

A Message from the President and Provost

Congratulations to our administrative and academic faculty who have reached significant milestones for years of full-time service at UNLV. You are vital to our success as a leading higher education institution.

We value your dedication to UNLV, our students, and our community.

This year, we recognize more than 130 individuals with 10 years, 20 years, 30 years, and 40 or more years of service. We are also honoring 10 of our longest-serving faculty, whose time at UNLV ranges from 41 years to 54 years! This level of commitment is rare and admirable.

You have all played a part in helping thousands of students lay foundations for prosperous and meaningful careers and vocations that enrich our culture, sustain our economy and improve our wellbeing.

You have mentored many others who will follow in your footsteps.

Your teaching, vision, service, and community contributions have strengthened and elevated our university to rank among the top 3 percent of research institutions in the country.

Doug Unger, an English professor, for instance, joined us 30 years ago to co-found a new graduate program – the Creative Writing International program. But his contributions to the UNLV community have reached well beyond the classroom. He has long advocated for employee health benefits and serves as a Senior Senator on the Faculty Senate.

Service to the community for Christina Demopoulos, celebrating 20 years as an associate professor in the School of Dental Medicine, has been integral to her with students. As she tells it, her work in the community has given her the opportunity to help people understand the importance of oral health, even if they have difficulty accessing other health-related services.

As the largest urban research institution in Nevada, UNLV is uniquely positioned for research that touches on growth, urban affairs, transportation, technology and how these all

intersect. So, we're pleased to recognize faculty like Dan Bubb, an associate professor-in-residence in the Honors College, who for the past 10 years has taught students about "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." His summer courses involve working with thoughtful and creative students alongside accomplished scholars, touring airfields and delving into the significant role airports play within the life of a major city like Las Vegas.

Everyone receiving a service award is important and deserving of acknowledgment. You are the people we count on for encouragement and wisdom essential for our progress.

It is also important to recognize the legacies of our colleagues who have passed away this year. Among them is Robert Lang, a powerful advocate for UNLV and the role of higher education in Southern Nevada. He led the Lincy Institute and Brookings Mountain West, two public policy research centers that focus on the critical issues facing our community. UNLV has lost 13 faculty members who each made significant contributions to their fields and to the university. We can continue to honor them by visiting the [In Memoriam](#) tribute.

Together you have helped us rise to the challenges of the day. Your steadfast support, guidance and expertise have fueled our perseverance. We look forward to continuing our work together through many more decades of progress and breakthroughs.

Thank you!



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