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Welcome to the Fall Semester!



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◆ ◆ ◆ One UNLV

Progress!

- Higher education continues to face headwinds
- UNLV in strong position, but not without challenges
- Like a cruise ship making its journey on rough waters
 - Federal policies and November election
 - Questioning value of higher education
 - More competition / demographic cliff
 - CCSD had 10,000 fewer students this fall
- Collaboration, communication, and engagement essential to success
- We are in the people development business!



Enrollment

- **33,629 students**—nearly matching last year and just short of a record
 - Graduate enrollment is **up by 12 students**
 - Undergraduate enrollment is **down by 72 students**
 - Full-time transfer students **down by 39 students**
 - Prof. Schools **down by 19 students** (KSOM +11, Dental - 2, Law -28)
- **Weighted student credit hours are up by 0.2%**
- UNLV remains well positioned compared with many peer institutions
- We are in the people development business!



Rebel Spark AI at UNLV

Sparking curiosity, creativity, and responsible AI innovation across UNLV

- Equitable Access
- Future-Ready Workforce
- Ethical and Transparent Foundation
- Operational Excellence
- Secure and Supported

Taking a “**Calm and Care**” approach

AI Forum

November 2nd
(on campus)



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Campus Engagement Events

Rebel Ready Week

- Great event to onboard freshmen
- Highest registration and highest attendance ever
- 700 participants online/4,500 in person

UNLV Premier

- 30th anniversary of event
- Great attendance and engagement
- Around 9,000 attendees

Inaugural Governor's Dinner

- Supporting our 500+ student athletes
- Amazing venue (Allegiant Stadium)
- Raised approx. \$600,000

UNLV Homecoming (Oct. 5–10)

- 60th anniversary
- Pep Rally Mon. | Oct. 5
- Homecoming Festival & Parade Wed. | Oct. 7
- Annual Alumni Awards
Fri. | Oct. 9
- Football game vs North Dakota State on Sat. | Oct. 10



Dec. 6 Memorial



- Beautiful conceptual design!
- Go, go, go!
- CMAR / RFP going out this week
- Community can donate to support memorial. UNLV is committed to ensuring completion of the memorial
- Third anniversary is this year
- Remembrance ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 6





UNLV Signature Projects

Marlow Early Childhood Education Campus

Grand opening held in August

Expansion of Lynn Bennett Early Childhood Education Center / preschool

Increases capacity by more than 35%

Supported by an anonymous \$12.5 million gift

Carnegie Classification for Sustainability

UNLV among the first 14 institutions to be awarded the national classification

Considers sustainability integration throughout an institution

Congratulations to Tara Pike, Facilities Management, and everyone involved

◆ Building Our Brand, Expanding Our Reach



New downtown presence
offering direct access to
UNLV resources

Strong support from
regents and Las Vegas
Mayor and UNLV alumna
Shelley Berkley

Civic
Plaza

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Partnership with Clark County on the Historic Westside Innovation Commons

UNLV's focus is the Microbusiness Park (office space, makerspace, small business support)

Advancing entrepreneurship



Historic
Westside

◆ Building Our Brand, Expanding Our Reach



Children's
Hospital

- Partnership with Intermountain Health
- Nevada's first stand-alone children's hospital
- Located in the UNLV / Harry Reid Research and Technology Park
- Groundbreaking coming soon!

Building Our Brand, Expanding Our Reach

High Performance Computational Center

\$5.5 million investment

- Advanced computation
- Artificial intelligence
- Cybersecurity research
- Large-scale fMRI data analysis

Expanding access to advanced computing capabilities across disciplines. Faculty / students can pursue complex, data-intensive research.

NSF Grant for Economic Development

UNLV is 1 of 8 universities nationwide selected for an NSF ART Track 2 award this year

\$6 million over four years

Will expand our capacity to move promising discoveries into real-world use

Campus culture of innovation

Larger impact beyond the award

Fundraising Numbers

\$77.3 million (FY26 total)

Up \$17 million over FY25 (\$60.3 million)

\$15.3 million raised YTD for FY27

On target for our FY27 goal of \$68 million



Academic Programming

Five new programs approved since June!

- B.S. Sport Hospitality Management — start term Fall 2026
- B.S. Children's Behavioral Health Psychology — start term Fall 2027
- Psy.D. Clinical Psychology — start term Fall 2027
- Ph.D. Business — start term Fall 2027
- Ph.D. Sport Science — start term Fall 2027

Plus an additional 8 new programs over the last two academic years!



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Civic Engagement

2027 Legislative Session

- Planning and preparation already under way
- Positioning UNLV to meet Nevada's evolving needs

November Election

- Early voting and general election polling sites on campus
- Free speech
- Staying true to our values and mission





Welcoming New Senior Leaders

- **Deanna Merino Contino** – President's Chief of Staff
- **Heather Torgersen** – Senior Advisor for External Affairs
- **Lakshmi Reddi** – Executive Vice President & Provost
- **Gabriela Cisneros** – Provost's Chief of Staff
- **Chris Viton** – VP Business Affairs & CFO
- **Kyle Ethelbah** – AVP for Institutional Engagement & Experience



LAKSHMI REDDI

Updates

from the

Provost





Priorities for AY 2026-27

Improving
Operational
Effectiveness

Supporting
Faculty and
Academic
Leaders

Strengthening
Interdisciplinary
Research and
Graduate
Education

Advancing
Academic
Innovation and
Collaboration

Enhancing
Communication and
Engagement





CHRIS VITON

Updates *from the* CFO





State Operating Budget

Outcomes of the 2025 session and weighted student credit hours (WSCH) growth resulted in investment in:

- Additional faculty lines
- Conversion of visiting faculty lines to permanent positions
- Facilities positions to support new buildings and increased square footage
- Hard funding for PTI and foundation-funded positions

Heading into the 2027 session, UNLV is again leading the state in WSCH growth



Legislative Priorities

Legislative session: February 1–May 31, 2027

UNLV's funding priorities align with broader system-wide themes:

- **Public safety and technology:** Police operating support, new positions, and cybersecurity infrastructure
- **Health care workforce:** Nursing, Graduate Medical Education, dental and behavioral health programs
- **Student success:** Basic-needs security and increased athletic scholarship support
- **Campus and community:** Operations and maintenance for new facilities, and support for Boyd Law to expand legal clinic capacity, the StepUp & StartUp internship program, and the NVForward educator apprenticeship program



◆ Capital Priorities & ◆ Deferred Maintenance

Deferred Maintenance

\$200 million in high-priority HVAC, roofing, and technology infrastructure projects

College of Fine Arts

\$10 million to plan and design a 74,000 SF replacement for Grant Hall

School of Nursing

\$12 million to plan and design an approx. 80,000 SF education center and clinic in the Las Vegas Medical District

Lee Business School

Additional funding and authority for the 131,000 SF building based on a revised project budget

◆ Wheeled Conveyance Infrastructure Enhancements

Campus feedback and reported incidents highlighted safety concerns involving pedestrians, bicycles, scooters, and other mobility devices

- Pilot improvements installed this summer include:
 - Designated lanes for wheeled devices
 - Restrictions on non-ADA electric devices inside buildings
 - Additional scooter parking racks
- A survey this fall will determine if the pilot should be expanded or modified
- In response to early feedback, alternative lane-marking materials are being evaluated to improve visibility and durability



Brussels Street Parking Garage

- Construction began in May, with opening anticipated in summer 2027
- 1,500 total spaces, adding **1,250 new** parking spaces to campus
- Rooftop solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations
- New, centrally located home for the UNLV Food Pantry





◆◆ Community Construction Projects

LAS Airport Connector Tunnel Pavement Project

Repaving will continue through December

Current impacts will remain in place throughout this time

Be aware of delays during busy times such as F1 and the National Finals Rodeo

Maryland Parkway Bus Rapid Transit Project

Work in front of UNLV expected to be completed by end of June 2027

Will continue to provide timely updates to campus

Milestone! Launch of the **Red line** service connecting Maryland and Shadow Lane campuses



KYLE ETHELBAH

Updates

from the

Associate Vice President for Institutional Engagement & Experience





About the Initiative

The Institutional Engagement & Experience (IEE) Initiative aims to support the development of a fair and values-driven culture where employees feel connected to UNLV's goals and supported in their work.

Vision

A connected, motivated, and high-performing university community working toward shared goals

Desired Outcomes

- Improved morale and retention
- Strengthened leadership capacity
- Enhanced communication and collaboration
- A fair, values-driven culture



Areas of Focus

- Facilitate and direct work of Institutional Engagement & Experience Council
- Resource support for collaboration and team building activities
- Professional development
- Employee Resource/Affinity Group administration and oversight
- Great Colleges to Work For administration

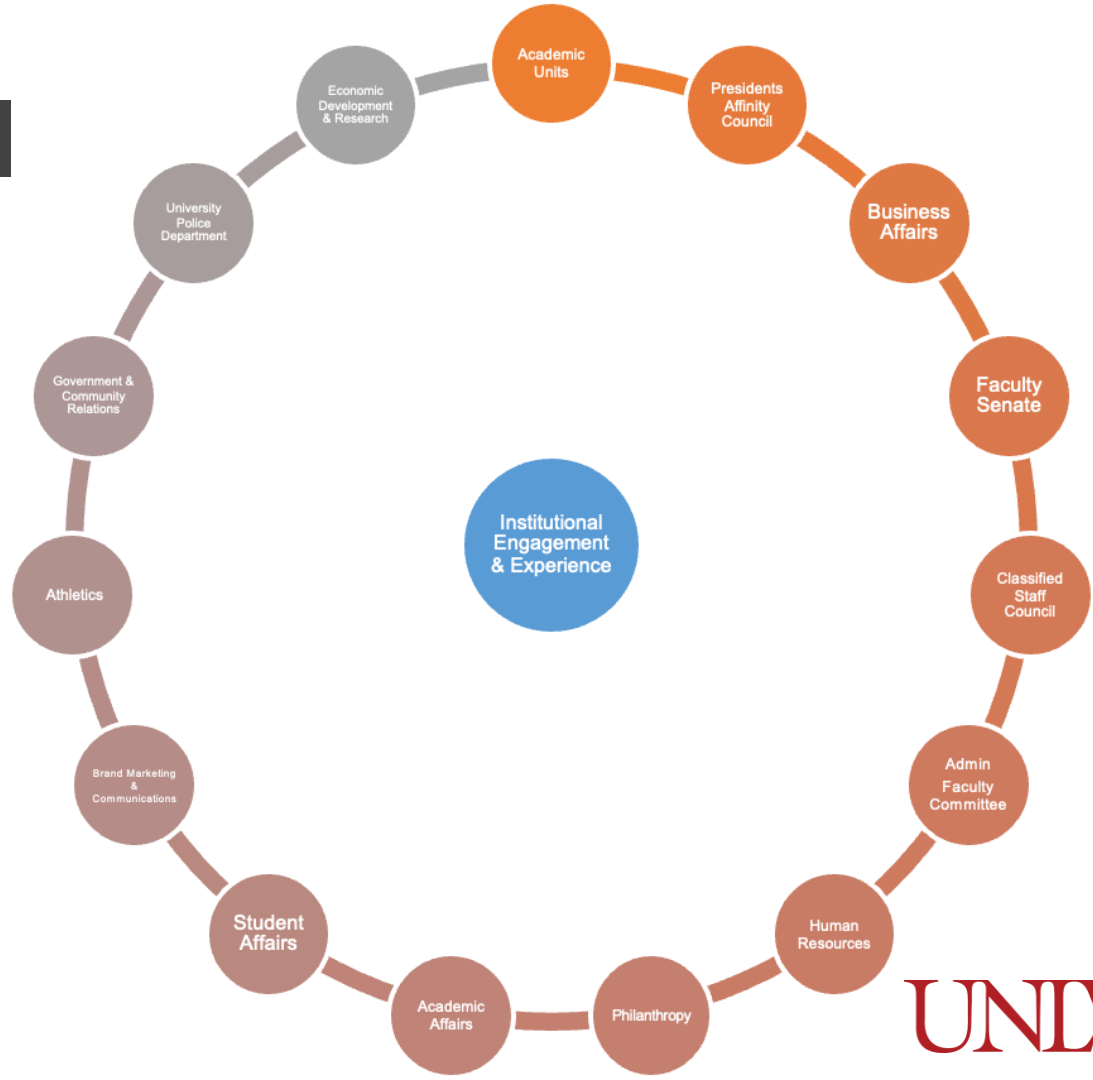




IEE Council

Engagement Council

Guidance and support for leaders through the Institutional Experience & Engagement Council (IEEC) to align and advance campus priorities





From your perspective, what is the best thing about UNLV?





MICHAEL KAGAN

Remarks *from the* Faculty Senate Chair



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CHRIS HEAVEY

Closing Remarks

from the

President





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