

About the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

The Greenspun College of Urban Affairs' mission is to promote community solutions and resilience. Students in the college learn the knowledge and skills to make a positive impact in their communities. The college's academic programs address community resiliency, mental health and social well-being, youth homelessness, crime and safety, storytelling, civic engagement, communication, collaboration, community engagement, leadership and public policy. The college's cutting-edge curriculum, research programs, and private-public partnerships prepare students with workforce skills necessary to ensure they are successful and ready for an adaptable, resilient, and dynamic workforce.

About University of Nevada, Las Vegas

UNLV is a doctoral-degree-granting institution of more than 30,000 students and nearly 4,000 faculty and staff that has earned the nation's highest recognition for both research and community engagement from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. UNLV offers a broad range of respected academic programs and is committed to recruiting and retaining top students and faculty, educating the region's diverse population and workforce, driving economic activity, and creating an academic health center for Southern Nevada. Learn more at unlv.edu.

Land Acknowledgment 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.

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Opening Remarks

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Awards Presentation

Department of Communications Studies

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School of Public Policy and Leadership

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Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Alumni Chapter Awards

Reception in the Greenspun Hall Lobby

Acknowledgements

Thank you to our donors and community partners
for their continued support.

In Memoriam

Anthony Paculan



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Tatiana Teresa Marshall



**In partnership with F.R.E.E. International, the Shepherds,
UNLV's Tourist Safety Institute, and Nevada State Police:**

The Greenspun College of Urban Affairs would like to thank the following students who volunteered to help locate missing youth earlier this year.

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Department of Communication Studies

Presented by Dr. Jeff Child, Chair

COM Undergraduate Awards

Outstanding Student Creative Communication Project Award

Ashley Grubbs

Communication Rising Star Award

Teagan Gittens

Daina Morris

David Henry Outstanding Student Writing Award

Camden Hanlon

2024-2025 Lambda Pi Eta Inductees

Nurene Canawati

Tania Merolla

Wendy Rein

COM Lab Coach of the Year

Rachel Wuester

COM Grad Student Awards

Misti Yang Outstanding Research Award

Rachel Wuester

Outstanding Teaching Award

Marilyn Nimmo

Outstanding Community Leadership Award

Dillon Brouwer

Department of Criminal Justice

Presented by Dr. Emil Bernick, Interim Chair

Dan Riley Scholarship

Amanda Alarcon

Elizabeth Castellanos

Maryssa Mckinley

Felipe Ortiz Scholarship in Criminal Justice

Abigayl Melody Juarez Martinez

Maryssa Mckinley

Stephanie Camacho

Jay Hahn Scholarship

Mackenzie Huntington

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award

Kaylee D. Faria

Hank Greenspun School of Journalism and Media Studies

Presented by Dr. Kevin Stoker, Director

Dorothy Mae Freischel Scholarship

Maile Palacios

Yaritzza Montenegro

Chloe Vidal

Hank Kovell Scholarship

Bryce Eckles

Donovan Hicks

Andreea Cretu

Ruthe V. Deskin Memorial Scholarship

Kylee Pearce

Marsalis Davis

Barbara Cloud Memorial Scholarship

Charlize Smith

Zoie Lam

Polly Gonzalez Memorial Scholarship

Diego Dominguez

Ned Day Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Lindsay

Greenspun Journalism Scholarship

Trevis Dampier

Ariana Sun

Maury Stevens Memorial Scholarship

James Sims

Tony Ferri Memorial Scholarship

Jason Beatty

School of Public Policy and Leadership

Presented by Dr. Jayce Farmer, Director

Infinity World Development Scholarship Award

Sandra Gallegos

James E. and Mary Dale Deacon Scholarship Award

Shanon Reiman

Environmental Public Affairs Scholarship Award

Almendra Johnson

Pat Goodall Scholarship

Gabriel Solorzano

Alumnus of the Year Award

Dr. Kristopher Sanchez

Graduate Teaching Award

Luis Varga

Best MPA Capstone Award

Capstone Evaluation Project:

Assessing The City of Tempe's Incentives Program

Erick Alcantar

Ollie Hernandez

Alexis Higgins

Scott Cool

The Community Impact Award-Urban Leadership

Project: Food Insecurity-Strategic Plan Task Force

Raven Brown

Abraham Gomez

Yolys Carrera

Kyla Crebs

School of Public Policy and Leadership Cont.

Presented by Dr. Jayce Farmer, Director

Pi Alpha Alpha Inductees–Public Administration Honor Society

Kathia Hernandez
Catherine Baker
Sara Rivero
Christopher Ruelas-Woods
Venus Carter-Ramirez
Sylvia Desire Nyesiga
Eddie Flores-Estrada
Sheetal Survase
Anne Savage

Upsilon Sigma Inductees–Urban Studies Honor Society

Rocio Adame*
Mariah Allen
Tracy Ankerfelt
Brenya Booth*
Andrew Cole*
Jennifer Finley*
Sandra Gallegos
Molly Hatty
Ly Huynh
Almendra Johnson
Stephanie Larry
Elijah Rodriguez
Craig Schisel
Lasharina Toler*
Jessica Vazquez
Cayla Walker
Kevin Willis

*Inducted in a previous year

School of Social Work

Presented by Dr. Christopher Stream, Interim Director

Bachelor of Social Work–Outstanding Field Student

Vivian Betts

Overall Outstanding Bachelor of Social Work Student

Danielle Webster

Master of Social Work – Outstanding Student Direct Practice Field Award

Angelina Tuenge

Overall Outstanding MSW Direct Practice Student

Danielle Bennett, MSW, JD

Spirit of Social Work Profession Award

Kristoffer Guetta, BSW

Christine Guardian, MSW

University Association of Social Work Students and National Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society Delta Chapter Leadership

Miranda Cameron: President

Jason “JD” Ogle: Vice President

Vania Jenny: Secretary/Social Media

Heather DeStefano: MSW Representative

Nathalie Ortega: BSW Representative

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Alumni Association 5 for 5 Alumni Scholarship Award

The Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Alumni Chapter sponsors the "5 for 5 Scholarship." The scholarship is awarded to five students in each of the college's five schools and departments.

Presented by Dean Robert Ulmer

Department of Communication Studies

Econia Mandefero

Department of Criminal Justice

Jimena Cabral

School of Journalism and Media Studies

Megan Roma

School of Public Policy and Leadership

Brandon Cofer

School of Social Work

Bryan Hernandez Araiza

Latin Honors

Presented by Dean Robert Ulmer

Bachelor of Arts

Erinn Harry
Camden Hanlon
Grant Heidmann
Kaitlyn Oasay
Joseph Middlebrook
Manuel Uribe
Victoria Cui
Eli Fladell
Jenna Walch
Jaden Robertson Polywoda
Tristann Ackermann
Yareth Rascon Rodriguez
Lynsey Fjelsted
Brenda Gonzalez
Kevin Kelly
Cassidy Lopez
Lee Luo
Tania Merolla
Petra Molina Ohlinger
Daravan Ratsamy
Oscar Cuevas
Jessica Ramirez Cisneros

Bachelor of Science

Tracy Ankerfelt
Craig Schisel
Kevin Willis

Latin Honors Cont.

Presented by Dean Robert Ulmer

Bachelor of Social Work

Samantha Keith

Lidia Larios

Vienna Lawrence

Nathalie Ortega

Danielle Webster