This is the official program for the December 2022 Commencement at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. It includes the names of students who have applied to graduate. Please note that participation in a commencement ceremony does not guarantee degree conferral. Degrees are conferred (granted) only when all requirements have been met and the final grades for a student’s final semester have been computed. Degrees are conferred and diplomas mailed during a 10-week period following the end of each semester.
Monday, December 19, 2022

4:00PM

Student and Dignitary Processional .............................................................................. UNLV Jazz Ensemble with Master of Ceremony Anthony Barone

Opening Remarks ........................................................................................................ Provost Christopher L. Heavey

Presentation of Colors ............................................................................................... UNLV Air Force & Army ROTC Honor Guards
Field Drummer Ryan N. Bond

National Anthem ........................................................................................................ Karol Avila, mezzo-soprano
The Star-Spangled Banner, accompanied by David Loeb, piano

UNLV Alma Mater .................................................................................................... UNLV Choral Ensemble and UNLV Symphony Orchestra
Joseph Svendsen and Thomas G. Leslie, Musical Directors

President’s Message .................................................................................................... President Keith E. Whitfield

Greetings .................................................................................................................. Nevada System of Higher Education

Recognition of Outstanding Graduates ....................................................................... President Whitfield

Student Commencement Speakers ............................................................................... Kathryn R. Henry, Maria D. Ramos Gonzalez

Class Profile ................................................................................................................ Provost Heavey

Conferring of Degrees ............................................................................................... President Whitfield

Readers ..................................................................................................................... UNLV College and School Deans;
Joe Ervin, Liz Jost, Gail Sammons, Jacob Thompson

Concluding Remarks .................................................................................................. President Whitfield

Recessional ................................................................................................................ UNLV Fight Song

Class Songs ................................................................................................................ My Head, My Heart by Eva Max
Levitating by Dua Lipa
Why the Bright Stars Glow by Valerie June
Happy & Sad by Kacey Musgraves
Younger Me by Brothers Osborne

Grand Marshal .......................................................................................................... Sara Jordan
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 Doernste, 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. Gavrilo, 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

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

Neiufi Iongi, 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 Multi-sited 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  

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 Chaeehee 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 UO2, UO3, and U3O8 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 (mPACT)

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  
Mechano-electrical 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/Latinx 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

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

Andrea Michelle Connolly, 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

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Oleksii Hamov, Performance  
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A Feasibility Study to Identify if the Induction of the Relationship-Based Care Program Enhance the Caring Skills of Registered Nurses?

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Kamberly Florence Gnadt, Urban Leadership
Kaelyn R. Griffin, Clinical Psychology
Cecelia Elizabeth Hanley, Urban Leadership
Margaret M. Hausbeck, Urban Leadership
Mariah Marie Hickman, Journalism & Media Studies
Starlet Hunter, Urban Leadership
Elizabeth Isaac, English
Martin J. Ivy, Urban Leadership
Michael John Javan, Urban Leadership
Kara Jones, Anthropology
Mason William Keeling, Urban Leadership
Sean Michael Kenny, Journalism & Media Studies
Skylar Lacy, Urban Leadership
Hergit Llenas, Hispanic Studies
Ashley Paige Lovell, Economics
Joseph Augusto Lozano, Urban Leadership
Paula A. Luna, Political Science
John Edward Magee, Economics
Alexandria Marie Martinez, Anthropology
Verena Mcfadden, Urban Leadership
Selene Maria Moreno, Political Science
Amanda L. Mraz, Clinical Psychology
Pishoi William Nassif, Economics
Cassidy Sierra Osborne-Butler, Urban Leadership
Yesica Placencia-Flores, Urban Leadership
Ashley Michelle Poston, Clinical Psychology
Brandon Ranuschio, Psychological and Brain Sciences
Michael Joseph Saladino, Urban Leadership
Jordyn Marian Sanders, Criminal Justice
Lindsay Elyse Seay, Urban Leadership
Rhiannon Nicole Soriano Smith, Psychological and Brain Sciences
Michelle N. Strong, Clinical Psychology
Bailey Maddison Way, Clinical Psychology
Maddison Sierra Westcott, Political Science
Autumn Rose Wyland, History

Master of Business Administration
Spencer E. Achiu, Business Administration
Aljene Nicole Ambos, Business Administration
Noah Azlan, Business Administration
Kyle Joseph Basarich, Business Administration
Christian Bishop, Business Administration
Jose J. Bobadilla, Business Administration
Michael A. Bos, Business Administration
Abby Elizabeth Burger, Business Administration
Shannon Marie Cain, Business Administration
Adam P. Calig, Business Administration
Alexander R. Calloway, Business Administration
Monica A. Chairez, Business Administration
Alexander Chan, Business Administration
April Chapman, Business Administration
Janet O. Cristobal, Business Administration
Adina Nicole Dalmeida, Business Administration
Meghan Elizabeth Fitzgibbons, Business Administration
Mike Allen Haeseker, Business Administration
Mackenzie Jones, Business Administration
Steven W. Junior II, Business Administration
Chandra Sekhar Kamineni, Business Administration
David Louis Kaminkow, Business Administration
Matthew Aaron Kaplan, Business Administration
Jonathan Kim, Business Administration
Craig Larkowski, Business Administration
Vanessa León, Business Administration
Yi Lin, Business Administration
Kira Lokhmatova, Business Administration
April J. Luna, Business Administration
Franchesta Marbury, Business Administration
Steven Mash, Business Administration
Chasen Tyler Mccormick, Business Administration
Christopher Joseph Melton, Business Administration
Stephanie Anne Mevius, Business Administration
Aaron Mihaljevich, Business Administration
William Lloyd Mullen, Business Administration
Edward James Nieves IV, Business Administration
Alexandra Nikolich, Business Administration
Shea Lynn Okamoto, Business Administration
Richard Allen Palenik II, Business Administration
Keith Thomas Robertson, Business Administration
Paul A. Russell, Business Administration
Jennifer Lynn Salgado, Business Administration
James Duncan Shorey Jr., Business Administration
Susil Sivaraman, Business Administration
Morgan Alexandra Starnes, Business Administration
Jill Tuley, Business Administration
Jennifer R. Turner, Business Administration
Joy Rebecca Valle, Business Administration  
Karla Lorena Vazquez, Business Administration  
Kevin Vock, Business Administration  
Alexis Victoria Whitmire, Business Administration  
Germain Hakan Williamson, Business Administration  
Tyler Wistisen, Business Administration  

Master of Education  
Katherine Anne Abrego, Curriculum & Instruction  
Ruben G. Alberts, Curriculum & Instruction  
Sarah Ashley Alleman, Special Education  
Leanne Alvarex, Special Education  
Deborah E. Khalil Amato, Special Education  
Karilee Ammons, Curriculum & Instruction  
Rachel Marie Andrus, Special Education  
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  
Samantha Tee Benesh, Special Education  
Facundo Bentancourt, Higher Education  
Anthony Boccia, Curriculum & Instruction  
Emma Jo Brass, Curriculum & Instruction  
Alexandra Isabel Candelario, Intercollegiate and Professional Sport Management  
Carla Oralia Cano, Early Childhood Education  
Victoria Andrea Carpenter, Curriculum & Instruction  
Thomas L. Carter, Curriculum & Instruction  
Stephanie Kuo Chen, Curriculum & Instruction  
Karson Anallyssa Chicvara, Curriculum & Instruction  
Keziah Chung, Special Education  
Christine Katherine Claiborne, Early Childhood Education  
Abigail Clarke, Early Childhood Education  
Sandra Renee Clarke, Counselor Education  
Meghan Taylor Copeland, Special Education  
Maxine Cupp, Curriculum & Instruction  
Mildred Dafnone, Curriculum & Instruction  
Caecon Daniell, Curriculum & Instruction  
Heather Danser, Curriculum & Instruction  
Kristal Dana Espiritu Dauz, Early Childhood Education  
Kayla Marie Davis, Special Education  
Noee Heather Dorsey, Special Education  

Carl I. Esteban, Special Education  
Bailey Aljah Evans, Higher Education  
Tanner Michael Farish, Special Education  
Kevin Paul Fischer, Special Education  
Joellen Fletcher, Special Education  
Sarah McKenzie Flood, Curriculum & Instruction  
Andrew Balatin Flores, Curriculum & Instruction  
Jimmie M. Flores, Curriculum & Instruction  
Patrick Ford Jr., Curriculum & Instruction  
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Brittany R. Gibson, Special Education  
James E. Green, Special Education  
Jossette Marie Griffin, Special Education  
Dana Marie Griffo, Curriculum & Instruction  
Kristi Leigh Hartz, Special Education  
Jordan Leann Hayden, Special Education  
Ashley Hoover, Special Education  
Sarah Rose Huber, Special Education  
Penelope M. Hyderkhan, Special Education  
Lakissia Denee Jackson, Special Education  
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Shelly Marie Johnson, Curriculum & Instruction  
Letitia E. Johnston, Curriculum & Instruction  
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Summaya Khan, Curriculum & Instruction  
Valerie Tai Jing Kim, Early Childhood Education  
Jasmin Cloe La Luz, Curriculum & Instruction  
Talitha Marie La Putt, Higher Education  
Michele Theresa LaFrance, Special Education  
Shirley Moon Lao, Curriculum & Instruction  
Giselle Leon, Early Childhood Education  
Brianna Lester, Higher Education  
Caroline Liendo, Curriculum & Instruction  
Krystal Danielle Baterna Limalima, Curriculum & Instruction  
Jazzymne Lizarraga-Valle, Curriculum & Instruction  
Londy Artet Madrigal, Curriculum & Instruction  
Bryan De Jesus Maldonado, Curriculum & Instruction  
Steve Anthony Maravillo, Curriculum & Instruction  
Roger Martinez, Curriculum & Instruction  
Katherine A. McDonald, Special Education  
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 Mieko 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
Steffh 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 Jorden 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. Diaz, 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 Ebronaut, Accounting
Elieh 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 Miszkowski, 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 Pirsooltan, 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. Whittlow, 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
Vctor Manuel Quintanilla Jr., Mechanical Engineering
Rithesh Shivuni, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Seung Ho Song, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Daniel Jesus Valdes, Electrical Engineering
Elisa Rovere, Kinesiology

Master of Science in Nursing
Martha Michelle Arbulario, 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
Katie 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 Merril, Nursing
Takyr 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
Keli Anne Pizzoferato, Social Work
Andre Proctor, Social Work
Gladys Iveth Santisteiban, 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 Poulson, 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
Chelynne 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 Gioriane 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

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**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 Jorden Platt
- Andrew Schwab
- Lindsay Elyse Seay
- Rachael Alexandra Thomas

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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 Bejinaru

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

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.
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