



Redfield Foundation gift makes possible math and science auditorium

Thanks to a generous donation from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, the new Davidson Mathematics and Science Center will include a state-of-the-art auditorium unlike any other on campus.

Great spaces provoke great conversations. The Nell J. Redfield Auditorium will provide a stage for University faculty and an environment that encourages audience participation and engagement. It will also offer a world-class forum for guest lecturers. The most modern sound and presentation systems will help bring great ideas to life.

"The Nell J. Redfield Auditorium will complete the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center and provide an exceptional venue for education and events of interest to the community," says Jeff Thompson, interim dean of the College of Science.

The auditorium provides a space for students

from multiple disciplines to come together for discussion. It provides a comfortable and beautiful space, enhanced by technology, which contributes to ideas. With the addition of the auditorium, an adjacent concourse will serve as a pre-function area for the auditorium and an informal gathering space.

The Redfield Foundation's generosity is creating more than just an auditorium. It is helping to complete a flagship facility for the College of Science that will not only provide an immediate identity for the college, but will create a meaningful way and a wonderful recruiting tool to attract students and faculty of merit and ability to the University of Nevada, Reno. The gift is a landmark in one of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's most important fund-raising efforts to date—achieving excellence in mathematics and science with the Davidson Center and Auditorium.

Naming opportunities still exist in the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center. To learn more, please contact Charlyn Sutton, director of development for the College of Science, at 775-682-8791 or csutton@unr.edu or John Carothers, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations, at 775-784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu.

"The research I participate in is really exciting. I can only imagine that future research students will have incredible opportunities for discovery and innovation in the Davidson building."

— Kory Alderson
senior graduate student in Cellular and Molecular Biology
currently researching immunotherapy and cancer



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The Reno Rodeo Foundation: community giving at its heart

Since 1986, the Reno Rodeo Foundation has been committed to enhancing and enriching the lives of northern Nevadan families by aiding children with extraordinary needs, building community partnerships and providing scholarships to the University of Nevada, Reno.

The Reno Rodeo Foundation was incorporated as a private foundation in 1986 to serve as the charitable arm of the Reno Rodeo. The Rodeo, produced yearly by community volunteers since 1919, wanted to formalize the tradition of giving the annual proceeds of the event back to the residents of northern Nevada.

"The Reno Rodeo is more than just 10 days of great entertainment in June," says John Solari '77 (accounting), president of the Reno Rodeo Foundation. "Thanks to the efforts of the dedicated volunteers who produce the Reno Rodeo, the proceeds from this not-for-profit event are invested back into our community 365 days a year. Since its formation 21 years ago, the Reno Rodeo Foundation has become a respected part of the philanthropic community in Nevada."

The Reno Rodeo Foundation now represents the generous heart and soul of more than 300 volunteers who produce the Reno area's longest-running, biggest, annual professional sports event. The Foundation Board and volunteer group include numerous University alumni.

Today, the organization annually assists 25 rural-based students with tuition at the University, provides grants to at least 20 local service organizations, chooses a child with special needs to receive a special "rodeo wish," conducts an annual "Denim Drive" to benefit abused and neglected children, and provides the anchor for large capital projects to improve the lives of children. Leveraging community partnerships, putting financial resources to the highest impact use possible and establishing an identity as a major supporter of education and local children's services has put the Reno Rodeo Foundation on the northern Nevada giving map.

"The Reno Rodeo Foundation is committed to helping children and families throughout northern Nevada," says Executive Director Marie L. Baxter '95 (elementary education) and '00 (special education). "We are truly the community's foundation. Each year more than 100,000 people attend the Reno Rodeo and a portion of each ticket is returned to the community through our diverse programs. When you couple

this with the partnerships we've developed with individuals and businesses, it creates incredible opportunities for effecting positive change."



The 2008 Reno Rodeo will take place June 19-28 at the Reno Livestock Events Center. Sunday, June 22, is University of Nevada, Reno "Pack" the House Night. Rodeo participants and fans are encouraged to wear their silver and blue and discounted tickets will be available for alumni. For tickets and information, please visit www.renorodeo.com.

See back cover for more information on the Reno Rodeo Foundation.

Reno Rodeo Foundation Continues to Provide the Wildest Richest Scholarships in the West

Since 1986, the Reno Rodeo Foundation has been committed to enhancing and enriching the lives of northern Nevada families by aiding children with extraordinary needs, building community partnerships and providing scholarships to the University of Nevada, Reno.

The Reno Rodeo Foundation's scholarship programs have made an incredible difference in the University's ability to attract and retain students from rural Nevada communities. This scholarship support strengthens the University by building a legacy of giving that connects and engages alumni, faculty, and supporters with students and the Reno community.

"The Reno Rodeo Foundation scholarship has grown from a handful of scholarships for rural Nevada students choosing to major in the veterinary sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno, to 25 scholarships a year across multiple disciplines," said Steven Brown '66 (political science), treasurer of the Foundation. "Each scholarship is merit-based, lasts for four years, and is available to rural Nevada students majoring in business administration, education, nursing, speech communications or any of the disciplines in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources."

"We're really fortunate to have a partnership with the University because they help us facilitate these scholarships," Steven continues. "It's not a separate process. We know our funds are reaching those students who most need the assistance." Biotechnology student Mark Lemos is in his third year of receiving Reno Rodeo Foundation scholarship support.

"The Reno Rodeo Foundation is a big part of why I am able to keep coming back to the University of Nevada, Reno each semester," Mark says. "The Foundation and its members have been a tremendous help in working toward my degree in biotechnology." Mark will graduate with a bachelor's and master's of biotechnology in May 2009.

The Reno Rodeo Foundation's steadfast support of scholarships has made an excellent education possible for scores of students and its long-term generosity is helping to ensure that generations of Nevada students have the chance to unlock their academic potential and flourish at the University of Nevada, Reno and in the world beyond. To learn more about the Reno Rodeo Foundation, please visit the Foundation's website at <http://www.renorodeofoundation.org>.

"This scholarship is a huge helping hand in paying for college. It is assisting me in attaining my goal of graduating with my business degree in four years. Thank you Reno Rodeo Foundation!"

Reno Rodeo Foundation
scholarship recipient
Heather Zunino



Mark Lemos, Joel Donalson,
Cassie Dotts and Heather Zunino



“They were regular folks who worked hard all their lives and wanted to give back something to help where they could.”

—Catherine Hopping on her parents, Charles and Ruth, pictured at left

Charles and Ruth Hopping were humble people who treasured education and their Midwestern roots. Ruth Andrews Hopping was born in 1912 in Cambridge, Neb., the youngest girl of seven children. After completing her schooling in Nebraska, and graduating from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, she taught elementary school in Superior, Grand Island and Cambridge, Neb.

Ruth moved on to teach in Monte Vista, Colo., with her older sister, Mary. She married Charles Hopping in May of 1941, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, after knowing him since childhood. She went back to Colorado and Nebraska to teach while Charles served in the 263rd Battalion, Infantry Division, in World War II.

When Charles returned from his tour of service, the couple lived in Alhambra, Calif., while Charles joined the Roberts Company, in charge of sales. He later became chairman of the board and director of the International Division. The Hoppings moved to Arcadia, Calif., shortly after the birth of their first child, Catherine Ann, followed by a son, Earl Eugene. Charles traveled a great deal for the company and took the family with him often.

After retiring and moving to Reno in 1962, the Hoppings continued to travel, often in their motor home, but also overseas, visiting at their leisure many places they had seen during their business travels. They were “Airstreamers” for many years, reveling in the life of their caravanning friends. Charles passed away in 1998 and Ruth passed away at age 94 in 2006 in Reno.

The Hopping's names were engraved in the granite pillars of Honor Court in 1997 to recognize their outstanding service to the University of Nevada, Reno. It was their appreciation of higher education that encouraged them to foster and enhance the educational experience for students in their adopted home state of Nevada. The Hopping estate has provided more than \$1 million to the University to support construction of the AAUN Academic Center and Davidson Mathematics and Science Center. Another trust endowment established by the Hoppings strengthens academic programs in the College of Education.

“My parents came West with the values they were raised with—hard work, humility, honesty in every way, and devotion to family,” said daughter Catherine Hopping Wing. “Education to both of them was of the utmost importance. They were, in a nutshell, just regular folks who worked hard all their lives and wanted to give back something to help where they could.”

The values and benevolence of Ruth and Charles Hopping will continue to inspire and sustain quality academic programming and facilities at the University for generations to come. Their giving demonstrates the affection they held for the University and their stellar leadership in ensuring that it will continue providing a world-class education far into the future.

Increasing numbers of Nevada alumni and friends are including the University Foundation in their estate plans. Bequests are a wonderful way to show support for higher education, while possibly realizing significant estate tax benefits. Planned gifts often enable donors to make a far larger gift than they thought possible.

To learn more about the benefits of including the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation in your estate plans, please contact Lisa Riley or Bob Eggleston in the Planned Giving Office at (775) 784-1352 or at plannedgiving@unr.edu.



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Reno restaurateur supports scholarship for International Affairs

Reno businesswoman Bertha Miranda believes strongly that the Mexican-American community should have every opportunity that will help them become our state's future leaders.

Bertha hosts a fundraising dinner in Reno each year to support deserving students pursuing a degree in international affairs or foreign languages, with preference given to students of Mexican-American descent. Twenty-nine students have benefited from the Bertha Miranda Scholarship since its inception in 1996.

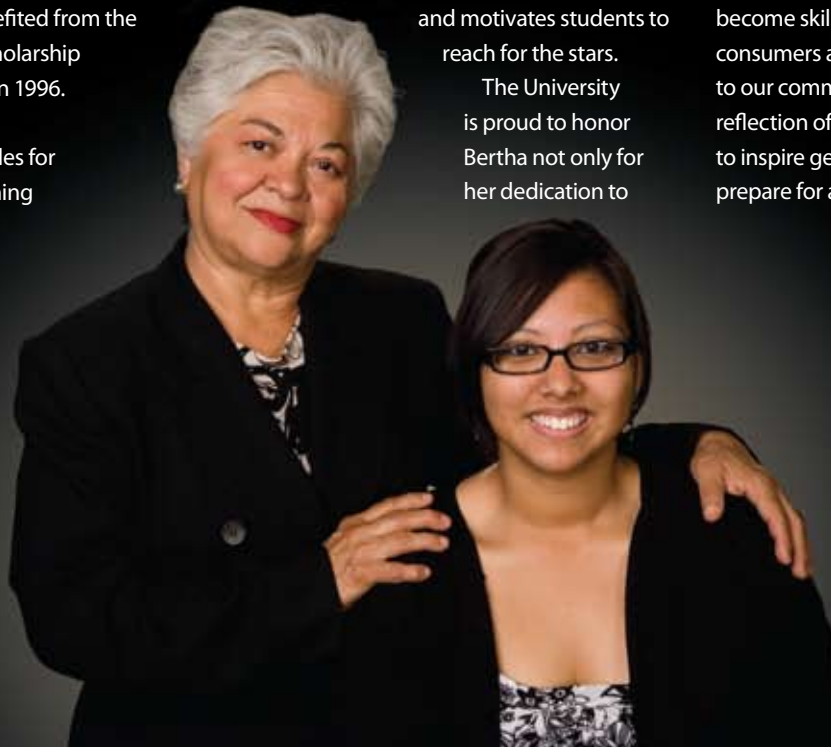
One of the most challenging obstacles for minorities in obtaining

a higher education is lack of financial resources. Bertha recognizes the advantages to supporting the advanced education of minority students. The more diverse the workforce and more educated the population in general, the more globally effective the country becomes across the board. Bertha's scholarship instills hope for the future, especially for students who are the first in their families to attend college. She inspires and motivates students to reach for the stars.

The University is proud to honor Bertha not only for her dedication to

supporting students in higher education but for the greater impact she has on the community at large – preparing students to become productive members of society and enriching the quality of life in Washoe County and beyond.

The investment by Bertha Miranda in her scholarship program is an illustration of the local business leadership the University needs to ensure minority youth have an opportunity to get a college education and become skilled professionals, informed consumers and significant contributors to our communities. This scholarship is a reflection of Bertha's ongoing commitment to inspire generations of students to prepare for a higher education.



Bertha Miranda with student Carmen Gilbert. Carmen is one of 71 students studying International Affairs at the University and she hopes to study abroad in her senior year.

For more information on the International Affairs or Foreign Languages programs at the University, call Stuart Golder '91,'97 (psychology) Director of Development for the College of Liberal Arts, at (775) 784-1222 or sgolder@unr.edu.

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'I hope to convey my strong beliefs in the power of hard work and education to students attending the University of Nevada, Reno...'



Edward C. Coppin '62 (physical sciences) has created a scholarship at Nevada to provide financial assistance to students from Pershing County through a gift annuity with the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. An annuity provides a fixed-sum income to a donor during his or her lifetime, and ultimately funds an area of particular interest. In Ed's case, his annuity will later fund the endowed scholarship bearing his name. During his lifetime, Ed has opted to fund the scholarship on an annual basis with his annuity income, and the first Edward C. Coppin Scholarship was awarded this fall.

Raised in Lovelock, Ed received the Josephine Beam Educational Scholarship to attend Nevada. His dedication to learning and hard work was instilled at an early age. "My mother was a strong believer in education and my father valued a strong work ethic," says Ed. "After graduating from Nevada, I received a National Science Foundation grant to attend graduate school at Indiana University and have always deeply appreciated the financial support I received throughout college."

Higher education led to a teaching career. Ed taught at Pershing County High School for a short period, Traner Middle School in Reno, and then Incline Village High School until he retired in 1993. He enjoyed a parallel and distinguished 29-year military career in the Air Force and Nevada Air National Guard, eventually retiring with the rank of colonel. Following his retirement from teaching, Ed became involved in the banking business and was instrumental in the formation and success of several banks in Lake Tahoe and Reno.

After several very successful careers, Ed now says he feels a responsibility to share his good fortune. "I hope to convey my strong beliefs in the power of hard work and education to students attending the University of Nevada, Reno and hope that they benefit from financial support as I did."

Ed is part of an ever-growing group of alumni and friends whose contributions make an incredible difference for students at the University.

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between the Foundation and the donor, whereby the donor makes an initial gift of cash or securities to the Foundation, and the Foundation agrees to pay the donor a fixed-sum income for the rest of his or her lifetime. The establishment of a gift annuity provides valuable tax benefits for donors, but perhaps more valuable is the satisfaction donors gain by helping students and continuing the mission and good works of the University.

To learn more about gift annuities, contact Lisa Riley or Bob Eggleston in the Planned Giving Office at (775) 784-1352 or giving@unr.edu.



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Nevada Science Foundation combats nursing shortage

The projected shortage of qualified nurses in the United States could reach a half million by 2025, according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The Nevada Science Foundation is battling the nursing shortage in Nevada through a substantial scholarship endowment to support students in the Orvis School of Nursing.

Through the endowment, both graduate and undergraduate nursing students receive scholarships that continue through four terms and completion of their degrees. To be eligible, students must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.0, with preference given to Nevada residents from Carson City, Douglas, Lyon and Storey counties. The scholarship is named in memory of the National Science Foundation's founder, Josef Waxler.

Waxler was an electrical contractor with a life-long interest in education and in helping others. In 1990, Waxler established the Nevada Science Foundation to carry out his charitable giving, with an emphasis in providing scholarships.

Waxler served as executive director of the Nevada Science Foundation until he passed away in 2006. Waxler's philanthropy was directed toward education throughout his lifetime because he believed that "education is

something you can always take with you—it can't be taken away."

Waxler was an explorer from his youth, serving in the merchant marines so that he could see the world. Over an eight-year period later in life he visited Easter Island annually, promoting and providing opportunities for education to island children who might otherwise not have progressed beyond grade school.

Lavina Atkinson worked as a nurse for more than 40 years and has served as the president of the Nevada Science Foundation since its inception. "It was Mr. Waxler's desire to help with the nursing shortage through scholarships," says Atkinson. "The Nevada Science Foundation's purpose in supporting scholarships is to acknowledge the life of Josef Waxler and illustrate the importance he placed on education by providing financial aid to those worthy of assistance in the pursuit of studies in nursing."

Mary Powers, a graduate student in nursing, says, "Getting the Waxler Scholarship this year meant being able to afford additional credits for my master's degree. I had never experienced receiving a scholarship. I will always remember how wonderful a surprise that was and hope to be in a position to do that for another student some day."



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—Mary Powers, nursing graduate student

Founded in 1956, the Orvis School of Nursing at the University of Nevada, Reno is the oldest school of nursing in the state and is dedicated to serving the people of Nevada through quality teaching, research and service.

If you would like to support nursing education at Nevada, please contact Stefanie Scoppettone, director of development for the Division of Health Sciences, at 775-682-9143 or scops@unr.edu.



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