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Nevada Alumni Association announces new board leadership

Christina Stoever-Young, Founder of Sunshine Tahoe and 1994 University graduate, named Nevada Alumni Council President

RENO, Nev. — The Nevada Alumni Association has announced its 2026-2027 executive committee and board of the [Nevada Alumni Council](#), the volunteer advisory body of the Nevada Alumni Association.

Nevada Alumni Council members serve as University of Nevada, Reno ambassadors within the community, advise on graduate engagement opportunities, volunteer for Nevada Alumni Association events and support the University philanthropically.

"The 2026-27 Nevada Alumni Council reflects the strength and diversity of our alumni community," said Executive Director of Alumni Engagement Amy Carothers. "Council members serve as ambassadors for the University and play a vital role in fostering alumni engagement, supporting student success and creating opportunities for graduates to stay connected to Nevada. I look forward to working alongside them in the year ahead."

2026-2027 Nevada Alumni Council Executive Committee:

- **Christina Stoever-Young, President:** Stoever-Young is the founder of Sunshine Tahoe and a 1994 graduate of the University.
- **Tiffany McMacken, President-elect:** McMacken is principal of The Willow Group and a 2000 graduate of the University.
- **Mike Hix, Past President:** Hix is regional vice president at the Meadows Bank and a 1989 graduate of the University.
- **Carissa Bradley, Treasurer:** Bradley is strategic initiatives manager for the City of Reno a 2019 graduate of the University.
- **Cher Fesenmaier, Vice President:** Fesenmaier is assistant principal of Desert Mountain High School in Scottsdale, Arizona, and a 1994 graduate of the University.
- **Jennifer Hill, Vice President:** Hill is chief development officer for Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada and a 1994 graduate of the University.
- **McKenna Lewis, Vice President:** is a clinical nursing instructor for the Nevada System of Higher Education and a 2011 and 2012 graduate of the University.

In addition to the executive committee, the Nevada Alumni Council is comprised of board members as well as University and Foundation leaders who serve as ex officio board members.

2026-2027 Nevada Alumni Council Board Members: Tania Akter '05 Ph.D.; Lindsay Anderson '04, '06 M.A.; Derek Beenfeldt '93, '11 M.D.; Chris Boline '15, '23 MBA; Keith Boone '02 M.Ed.; Mariam Chilton '92, '02 MBA; Erica Crumley '99; Nicole Dion '12; Ronele Dotson, '92; Crystal

Edwards '04, '05 M.Ed.; Matthew Hawn '15, '19 M.S., '24 MBA; Jerry Jones, '77, '81 M.D.; Nicholas Minutello '21; Jesse Murray '02, '07 MBA; Blanca Plascencia-Reyna '21, '23 MPH; Sara Robbins '10; Katie Rossi '08; Jennifer Salem '99; Chris Strader '05, '07 MBA.

2026-2027 Nevada Alumni Council Ex Officio Board Members: Ratchanya Dev Chinnappan, GSA President; Dillon Moss, ASUN President; Kenneth Coll Ph.D. '77, Foundation Chair; Stephanie Rempe, Director of Athletics; Tracy Ostrem Vice President, University Advancement and Executive Director, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation.

Nevada Alumni Council members are eligible to serve three consecutive two-year terms. Nevada alumni who are interested in joining the Nevada Alumni Council are invited to [submit a nomination](#).

For more information about the Nevada Alumni Association and its programs, visit unr.edu/alumni or call (775) 784-6620.

About the Nevada Alumni Association:

The Nevada Alumni Association fosters and cultivates a common bond of pride, affinity and connection among alumni, students, prospective students and friends of the University of Nevada, Reno through quality programs, services and events.

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The University of Nevada, Reno is a public research university that is committed to the promise of a future powered by knowledge. As a Nevada land-grant university founded in 1874, the University serves 21,000 students. The University is a comprehensive, doctoral university, classified as an R1 institution with very high research activity by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Additionally, it has attained the prestigious "Carnegie Engaged" classification, reflecting its student and institutional impact on civic engagement and service, fostered by extensive community and statewide collaborations. More than \$800 million in advanced labs, residence halls and facilities has been invested on campus since 2009. It is home to the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and Wolf Pack Athletics, maintains a statewide outreach mission and presence through programs such as the University of Nevada, Reno Extension, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, Small Business Development Center, Nevada Seismological Laboratory, and is part of the Nevada System of Higher Education. Through a commitment to world-improving research, student success and outreach benefiting the communities and businesses of Nevada, the University has impact across the state and around the world. For more information, visit www.unr.edu.

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