

# ED EXCHANGE

UNLV College of Education Student & Alumni Newsletter

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### Students:

It has been a year since the world shut down due to COVID-19. From the start of the pandemic, our goals were to provide assistance to you as we navigated the pandemic together. This newsletter, Ed Exchange, has been one forum to communicate with you and share what is happening in the College of Education.

We have shared many challenges this last year while facing obstacles unique to each of us. We are proud of each one of you for continuing your education during this unknown time, and of everything you have accomplished. UNLV has provided help to its students and continues to help through different programs. UNLV students facing an unexpected emergency situation have the ability to apply for grants up to \$500 once per academic year through the [Supporting Our Students \(S.O.S\) Emergency Relief Funds](#). If you are in need of support, please review the [eligibility requirements](#) and [apply online](#). The Office of Campus Life will review applications. Charles Schwab Bank generously provides funds for this grant program. UNLV continues to offer [counseling](#), [health services](#), and other support resources. If you are unsure how to access the services, please fill out this [help form](#). If you are in crisis, please reach out to the [UNLV Support Team](#).

We want to thank all healthcare workers, volunteers, and everyone who is keeping the world and UNLV safe.



# COE UPDATES

## Call for Applications-AACTE Holmes Scholars Program:

The UNLV College of Education (COE) participates in the AACTE Holmes Scholars Program as a member institution of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). The Holmes Scholars Program supports students who self-identify as racially and ethnically diverse and are pursuing graduate degrees in education. The program provides mentorship, scholarship, professional development, and networking opportunities for those interested in obtaining academic positions upon graduation. Apply by May 3, 2021. More information [HERE!](#)

**Study Lab:** College of Education will be offering a study lab in CEB 236 Monday-Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. Please remember to wear a mask at all times.

**Academic Advising:** The ESSC continues to operate remotely. If you need to contact our office, please call us at 702-895-1489 or 702-895-1537 to schedule an appointment with your advisor.

**Interested in gaining research experience?** If you are interested in the opportunity to become a student volunteer researcher contact our Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (ORSP) at orspcoe@unlv.edu. Please be sure to include your name and your research interest.

**UNLV RebelApps:** A new virtual computer labs service allows students remote access anytime and anywhere to more than 40 software titles available in UNLV computer labs at no cost. More information [HERE](#).

**Professional Development Discussion:** For the 2020- 2021 academic school year, the ORSP has devised virtual late lunch discussions. On Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, students will be able to discuss how to conduct research in the real world with their peers and professionals across disciplines. More information [HERE](#).

**Academic Success Center:** The ASC Tutoring program will continue operations using an online delivery model to support UNLV students. The same rules and student code of conduct apply. You can find more information on scheduling by visiting their website [HERE!](#)

# COVID-19 UPDATE

UNLV COVID-19 Update  
<https://www.unlv.edu/coronavirus>

## COVID-19 Vaccine:

The State of Nevada is providing COVID-19 vaccines to faculty, staff and students within the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) to restore continuity of higher education.

Vaccination is being led by staff and volunteers from UNLV Medicine, UNLV School of Nursing, and nursing programs at CSN and Nevada State College.

Vaccinations will be distributed as defined by the [State of Nevada's latest vaccine playbook](#).

To view FAQ about the vaccine, visit <https://www.unlv.edu/coronavirus/vaccine/faq>.

## COVID-19 Testing:

Stan Fulton Building  
801 East Flamingo Road  
Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.

More information on testing at <https://www.unlv.edu/coronavirus/testing>.



# Q IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Former Rebel Football player Max Johnson always had a passion for education. Raised in Southern California, Max chose to attend UNLV to pursue his Bachelor's Degree in Human Services. Shortly after receiving his degree, Max stayed in Southern Nevada and received his Master of Education in School Counseling. Max is currently a school counselor and assistant varsity football coach at Green Valley High School. While he isn't coaching football, he enjoys golf and playing basketball.

Max says that he has always had a passion to work with individuals in the education setting. "During my undergraduate program, I interned with a non-profit organization called Communities in Schools, which led to a full-time position after finishing my degree. It was an eye-opening experience that motivated me to pursue my Master's degree in School Counseling," says Max. Max explains how during his internship he was able to provide direct and indirect services for the schools' at-risk populations. "After being a site coordinator for one year, I decided to further my education and start the next journey of becoming a school counselor. Communities in Schools played a huge role in where I am today," says Max.

While a graduate student, he worked for two years as a Graduate Assistant in the Education Student Services Center. "As a graduate assistant for the Education Student Services Center, I was able to work with undergraduate students in the COE by developing their course scheduling as well as advising. I also was involved in academic/recruiting events to promote the climate of the COE," says Max. Max says that his favorite moment while attending UNLV was beating UNR in 2013 and taking back the Fremont Cannon. "Seeing the cannon being painted Scarlet and Gray on campus after 9 long years was a special moment for the university," he says.

Max's favorite thing about working with high school students is being able to facilitate their growth as they prepare for their future endeavors. "It's a very exciting/stressful time in their lives, but to provide a positive impact for a student is always rewarding." Like many educators, Max felt it was a challenge to connect with students in a virtual setting when the COVID-19 pandemic first began. "COVID-19 exposed many flaws in our educational system, but I do believe the pandemic has shed light on the amazing work our educators do day in and day out," says Max.

# VOLUNTEER

## CHECK OUT THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

### TRAUMA INTERVENTION PROGRAM (TIP) OF SOUTHERN NEVADA:

TIP of Southern Nevada is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving individuals suffering from emotional trauma due to emergency situations. Volunteers are called to emergency scenes to provide emotional and practical support to family members, witnesses, and other bystanders directly on-scene, during the investigation process. Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

### DRESS FOR SUCCESS SOUTHERN NEVADA:

Dress for Success empowers women to achieve economic independence, build careers and become self-sufficient. They serve women looking to find employment by providing professional attire, a network of support, and career development tools. Volunteers can serve as image consultants, boutique assistants, and assist with event planning and marketing. Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

### THREE SQUARE:

Three Square provides wholesome food to hungry people, while passionately pursuing a hunger free community. This non-profit organization combines food banking (warehousing canned and boxed goods), food rescue (obtaining surplus or unused meats, bread, dairy and produce from hospitality and grocery outlets) and ready-to-eat meals to be the most complete food solution for Southern Nevada. Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

### DISCOVERY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM:

DISCOVERY collaborates with community partners to identify innovative ways to provide socially distanced STEAM education, literacy lessons, and wrap-around services for students from underperforming, Title I schools while they are closed due to COVID-19. Volunteers work in 4-hour shifts and a background check is required. Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

### NEVADA PARTNERSHIP FOR HOMELESS YOUTH (NPHY):

The Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY) works to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of homelessness youth in our community by providing life-saving resources. Volunteers can serve as translators, host virtual classes, orientations, social events, create hygiene kits, and more. Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

### UNLV PROJECT F.O.C.U.S.:

Project F.O.C.U.S. at UNLV provides a post-secondary education program that focuses on inclusive academics, employment, and independent living for college students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Volunteers assist by providing inclusive opportunities for students to socialize and interact with the UNLV community. Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF CHARITIES:

Ronald McDonald House of Charities is a foundation for children that establishes support programs to improve the health, education, and well-being of children within the Las Vegas community. Volunteer opportunities include hosting virtual events, delivery drivers, decorating care packages, and more! Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

### THE CHILDREN'S CABINET:

The Children's Cabinet offers programs and services for children, including crisis intervention, case management, academic support, tutoring, transitional living, mentoring, parenting classes, child care resource and referral assistance, and free family counseling. Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

### THE GARDEN FOUNDATION:

The Garden Foundation empowers individuals with special needs to reach their full potential by providing programs that encourage them to learn, grow, socialize, explore, be independent, and have fun! Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

### HELPING HANDS OF VEGAS VALLEY:

The Helping Hands of Vegas Valley provides no-cost services to senior citizens whose earnings are below the federal poverty level. Volunteers can enrich the lives of senior citizens by delivering meals, providing transportation to medical appointments, coordinating food drives, and supporting the central office with administrative duties. Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

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## PROJECT REAL:

Project REAL is a non-profit organization that aims to educate K-12 students on the importance of understanding their social responsibilities and rights. Volunteers can serve as office assistants, lead courthouse field trips, host mock trials, and grant writing. Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

## CCSD STAY IN SCHOOL MENTORING PROJECT:

THE STAY IN SCHOOL MENTORING PROJECT MATCHES COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS WITH CCSD K-12 STUDENTS WHO ARE AT RISK OF DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL AND NEED A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL, GUIDANCE, AND SUPPORT TO HELP THEM BE SUCCESSFUL. LEARN MORE AND APPLY [HERE!](#)

## THE RAPE CRISIS CENTER:

The focus of The Rape Crisis Center is to support victims in the immediate aftermath and long-term recovery following sexual abuse and assault. Volunteers must be 21 years of age or older and assist with advocacy to callers on the hotline, crisis intervention to individuals at University Medical Center (UMC), informing clients of medical and criminal justice procedures, community resource referrals, making reports to Child Protective Services and/or Law Enforcement as required by Mandated Reporting Laws and Procedures. Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

## THE CUPCAKE GIRLS:

The Cupcake Girls provide support to victims of sex trafficking and the sex industry through outreach, case management, and resource referrals. Volunteers can assist with counseling services, advocacy, marketing, event hosting, administrative office work, and much more! Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SOUTHERN NEVADA:

Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada offers interactive lessons that help K-12 students discover and apply entrepreneurship, work readiness, and financial literacy concepts and skills — all taught by volunteers like YOU! Learn more and apply [HERE!](#)

# STUDENT & ALUMNI ACCOLADES

**Marcela Rodriguez-Campo** is a Teaching and Learning student that published the article “Testimonio in Education” in the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Education. The article explores the historical origins and functions of testimonio in order to understand how it has been adopted within educational settings as a pedagogy and method for decolonial work. Read the article [HERE](#).

**Norma A. Marrun, De’Ana Mauldin and Christine Clark** are part of the Teaching and Learning Department, along with **Tara J. Plachowski**, ’19 Ph.D Teacher Education, published “Teachers Don’t Really Encourage It”: A Critical Race Theory Analysis of High School Students’ of Color Perceptions of the Teaching Professions,” in *Multicultural Education Review*. Marrun, Mauldin, and Clark all are affiliated with the Cultural Studies, International Education, and Multicultural Education program. Mauldin is a doctoral student. Plachowski is with Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity. Read the article [HERE](#).

**Alfred Acquah** is a Teaching and Learning student that published a peer-reviewed article on “Higher Education Finance Between Ghana and the United States” in the journal *Current Issues of Comparative Education*. The paper comparatively analyzes the higher education funding sources in Ghana and the U.S., considering both countries’ goals for higher education, enrollment, and expenditures. Read the article [HERE](#).

**We are proud of our Rebel students! Help us get the good news out about your accomplishments. Submit Accomplishments [HERE](#).**

# SCHOLARSHIPS

The College of Education has eleven scholarships posted with the deadline of April 2, 2021. For more information [HERE!](#)

## **AGNES JONES JACKSON NAACP SCHOLARSHIP OPENS: APRIL**

For NAACP members under the age of 25. Open to graduate and undergraduate students. For more information [HERE!](#)

## **JAMES WELDON JOHNSON NAACP SCHOLARSHIP OPENS: APRIL**

Essay about the life and legacy of James Weldon Johnson or an analysis of his poem turned song, "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

For undergrads 25 years and younger. For more information [HERE!](#)

## **STUDY.CON PRAXIS EXAM SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: APRIL 1**

\$200, \$300, and \$500 awards toward Praxis teacher licensing exams! For more information [HERE!](#)

## **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT FUND DEADLINE: APRIL 2021**

Various awards with a centralized application for graduate and undergraduate students. The fund's objective is to provide financial assistance for higher education ambitions. For more information [HERE!](#)

## **NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION JACK KINNAMAN SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: APRIL 15**

NEA aspiring educators scholarship for future teachers provided by devoted former teacher, Jack Kinnaman. For more information [HERE!](#)

## **UNLV HIXSON LIED SUCCESS SCHOLARS DEADLINE: APRIL 19**

Scholars join a supportive cohort within UNLV's Academic Success Center (ASC) where they engage in academic and professional development while serving their peers on campus. For more information [HERE!](#)

## **AMERICA FIRST CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: APRIL 30**

Ten \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students at two- and four-year technical colleges or universities who share our passion for helping others. For more information [HERE!](#)

## **AFCEA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION RALPH W. SCHRADER GRADUATE DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: APRIL 30**

For women and minority Graduate students enrolled full-time. Must at least be within their second semester. Best suited for Secondary Ed majors with STEM teaching fields! For more information [HERE!](#)

## **NCTM MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: MAY 1**

For college Juniors pursuing a career goal of becoming a certified teacher of middle school mathematics. For more information [HERE](#) and apply [HERE!](#)

## **NCTM PROSPECTIVE 7-12 SECONDARY TEACHER COURSE WORK SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: MAY 1**

Large award for undergraduate Sophomores pursuing a career goal of becoming a certified teacher of secondary school mathematics. For more information [HERE](#) and apply [HERE!](#)

## **NCTM PROSPECTIVE MATH TEACHER CONFERENCE AWARDS DEADLINE: MAY 1**

Scholarship for full-time undergraduate or graduate student who committed to teaching mathematics in grades Pre-K-12. For more information [HERE](#) and apply [HERE!](#)

## **AACTE HOLMES SCHOLARS PROGRAM DEADLINE: MAY 3**

The Holmes Scholars Program supports students who self-identify as racially and ethnically diverse and are pursuing graduate degrees in education. For more information [HERE](#).

For more scholarships, visit <https://www.unlv.edu/finaid/scholarship> and [HERE!](#)



# EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION EVENTS

RSVP required for College events. For ESSC events, visit <https://www.unlv.edu/education/essc> for more information and registration details.

4/9: 'ED' TALK Watch Party + Discussion- 12 pm to 1:30 pm via Zoom

4/9: Spring Scholarship Shop- 2 pm to 3:30 pm via Zoom

4/9: Movie Night Social- hosted by Rebel Educators- 6 pm to 8 pm via Teleparty

4/13: Mindfulness Practice- hosted by Rebel Educators- 4 pm to 5 pm via Google Meet

4/16: ARL Information Session- 10 am via Zoom

4/22: Round Table: Professionals in the Education/HMS field- hosted by Rebel Educators- 6 pm to 7:30 pm via Zoom

4/24: ARL/TFA NDE 101- 4 pm via Zoom

4/28: Final Study Group- (Freshman Only)- 4 pm to 6 pm via Zoom

4/28: CCSD/UNLV Virtual Hiring Fair- 10 am to 2 pm

4/30: PALS Year End Celebration- (PALS Mentors and Mentees Only)- 4:30 pm to 6 pm via Zoom

Visit [unlv.edu/education](http://unlv.edu/education) to view the College calendar.

## GRADUATE COLLEGE EVENTS

4/2: The Grad Academy Information Session- 4 pm to 5 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/6: Managing Debt and Financing Your Graduate Education- 3 pm to 4 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/6: Grad School 101 & Paying for Grad School- 5 pm to 7 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/8: UNLV Graduate School Applications 201- 5 pm to 7 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/13: Virtual Drop-In Session- 5 pm to 6 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/19: Grad School 101 & Paying for Grad School- 1 pm to 3 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/21: UNLV Graduates School Applications 201- 1 pm to 3 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

Visit [unlv.edu/graduatecollege](http://unlv.edu/graduatecollege) to view the Graduate College calendar.

## ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY EVENTS

4/1: Black Students Matter- 12 pm to 1 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/2: Writing Workshop- 11 am to 3 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/5: Summer Session 2021: Open Enrollment- All Day. More information [HERE!](#)

4/5: Ask for Directions: How to Communicate Effectively- 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/5: Master Class with Dr. Wendy Osefo: Power, Politics, and Policy in Education- 6 pm to 7:15 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/6: Ask for Directions: How to Communicate Effectively- 11:30 pm to 12:30 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

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4/6: Graduate School: What You Should Know in Your Junior Year- 1 pm to 2:15 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/6: Managing Debt and Financing Your Graduate Education- 3 pm to 4 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/7: Get 'Cha Money Right- 3 pm to 5 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/7: Brushes & Beverages Virtual Paint Night- 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/8: Rebels After Dark- 9 pm to April 9th at 12 am. More information [HERE!](#)

4/10: Rebel Preview: Major Exploration- 10 am to 3 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/12: Health Info For You & Your Family- 3 pm to 4 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/13: Fuel Up: Revisiting Goals & Taking Care of Yourself- 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/13: Virtual Drop-In Session- 5 pm to 6 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/14: Are You Research Ready for Graduate School? What to Expect- 1 pm to 2 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/15: Black Students Matter- 12 pm to 1 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/19: Enjoy Your Trip: How to Manage Your Money- 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/22: Black Students Matter- 12 pm to 1 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

4/26: Women's Council- Wellness Wednesday's Mediation Mondays- 12 pm to 12:30 pm. More information [HERE!](#)

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