The William A. Zamboni, MD, Endowed Chair in Plastic Surgery
UNLV School of Medicine
Proposal

The Need for the UNLV School of Medicine
Las Vegas is the largest urban area in the U.S. without an allopathic public medical school and does not have enough physicians to provide access to quality health care for its citizens.

Nevada ranks 38th in the nation in overall state health capacity and 45th in the nation in the number of physicians per capita. This problem is compounded in southern Nevada, where 72 percent of all residents in the state reside. The region lacks a robust health care infrastructure and health care practitioners to support its needs.

In 2014, the Lincy Institute commissioned a report by Tripp Umbach on the “Economic Impact of Medical Education Expansion in Nevada” that illustrated Nevada’s physician shortage is among the worst in the US, ranking 46th of 50 states. In terms of the quality of care in 306 large metropolitan areas, Las Vegas ranked in the bottom fifteen percent in prevention, treatment and access.

Why Academic Medicine Is Important to Las Vegas
Having an accredited, community-based public medical school with robust residency training programs in Las Vegas will help educate future physicians for our community and improve access to care. Academic medical centers also attract and retain high quality physicians who want to keep their skill sets at the highest level so they can better teach the next generation of physicians and/or advance research.

About the UNLV School of Medicine & Recent Milestones
The UNLV School of Medicine was officially established on August 22, 2014 when the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Board of Regents approved submission of a two-year budget of $27 million to Gov. Brian Sandoval and the Nevada Legislature. In May 2015, the legislature approved the budget for the UNLV School of Medicine for fiscal years 2016-2017. The funds will cover the cost of hiring the school’s academic and clinical faculty, administrative staff and consultants and supporting curriculum development and operations -- all essential items to keep the school on track to welcome students in August 2017.
The medical school will submit its preliminary accreditation application to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) in December, 2015 and anticipates a site visit by the accrediting body next spring. The goal is to secure preliminary approval to accept medical student applications in the fall of 2016 and enroll the first medical school class of 60 students in August 2017.

Through a very successful scholarship campaign last spring, the UNLV School of Medicine raised $13.5 million in private gifts to offer four-year tuition scholarships to all 60 of its inaugural class and 25 each to the next three consecutive classes.

The leadership team has also selected the architects for the new medical education building. A site will be selected in 2016. In the interim, UNLV will utilize space at the UNLV Shadow Lane campus and at facilities in the Las Vegas Medical District near University Medical Center (UMC), one of its teaching hospitals.

In addition, the UNLV School of Medicine is working closely with the NSHE Board of Regents and the University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM) dean to ensure a smooth transfer of the UNSOM faculty, residency and fellowship programs to the UNLV School of Medicine by July 2017.

**Educating Physicians for Tomorrow’s Medicine**

The UNLV School of Medicine’s curriculum will produce physicians who are highly skilled, compassionate, and culturally competent. Its students will spend their time engaged in southern Nevada’s health care system — not lecture halls. Students will have hands-on experience with cutting-edge technology, such as virtual anatomy and point-of-care ultrasound, as well as learning the importance of incorporating active listening, empathy, and compassion when delivering care. When these medical students graduate from the UNLV School of Medicine, they will be competent in all aspects of patient care. They will have the grit to go where their patients are physically, medically, and emotionally, and to any setting — from urban Las Vegas, to frontier Nevada to provide the highest quality care. For more information about the school’s distinctive curriculum, please see the enclosed “Our Curriculum” fact sheet.

**The Importance of Endowed Faculty Support**

Named endowed chairs and professorships represent the hallmark of an exceptional academic institution. A named, endowed chair or professorship enhances an academic institution’s ability to recruit and retain outstanding faculty. In the case of the UNLV School of Medicine, creating an endowed chair in plastic surgery would enable the dean to recruit a notable physician-leader, one who has a passion for educating the next generation of plastic surgeons while setting a high standard in his or her clinical practice and research. It would also provide ongoing resources to the endowed chair to build and advance the UNLV School of Medicine Department of Plastic Surgery across its four primary functions of medical education, residency and fellowship training, clinical practice, and research. Given declining state funding across public, allopathic medical schools nationwide, faculty endowments provide the margin of excellence for faculty leaders to invest in their programs, faculty, students and research.
HONORING A GREAT LEADER IN PLASTIC SURGERY

William A. Zamboni, MD, former chair of the Department of Surgery at UNSOM, spent the past 21 years building leading plastic surgery and surgery clinical practices, teaching, and research programs within UNSOM. Throughout his renowned career, he dreamed of having a school of medicine based in Las Vegas, one that would build and sustain an outstanding Department of Plastic Surgery. While his career was cut short by his early passing, his wife, Mrs. Karen L. Zamboni, and many of his professional colleagues and former residents throughout the country, wish to create a lasting legacy in his memory by creating the William A. Zamboni, MD, Endowed Chair in Plastic Surgery. By doing so, donors will be honoring a revered leader while ensuring success and excellence in medical education, residency and fellowship training, clinical practice, and research within the UNLV School of Medicine Department of Plastic Surgery.

SELECTION OF THE WILLIAM A. ZAMBONI, MD, ENDEOVED CHAIR IN PLASTIC SURGERY
The William A. Zamboni, MD, Endowed Chair in Plastic Surgery will support an outstanding physician leader within the Department of Plastic Surgery at the UNLV School of Medicine. The chair of the Department of Plastic Surgery is eligible to receive the appointment but will not automatically receive it. The dean of the UNLV School of Medicine will appoint the chair after a formal selection process and the appointment duration will follow the UNLV School of Medicine’s guidelines for endowed faculty appointments.

HOW THE FUNDS WILL BE USED
The William A. Zamboni, MD, Endowed Chair in Plastic Surgery will have broad discretion to use the funds generated by the endowment to develop the Department of Plastic Surgery. The chair will meet annually with the UNLV School of Medicine dean and the chair of the Department of Plastic Surgery, if he or she is not the department chair, to review the prior year’s spending and to set spending priorities for the coming year.

Funds can be used but are not limited to the following:

- Faculty recruitment costs, salaries, stipends, and start-up packages.
- Bridge or pilot research projects
- Faculty and staff development costs
- Professional travel, conference attendance and costs of publication
- Curriculum development including protected time for teaching and / or research
- Clerkship, residency, and fellowship program development
- Equipment, supplies, and operating costs

Please note, initially, the funds may be used to recruit a talented, new department chair for the Department of Plastic Surgery, an effort overseen by the dean.

HOW AN ENDOWMENT WORKS
The corpus or principal of the endowment is invested in the endowment pool of the UNLV Foundation, which is managed by professional investment counsel, Callan & Associates, a firm selected and overseen by the UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees. The goal is to grow the market value of the endowment over the long-term so that it may provide resources to the endowed chair in
perpetuity. Each year, the UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees determines an annual payout based on the endowment pool’s performance. In fiscal year 2016, the annual payout will be 3.5% of the market value of the endowment.

**MINIMUM NEEDED FOR AN ENDOWED CHAIR AT THE UNLV SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**
- $2,000,000

**APPROXIMATE, INITIAL ANNUAL PAYOUT FROM THE ENDOWMENT**
- 3.5 percent or $70,000

**CONTINGENCY PLAN IF THE GOAL OF $2 MILLION IS NOT MET**
If, after five years, the goal of $2 million is not yet met, the endowment will be renamed as follows:
- If $1 million to just under $2 million is raised:
  - The Dr. William A. Zamboni, MD, Endowed Professorship in Plastic Surgery at the UNLV School of Medicine
- If $500,000 to just under $1 million is raised:
  - The Dr. William A. Zamboni, MD Endowed Senior Faculty Fellowship in Plastic Surgery at the UNLV School of Medicine
- If $250,000 to just under $500,000 is raised:
  - The Dr. William A. Zamboni, MD Endowed Faculty Fellowship in Plastic Surgery at the UNLV School of Medicine
- If over $30,000 but under $250,000 is raised:
  - The Dr. William A. Zamboni, MD, Endowment for Excellence in Plastic Surgery at the UNLV School of Medicine

**HOW TO SUPPORT THE ENDOWMENT**
- Make checks payable to: UNLV Foundation
- In the memo section of the check, please note: William A. Zamboni, MD, Endowed Chair in Plastic Surgery at UNLV SOM or note the following Account #: 002-320665-000.
- Complete the Gift Response Form and mail your gift and form to the following address:
  Attention: Ms. Jeffrie L. Jones
  Director of Development
  UNLV School of Medicine
  4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Box 453070
  Las Vegas, NV 89154-3070
- To make a gift online, please go to: [https://netcommunity.unlv.edu/school-of-medicine-zamboni](https://netcommunity.unlv.edu/school-of-medicine-zamboni)

**ABOUT THE UNLV FOUNDATION**
The University of Nevada, Las Vegas Foundation is a nonprofit organization that raises and manages private funds for the benefit of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. These funds enhance the quality of the University and strengthen its missions of teaching, research, and public service. The Tax ID # for the UNLV Foundation is 94-2790134.

**QUESTIONS?**
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