

Impact Report

FY 2023-24



Our mission is to foster the academic success of our students through community engagement and philanthropic efforts.



CSN FOUNDATION

A Foundation for Growth in Nevada



Our Leadership *Passing the Torch*

Presidential Transition at the College of Southern Nevada



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Our Mission

The College of Southern Nevada empowers our students and communities to achieve, succeed, and prosper.

Our Vision

The College of Southern Nevada is recognized as a leader among community colleges in fostering student success, shared governance, and performance excellence.

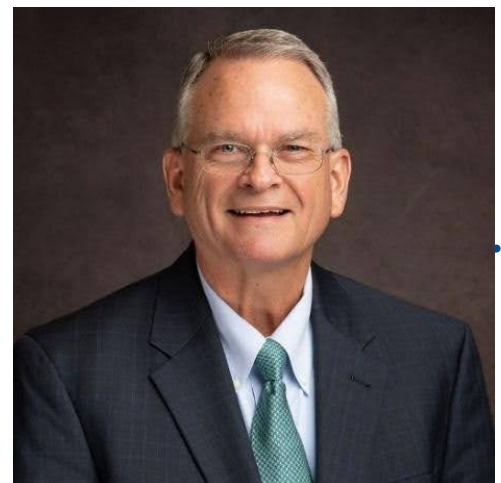
After six years of dedicated service, **Dr. Federico Zaragoza** concluded his tenure as President of the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) in June 2024. Since taking the helm in 2018, Dr. Zaragoza navigated the college through challenging pandemic-related enrollment declines, advocated for increased state funding, and remained a steadfast champion of the proposed CSN campus in northwest Las Vegas, even amid temporary economic setbacks.

"Stay the course," as Dr. Zaragoza was known for saying, and that he did!

As the philanthropic and fundraising arm of the college, the CSN Foundation worked in close partnership with Dr. Zaragoza to expand educational opportunities, support academic programs, and enhance the campus experience for students and staff alike. We are deeply grateful for his leadership and the enduring impact he made on the CSN community.

During the national search for a new CSN President, **Dr. William Kibler** stepped in as Acting President, after a distinguished 43-year career in Higher Education. His exceptional depth of experience and strategic vision led to important administrative changes at CSN. Dr. Kibler has ensured continued progress during the transition including continuity of services and a student-first focus.

The CSN Foundation is proud to continue collaborating with CSN leadership to support the growth and success of these vital initiatives and to further the mission of CSN.





Patrick "Pat" Cowart, Chair
CSN Foundation Board of Trustees
General Manager Las Vegas,
Schneider Electric

Message from the Chair, *Board of Trustees*

I am pleased that the release of our Impact Report coincides with commencement—a time I always look forward to, as it allows me to extend heartfelt congratulations to our graduating class. This season marks a meaningful milestone in their journey, filled with promise and potential. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I'm proud that the Foundation had the opportunity to collaborate with the office of the President at CSN, in contributing our students' success.

As Board Chair of the College of Southern Nevada Foundation, it is my honor to present this year's Impact Report—a reflection of the incredible generosity, commitment, and community spirit that drives our mission.

This past year, our Foundation has continued to make meaningful strides in supporting student success, academic innovation, and workforce development. In doing so, we developed a robust three-year strategic plan which establishes the framework to guide philanthropic direction, support outcomes, and identify future aspirations.

Our work continues on scholarships, program funding, and community partnerships, which help open doors for so many CSN students—many of whom are balancing education with work, family, and other life responsibilities.

None of this would be possible without the steadfast support of our donors, partners, and volunteers. You are transforming lives—not just for students, but for the families and communities they will go on to impact.

To the graduating class, congratulations. Your determination inspires us. To our supporters, thank you for believing in the power of education. And to my fellow Trustees, thank you for your leadership and dedication.

Together, we are building a stronger future—one student at a time.



Message from the *Executive Director*

Dear Friends of the CSN Foundation,

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I welcome you to the College of Southern Nevada Foundation's Annual Impact Report—a comprehensive reflection of our achievements and a celebration of the extraordinary generosity of our community.

The College of Southern Nevada (CSN) proudly serves over 40,000 students across its three main campuses—Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Henderson—as well as eight learning centers. CSN is committed to providing affordable educational experiences while enriching our broader community's quality of life.

As the philanthropic and fundraising arm of CSN, the CSN Foundation is honored to be part of the remarkable journey of fostering innovation, meeting workforce development needs, and supporting career advancement.

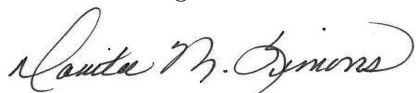
Time and again, I am inspired by the transformative power of charitable giving—whether through scholarships or essential student support services. These contributions often come at pivotal moments, when even a small financial challenge can jeopardize a student's academic path. The impact of this support is both profound and lasting.

This past year has been one of transition, growth, and renewed purpose. From scholarship support and program funding to expanded partnerships and student success initiatives, the impact of your contributions is visible in every corner of our campuses—and, more importantly, in the lives you've helped change.

As we welcome new leadership at the college and look to the future, the CSN Foundation remains committed in its mission to strengthen educational access and philanthropic opportunities. Your continued partnership fuels this mission and inspires all that we do.

On behalf of the CSN Foundation and the entire CSN community, thank you for being part of and walking alongside us on this significant journey.

With sincere gratitude,



Danita M. Simons
Executive Director, CSN Foundation



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The CSN Foundation mission is to graduate CSN students debt-free through philanthropy.

About Us



The mission of the CSN Foundation is to foster the academic success of our students through community engagement and philanthropic efforts.

Founded in 1982, the CSN Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and the legal recipient of all philanthropic gifts bestowed to CSN. Charitable contributions support the creation of student scholarships, develop robust programs and a strong college infrastructure, all of which fosters a campus community where students, faculty and staff can thrive.

As the philanthropic and fundraising arm of the college, the CSN Foundation is dedicated to supporting the academic success of all CSN students. By identifying student academic needs and addressing the barriers students face, the Foundation plays a pivotal role in helping students stay on course toward graduation.

The CSN Foundation is deeply grateful for the invaluable contributions of our Board of Trustees. Their leadership, strategic guidance and unwavering support play a vital role in advancing our mission. As dedicated ambassadors of the CSN Foundation, our Board Members serve as a voice for our stakeholders, community partners, and beneficiaries, strengthening our connection to those we serve.

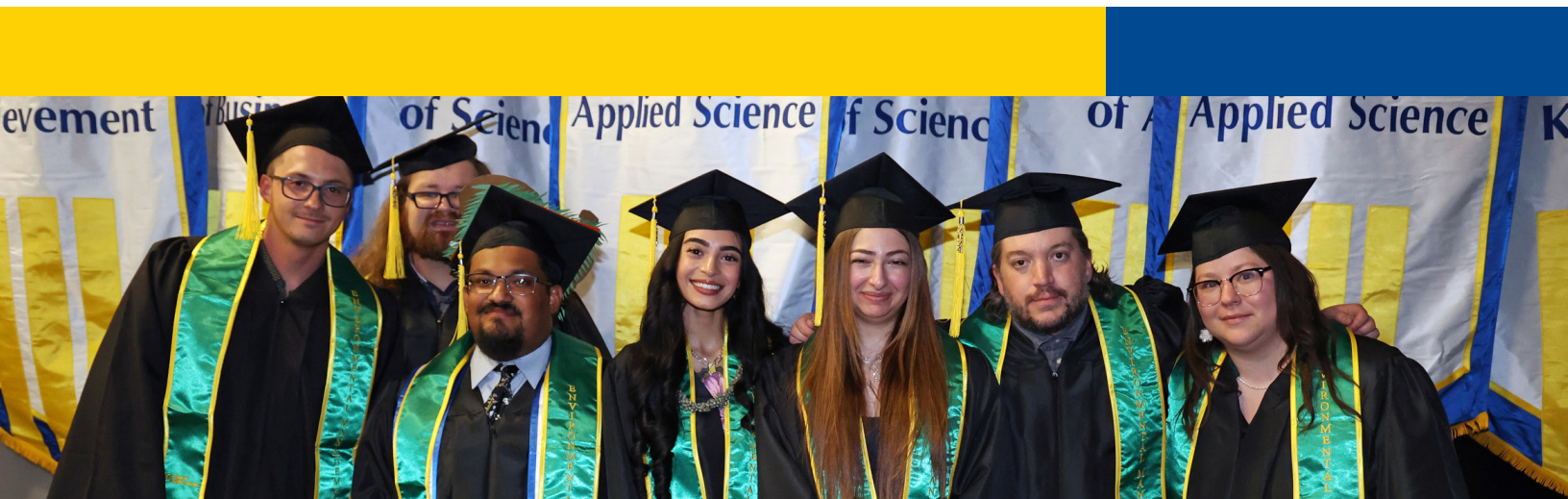
CSN Foundation Board of Trustees FY 2023-24:

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Thank you to our Board of Trustees for lending their time, talent, and treasure. Their profound dedication is critical to the success of the College, CSN Foundation and our students – leading a lifelong commitment to change.





The CSN Foundation believes that better lives and a stronger economy are created through education. Our educators and employees at the College of Southern Nevada have made an extraordinary investment in our community by helping students learn the knowledge, skills, and professionalism they need to successfully contribute to southern Nevada communities.

Driven by our commitment to remain relevant and impactful, the CSN Foundation leadership undertook a reflective process this year to evaluate and update our guiding principles. It is essential that our goals align with emerging economic opportunities, the evolving needs of CSN students and their communities, the priorities of our stakeholders, and the broader impact we strive to achieve. Through this assessment, we aim to ensure that our vision, mission, and values clearly reflect our purpose, inspire our teams and partners, and provide a consistent, accountable framework for decision-making.

Our Mission

The mission of the CSN Foundation is to foster the academic success of our students through community engagement and philanthropic efforts.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be a leading force in transforming lives and our community by ensuring that every student has access to exceptional educational opportunities to achieve their full potential.

Our Values

Inclusion – We foster respect and inclusivity, recognizing differences as strengths, and that everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

Integrity – We uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and respect in all our operations and interactions of stewardship, building trust through accountability and ethical practices.

Collaboration – We believe in promoting partnerships and collaboration among stakeholders, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, and the broader community, to advance opportunities and shared goals.

Empowerment – We empower students, faculty, and community to support and contribute, and to benefit from the educational mission of the college.

Excellence – We strive to exceed the expectations and aspirations of our students and ourselves, are committed to the highest standards, and students are empowered to their highest potential.



CSN Facts

3 CAMPUSES & 8 LEARNING CENTERS

- Charleston Campus
- North Las Vegas Campus
- Henderson Campus
- Green Valley High Tech Center
- Summerlin High Tech Center
- Western High Tech Center
- Mesquite Center
- Sahara West Center
- Moapa Valley Center
- Nellis AFB Center
- Center of Excellence for Advanced Manufacturing



Most affordable public
college in Southern Nevada

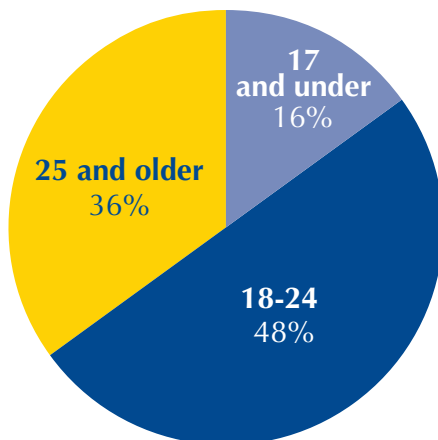
ANNUAL UNDUPLICATED HEADCOUNT Academic Year 2023-2024

45,903

Credit – 40,473 / 88%

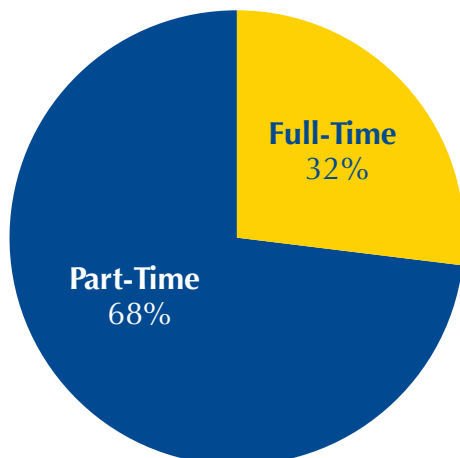
Noncredit – 5,430 / 12%

AGE RANGE OF STUDENTS



Disaggregated headcount age group is only for credit students

STUDENT ENROLLMENT



19% FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

21



FREE

Tutoring
Writing Assistance
Career Counseling
Lab Assistance
Academic Advising



Over 200 programs and
degree pathways

137 Associates Degrees

90 Certificates of Achievement

15 Bachelor Degrees

47 Skills Certificates

Source: Institutional Research Historical Dashboard

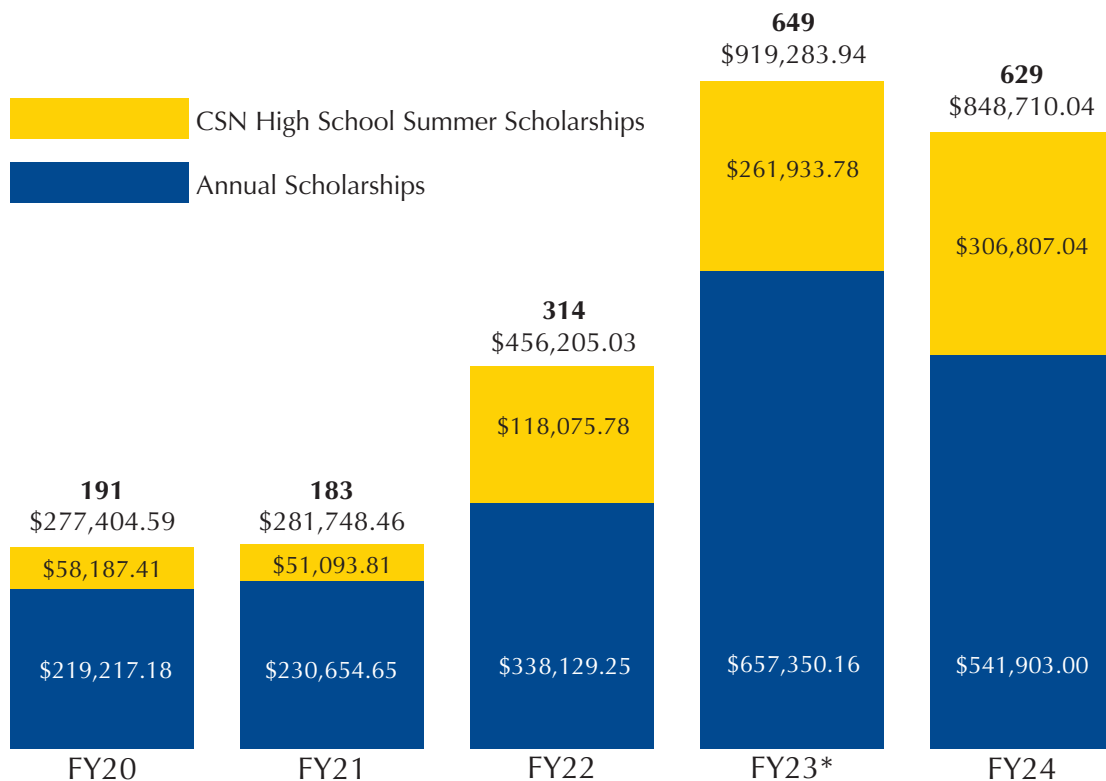


CSN Foundation Facts

The Impact of Your Gifts

SCHOLARSHIPS

In FY 2023-24, the CSN Foundation awarded \$848,710 in scholarships to our students. We are incredibly grateful to our donors who supported our students' educational journey as they pursued their dreams. Truly helping to make education possible.



*Due to an anonymous donation in FY21 in honor of CSN's 50th Anniversary, we were able to award \$250,000 in additional scholarships to our students for the FY23 academic year.



\$2,500
Average scholarship
award to support
a student's
educational journey



13
New individual
named scholarships
established in support
of CSN Students

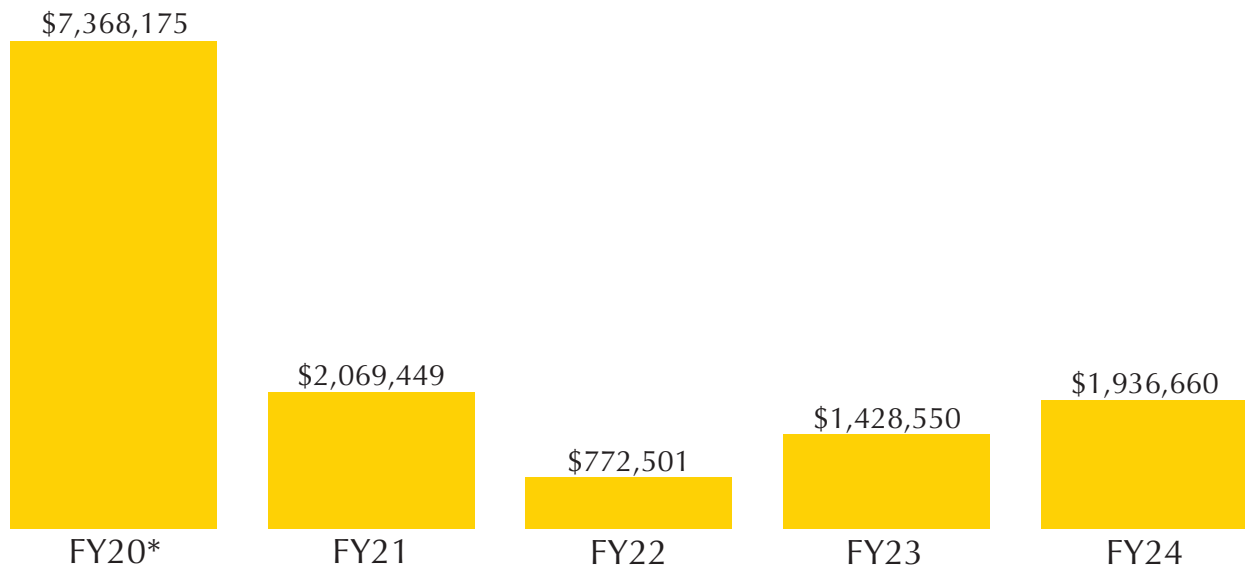


629
Individual
scholarships were
awarded to students
in FY 2023-24



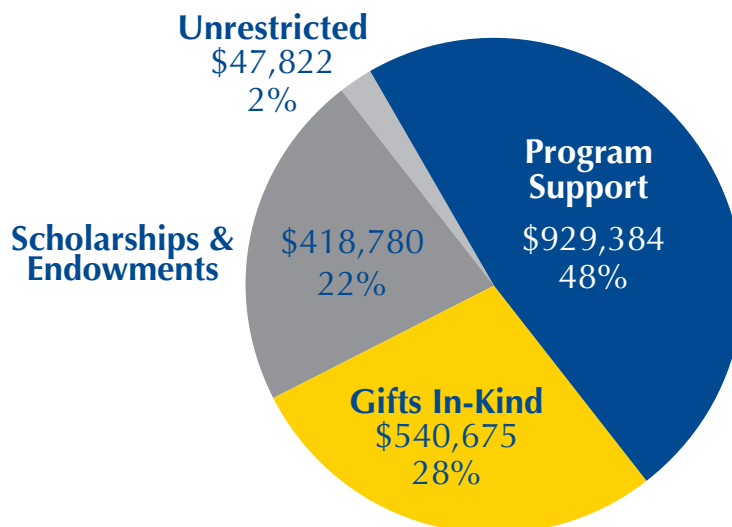
Our Impact

Total Donations – 5-year Giving History



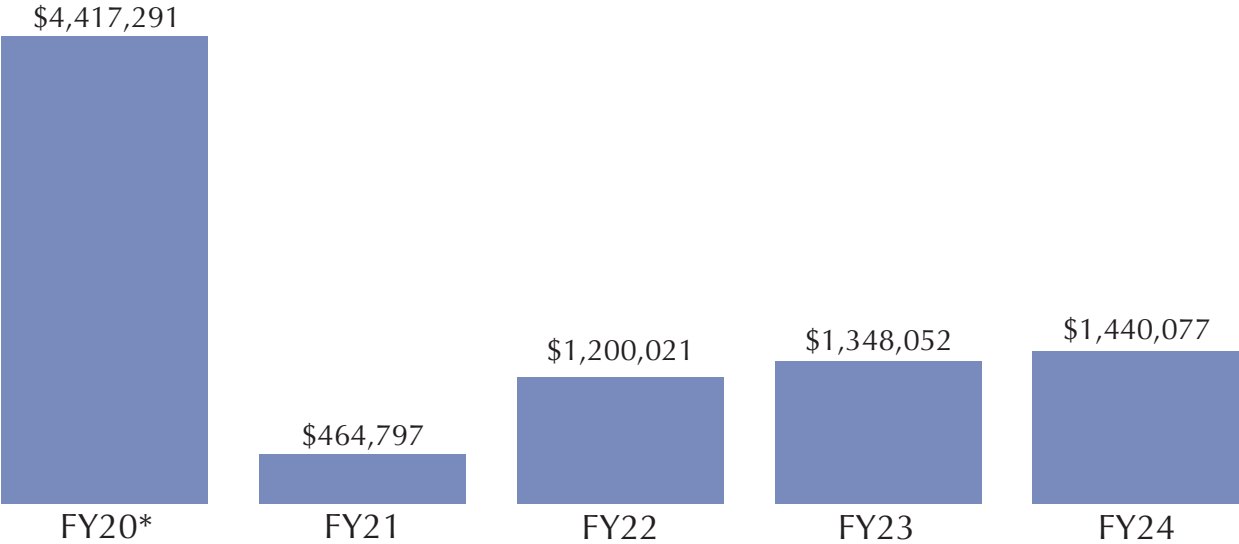
*FY20 Reflects Foundation Campaign donations for the CSN/NSC match of \$6,000,000 to fund the Ralph and Betty Engelstad School of Health Sciences Building and Early College anonymous gift.

Total Giving by Category – \$1,936,660



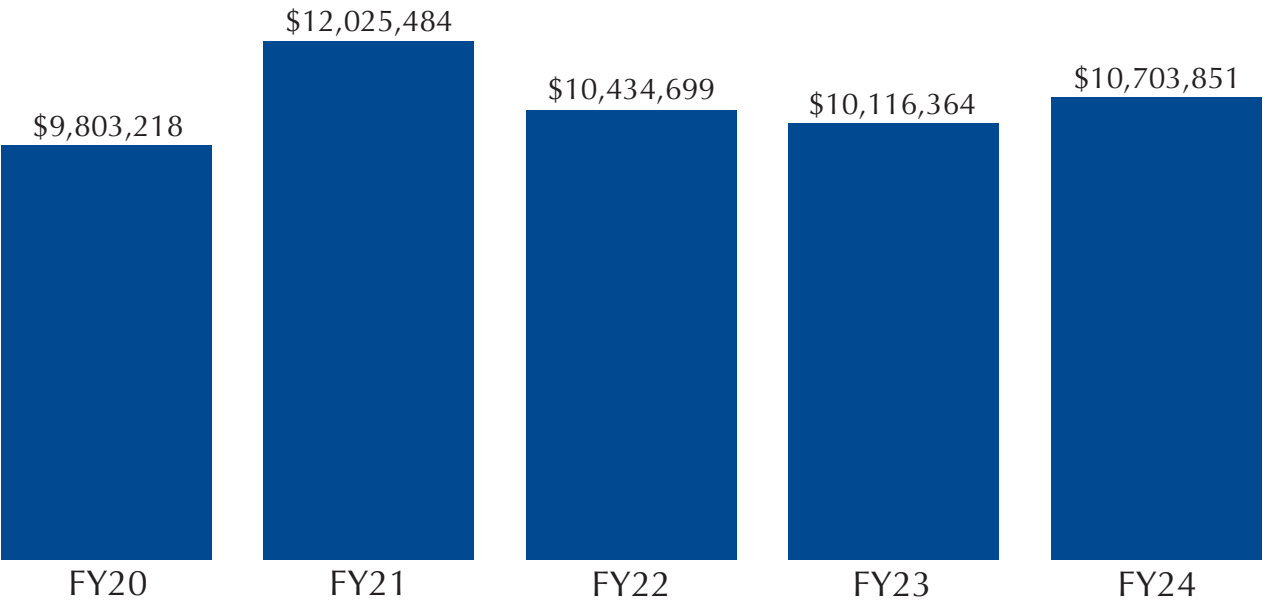


Funding to CSN – 5-year Giving History



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Financial Performance – Total Assets





Spirit of CSN Grant Awards

Each year, the Spirit of CSN Grant Awards funds projects that put students first. Funded through the CSN Foundation with support from employees and community partners, these grants empower faculty and staff to launch innovative initiatives that directly align with CSN's mission to empower students and the community to achieve, succeed, and prosper.

Proposals for this grant must focus on student-centered outcomes that support CSN's student success metrics: completion, graduation, and transfer. This year's awardees reflect the wide range of challenges students face and the powerful impact of focused, compassionate solutions.

FY 2023-24 Spirit of CSN Grant Award Recipients

Cody's Locker

Cody's Locker provides students with basic classroom necessities such as notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, and backpacks. With multiple locker locations across CSN campuses, the initiative ensures that students have the basic tools they need to focus on learning, not expenses. More than 4,000 students used Cody's Lockers in 2023-2024. This program continues to eliminate a barrier to success and affirm, that no student should have to choose between class participation and affordability.

Period Equity

Menstrual products are a basic necessity, not a luxury. The Period Equity project combats period poverty by offering free menstrual hygiene products in CSN Student Unions and through discreet distribution systems across all three main campuses. The grant award was used to purchase a mix of organic and conventional products, including pads, tampons, and panty liners, which were distributed in partnership with the Coyote Cupboard. Tear-off flyers allowed students to request supplies discreetly.

Sankofa English 101 and 102 Initiative

Developed by the Division of Student Affairs and the English Department, the Sankofa Initiative supports African American students through culturally relevant English courses that center Black authors and perspectives. With support from the Spirit of CSN Award, the initiative provides free books and supplies, helping students to fully engage in coursework. Survey feedback shows that the program boosts retention, deepens student-instructor connections, and makes students feel seen and supported at CSN.



\$32,015
In Grants
Awarded



FY 2023-24 Spirit of CSN Grant Award Recipients

The Great Textbook Voucher Program

The TRIO Student Support Services initiative distributes bookstore vouchers to first-generation and low-income students, reducing the financial stress of textbook purchases. This helps students cover critical course materials, keeping them enrolled and engaged. One recipient shared, “Thank you so much for the bookstore voucher! It means a lot to me. This voucher will allow me to purchase textbooks and concentrate on my education without stressing about the cost.”

Walking on Eggshells But Getting Prepared for It

The phrase “walking on eggshells” has been used to describe the anxiety nursing students feel before their first face-to-face interaction with a psychiatric patient. This project used updated Hearing Voices Simulation equipment and intensive role-play practice to reduce student anxiety and boost empathy. Students reported increased confidence, empathy, and reduced anxiety, with one participant stating, “It helped develop empathy for struggles the psych patient faces.” This initiative not only transformed classroom experience but also better prepares students to deliver compassionate psychiatric care.

Outstanding Student Awards

The College of Southern Nevada’s Outstanding Student Award recognizes exceptional student achievement in specific program areas. The CSN Foundation is proud to enhance this award by providing additional financial support to help students continue their education at CSN or another NSHE institution. We proudly salute this year’s 22 scholarship recipients for their outstanding accomplishments and dedication to academic excellence.



\$22,000
Offered 22 - \$1,000



Student Emergency Fund

At the College of Southern Nevada, many of our students are balancing full-time jobs, caring for families, and navigating life's unpredictability while pursuing their education. A single unexpected expense can easily derail their progress. The CSN Student Emergency Fund (SEF) exists to keep our students in school.

Established in 2018, the SEF was designed to provide immediate, short-term financial support to CSN students facing unforeseen emergencies – everything from rent and utility bills to medical costs and car repairs. Thanks to the generosity of our community, the Fund has made a meaningful difference in the lives of more than 2,300 students since its inception.

In FY 2023-24, the CSN Foundation raised \$142,154.81, and **244 student applications were awarded, totaling \$110,590.58**. These funds provided relief at the right moment to help students stay enrolled and on track for graduation.

"Thank you for not letting me choose what bill was more important – my rent, my gas, my lights, my water, my groceries. Thank you for giving me a little relief."

– SEF Recipient

The stories behind the numbers are powerful. Students have shared how SEF helped them stay enrolled and focused on studying instead of picking up extra shifts to cover emergency expenses.

"Receiving funds from the CSN Student Emergency Fund allowed me to continue my schooling. Had I not been able to continue during that time, I feel I would have possibly stopped altogether before even getting my AA degree."

– SEF Recipient

The need is ongoing and growing. For many students, education is the key to transforming their future. However, they remain just one crisis away from falling behind or dropping out. The CSN Foundation ensures that more students facing hardship don't have to choose between paying a bill and completing their education.



\$453.24

Average SEF Award

\$142,154.81

In donations received
from Friends for the
Student Emergency Fund
in FY 2023-24

244

Students received
\$110,590.58 in
**Student Emergency
Fund Assistance**
in FY 2023-24



Coyote Cupboard

Keeping Students Nourished, Focused, and Thriving

Food insecurity is more than a statistic – it is a daily reality for many students balancing school, work, and family responsibilities. Nearly half of CSN’s student body receives Pell Grants, and many face financial strain that places them just above the poverty line. Since its launch in Fall 2018, the Coyote Cupboard has provided a vital safety net, providing emergency groceries to students across all three CSN campuses.

“It means the security to eat three meals a day. It’s my avenue to health and profoundly helps my mental health.”

– Coyote Cupboard Recipient

More than 40,000 visits have been made to the cupboards, with over 10,800 in the last year alone. One student shared, *“It’s the difference between starving and thriving.”*

Operated as an emergency food pantry – not a snack shack or lunch line – the Coyote Cupboard is designed to offer essential grocery items, including fresh produce, shelf-stable ingredients, school supplies, and hygiene kits. It ensures students don’t have to choose between their education and their next meal.

Eligible participants include current CSN students, with a valid CSN ID. Each student may receive one bag of groceries every two weeks, while supplies last. Additional resources include Baby’s Bounty (diapers) and Coyote’s Closet (professional attire) at the North Las Vegas and Charleston campuses.

The CSN Foundation is proud to help support the Coyote Cupboard, ensuring students stay nourished, focused, and on track to graduate – because no one should have to learn on an empty stomach.





With Gratitude

Recipient of Hospitality & Culinary Arts Scholarship

Dear Hospitality & Culinary Arts Scholarship donors,

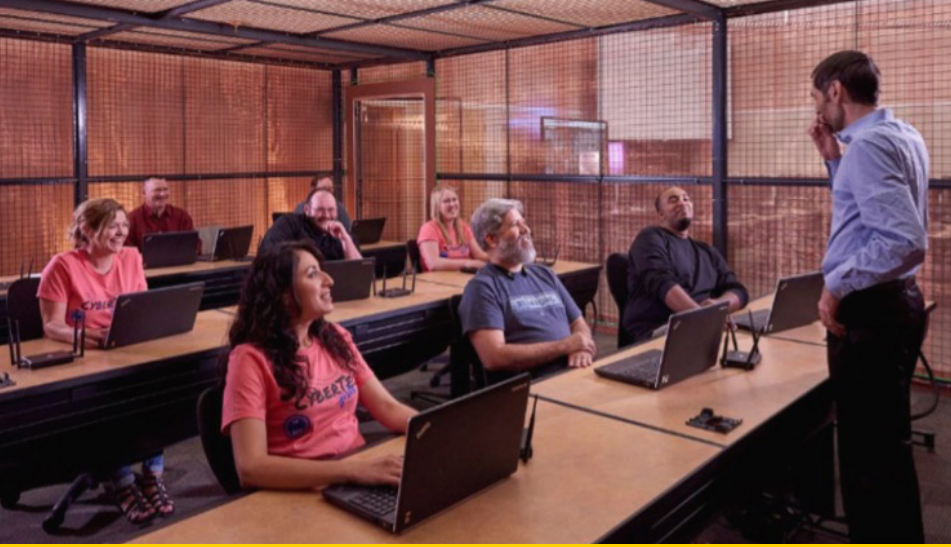
I am thrilled and honored to express my sincere gratitude for being selected as the recipient of the Hospitality & Culinary Scholarship. Not only is this recognition of my hard work and dedication but also a significant step towards realizing my educational goals.

From a young age, I have been passionate about the culinary arts and the intricacies of hospitality management. The prospect of learning from industry experts and gaining hands-on experience in a renowned institution fills me with enthusiasm. My educational journey is not just about acquiring skills; it is about shaping my character and fostering a deep understanding of the values that drive the hospitality industry. I am committed to using this opportunity to not only excel academically but also to contribute positively to the industry, bringing creativity, innovation, and a strong work ethic.

I am genuinely grateful for the Hospitality & Culinary Scholarship, as it propels me towards my aspirations and fuels my enthusiasm for a future filled with learning, growth, and meaningful contributions to the world of hospitality. This scholarship is not just a financial investment; it is an investment in my dreams, and I am excited to make the most of this incredible opportunity.

– Scholarship Recipient





**College of Southern Nevada
Cyber Security Program**
North Las Vegas Campus

With Gratitude

Recipient of Justin Bailey Memorial Endowment Scholarship

Dear Justin Bailey Memorial Endowment Donors,
Thank you for the generous Justin Bailey Memorial Endowment (SJBME) scholarship. I appreciate every effort to help us OIF/OEF veteran students in these uncertain times. Getting the scholarship offers me financial assistance and reinforces my academic goals and dreams. The scholarship has a huge impact on reducing the financial load of my education expenses, allowing me to concentrate more on my academics and potential professional opportunities.

I'm in my last semester in Digital Forensics degree at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN). My current objective right now is to continue my studies and work as a cyber security specialist while also pursuing higher education.

Once again, I would like to thank the entire Justin Bailey Memorial Endowment for helping OIF/OEF veteran like me and believing in my academic endeavors. Your scholarship will be a part of my educational success and a part of my future.






I'm an Army Veteran, a Purple Heart Recipient. Grateful for the support you have given.

– Scholarship Recipient





The College of Southern Nevada and CSN Foundation encourages ALL Alumni to...

-  **Get Connected!**
Follow us on Facebook, X, Instagram, and LinkedIn and watch our website for exciting upcoming events and opportunities.
-  **Stay Informed!**
Receive the latest news and information about happenings at the College of Southern Nevada, which makes you an excellent ambassador for the college.
-  **Be Involved!**
Your participation as an Alumni, plays a significant role in sustaining the success and excellence of the College of Southern Nevada.
-  **Share Your Story!**
Be an inspiration to others. Share your experience at the College of Southern Nevada and your journey that has helped lead you to your professional success. Your story just might be the inspiration needed to change the trajectory of someone's life.
-  **Don't Forget to Be a Proud CSN Alum!**
While you did all the hard work, we are proud to have walked alongside you during your time with us. We are so proud of your accomplishments and know you will continue to achieve, succeed, and prosper.



Alumni Feature

Kirby Linatoc came to the United States from the Philippines and became a member of the CSN family after a chance encounter facilitated by a family member. Through dedication and the support at CSN he learned to honor the power of his dreams. Linatoc recalls his time at CSN fondly, "If my family was the sail to my aspiration, then CSN was the tailwind to my dreams." He credits his success in part to the support he found at CSN.

"An alumni is a leader, using the skills and knowledge gained from their alma mater to make a positive impact in their community."

Alumni Linda Darlene Foreman

Sociology Instructor, College of Southern Nevada

CSN Student, 1970s | CSN Faculty Member, 1980s–Present

When Linda Foreman arrived in Las Vegas with a suitcase, a camera, and a hundred dollar bill, she had no idea the city and the College of Southern Nevada would become her lifelong home. Born into a working-class family in Seattle, Linda was on track to attend a community college back home. But a two-week vacation turned into a permanent move, and she enrolled at what was then Clark County Community College.

It was 1974. The campus was a handful of teachers in a rundown Main Street building. Linda studied in a nearby café, often in the company of her professors. “They taught me that I had a brain and maybe I ought to stick around,” she recalls.

After a hiatus to serve in the U.S. Army, Linda returned in 1979 with a GI Bill and a renewed sense of purpose. That marked the beginning of a 50-year relationship with CSN, first as a student, then as a part-time instructor, and eventually as a full-time faculty member teaching sociology.



Linda Darlene Foreman

MARY BOOZAN STIVERS RESIGNS

We'll miss you, Mary! Mary Boozan Stivers has been with CCSN since 1974, the year she moved to Las Vegas after her marriage to Las Vegas Harry “Bud” Stivers. Starting out as Assistant Secretary to the Director of the Senior Companion Program, she subsequently was Administrative Assistant to Tom Miller, then Assistant Director of CCSN, and, most recently, Director of Senior Nutrition.

“I have found my work at CCSN to be very fulfilling. During the sixteen years I’ve been with the agency, I have seen it grow from an organization of ten programs and about 50 employees, to one of 25 programs and over 200 employees. Helping people is very rewarding, and I will be back to help on occasion.”

Before coming to Las Vegas, Mary held several responsible positions in both county and state offices in Illinois, and later with the Lilly Endowment Fund in Indianapolis. Her years in Chicago during the turbulent ‘60s were memorable.

That Mary has been appreciated at CCSN is attested by many. Executive Director, Tom Miller, writes: “Mary has been of tremendous help to me over the past sixteen years. Her dedication to the agency and the welfare of its clients can not be exaggerated. Although she and Bud are entitled to their leisure time, I hope she will continue to be involved with CCSN.”

Comments from staff members: “Mary has been a pillar of strength!... a real friend as well as employer... a dedi-



ated, conscientious worker with a great love of the agency... someone always ready to help and a great problem solver... a friend of all people, pleasant, and nice to have known... a very vibrant person, one who set goals and achieved them.”

CCSN is grateful to you, Mary, and wishes you many happy retirement years.

ADVANCED DEGREES ACHIEVED

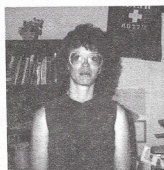


Howie Bieber

A Master's degree in Health Services Administration from the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois, was awarded to Howie Bieber on August 11, 1990. Howie, who also has a Master's degree in Education, is the founder and director of Haven of Hope, located in St. Vincent Plaza, Las Vegas. The program, federally funded, helps the homeless who are chronically mentally ill, some of whom, about 52%, also have problems with substance abuse.

During some 32 years with Maryknoll, Howie spent 19 years in the Philippines, and four years in Borneo and Indonesia. Besides pastoral work, he was manager of a commercial radio station, did substance abuse counseling, and gave leadership training. He came to Las Vegas in 1981, and was program manager of the substance abuse unit of Montevista before opening Haven of Hope in April of ‘88. A similar program is now being planned for Reno. Indicative of his community involvement, Howie is currently president

of NADAC, the Nevada Association of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counselors. Congratulations, Howie, on your latest academic achievement, and a sincere “Thank you” to you and your staff for your outstanding ministry to the homeless mentally ill who are so often misunderstood and neglected.



Linda Foreman

Congratulations to Linda Foreman, a case worker at Haven of Hope, who recently earned her Masters in Sociology from UNLV. Her Master's thesis is entitled “Accounts of the Homeless.”



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She has taught everywhere from the Henderson campus to women's prisons, to Nellis Air Force Base. For decades, her heart has been with the students – “The best part has always been the people.”

Her commitment to students extends beyond the classroom. Linda operated the SHINE Project (Students Helping Integrate Nuances of Education), a service learning initiative that provided additional support for new students. She also developed a creative “deck of cards” model to build interdisciplinary student teams and foster community on campus.

“Giving back is selfish in the best way,” Linda says. “When I’m in despair, helping someone else lifts me up.”

A lifelong champion of equity, justice, and community, Linda continues to inspire the next generation of social workers, nurses, educators, and helpers of all kinds.

“Sociology is the most needed discipline of our time,” she says. “And CSN is where the mermaid stands: the place where people find their path, their voice, and their purpose.”







Welcome New *Board of Trustees*



“It is an honor to serve on CSN’s Foundation Board. CSN is a community treasure because they make a top-notch education accessible through classes that are relevant, flexible, and affordable. Education is the great equalizer and CSN provides the opportunity for any community member to learn and better themselves. I joined the Board because I want to support and amplify the Foundation’s mission to graduate students debt-free through philanthropy.”

Brian D. Kleven

Treasurer, CSN Foundation
Nevada Market Chief Financial Officer, Dignity Health,
St. Rose Dominican Hospitals

“It is an honor to serve on the College of Southern Nevada’s (CSN) Foundation Board. CSN holds a special place in my heart as the North Las Vegas campus student lounge is named after my grandmother, June Whitley. She was the first woman and first black person to Chair the Nevada Board of Regents. It is important that I continue her legacy of improving campus environments for students by ensuring opportunities for all.”

Enosha Jackson

Board of Trustee, CSN Foundation
Director of Talent, Diversity and Inclusion, NV Energy



Philanthropic Partner



About Assistance League® of Las Vegas

Assistance League of Las Vegas (ALLV), now officially known as “Assisting Lives in Las Vegas”, is a dedicated, all-volunteer nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of children and adults in need throughout our community.

Founded in 1976, Assisting Lives in Las Vegas is preparing to celebrate its 50-year jubilee. Membership is open to women, men, and teens, with more than 360 active members currently contributing their time, talents, and compassion. In a recent year, ALLV volunteers collectively contributed over 50,000 hours through local philanthropic programs and fundraising events.

Partnership with the CSN Foundation

Assisting Lives in Las Vegas has supported the CSN Foundation for over two decades, beginning with generous, in-kind donations. In 2020, ALLV expanded its impact by launching a substantial annual scholarship program aimed at supporting CSN students pursuing workforce-ready certificate programs.

These scholarships provide essential funding for students enrolled in high-demand fields such as Practical Nursing, Dental Assisting, Pastry Arts, Medical Coding, Hotel Management, and Medical Assisting. These programs equip students with the skills needed for immediate employment in Southern Nevada’s workforce.

Excerpt from a letter of gratitude by a student recipient of Assisting Lives in Las Vegas (ALLV) Scholarship:

“I am in my last semester of my Practical Nursing Program and through many sacrifices I never thought me and my kids could pull through. I am only months away from starting a new chapter and receiving this scholarship is a testament that there are individuals and organizations that believe in my potential to bring a positive impact in the field of nursing.

This scholarship is a boost of encouragement for me to keep working hard and be able to give back in my community as a nurse. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

– Anonymous, Licensed Practical Nurse Student, Spring 2024

While CSN maintains affordable tuition, many students attend part-time while managing jobs, families, and other responsibilities. Assisting Lives in Las Vegas Scholarship helps remove financial barriers, enabling students to stay on track toward graduation. As Sylvie Courtemarsh, current ALLV President, noted, “A scholarship can help put food on the table sooner—it can uplift an entire family by supporting just one student.”

A Broader Mission of Service

ALLV also serves the broader community through a variety of vital programs. Its long-standing Thrift Shop, located at W. Charleston Boulevard and Torrey Pines Drive, has been a community fixture since the 1990s. Proceeds from the shop support ALLV's philanthropic initiatives, and unsold merchandise is donated to other nonprofits, continuing the cycle of giving.

Sue Trock, ALLV 2024-2025 President-Elect, states it best, "We don't have to see the person to know we are making a difference. It's community supporting the community."

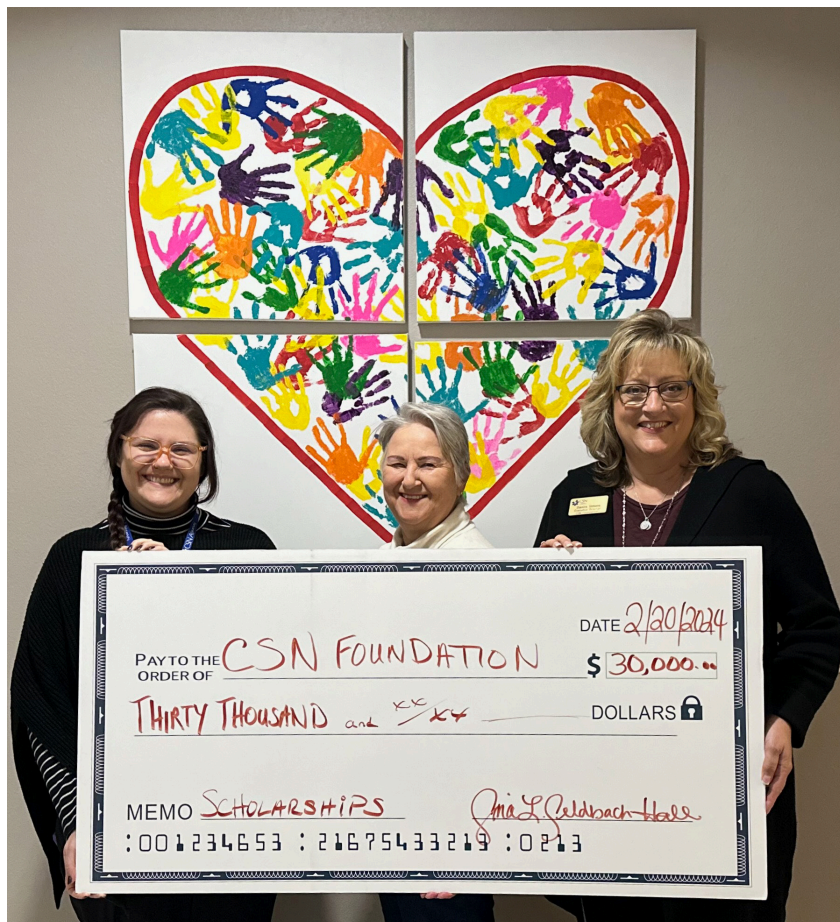
One of the chapter's most impactful programs is Operation School Bell, now known as "Our School Boutique," which provides clothing and essentials to students from pre-K through 8th grade who are in need.

When asked about a memorable moment at ALLV, Rolande Werner, Scholarship Committee Chair, said, "The type of work at ALLV and the number of committed volunteers and valuable hours given, speak volumes – this is how the HUGE difference is made."

A Grateful Acknowledgment

The CSN Foundation is deeply grateful for the ongoing generosity and partnership of Assisting Lives in Las Vegas. We proudly recognize the organization's leadership for their vision and commitment especially: Sylvie Courtemarsh, President; Sue Trock, 2024-2025 President-Elect; and Rolande Werner, Scholarship Committee Chair.

Together, we are creating brighter futures for CSN students and for the entire Southern Nevada community.



Left to right: Lauren Johnson, Manager, Donor and Alumni Relations, Rolande Werner, Scholarship Committee Chair, ALLV, Danita Simons, Executive Director, CSN Foundation, Gina Geldbach-Hall, 2023-2024 President-Elect, ALLV.

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Sletten Construction of Nevada, Inc

Whether you're catching a flight at Harry Reid International Airport, riding through the RTC Bonneville Transit Center in downtown Las Vegas, or stepping onto the campus of one of Nevada's many educational institutions, chances are you've seen the work of Sletten Construction of Nevada.

Founded in 1928 in Great Falls, Montana, Sletten Companies began as a modest operation in the basement of the Sletten family home. Over the next 45 years, the company steadily expanded, laying the groundwork for its future growth.

In 1963, Robert "Bob" Sletten, son of the company's founder, opened Sletten's Las Vegas office. He became President in 1969 and later served as Chairman of the Board from 1988 to 2015. During his leadership, Bob was instrumental in the development of a wide range of educational, correctional, and industrial facilities across the region.

Now a 100% employee-owned award-winning company, Sletten Construction operates offices throughout the Western U.S., and continues to play a vital role in shaping the region's infrastructure.

A Lasting Partnership with CSN

Sletten's relationship with the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) began in 1973 with the construction of the college's first, brand-new facility in North Las Vegas, near Cheyenne Avenue and Pecos Road. Then known as Clark County Community College, the Phase I project was completed in less than a year for just \$1.5 million. Since that inaugural project, Sletten has remained a committed partner to CSN.

In 2013, Sletten made its first charitable contribution to the CSN Foundation further cementing its commitment to student success. The company later expanded its support by establishing the **Sletten Construction Scholarship**, specifically for students pursuing degrees in construction management.



Left to right: Dr. James McCoy, Vice President, Academic Affairs - Chief Academic Officer, CSN, Danita Simons, Executive Director, CSN Foundation, Dane Carter, Senior Vice President, Sletten Companies, and Patty Charlton, Chancellor, NSHE Board of Regents.

Investing in the Next Generation

CSN's Construction Management program equips students with the skills to lead residential, commercial, and sustainable ("green") building projects. These future professionals use a diverse set of tools and techniques to plan, manage, and complete critical infrastructure projects. Construction managers oversee every phase, from budgeting and scheduling to final delivery, making their role essential in every successful build.

Thanks to Sletten Construction's continued generosity, the CSN Foundation is proud to offer targeted scholarship opportunities that help develop the next generation of construction leaders in this dynamic and growing field.

Making an Impact, One Student at a Time

Sletten made its first charity golf tournament donation to CSN in 2013, and has since continued its steadfast support. In 2024 alone, the tournament raised nearly \$40,000, with proceeds going directly to support students through the CSN Foundation. These contributions are making a tangible difference in students' lives.

Excerpt from a scholarship recipient's letter of gratitude:

"I am utterly speechless in my gratitude for your generous donation. I grew up helping my father build projects and I am excited to learn more about the industry, and design future projects utilizing this revolutionary software. I have been going through some struggles, and this phenomenal donation is greatly appreciated. It will go a long way in assisting me with the purchase of textbooks and other associated items to continue my college education. I hope to someday return the favor I have received from your kindness so other individuals can acquire their goals at achieving a college degree."

– Anonymous, Student of Building Information Modeling Systems/Construction Management Program, Spring 2024

Looking Ahead

Sletten Construction is proud to continue its partnership with the CSN Foundation as the college grows and extends its reach across Southern Nevada.

On behalf of the CSN Foundation and the College of Southern Nevada, thank you for making education possible for our students. Your passion for education and community is truly inspiring. We look forward to continuing this journey and transforming lives—together.

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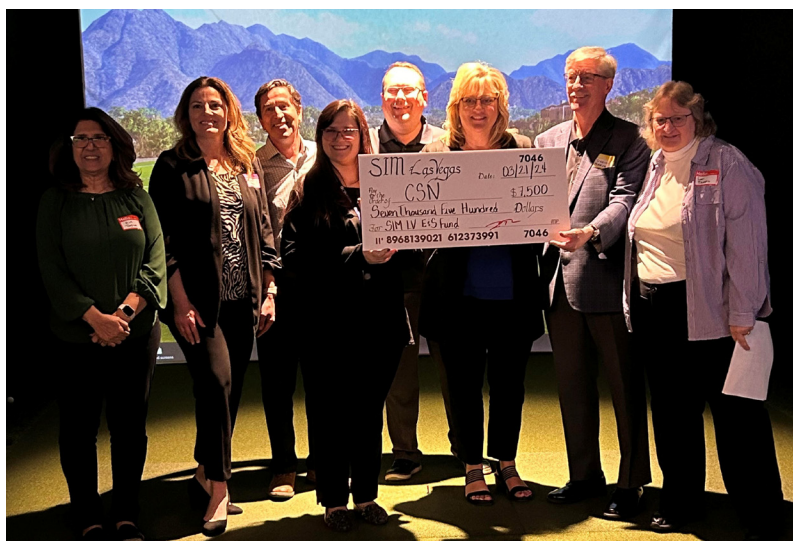
A big thank you to the Society for Information Management Las Vegas Chapter (SIM LV) for supporting impactful scholarship opportunities.

SIM is a national organization for Information Technology (IT) professionals, with more than 5,000 members, including senior IT leaders, chief information officers, and renowned academics. Founded in 1968 as a breakout session at a computing conference in Las Vegas, SIM has become the world's foremost nonprofit membership association for technology executives and is dedicated to developing, enabling and empowering exceptional technology leaders.

The Las Vegas Chapter of SIM brings IT professionals together to help shape the local technology ecosystem. The priority for the Chapter is to assist in identifying the technology workforce development needs in the community and work with academic institutions and community partners to support programs and meet those needs.

The CSN Foundation is both grateful and proud to recognize this exceptional scholarship donor, whose contribution is making a tangible and lasting impact on CSN students and their educational journeys.

"SIM Las Vegas is proud to support future leaders in technology by investing in their educational aspirations. Our goal is to empower these students to reach their full potential and to make meaningful contributions to the technology environment in Southern Nevada" said Bob Leek, President of the SIM Las Vegas Chapter.



Left to right: Efatsadat (Eve) Taghva, CSN, Karen Ahern, CC Professor, Computing & Info Tech - Computing & Information Tech, CSN, Naser Heravi, Department Chair – Computing and Information Technology, CSN, Lauren Johnson, Manager, Donor and Alumni Relations, CSN, Jesse Taylor, SIM Las Vegas, Danita Simons, Executive Director, CSN Foundation, Gezinus Hidding, SIM Las Vegas, and Lori Temple, SIM Las Vegas.





Ways to Give

Your generosity today helps us build a brighter tomorrow for CSN students and southern Nevada. With your gift, you can help us graduate CSN students debt-free so they can focus on their studies and careers.

GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

Check, Cash, Credit Card
CSN Employee Payroll Deduction
Stocks – Bonds – Securities
Trusts and Annuities
Retirement Plans
Insurance Policies
Bequests
Employer Matching Gifts
Real Estate
Gifts In-Kind

SCHOLARSHIPS

Named Scholarships
Memorial Scholarships
General Scholarship Fund

ENDOWMENTS

Named Endowed Scholarships
Existing CSN Endowment Funds

CAMPAIGNS

Capital
Buildings

STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

The Student Emergency Fund provides students with assistance when faced with an unexpected emergency situation. The purpose of this fund is to help students stay enrolled and complete their education.

COYOTE CUPBOARD

Addresses emergency food insecurity, ensuring students stay nourished, focused, and on track to graduate.

Support the CSN Foundation:
bit.ly/CSNF-Donate



Donate to the Student
Emergency Fund:
bit.ly/CSNF-SEF



Learn about other ways to give:
bit.ly/CSNF-Ways-To-Give



grat*i*tude - a feeling of being grateful to someone because they have given you something or have done something for you.

On behalf of the College of Southern Nevada, the CSN Foundation Board of Trustees, Faculty, Staff, and our Students, it is with sincere GRATITUDE and appreciation that we thank you for your generosity, partnership, and support in walking alongside us to ensure our students achieve, succeed, and prosper.





The mission of the College of Southern Nevada Foundation is to foster the academic success of our students through community engagement and philanthropic efforts.

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