology, Celebrity Culture, and Place Attachment in a Multisited Megachurch
- Minji Kim, Hospitality Administration  
Negative Customer Reviews and the Online Decision-Making Process: The Role of Construal Fit
- Eric S. Koch, Mathematical Sciences  
Composition Operators on Holomorphic Function Spaces
- Sung Keun Koo, Mathematical Sciences  
Bidirectional Testing for Repairable Systems Reliability: Power Asymmetries, Panel of Control Charts, and Reliability Graphics
- Alicia Lechtenberger, Hospitality Administration  
Salesperson-Customer Dyads in the Casino Gaming Industry: How Sales Competencies and Relationship Lifecycles Influence Customer Satisfaction and Account Profitability
- Samuel Chong-Sun Lee, Hospitality Administration  
The Influence of Technostress on Hotel Guests
- Solbi Lee, Hospitality Administration  
Transformative Tourism Experience: Openness to Thriving
- Rebecca Chaehee Lim, Chemistry  
Characterization of the Isothermal Titration Calorimetry Single Injection Method Using T4 Polynucleotide Kinase as a Model System for Kinases
- Katherine Iolani Thornock Luebke, Radiochemistry  
Dissolution and Electrochemical Recovery of UO<sub>2</sub>, UO<sub>3</sub>, and U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> in Ionic Liquids
- Jiawei Luo, Astronomy  
Transient Sources and How to Study Them: Selected Topics in Multi-Messenger Astronomy
- Julia E. Maietta, Clinical Psychology  
Cognitive Testing for Sport Concussion: The Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT)
- Heather Shalyn Monaghan, Criminology and Criminal Justice  
To Report or Not to Report: Student Reporting Behaviors of Violent Crimes in Schools
- Doris Smith Morgan Rueda, History  
Saving the Bad Kids, Caging Los Chicos Malos: Racialized Juvenile Justice and Latinx Youth in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1900-1970
- Pricella Meques Morris, Special Education  
A Quasi-Experimental Design: Impacts of Shared-Book-Reading on Young Black Children's Identity Formation
- Ershad Mortazavian, Mechanical Engineering  
Mobile 3D Printing of Rail Track Surface for Rapid Repair
- Suzanne Renae Mulligan, Geoscience  
The Application of Detrital Zircon Geochronology, Pressure-Temperature Modeling, Monazite Petrochronology, and Quartz-In-Garnet Elastic Geobarometry to the Tectonic Evolution of the Funeral Mountains and Related Metamorphic Core Complexes
- Shirin Nasr Esfahani, Computer Science  
Hyperspectral Image Analysis of Food for Nutritional Intake
- Justin T. Neubauer, Mechanical Engineering  
Mechanoelectrical Behavior in Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Based Soft Polymer Gel Smart Sensors for Soft Robotic Applications
- Elizabeth Lynn Paige, Special Education  
Pre-Service Teacher Perceptions of Persistently Challenging Behaviors, SWPBIS, CICO and Student-Teacher Relationships
- Trevor R. Pollom, Anthropology  
Hunter-Gatherers in Context: Hadzabe People and Early Nutrition Transition
- Tressa Quayle, Nursing  
Factors Associated with Immediate Postnatal Care in Lao People's Democratic Republic: An Analysis of the 2017 Lao People's Democratic Republic Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey
- Maria D. Ramos Gonzalez, Mechanical Engineering  
Experimental Study of a Polycarbonate Urethane Knee Implant Using Custom-Designed Knee Simulator
- Shannon Lee Richard, Nursing  
Metabolic Syndrome and Associated Factors Among Hispanic Americans
- Sayan Sakhakarmi, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Automated Approach for the Enhancement of Scaffolding Structure Monitoring with Strain Sensor Data
- Michelle N. Samuel, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences  
Effects of Patellofemoral Pain on Central Activation and Function of the Gluteus Medius Muscle in Physically Active Females
- Mostafa Shams Esfand Abadi, Mathematical Sciences  
Bayesian Nonparametric Regression Models for Insurance Claims Frequency and Severity
- Samantha N. Sherwood, Clinical Psychology  
Feasibility and Efficacy of Virtual Darkness in Reducing Intra-Individual Sleep Variability Among Young Adults with Insomnia

Hui-Ting Shih, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences  
Balance Recovery Response in Community-Dwelling Adults with Unilateral Transtibial Amputation and the Potential Benefits of a Weight-Shifting Balance Training Intervention

Megan Marie Shope, Clinical Psychology  
An In-Depth Examination of the Literature on Early Pubertal Timing and Disordered Eating in Women and Girls: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Kimberly S. Stevens, Clinical Psychology  
Menstrual Cycle Changes in Dysregulated Eating Symptoms

Maileen Gloriane Ulep, Anthropology  
The Impact of Alzheimer Disease on Semantic Knowledge

Anne Jinky B. Villacastin, Biological Sciences  
Exploring WRKY Transcription Factors to Study the Molecular Mechanism Underlying Rice Response to Drought and Find Solutions to Food Insecurity

Audrey M. Warren, Geoscience  
Paleoenvironmental Changes Across the Devonian-Carboniferous Transition

Nancy Louise Webb, Learning and Technology  
Student Device Usage, Learning Management System Tool Usage, and Self-Regulated Learning

Tara Marie Naoe Tacderan Wong Nerida, Public Health  
COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance Behavior Among Hispanics/Latinxs in Nevada: A Theory-Based Analysis

Kayli H. Wrenn, Clinical Psychology  
The Antagonistic Tetrad and Romantic Attachment Styles

Tamara Julie Wynne, Biological Sciences  
Quantifying the Effect of Disturbance on Native Mojave Desert Shrubs

Gang Xu, Mathematical Sciences  
Retrospective Varying Coefficient Association Analysis of Longitudinal Binary Traits

Liheng Zhang, Hospitality Administration  
Customer Willingness to Pay for All-Inclusive Resorts: A Choice-Based Conjoint Analysis

Yihong Zhao, Mechanical Engineering  
Towards High-Efficient Broadband Omnidirectional Light-Trapping: Discrepancy-Assisted 2D/3D Deterministic Quasi-Random Nanostructure Design, Optimization, and Fabrication

### **Doctor of Education**

Jaymes Antonio Aimetti, Executive Educational Leadership  
Combining Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports with Cultural Responsiveness: A Framework to Reduce Teachers' Cultural Bias and Decrease Discipline Disproportionality Among Black Elementary Males

Andrea Michelle Connolly, Executive Educational Leadership  
Predicting Student Success in a K-12 Online School

Roxanne Lynn James, Executive Educational Leadership  
Raising the Bar of Leadership Awareness for Understanding Student Trauma

Leilani Irene Shive, Executive Educational Leadership  
Easing the Middle to High School Transition: An Evaluation of the Gold Program

### **Doctor of Musical Arts**

Oleksii Hamov, Performance  
Ukrainian Violin Sonata: Performance Analysis of Sonatas for Violin and Piano by Naum Lapynsky and Mykola Silvansky

Jeahyun Jo, Performance  
Study of Narrative Effects of Each Instrumental Group in Exemplum: In Memoriam Kwangju by Isang Yun

Walter Daniel White, Performance  
Violin Performance Influences of Fritz Kreisler

### **Doctor of Nursing Practice**

Myerann Royce Manaloto Mangalino, Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Strategic Plan for Genomic Competencies into Undergraduate Nursing Curriculum

Jennifer Christine Millet, Doctor of Nursing Practice  
A Feasibility Study to Identify if the Induction of the Relationship-Based Care Program Enhance the Caring Skills of Registered Nurses?

Joann L. Rupiper, Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Vaccinator Communication Interventions to Address HPV Vaccine Hesitancy

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Reynafe Naol Aniga, Special Education  
Dakota Elaine Arabian, Curriculum & Instruction  
Monica Arce, Curriculum & Instruction  
Shehd K. Azzeh, Curriculum & Instruction  
Sandra A. Bailey, Curriculum & Instruction  
Lexus Chanise Barnes, Special Education  
Tricia-anne M. Becker, Curriculum & Instruction  
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Shirley Moon Lao, Curriculum & Instruction  
Giselle Leon, Early Childhood Education  
Brianna Lester, Higher Education  
Caroline Liendo, Curriculum & Instruction  
Krystal Danielle Baterna Limalima, Curriculum & Instruction  
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Erik Mckay, Curriculum & Instruction  
Frank Charles Brown Merrill, Special Education  
Amy Susana Michel-Arce, Curriculum & Instruction  
Caylyn Millard, Early Childhood Education

Marchelle R. Mitchell, Special Education  
Lisa Marie Montalvão, Special Education  
Niroshini Moodley, Higher Education  
James Mori, Curriculum & Instruction  
Jessica Mussio Marquez, Special Education  
Alexandra Francesca Nedelcu, Curriculum & Instruction  
Victoria Louise Nicholas, Curriculum & Instruction  
Cayla Nikodemus, Curriculum & Instruction  
Heather Ruth Nobles, Special Education  
Erika Nunez, Early Childhood Education  
Yuk Lun Oei, Early Childhood Education  
Miguel Ortega, Special Education  
Crecia Renee Page, Curriculum & Instruction  
Nora Pantaleon, Special Education  
Kylene Parkila, Special Education  
Imani Nyla Patterson, Higher Education  
Christopher Penkalski, Curriculum & Instruction  
Turia Marie Penkalski, Special Education  
Hannah Marie Perdue, Curriculum & Instruction  
Serena R. Perkins, Curriculum & Instruction  
Dustin Matthew Perry, Curriculum & Instruction  
Diana Kristine Peterson, Curriculum & Instruction  
Kyndal N. Phillips, Curriculum & Instruction  
Alyssa Mieke Jone'e Pigao, Special Education  
Kelly L. Pockat, Special Education  
Todd Odell Polk, Curriculum & Instruction  
Cassandra C. Ramirez Barajas, Special Education  
Alanna Leigh Rice, Curriculum & Instruction  
Leticia Del Carmen Rodriguez, Special Education  
Eduardo Rodriguez-Gonzalez, Curriculum & Instruction  
Alexander Patrick Ross, Special Education  
Madeline Grace Rowin, Curriculum & Instruction  
Shawntiana Sanders, Curriculum & Instruction  
Katherine Paula Scheid, Curriculum & Instruction  
Kayla Shambaugh, Special Education  
Alyssa Smith, Curriculum & Instruction  
Amy Sorensen, Curriculum & Instruction  
Carl Vinny Spotleson, Curriculum & Instruction  
Steffi Yamileth Tobar, Curriculum & Instruction  
Erik Alberto Torres, Curriculum & Instruction  
Sarah Michelle Valerio, Early Childhood Education  
Jessica Rose Vasquez, Special Education  
Solange Vianna Fisher, Special Education  
Shareen Ayumi Viernes, Curriculum & Instruction

Ashley Keandra Walker, Curriculum & Instruction  
Deja Lynn Wargo-Cole, Curriculum & Instruction  
Nicole Monica Weber, Special Education  
Trevor Joseph Wichert, Curriculum & Instruction  
Jazzlynn Sheree Wilkins, Special Education  
JoAnn Arlie Williams, Curriculum & Instruction  
Bethany Willis, Early Childhood Education  
Dominique Akeiah Willis, Curriculum & Instruction  
William E. Woods, Special Education  
Leondrus Tramaine Wright, Curriculum & Instruction  
Eliot Yang, Special Education  
Jinyu Zhang, Special Education

#### **Master of Fine Arts**

Mir Arif, Creative Writing  
Alyse Burnside, Creative Writing  
Alycia Jacob Calvert, Creative Writing  
Mohammed Jahama, Creative Writing  
Jordon Christena Smith, Creative Writing

#### **Master of Health Care Administration**

Kristina Louise Eddy, Healthcare Administration  
Kayla Hillegass, Healthcare Administration  
Jheverly Ann Suyat Malabanan, Healthcare Administration  
Haniyeh Shariatmadari, Healthcare Administration  
Elizabeth Marie Terry Ramirez, Healthcare Administration  
Ashana Viswaruban, Healthcare Administration  
Jocelynn Sarita Williams, Healthcare Administration

#### **Master of Hospitality Administration**

Ding Jie Ang, Hospitality Administration  
Allen Jason Bennett, Hospitality Administration  
Peini Chuah, Hospitality Administration  
Ru Yu Chung, Hospitality Administration  
Jeffrey Conley, Hospitality Administration  
Jamell Dickerson, Hospitality Administration  
Megan Hundemann, Hospitality Administration  
Joy Kang Jia Mei, Hospitality Administration  
Riley Jordan Platt, Hospitality Administration  
Kia Hao Teo, Hospitality Administration

#### **Master of Music**

Eliysheba Ruwth Anderson, Music  
Tiffaney Calabro, Music  
Gary Louis Fowler II, Music  
David Seifert, Music

### **Master of Public Administration**

Courtnee Joanne Alaniz, Public Administration  
Eliysheba Ruwth Anderson, Public Administration  
Basma Zakaria Awada, Public Administration  
Jason DeMaria, Public Administration  
Cheickna Dembele, Public Administration  
Juan Roberto Gonzalez Madera, Public Administration  
Jewel Kuuipo Gooden, Public Administration  
Tyler Jarley, Public Administration  
Connor J. Robinson, Public Administration  
Gregory Owen York, Public Administration

### **Master of Public Health**

Mohammad Hesam Alavi, Public Health  
Jessie Castelan, Public Health  
Rodolph Elie Dagher, Public Health  
Edom W. Gelaw, Public Health  
Nicolette Harmon, Public Health  
Raychel S. Holbert, Public Health  
Najia Danette Hudspeth, Public Health  
Brittany Marie Klenczar, Public Health  
Elijah F. Kreutzer, Public Health  
Averi Millet, Public Health  
Heejin Mun, Public Health  
Komal Sood, Public Health  
Kristine K. Vasilevsky, Public Health

### **Master of Science**

Charles Peter Abod, Astronomy  
Judell Zania Alexander, Hotel Administration  
Alison Anderson, Couple and Family Therapy  
Elena Angelkova, Couple and Family Therapy  
Seema Anwar, Couple and Family Therapy  
Gilberto Jair Arteaga, Accounting  
Andres Alonso Avalos, Accounting  
Aravind Balasubramanian, Quantitative Finance  
Shelby Nichole-Lee Baldwin, Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Mallory Robyn Laciste Bali, Hotel Administration  
Irwin Bryan Barcenes, Hotel Administration  
Sukhjot Benipal, Couple and Family Therapy  
Chasen Michael Billon, Accounting  
Kenza Bouarroudj, Hotel Administration  
Darren Edward Bradway, Accounting  
Lucy Branch, Accounting  
Aaron Samuel Brodsky, Management Information Systems  
Brendan Allen Brooks, Cybersecurity

Chester Patrick Bryant, Couple and Family Therapy  
Andrew Harley Buffington, Cybersecurity  
Yuqing Cai, Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Nathan Carey, Geoscience  
Benjamin Conner Caspersen, Accounting  
Javier Chavarria, Accounting  
Jiao Cheng, Mathematical Sciences  
Yik On Cheung, Accounting  
Seulyi Choi, Accounting  
Savannah Crohn, Accounting  
Kyra Dias Audino, Accounting  
Joseph DeJoria, Hotel Administration  
Rosa E. Díaz, Couple and Family Therapy  
Eduardo Diaz-Santiago, Couple and Family Therapy  
Peter Dimpfl, Health Physics  
Meiyang Dong, Hotel Administration  
Meiyang Dong, Management Information Systems  
Kay Doxilly, Accounting  
Lisa Ashley Duenas, Accounting  
James Duncan, Geoscience  
Celeste De Anda Ebron, Accounting  
Eliel Oseriahure Ehimare, Cybersecurity  
Bryce William Fleischmann, Accounting  
Beatriz E. Flores, Couple and Family Therapy  
George Thomas Foskaris, Physics  
Martin Tyler Gallegos, Accounting  
Jaimi Alexandra Garlington, Hotel Administration  
Hannah Rose Godfrey, Couple and Family Therapy  
Matthew Ryan Gordin, Cybersecurity  
Lauren Grant, Couple and Family Therapy  
Hana O. Gutierrez, Couple and Family Therapy  
Victoria Ngoc Diep Ha, Accounting  
Jiaqi Han, Hotel Administration  
Liangyu Hao, Hotel Administration  
Jasmine J. Hardman-Tarvin-Pyles, Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Kevin M. Heintz, Geoscience  
Koeun Heo, Hotel Administration  
Estefania Herrera Perez, Nutrition Sciences  
Ryo Hongo, Accounting  
Md Faruk Hossain, Mathematical Sciences  
Chenzi Hu, Hotel Administration  
Lauren Elizabeth Hunt, Couple and Family Therapy  
Samantha Bobbi Iannuzzi, Applied Economics and Data Intelligence

Josselyn Ibarra, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Alec Michael Jacobs, Accounting  
 Michelle Nicole Indig Janeo, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Chuang Jiang, Accounting  
 Eric Jiang, Accounting  
 Zakaria Jibrin, Geoscience  
 Howard K. Kemple Jr., Management Information Systems  
 Madison R. Kesner, Accounting  
 Shivangi Khurania, Hotel Administration  
 Shivangi Khurania, Management Information Systems  
 Doo Hyun Kim, Cybersecurity  
 Jihyun Kim, Hotel Administration  
 Jihyun Kim, Management Information Systems  
 Jonathan Kim, Quantitative Finance  
 Kyle A. Kithas, Construction Management  
 Stash Alexander Kristovich, Accounting  
 Katelynn Halekulani Kayo Kubo, Nutrition Sciences  
 Craig Larkowski, Management Information Systems  
 Hyejeong Lee, Geoscience  
 Anthony Levesque, Quantitative Finance  
 Ruixue Li, Accounting  
 Yuanchi Li, Hotel Administration  
 Jessica Lin, Accounting  
 Yi Lin, Management Information Systems  
 Yun Lin, Accounting  
 Jiun Liu, Quantitative Finance  
 Yikang Lu, Management Information Systems  
 Yuhui Lu, Accounting  
 Yiman Luo, Hotel Administration  
 Adrienne J. Macabante, Accounting  
 Michael Stanley Madison, Data Analytics and Applied Economics  
 Bani Anamim Maita, Educational Psychology  
 Benjamin Andrew Mann, Accounting  
 Gerrel Markel March, Hotel Administration  
 Jacob Alexander McQueen, Accounting  
 Patryk Miskowski, Quantitative Finance  
 Lauren Alexandra Morell, Hotel Administration  
 Sarah Moss, Cybersecurity  
 Dongphuong Nguyen, Hotel Administration  
 Mark Phuc Nguyen, Hotel Administration  
 Phuong Nguyen, Accounting  
 Tien Nguyen, Accounting  
 Nancy Nou, Biological Sciences  
 Stephanie Ochoa, Accounting  
 Evan William O'Neal, Geoscience  
 Brandon Ortiz, Mechanical Engineering  
 Mikako Ozawa, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Ella Ozer, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Garret Hayes Pardee, Management Information Systems  
 Devin J. Peart, Health Physics  
 Diana Michelle Pedraza, Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
 Liberty Courtney Pfeffer, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Heather Phelps, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Alexa Gabrielle Pichardo, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Alexandra Pineiro, Hotel Administration  
 Roya Pirsoltan, Accounting  
 Nicole Marie Platt, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Zoey Plonka, Geoscience  
 Kevin Rafferty, Geoscience  
 Bhrad Ramazani, Aerospace Engineering  
 Paula Rasch, Accounting  
 Neha Raste, Electrical Engineering  
 Reginald J. Regala, Accounting  
 Andrew James Reid, Geoscience  
 Arlette Rodriguez-Nakata, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Arveen Angelu Dancel Roxas, Accounting  
 Thomas J. Scavuzzo, Accounting  
 Alexander Joseph Schumacher, Cybersecurity  
 Andrew Schwab, Cybersecurity  
 Brian Scott, Applied Economics and Data Intelligence  
 Cody Shakespeare, Astronomy  
 Joshua Michael Sieverding, Mathematical Sciences  
 Claudia Silva Rubio, Biological Sciences  
 Savannah R. Smith, Hotel Administration  
 Billy Dee Sorrells Jr., Data Analytics and Applied Economics  
 Maya Aurora Speece-Casillas, Accounting  
 Ashlyn Michelle Spreitzer, Accounting  
 India Starks, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Kenneth Stojak, Accounting  
 Jonathan Michael Streva, Accounting  
 Bradley Swagart, Educational Psychology  
 Yuxin Tao, Accounting  
 LaToya Jeanelle Thomas, Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
 Jacob Matthew Townsend, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Jessica Velasco, Management Information Systems  
 Gwendolyn Hope Verbeck, Mathematical Sciences  
 Ashley Lynn Vranes, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Lisa A. Waitley, Hotel Administration

Elizabeth White, Educational Psychology  
Jazmyne M. Whitlow, Couple and Family Therapy  
Ayden Wiederin, Accounting  
Homer B. Wilkins, Cybersecurity  
Deneeca Cas Wittern, Couple and Family Therapy  
Shuangyu Wu, Hotel Administration  
Mojgan Yektamehr, Management Information Systems  
Shu Zhang, Cybersecurity  
Shu Zhang, Management Information Systems  
Haocheng Zhou, Hotel Administration  
Haocheng Zhou, Management Information Systems  
Jiexi Zhu, Hotel Administration  
Jiexi Zhu, Management Information Systems

### **Master of Science in Computer Science**

Junyan Liang, Computer Science  
Nicholas King Lower, Computer Science  
Sreekar Reddy Rava, Computer Science  
Paul Stanik III, Computer Science  
Sabrina Z. Wallace, Computer Science

### **Master of Science in Engineering**

Armani Dominick Alvarez, Electrical Engineering  
Kevin R. Briggs, Mechanical Engineering  
Michael I. Chang, Electrical Engineering  
Dora Chiang, Mechanical Engineering  
Bryan Esturado Cordon, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Westley T. Davis, Mechanical Engineering  
Swapnil B. Godage, Mechanical Engineering  
Dann Laurence Valdez Goze, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Kazi Shafayet Haider, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Kely Del Valle Marcano Garcia, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Damani Mitchell, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Rubaiya Murshed, Mechanical Engineering  
Taylor Dawn Judith Musarra, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Victor Manuel Quintanilla Jr., Mechanical Engineering  
Rithesh Shivuni, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Seung Ho Song, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Daniel Jesus Valdes, Electrical Engineering

### **Master of Science in Kinesiology**

Taylor Michel Diaz, Kinesiology  
Alan Vladimir Garcia, Kinesiology  
Clinton Robert Gardner, Kinesiology  
Kyle Emery Petersen, Kinesiology

Elisa Rovere, Kinesiology

### **Master of Science in Nursing**

Martha Michelle Arbolario, Nursing  
Yobel Hagos Asefaw, Nursing  
Jannel Leilani Banks, Nursing  
Sara Bernal, Nursing  
Michelle Brandt, Nursing  
Kyrsten Breanne Brown, Nursing  
Mayra Corona, Nursing  
Rona Balicas Divinagracia, Nursing  
Loretta Foley, Nursing  
Trevor Nathaniel Gee, Nursing  
Kylie Jordan Glisic, Nursing  
Derek L. Griffith, Nursing  
Patricia Ann Dela Cruz Guiao, Nursing  
Rachel Paige Hall-Ulibarri, Nursing  
Carissa Adrianna Hernandez, Nursing  
Wendy Huynh, Nursing  
Raquel Nicole Karagines, Nursing  
Adrienne Marie Tabucon Lapid, Nursing  
Sarah Marie Lugo, Nursing  
Zyla Maliwanag, Nursing  
Diana Marie Mangubat, Nursing  
Melanie A. Manuel, Nursing  
Brooke Gibbons Merrill, Nursing  
Takyra M. Merritt, Nursing  
Charlene Jo Alducente Nardo, Nursing  
Anne Park, Nursing  
Brooke Carmen Spence, Nursing  
Kayla L. Sweeney, Nursing  
Amanda Thomas, Nursing  
Tara Lee Thompson, Nursing  
Christina Marie Threet, Nursing  
Michelle Lynn Willis, Nursing  
Lacey Winkel, Nursing  
Christopher Michael Woods, Nursing  
Nicole Angelica Castro Zieba, Nursing

### **Master of Social Work**

Stacy Elizabeth Bleser, Social Work  
Lorenzo Antonio Mendez, Social Work  
Michelle Marie Morales, Social Work  
Kelli Anne Pizzoferrato, Social Work  
Andre Proctor, Social Work

Gladys Iveth Santisteban, Social Work  
Jasmyne Samone Thomas, Social Work  
Teresa Ulring, Social Work  
Angeline Marie Villanueva, Social Work

### **Graduate Certificate**

Edward Alabanza, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric  
Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP  
Marilyn A. Alvarez, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric  
Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP  
Jackie Aragon, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric  
Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP  
Basma Zakaria Awada, Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit  
Management  
Jan Ballesteros, Graduate Certificate in Social Science Methods  
Jason Andrew Banales, Graduate Certificate in Public Health  
Cobe Termaine Bryant, Graduate Certificate in College Sport  
Leadership  
Omar A. Calderon, Graduate Certificate in Public Management  
Stephanie Kuo Chen, Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching  
and Training  
Rodolph Elie Dagher, Graduate Certificate in Public Health  
Anna Brett Detken, Graduate Certificate in Higher Education  
Daniel Doty, Graduate Certificate in Management Information  
Systems  
Nicole M. Espinoza, Graduate Certificate in Higher Education  
Anthony Marcel Galka, Graduate Certificate in Management  
Information Systems  
Marlena Terese Gatlin, Graduate Certificate in Business  
Administration  
Kenosha Jessica Deon Gee, Advanced Graduate Certificate in  
Addiction Studies  
Alex Gil, Graduate Certificate in Nuclear Criticality Safety  
Engineering  
Sierra Suzanne Gil, Post-Secondary Mathematics Education  
Mary Hill, Graduate Certificate in Public Management  
Jin H. Jung, Graduate Certificate in Management Information  
Systems  
Jongyun Jung, Graduate Certificate in Public Health  
Christian Joy Lewis, Graduate Certificate in Higher Education  
Joseph Mckay, Graduate Certificate in Higher Education  
Heather Ruth Nobles, Graduate Certificate in Special Education  
Jayla Elyse Olson, Graduate Certificate in Business  
Administration  
Simeon Pak, Graduate Certificate in Leadership for Teachers  
and Professionals

Claire Parker, Graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation and  
Assessment  
Kylene Parkila, Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Special  
Education-Infancy  
Yuliya Pearson, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration  
Troy Peiler, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration  
Nicole Marie Portillo-loveall, Graduate Certificate in Special  
Education  
Cheryl Poulsen, Graduate Certificate in Special Education  
Sandra Alicia Ramsey, Advanced Graduate Certificate in  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP  
Eva G. Rodriguez-Saenz, Graduate Certificate in Public  
Management  
Kody William Sampson, Graduate Certificate in Business  
Administration  
Grace Marie Samson, Advanced Graduate Certificate in  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP  
Garrett Michael Santiago, Conditional Licensure Certificate for  
Secondary Teaching  
Rebecca Anne Sequeira, Advanced Graduate Certificate in  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP  
Chelynn Jessika Thalgott, Graduate Certificate in Business  
Administration  
Kevin Anthony To-Ong, Graduate Certificate in New Venture  
Management  
Cecilia A. Turman, Graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation  
and Assessment  
Maileen Gloriane Ulep, Graduate Certificate in Social Science  
Methods  
Kristine K. Vasilevsky, Graduate Certificate in Public Health  
Cassandra Jean Watson-Mihelcic, Graduate Certificate in Public  
Management  
Natesse M. West Melendez, Graduate Certificate in Public  
Management  
Saba Wube, Graduate Certificate in Public Health  
Noah Jeffrey Yates, Graduate Certificate in Nuclear Criticality  
Safety Engineering  
Michael Andrew Zbiegien, Graduate Certificate in Business  
Administration

## **UNLV JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

*Conducted by Adam Schroeder, Associate Professor of Jazz  
Studies,  
UNLV School of Music*

Gary Fowler – Vocals  
Kurt Tumbagahan – Trumpet  
Chris Ellis – Alto Saxophone  
Eddy Sarabia – Tenor Saxophone  
Micah Smith – Piano  
Keegan Carter – Bass  
Jose Andres Montero – Drums

## **ALMA MATER**

*(Composed by Eric Whitacre, Lyrics by Thomas Leslie and  
Robyn Lemon Chapman)*

Alma Mater, we praise you  
For Spirit, the eternal flame.  
Strength which never falters,  
A tribute to your name.

Alma Mater, we thank you,  
Exalted Scarlet and Gray.  
Truth and wisdom from your  
Standard in our minds and  
hearts will stay.

Alma Mater, we cherish you.  
And in days that are yet to be,  
Our voices let us ever raise  
In honor, U-N-L-V.



*The University of Nevada, Las Vegas is proud to honor those who have served in the Armed Forces.  
Below is a list of veterans who are graduate degree candidates this May.*



## **ARMY**

Caeson Daniell  
Beatriz E. Flores  
James E. Green  
Mike Allen Haeseker  
Michael John Javan  
Howard K. Kemple Jr.



## **NAVY**

Michael A. Bos  
Anthony Marcel Galka  
Valerie Tai Jing Kim  
Kayla L. Sweeney



## **MARINE CORPS**

Taylor Michel Diaz  
Garret Hayes Pardee



## **AIR FORCE**

Karson Annalyssa Chicvara  
Steven W. Junior II  
Aaron Mihaljevich  
Riley Jordan Platt  
Andrew Schwab  
Lindsay Elyse Seay  
Rachael Alexandra Thomas

# Graduate College Awards

## ***Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award***

### **2014-2015**

1st Place Jennifer Whitmer  
2nd Place Moinak Bhaduri  
3rd Place Ashok EM Sudhakar

### **2015-2016**

1st Place Andrew Scott Murtishaw  
2nd Place Meysam Najimi  
3rd Place Caitlin Saladino

### **2016-2017**

1st Place Sarah Murphy  
2nd Place Nicholas Baxter  
3rd Place Kazem Jadidirendi

### **2017-2018**

1st Place Matthew Le Claire  
2nd Place Erdogan Kaya  
3rd Place Michael Isaacs

### **2018-2019**

1st Place Joy Immak  
2nd Place Malayka Cornejo  
3rd Place Mirae Fornander

### **2019-2020**

1st Place Weerakonda De Silva  
2nd Place Mark Toussaint  
3rd Place Elena Bejinariu

### **2020-2021**

1st Place Dustin Davis  
2nd Place Christopher Wakefield  
3rd Place Nina Paul

### **2021-2022**

1st Place Torisha Khonach  
2nd Place Joshua Donnelly  
3rd Place Ghazaleh Laleh

## ***Outstanding Dissertation Award***

### **2014**

Jonathan William Plaue

### **2015**

Jordan Watkins

### **2016**

Seth Gainey

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### **2017**

Janelle Droessler  
Margaret Huettl

### **2018**

Cheryl Anderson  
Tyler Stalbaum

### **2019**

Leland Barker  
Scot Ewen

### **2020**

Sarah McCarthy  
Joshua Sackett

### **2021**

Ali Saber Sichani  
Shae Cox

### **2022**

Jeremy Smallwood  
Yen-Ling Chen

## ***Outstanding Thesis Award***

### **2014**

Riley Berry

### **2015**

Miliaikeala SJ Heen

### **2016**

Catherine Wisnosky

### **2017**

Jesse Cook  
Michael Steiner

### **2018**

Sara Black  
Jeremy Smallwood

### **2019**

Olufunke Ogundimu  
Jacqueline Phan

### **2020**

Frank Johnson  
Rachel Rahib

### **2021**

Lara Turello  
Christopher Forepaugh

**2022**

Cale Seymour  
Maribel Calderon

***Outstanding Graduate Faculty Leadership Award*****2017**

Dr. Janet Dufek

**2018**

Dr. Hokwon Cho

**2019**

Dr. Jennifer Rennels

**2020**

Dr. Pramen P. Shrestha

**2021**

Dr. Peter Gray

**2022**

Dr. Kaitlin Clinnin

***Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentorship Award*****2017**

Dr. Daniel N. Allen

**2018**

Dr. Janet Dufek

**2019**

Dr. Lori Candela

**2020**

Dr. Jacimaria Batista

**2021**

Dr. Jennifer Pharr

**2022**

Dr. Pramen P. Shrestha

***Graduate College Summer and Fall 2022 Medallion******Recipients***

Elena Angelkova

Beatriz E. Flores

James E. Green

Michelle Nicole Indig Janeo

Maria D. Ramos Gonzalez

Joy Rebecca Valle

Anne Jinky B. Villacastin

**Land Acknowledgement Statement**

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas wishes to acknowledge and honor the Indigenous communities of this region, and recognize that the university is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwuvi, Southern Paiute People. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to study, learn, work, and be in community with this land. We encourage everyone in this space to engage in continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, including the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and the Moapa Band of Paiutes, and about the historical and present realities of colonialism. As one of the most diverse universities in the United States, UNLV believes it is important to recognize and appreciate the use of Southern Paiute land as part of its mission to be a welcoming and inclusive place for working and learning.

**What is the purpose of a Land Acknowledgement?**

A land acknowledgement recognizes and respects the relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their ancestral and contemporary territories. Additionally, land acknowledgements provide us with the opportunity to explore the impacts of colonization and systems of oppression on Indigenous Peoples. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a historical context or past tense. It is vital to understand the long-standing history that brought us to reside on the land, and to seek to understand our place within that history. Colonialism is a current, ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness and understanding of our present participation.

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**Dear Class of 2022,**

On behalf of the UNLV Alumni Association congratulations and best wishes! We celebrate your successes with you and are incredibly proud of the accomplishments you have already achieved as students. We know you will continue on that path of greatness, and as you embark upon and progress through your careers, we urge you always to remember why you chose your respective field and the sacrifices you endured to make it happen.

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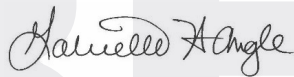
We have no doubt you will serve as notable ambassadors for your alma mater by continuing to build upon its reputation for excellence.

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We also ask that you always remember your college or school, former professors, and fellow and future Rebels in the coming years. We encourage you to engage with and give back to the university by supporting activities, programs, and scholarships, and keeping us updated on the many achievements you will experience in your careers and personal lives.

On behalf of the over 140,000 UNLV alumni, welcome to the Rebels Forever Family! We are committed to supporting you as Rebel Alumni and fostering a vibrant, lifelong relationship between you and UNLV.

With Rebel Pride,



Gabrielle Angle '10  
President, UNLV Alumni Association



Blake Douglas  
Executive Director, UNLV Alumni Association  
Associate Vice President, Alumni Engagement

