



Annual Recognition Breakfast

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Program.

“Fire, Fire” and “Sicut Cervus”

Las Vegas High School Madrigals
Janet Tyler, Choir Director

WELCOME

Lisa Brown

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Canyon Springs High School
The Leadership & Law Preparatory Academy
Air Force JROTC
Lt. Col. Bruce Brown, Advisor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ze'mya Black, Second Grade Student
Kermit Roosevelt Booker Sr. Empowerment School

“The National Anthem”

Las Vegas High School Madrigals
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INTRODUCTIONS AND EMCEES

Sandy Miller & Tom Warden

MESSAGE

Carolyn Edwards
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REMARKS

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Recognition Presentations

“Here Comes the Sun”

Las Vegas High School Madrigals
Janet Tyler, Choir Director

FAREWELL

Bridget Phillips

Pre-Program Entertainment By:

Garside Junior High School Orchestra

Laura Wood, Orchestra Director

Special Performances & Presentations:

Valley High School Marching Band

Candace Chun, Director

Focus School Project

Shining Star Awards – 10 Years

BANK OF NEVADA

Bank of Nevada has been partnered with Rex Bell Elementary School for the past ten years. They assist the school in many ways to support education and student achievement. Funding has been provided to support educational assemblies and school events that support the curriculum. Bank of Nevada collects and donates school supplies for students and teachers. They support math literacy by sponsoring a Utah State Engineering Night, volunteering to facilitate games during school math nights, volunteering weekly to teach financial literacy to students, and facilitating the “Teach Children to Save” program. Volunteers from Bank of Nevada speak to students about education and different careers during Career Day. In addition to supporting math initiatives, they also support literacy by providing volunteers to read during Nevada Reading Week. Bank of Nevada employees also sponsor teacher appreciation and student recognition events.

CENTURYLINK

CenturyLink has been a partner of the Focus School Project for many years. They support several schools located near their offices and a school that is located in North Las Vegas. Gibson and J.D. Smith Middle Schools have been provided funding to purchase student agendas each year to teach students about organization and goal setting. School supplies have also been provided as well as funding for school events. With the relocation of their new offices, CenturyLink has recently partnered with Helen Cannon Junior High School. CenturyLink employees have supplied students with school supplies and classroom materials, financial donations, volunteers for Career Day, and PAYBAC speakers. At Cannon, they are planning a student book drive to promote literacy, a student and staff recognition program, and an e-mentoring program. CenturyLink will continue to provide volunteers for special events and encourage the importance of education.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

New Hope Church of God in Christ partnered with Clyde Cox Elementary School ten years ago. Church members support the school in a variety of ways. At the beginning of the school year, the church sponsors an annual school supply and clothing drive to stock the classrooms and clothing closet for the school. Families are sponsored during Thanksgiving and Christmas with complete turkey and ham dinners with all the fixings and side dishes. During Nevada Reading Week, volunteers from New Hope read to students and donate books for classrooms. They also sponsor the UNLV Tickets for Teachers program that

provides tickets to all of the UNLV basketball games and funds transportation for field trips for the students. New Hope Church of God in Christ ends each school year with a luncheon for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

NORTH LAS VEGAS CHAMBER FOUNDATION

The North Las Vegas Chamber Foundation has sponsored several schools over the past ten years. Their partnership began at Lowman Elementary School by funding materials and items that would boost student attendance. The North Las Vegas Chamber Foundation purchased a popcorn machine to encourage students to attend school every day with a promise of fresh popcorn on Fridays. School supplies and clothing are provided to support needy students at the school. This partnership expanded to include funds to support the arts at CVT Gilbert Elementary School and funds to support educational programs at Wendell Williams Elementary School. The North Las Vegas Chamber Foundation also provides holiday baskets for Thanksgiving, as well as funds for gifts for needy children during Christmas.

SPREAD THE WORD NEVADA: KIDS TO KIDS

Spread the Word Nevada: Kids to Kids sponsors numerous elementary Focus Schools. Their mission is to advance early childhood literacy by placing books into the hands and homes of children within Southern Nevada's at-risk, low income communities. Through community collaboration, mentorship, and family partnership programs, Spread the Word Nevada fosters reading and language development opportunities ultimately leading to brighter academic and economic futures for these children. They are dedicated to changing the lives of at-risk children, one book at a time. In addition to providing books that children can have in their homes and classroom, they sponsor and facilitate weekly book events with parents so that the love of reading is reinforced in the homes.

STATION CASINOS

Station Casinos is a partner that matches each of their properties with a Focus School. Boulder Station is partnered with Laura Dearing Elementary School and Santa Fe Station is partnered with Fitzgerald Elementary School. Boulder Station and Santa Fe Station employees provide many resources to the students. They donate monthly teacher recognition and student achievement awards, host a formal dinner in one of the hotel's restaurants for fifth-grade students who are learning dining etiquette, as well as food and facilities for staff development days. Classroom volunteers are provided on a monthly basis and for special events. Food, clothing, and toy drives are conducted during the holidays. A designated staff member of each property's human resources department works closely with school administration to help develop and coordinate a school plan based upon a needs assessment done prior to the beginning of each school year.

Shining Star Awards – 15 Years

NATIONAL SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES (NSTEC)

National Security Technologies (NSTec) has been partnered with Jim Bridger Middle School and Kit Carson Elementary School for the past 15 years. The employees of NSTec have played a very active role in increasing student achievement and supporting the students at both schools. At the beginning of each school year, employees conduct school supply drives to support the students with items needed to succeed in school. Employees have raised funds to provide shoes to needy students through the Goodie Two Shoes Foundation. Computers have been donated for students to use in their homes to complete assignments. Employees volunteer to read during Nevada Reading Week and donate books for the schools' libraries. At Bridger Middle School, employees speak to students about the importance of education and possible careers in the math and science field. They have also been e-mentoring students for many years. NSTec donates items for student incentives and provides a luncheon during Teacher Appreciation Week.

NEVADA STATE BANK

Nevada State Bank has been partnered with Ruby Thomas Elementary School for the past 15 years. During this time, they have provided funding for computer equipment for the classrooms to support education. Employees support school events through volunteerism and donated student and classroom supplies. Funds are donated for student and staff incentives. Volunteers read to classrooms during Nevada Reading Week and donate books to support literacy. A large grant was provided to place many new books to refresh their library. Needy families are adopted during Thanksgiving and Christmas so that they receive much needed food and gifts for their children. Fourth and fifth grade classes have participated in the e-mentoring program to promote writing skills and career opportunities in banking. Employees also participate in Junior Achievement and assist with math and literacy nights.

WSI NEVADA TEAM

Since 1996, the WSI Nevada Team has developed a relationship with the staff, students, and families of Quannah McCall Elementary School. Representatives meet regularly with the principal to find where their talent and support is most needed. During the annual Nevada Reading Week, WSI employees volunteer their time to read to the students in various classrooms. For 15 years, WSI employees have been involved in various events at Quannah McCall to support the school in building a sense of community by cleaning the school grounds, painting murals on the school walls, sponsoring contests for writing, donating plants for their desert garden, and participating in educational programs for the students. Field Day is an annual event that the WSI staff looks forward to supporting every year. Their Back-to-School Supply Drives have been an annual tradition, providing

much needed supplies to the students and faculty so that students will have the tools necessary for a successful school year. For the past three years, WSI Nevada Team has sponsored the Quannah McCall's "Run for Life" club in the annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, by paying the registration fees for the participants to support the students in their endeavor to keep physical activity as a daily part of their lives. For two years, they have received the trophy for the largest participation for an elementary school. Every fall, the WSI Nevada Team comes together to support their annual Thanksgiving Basket Contest in support of the students and families of Quannah McCall Elementary School.

Shining Star Awards – 20 Years

UNITEDHEALTHCARE

UnitedHealthcare has been partnered with Twin Lakes Elementary School for twenty years! This partnership was one of the first partnerships established in the Clark County School District. The employees at UnitedHealthcare begin every year with a company school supply drive to provide supplies to students and teachers. The company assists the schools' initiatives with financial and volunteer assistance. Families are sponsored during Thanksgiving and Christmas. UnitedHealthcare also assists families with clothing and hygiene needs. UnitedHealthcare is the largest sponsor of the Stay in School Mentoring Program allowing more than 40 employees to volunteer weekly at the school sites. In addition, they bring their mentees to their worksite at the end of the year so that their mentees can tour the facilities and learn about careers in the health field. Volunteers are provided for special school events, Nevada Reading Week and career days. The company employees work closely with school staff to ensure that the needs of students are met.

KENNY C. GUINN BLUE RIBBON AWARD

Gordie Hill created the Glen A. Hill Memorial and began his partnership with Helen J. Stewart Elementary School 25 years ago. He and his staff give countless volunteer hours to support this school. Through this memorial, Gordie raises money to support Helen J. Stewart School. Over the past year, he has raised \$20,000 to directly support the needs of students with significant disabilities at Helen J. Stewart. His involvement includes: hosting an annual Tri-Tip Cook-off and the Glen A. Hill Memorial Golf Tournament where he brings in players from all over the nation providing holiday gifts and Thanksgiving baskets for needy families, and supplies and materials for the school's Turtle Homecoming Game. Mr. Hill provides experiences for students that they otherwise would not have the opportunity. His funds allow the students to have full graduation ceremonies, homecoming activities, senior proms, and other activities that mainstream students' experience. Mr. Hill aligns his activities directly to the Helen J. Stewart School Improvement Plan. His involvement allows the students to gain social, communication, and daily living skills that are necessary for the growth of students with

significant disabilities. He also supports the professional development of staff to ensure that teachers are equipped to work in highly specialized areas. Due to his continued support, one hundred percent of the Helen J. Stewart Elementary School student body population maintained or progressed to the next communicative phase. This progress is directly related to the support of Gordie Hill.

STAY IN SCHOOL MENTORING PROJECT

Since 1997, the School-Community Partnership Program has offered community members an opportunity to become mentors to deserving middle school students. Community members are matched with a middle school student and meet one hour each week during the school day at their mentee's school.

The program's goal is to provide adult mentors from the community to offer support and guidance to middle school students who are at risk of dropping out of school. Mentors encourage students to stay in school and help promote future education and career focus.

Mentors are recruited and asked to complete an application and questionnaire, agree to a background check, and participate in a mentor training program. Once background checks and reference checks are completed, mentors are matched with selected middle school students who are at risk of dropping out of school.

We would like to recognize 43 mentors from AXA Advisors, Desert Springs United Methodist Church, NSTec, UnitedHealthcare, and our community members for their continued commitment to their mentees and the Stay in School Mentoring Project for the past five and ten years:

Five Year Mentors

Community Member

Charlene Baker

Desert Springs United Methodist Church

Lilias Gordon

Oliva Watson

Gertrude "Midge" Williams

Nevada Title Company

Lisa Brown

Robert Kolesar Jr.

Barbara Pearson

Tami Perry

Andrea Peterson

Monica Ruiz

Keith Schleichardt

NSTec

Vicky Birkland

Stacey Cherrier

Jennelle Daniel

Nicki Freeman

Susan Geisinger

Kirsten Kellogg

Carolyn Logan

Tonie Lucero

Stephen Magdelinic

Sally Perea

Annette Primrose

Jessica Thomason

United Healthcare

Denise Dominguez-Kranz

Shelly Flom

Jan Hamilton

Michael Nash

Yvonne White

Loretta Young

Kathy Zebio

Ten Year Mentors

AXA Advisors

Jason Souza

Desert Springs United Methodist Church

Marianne Case

Linda Chapin

Thomas Washington

NSTec

Glenda Cates

Doug Clark

June Dunlap

Ronna Hoesch

Kim Holton

Carrie Johnson-Booker

Shawn Muehlbauer

Kelly Pavalko

Pam Soper

PROFESSIONALS AND YOUTH BUILDING A COMMITMENT (PAYBAC) PROGRAM

One of the longest running volunteer programs within the School-Community Partnership Program Office is the Professionals And Youth Building a Commitment (PAYBAC) Program. For more than twenty years, community members have been sharing with students their stories of overcoming life's obstacles and struggles, and emphasizing how their education has led to their successes.

Each school year, hundreds of community volunteers spend two hours of their day at about 30 at-risk middle and alternative high schools motivating our youth to stay in school. Each speaker tells their own story to a group or classroom of students. Speakers focus their presentations on many different topics, including establishing plans, setting personal and academic goals, discussing emerging career opportunities, and discussing the importance of continuing education to accomplish established career goals, achieve meaningful employment, and be prepared for a successful life.

During the 2010-2011 school year, 33 schools participated in the PAYBAC Program reaching almost 24,000 students on the importance of remaining in school, setting goals, and planning for their futures.

Three PAYBAC speakers are recognized today for their continued dedication and for reaching a significant milestone in their participation in the PAYBAC Program:

Bernard "BJ" Plaskett

Five years of volunteering

John Bernstein

Ten years of volunteering

Patti Goin

Ten+ years of volunteering

Outstanding Corporation

Cox Communications

Cox Communications has been a long standing partner with the Clark County School District. One example of their long lasting partnership with Clark County School District is Homework Hotline. This program brings tutorial assistance into the homes of students around the valley. Other partnerships that Cox Communications has been involved in over the last decade include the Jason Project, Futures Expo, PAYBAC, “Take the Time to Teach” and numerous career days.

Beginning in 2005, Cox Communications became the sponsor of the yearly Back to School Fairs. The fairs assist more than 50,000 students and their families each year to gather information to properly prepare them for school. Each year, Cox Communications films Clark County School District high school graduations providing more than one hundred hours of live and tape-delayed programming for high school students and their families.

Over the years, Cox has sponsored several student performances and experiences for students. For the past three years, the Arabian Horses Kids Day at the South Point Equestrian Center has provided hundreds of children the opportunity to experience a live horse show and visit the animals up close. In 2010, Cox Communications sponsored a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) grant opportunity for high school teachers to allow specific projects to be funded and showcased on their Web site. The Las Vegas Science Festival was a weeklong event which consisted of many science related talks, discussions, and special science industry open houses. The Science Festival culminated with a Science Expo at Cashman Center. Nearly 10,000 people visited booths and hands-on activities, which were provided by more than 100 community organizations.

Cox Communications wants to be an active participant in the solutions for the community. They continue to sponsor and moderate town hall meetings such as the Come Together to End Bullying Statewide Town Hall meeting that was held on September 26, 2011.

Steve Schorr, Vice President of Public and Government Affairs, Cox Communications, has been a longstanding member of the School-Community Partnership Program Advisory Council and has been a constant advocate for the youth in our community. Cox Communications is also one of our sponsors for today’s event.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

THE MANILOW MUSIC PROJECT

Music icon Barry Manilow formed The Manilow Music Project in 2008 as part of his non-profit Manilow Fund for Health and Hope in an effort to help meet the needs of several depleted public school music programs. The Project has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of instruments and materials to school music programs across the country. During the 2010-11 school year, The Manilow Music Project greatly impacted fourteen Las Vegas middle schools and one high school. The Clark County School District (CCSD) School-Community Partnership Program and the Fine Arts Department were fortunate to work with the Barry Manilow Foundation, which worked in collaboration with Yamaha Corporation to provide \$500,000 in instruments to these select schools. A special event was held on October 7, 2010, at Valley High School where all fifteen schools had representation. The students participated in a special assembly that included a riveting speech by Barry Manilow. After the event, trucks delivered new instruments to each of the sites. If that wasn't enough, Barry Manilow invited four of the school choirs to perform at a few of his holiday shows and donated tickets to their parents and chaperones. Barry Manilow continues to collect used instruments for the CCSD students, thus encouraging the community to get instruments in the hands of our youth. Barry Manilow also has donated tickets to his show throughout the year to thank CCSD teachers, administrators, and staff. We have been informed that there is still more to come. Barry is truly a community champion.

PRETTY FOR PROM

Two years ago, Melissa Warren from Faiss Foley Warren Public Relations and Dr. Carolyn Thomas from the International Academy of Design and Technology (IADT) partnered with the Clark County School District to form Pretty for Prom. This program continues to provide 15 at-risk high school girls the opportunity to have the prom of their dreams. IADT students design custom-made prom dresses for deserving high school juniors or seniors who otherwise may not be able to attend prom due to extenuating circumstances. Faiss Foley Warren Public Relations also partners with Euphoria Spa's to volunteer stylists to create custom hair and make up for each student. To top off the experience, all 15 girls model their dresses on a runway during a fashion show each spring. It is truly a dream come true for these young ladies.

SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT

The Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) partners with and provides support to hundreds of Clark County School District schools and staff members and thousands of students every year. Following are several examples of their partnership with CCSD:

Immunization Office and Community Health: As part of the Southern Nevada Immunization Coalition, the SNHD partners with CCSD and other health organizations to assure students are properly immunized and able to attend school. **Community Nursing Program:** Nurses have provided oral health screening and fluoride varnishes to at-risk Kindergarten through third grade students. The SNHD Nurse Family Partnership accepts referrals from CCSD school nurses for low-income first time mothers. **Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion:** The SNHD Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant funds a CCSD Safe Routes to School expansion program, provided funds to CCSD Food Services to purchase fruit cup filling machines, funds equipment and a dedicated CCSD nurse to oversee Body Mass Index (BMI) data collection, and funds support for tobacco prevention, nutrition education, and wellness promotion/education for students and teachers. This office also manages the Coaches Challenge program in partnership with UNLV, which promotes healthy eating and physical activity in elementary school classrooms. They also provide numerous other health encouragement programs used by CCSD staff, students, and families. **Environmental Health Office:** The SNHD works with CCSD Risk Management staff, principals, school staff, and other CCSD personnel to inspect, make recommendations, and educate staff as to proper storage, use, and disposal of hazardous chemicals. These efforts continue to help us make CCSD a safe place to work and educate. SNHD staff also participates in numerous coalitions and work groups, and volunteer for various CCSD events.

STARKEY FOUNDATION

The Starkey Hearing Foundation has helped hundreds of thousands of people to have better hearing by providing no cost hearing aids. Hearing mission trips are paid for by donations to Starkey Hearing Foundation, which allows the organization to provide this needed service. They have ongoing domestic and international hearing missions in development year round.

Last year the Clark County School District Audiology Department and the School-Community Partnership Program were fortunate to be able to work with the Starkey Foundation. The Starkey Hearing Foundation Las Vegas Hearing Mission was held at the Las Vegas Hilton and was sponsored by the hotel, along with Associated Television International, and the Daytime Emmy's.

A star-studded line-up of celebrities from daytime, primetime and reality television including Marlee Matlin, Wayne Brady, Sherri Shephard, Susan Lucci, Tristan Rogers, and Kyle and Chris Massey, joined the Starkey Hearing Foundation to deliver the gift of hearing to 110 hearing-impaired children and adults from the Las Vegas area. Ninety recipients were students from the Clark County School District.

We are truly grateful to the Starkey Hearing Foundation for their dedication and involvement in the community.

THE FOUNDATION TO ASSIST YOUNG MUSICIANS (FAYM)

On December 20, 2007, the Foundation to Assist Young Musicians (FAYM) was born. Established by Harold Weller, the founding music director and conductor laureate of the Las Vegas Philharmonic, FAYM has succeeded in pursuing its mission of encouraging and supporting gifted young musicians in early training, advanced study, and professional career development, specifically those who are in need of financial and/or mentoring support up to the age of 26. In addition, their mission has expanded in scope to include innovative new programs for children from needy families to receive music education. This direction began in 2009 working in collaboration with Art Ochoa, project coordinator and former principal of Sunrise Acres Elementary School. Under FAYM's banner, they began a program of violin instruction for inner city youth in east Las Vegas. FAYM just started their third year of instruction and are working diligently to raise funds for their expansion to students living in west Las Vegas by providing lessons at the Pearson Community Center. One hundred percent of this dynamic program is being implemented by volunteers with all donated dollars going directly to providing materials, scholarships, and instruction for the students.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

The School-Community Partnership Program has been very fortunate to work with University of Nevada, Las Vegas on several partnerships during the last five years. The Men's Athletic Department has worked tirelessly to bring resources to our schools. These opportunities range from the Rebel Reading Challenge, Tickets for Teachers, basketball clinics for our middle school coaches, and working in collaboration with the Southern Nevada Health District. The Men's Basketball Program has also participated in the "Teacher of the Game" program where some of the top notch teachers are recognized at home UNLV Rebel basketball games.

UNLV Marketing Public Relations became a Focus School partner and officially adopted Cunningham Elementary School in 2009. They have now expanded their efforts and have officially adopted three additional elementary schools, Dean Petersen Elementary School, Ruth Fyfe Elementary School, and Oran Gragson Elementary School.

UNLV's Public Lands Institute has provided hundreds of CCSD teachers and thousands of students with opportunities to develop skills, knowledge, and commitment to participate in the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our public lands through workshops and field trips.

The Nevada University Transportation Center at UNLV houses the Safe Community Partnership program which provides support for many driver and pedestrian safety issues around our community. They actively support and participate in numerous Safe Routes to School programs including walk to school days and other safety events at schools.

The School-Community Partnership Program has had the pleasure of working with the office of Civic Engagement and Diversity to engage in a process that will allow schools to advertise volunteer and service learning opportunities to UNLV students. These

opportunities range from reading to students, tutoring, engaging in beautification projects, and much more.

PARTNERS IN COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS (CIS)

JIM GIBSON - TRIBUTE

Since the spring of 2009 Jim Gibson of Silver State Trailways Las Vegas office has been instrumental in helping Communities In Schools (CIS) provide services to Clark County students. As manager, he has coordinated with CIS during the past two and a half years to donate bus transportation which has allowed nearly 200 students to receive free eye exams and glasses, helped high school students meet business owners on job shadow experiences and allowed students to be rewarded with trips to the Las Vegas Mini Grand Prix & Arcade. He also has provided hundreds of CCSD students with rides that allowed them to do thousands of hours of community service ranging from providing shoes to the underprivileged, hosting a picnic for children with cancer and their families, recycling during the Las Vegas Silverman Triathlon, rebuilding the Las Vegas Christmas Lights Show at the Motor Speedway, assisting disabled baseball players at the Las Vegas Miracle Field, attending a celebration to honor their work at a YMCA Water Park, and even discounting a bus trip to Disneyland.

SMILE GENERATION

Smile Generation has been a great partner with Communities In Schools. They started partnering with CIS by having a coat drive with their clients for three months followed with a toy drive. The toy drive provided toys for birthday parties at two of the elementary schools that Smile Generation provides services. Smile Generation conducted a school supply drive. In addition, they sponsored a dental day on August 13, 2011, and provided restorative care to 27 students from Canyon Springs High School, Bridger Middle School, and Martinez Elementary School.

SNELL & WILMER - TRIBUTE

Pat Curtis, Chad Fears, and Danielle Mathey of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. are not only outstanding attorneys, but outstanding people with big hearts. For several years they have donated their time and resources to assist Communities In Schools in everything from settling legal disputes to reviewing bylaws. They cheerfully do this on top of their normal workload. Their passion and commitment to making life better for Nevada's children is evidenced by their ongoing contributions each year. Communities In Schools gratefully recognizes Snell & Wilmer as outstanding professionals in their field as well as outstanding humanitarians in our community.



Thank you for making a difference in the lives of Clark County School District students!



Thank you for sponsoring today's breakfast!

