UNLV Community Engagement

Supporting, facilitating, and promoting collaboration and partnership
An Invitation to Engage

At UNLV, we consider partnership to be integral to the success of both our campus and our community. The UNLV Office of Community Engagement was created for this reason — to help support, facilitate, and promote collaboration, partnership, and engagement between the university and its many communities.

We are dedicated to building university infrastructure supporting community engagement as well, from policy development to data collection to strategic planning, all with the goal of advancing the university’s partnership goals.

The Office of Community Engagement is also the proud steward of the university’s Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement, a national distinction signifying UNLV’s exemplary community engagement practices. We thank our campus and community partners who helped us achieve this honor.

We are grateful to our partners for their trust and support, and we look forward to fostering greater collaboration and partnership in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
Sue DiBella, Interim Executive Director
UNLV Office of Community Engagement
UNLV’s Top Tier strategic planning effort identified seven goals for the institution’s development of community partnership and engagement:

- Gain community support for student opportunities
- Engage with the community to support economic development
- Invite the community to advance development and fundraising
- Engage with partners to help build intellectual and cultural vitality in the community
- Build relationships through and invite support of athletics
- Help solve community problems
- Encourage and facilitate greater community engagement

“At UNLV, engagement with our community is integral to our mission. This means that virtually everyone on campus is involved in our community in some way: Our students participate in internships and volunteering, our research helps solve community problems, and our public-private partnerships strengthen the area’s economic development. These collaborations build our capacity, help us educate our students, and improve quality of life in Southern Nevada.”

**DR. MARTA MEANA,** President, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Something for Everyone

Virtually every unit, department, and group on the UNLV campus is involved in community engagement in some way. Below are just a few of the entities on campus that offer education, services, activities, or other engagement opportunities.

- Barrick Museum
- Black Mountain Institute
- Cannon Survey Center
- Career Services
- Center for Academic Enrichment and Outreach
- Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery
- KUNV 91.5 The Source
- The Lincy Institute
- The Lynn Bennett Early Childhood Education Center
- Division of Educational Outreach
- Nonprofit, Community, and Leadership Initiative
- Office of Economic Development
- Office of Student Engagement
- Office of Undergraduate Research
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- Performing Arts Center
- THE PRACTICE (Community Mental Health Clinic)
- UNLV Medicine Clinics
- School of Dental Medicine Clinics
- Small Business Development Center
- Thomas & Mack Legal Clinics
- University Forum Lecture Series
- UNLV Alumni Association
- UNLV Athletics
- UNLV Center for Entrepreneurship
- UNLV Foundation
- UNLV Libraries

For Students

Students have a variety of opportunities to engage with the community through service-learning, research, volunteering, internships, and participation in other real-world experiences. They can access these experiences in multiple ways, including through:

- Faculty-led Projects
- Office of Undergraduate Research
- Graduate College
- Academic Departments
- Student Engagement
- Student Clubs and Organizations
- UNLVVolunteers
- Alternative Break Trips
- Service Events
- Service-Learning Courses

“As a UNLV alum, I’m proud of the incredible partnerships the RTC has forged with this distinguished university. Our continued collaboration on projects such as the University Transit Pass program, the UNLV Transit Center, and the upcoming re-design of Maryland Parkway will not only enhance campus and community connectivity for students and faculty, but also accomplish our mutual goals of providing access to jobs and higher education, supporting economic growth, and driving the establishment of safe, sustainable communities in Southern Nevada.”

M. J. MAYNARD, CEO, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC)
For Members of the Community

Opportunities to connect with UNLV are abundant. While there are many more ways to engage than those listed, a sampling of options is listed below:

- **Hire an Intern or a UNLV Graduate** — UNLV’s Career Services assists employers in hiring UNLV grads and interns, and offers resources and support to students and alumni through all stages of their career development.

- **Network or Be a Mentor** — “UNLV Connect” is an app that enables you to use LinkedIn or Facebook to sign up for networking and other options through the UNLV Alumni Relations Office. Or contact the UNLV Alumni Association to explore ways to reconnect.

- **Take a Class** — Whether for personal enjoyment, professional development, or credit, incredible learning opportunities are available at UNLV. Options can be found in our online course catalogs or through our Division of Educational Outreach.

- **Partner to Conduct Research** — Does your company or nonprofit need analysis by one or more of our experts? Research may be in order! Consider hiring a Community Graduate Research Assistant through the Graduate College or speak with our Office of Economic Development. University experts can conduct community-based and/or private-industry-sponsored research. Check out the wide range of UNLV experts through UNLV Research Match, a key-word search engine containing faculty research expertise.

- **Collaborate Through Service Learning** — Organizations may want to consider partnering with faculty to build a community project into the curriculum of a course.

- **Take Advantage of Intellectual Enrichment or Entertainment Opportunities** — UNLV hosts dozens of lectures, exhibitions, performances, games, and other events each year. Explore offerings at the Performing Arts Center, the Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, the Barrick Museum, UNLV Athletics, the Black Mountain Institute, and the UNLV Libraries, just to name a few venues of possible interest.

- **Utilize Our Services** — A variety of services are provided directly to citizens in our community through various clinics, departments, and programs, as well as the UNLV Libraries.
UNLV at a Glance

30,000+ students

400 Registered Student Organizations

4th Most Diverse Campus in the Nation
- U.S. News & World Report

$275 million
Financial aid and scholarships awarded

1,040+ Community Partnership Projects

2,700+ Students Living on Campus

370 Patent Applications

$30.6 million in research funding FY19

Carnegie Foundation Ranking - R1: Doctoral University, Very High Research Activity (among top 2.5% of universities across the country)
“UNLV is a tremendous asset to Southern Nevada. The faculty, staff, and students bring significant expertise to the valley. Whatever the issue - from economic development to addressing community challenges - the campus is a wonderful partner. Greater connections between the university and the community truly benefit both.”

JEREMY AGUERO, Principal, Applied Analysis
Partner with Us

- Do you need someone to conduct research, gather data, identify issues, collect feedback, and/or analyze results?
- How might an intern help you balance and/or meet the needs of your work environment?
- Do you need a guest speaker, panelist, subject matter expert, or workshop facilitator?
- Does your organization have a project it has been putting off due to lack of time, talent, and/or resources?

Leverage our talent, and allow us to leverage yours. The possibilities of what we can achieve together are endless. The Office of Community Engagement can guide you to the right resources, expertise, services, and programs to attain your goals.