



Western Nevada College

CELEBRATING THE
CLASS OF

2026

*Commencement
Ceremony*

Commencement
CARSON CITY
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

Marv Teixeira Pavilion, Mills Park

- Processional**Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band
Grand Marshal - Dr. Winnie Kortemeier,
Professor of Geosciences
- National Anthem**.....Eleanor Joiner Davis, Georgia McKnight,
and Briana Valley
Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company
- Musical Presentation**.....“For Good” from the musical “Wicked”,
Words and Music by Stephen Schwartz,
Arranged by Mac Huff, Music Director Judy Monson
Performed by Darby Beckwith, Eleanor Joiner Davis,
Lynette Gardner, Georgia McKnight,
Kyla Olsen, Briana Valley, and Andie Wilkerson
Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company
- Opening Remarks**.....Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, President
- Regents Remarks**Jeffrey Downs, Ph.D., Regent, NSHE Board of Regents
- Welcome Message
to Students**Karla Salas Dominguez, 2025-26 President,
Associated Students of Western Nevada
- Commencement
Address**.....Stephen Jon Thompson, Author and Tech Executive
- Presentation
of the Graduates**Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, President, Western Nevada College
Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs,
Dr. Gwen Sharp, Nevada State University
- Announcement
of the Graduates**.....Dr. Rebecca Bevans, Professor of Psychology
- Awarding of Degrees**.....Members of the NSHE Board of Regents
- Conferring of Degrees**.....Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, President
- Recessional**Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band

Commencement
FALLON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026
3C Event Complex

ProcessionalGrand Marshal - Dr. Brigitte Dillet,
Professor of Earth Sciences

National AnthemAnabelle Forshee

Opening RemarksDr. J. Kyle Dalpe, President

Regents RemarksCarol Del Carlo, Regent, NSHE Board of Regents

**Welcome Message
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**Commencement
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**Presentation
of the Graduates**Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, President

**Announcement
of the Graduates**Jolene Coverston, Psychology Instructor

Awarding of DegreesMembers of the NSHE Board of Regents

Conferring of DegreesDr. J. Kyle Dalpe, President

*Thank you to the Greenhouse Garden Center & Fallon Walmart for
graciously donating stage greenery for our Commencement Ceremonies.*

2026

Commencement Ceremony

WELCOME, FROM PRESIDENT DR. J. KYLE DALPE



**Congratulations,
Western Nevada
College Class of
2026!**

Today marks
an important
milestone, one
that reflects

your perseverance, determination and commitment to achieving your goals. Each of you has taken a unique path to reach this moment, and your journey is a testament to the strength and resilience that define the Western Nevada College community.

At WNC, we are proud to provide opportunities that support your success, whether you balanced work and family, returned to college to pursue a new direction, or began your higher education journey with us. Your accomplishments represent not only academic achievement, but also personal growth and a readiness to embrace what comes next.

As you move forward with your degree or certificate, know that you are equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to make a meaningful impact. Whether you continue your education or enter the workforce, you carry with you the foundation built

here, one that will support you in adapting, growing and succeeding in an ever-changing world.

Our motto, “Start Here, Go Anywhere,” reflects the possibilities ahead of you. We are excited to see where your path leads and how you will contribute to your communities, professions and beyond. You are now part of a proud network of WNC graduates whose achievements continue to inspire others.

This accomplishment is also shared with those who supported you (your families, friends, faculty and staff) who encouraged you along the way. Take time to recognize their role in your success and celebrate this achievement together.

As you take your next steps, remember that your journey does not end here; it evolves. Continue to pursue your goals with curiosity, integrity and purpose. We are proud that you chose Western Nevada College to begin this chapter, and we look forward to all that you will accomplish in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
J. Kyle Dalpe, Ph.D.
President, Western Nevada College

HONOR DESIGNATIONS

Western Nevada College recognizes superior academic performance at commencement. Honors designations are awarded and noted in this program as follows:

ASSOCIATE DEGREES Completion of at least 30 honors eligible credits at WNC

BACHELOR DEGREES Completion of at least 60 honors eligible credits at WNC

Certificates of Achievement are not eligible for honors.

+++ SUMMA CUM LAUDE 3.90 or above grade point average

++ MAGNA CUM LAUDE 3.75 to 3.89 grade point average

+ CUM LAUDE 3.60 to 3.74 grade point average

Graduates eligible for honors wear honor medals on blue and gold ribbons during the ceremonies.

PHI THETA KAPPA Members of the International Honor Society of Two Year Colleges

NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Board of Regents

Byron Brooks, Chair, *Las Vegas*

Stephanie Goodman, Vice Chair, *Reno*

Joseph C. Arrascada, *Reno*

Aaron Bautista, *Las Vegas*

Patrick J. Boylan, *Las Vegas*

Susan Brager, *Las Vegas*

Heather Brown, *Las Vegas*

Amy J. Carvalho

Carol Del Carlo, *Incline Village*

Jeffrey S. Downs, Ph.D., *Reno*

Carlos D. Fernandez, *Las Vegas*

Pete Goicoechea, *Elko*

Jennifer J. McGrath, *Las Vegas*

Chancellor

Matt McNair

WNC President

Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe

REGALIA DESIGNATIONS

Associated Students of Western Nevada - royal blue stole with gold trim/lettering

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society - gold stole with blue stitching/print

Nursing - white stole with blue stitching

Veterans - red, white and blue cords

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

WNC Gonfalons

These banners represent Western Nevada College and its academics through symbolism, color and design. They are the creation of WNC graphic design professor Jayna Conkey, in collaboration with art faculty member Rachel Stiff.



WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

The open book represents knowledge and an open mind; the torch represents wisdom, truth, strength, endurance, courage, determination, authority, and skill. It also represents achievement and prosperity. The infinity symbol represents lifelong learning and has no bound or end. Blue represents education and intelligence; white represents integrity; gold represents success.



WORKFORCE, CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The gears represent innovation and workforce path. The head and brain mean intellect, imaginative problem-solving and professionalism; the circuit board represents technology. The color green implies growth, the organic nature of learning and ever-changing. Dark blue signifies the spirit of inquiry and critical thinking; black denotes solidity; white means lifelong learning; gold signifies success.



NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH

The caduceus represents healing; the cupped hands serve as ideas of helping and healing, teamwork and collaboration. The heart represents the pulse of life, caring, cultural sensitivity and respect for all. White embodies ethics, commitment to the patient and better health for all, as well as lifelong learning; apricot embodies nurses who practice with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth and uniqueness of every individual. Royal blue signifies protection of health; gold represents science and success, inner strength, enthusiasm for learning and individualism.



LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

The trivium represents the original 7 liberal arts. The flower of life (behind the trivium) represents mathematical properties, geometry, growth and inquiry; the sphere around the flower of life stands for global/interconnections; the rotated square represents inclusion. White constitutes liberal arts/letters/humanities and lifelong learning; dark blue denotes philosophy and political science; gold represents math/sciences and success; purple stands for achievement and art.

Graduating Class of 2025-2026

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

ACCOUNTING

Eufrecina Zoleta McIntire *Dayton*

Glendy Villeda *Dayton*

APPRENTICESHIP

Kamisha Rochelle Abram *Las Vegas*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Diego Gary Alaniz *Laughlin*

Eric Michael Andersen *Gardnerville*

Hope Claire Billups *Fairview, UT ++ #*

Maximum Bruns Dillwith *Gardnerville*

Brandy Sue Gavenda *Stagecoach +*

Jacob Patrick Hanson *Carson City*

Ariana Mendoza *Dayton*

Erick Mendoza *Dayton*

Shaylyn Renee Tom *Carson City*

DEAF STUDIES

Kristina Mee Benbrooks *Carson City +++*

Mekoh Benbrooks *Carson City +*

Abbigail E Detsch *Gardnerville +++*

Dakota Farrar *Reno +*

Hallie Gurr *Sparks*

Adelaide Celestial Harlan *Sacramento, CA*

Belinda Jean Hooper *Fallon*

Dario Ioli *Carson City +*

Taylor Hunter Dawn McIntyre *Carson City*

Veronica M. Villeda *Carson City*

GENERAL BUSINESS

James R. McCollum *Sparks*

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Hope Adams *Gardnerville*

Susan Dean Berger *Carson City*

Ethan Campbell Casso *Carson City*

Catrina Herring *Tonopah*

Kelti Lou Koehler *Fallon*

Tara Lennon Stepro *Carson City #*

Madeline Lee Wilson *Minden*

HEALTH SCIENCE

Shelby Arnaud *Sparks*

Shivani J. Bhakta *Fallon*

Shannon Elizabeth Gillham *Carson City ++ #*

Corey Julia Jones *Minden +*

Brooklyn Rice *Dayton*

MECHATRONICS AND ELECTRONICS

Douglas Keaton Clemons *Dayton*

Jonathan Gerodias *Reno ++*

Steven Walter Hirsch *Carson City*

Luis Martinez *Gardnerville* ++
Pedro Alejandro Pacheco Graciano
Gardnerville +++
Omar Regino Sanchez *Carson City* +
Ezequiel Alejandro Varela *Gardnerville* +++ #

NURSING

Daniel Jacob Andersen *Fallon*
Janry Arenas *South Lake Tahoe, CA*
Daniel Lynn Beauchamp *Carson City* +
Sarah Prentice Bens *Gardnerville* +
Sophia Marie Bottino *Minden*
Christina Jane Brase *Carson City* +
Paolo Brian Sabado Cabalona
South Lake Tahoe, CA ++
Rachel Yujin Cho *Reno*
Cheyenne L. Clayson *Dayton* +++
Hailey Coe *Carson City*
Alycia Cupp *Gardnerville* ++
Guadalupe De Santiago *Fallon*
Kiarra Elizabeth Depaz *Gardnerville* ++
Wesley Dewhurst *Carson City* +++
Dana Leigh Dickinson *South Lake Tahoe, CA*
Kimduong Duong *Fallon*
Shannon Elizabeth Gillham *Carson City* ++ #
Grant Gomes *Minden* +++
Kaitlyn Ann Grove *Reno*
Romey Dean Marie Hickman *Hawthorne*
Elzbieta B. Hildebrandt *Minden*
Emily Elizabeth Jaeger *Carson City*
Brielle Johnson *Fallon* +
John William Edward Jury *Gardnerville* +++
Maggie Lynn Kleine *Wellington*
Gracie Konrad *Carson City*
Ronald Rey Lagat *Gardnerville*
Taylor Linford *Carson City* ++
Jennifer Campbell Lombardo *Carson City* +++

Dylan Madewell *Reno*
Edred Marsh *Reno* +++
Rosalba Lopez Martinez *South Lake Tahoe, CA*
Shaila Abigail Moe *Gardnerville*
Daniel Montes Castaneda *Minden* ++
Nancy Navarrete *Dayton*
Jocelyn Olvera Cabral *Carson City*
Mya Parker *Carson City* +
Rod J. Patual *Carson City*
Paul Edward Rama *Carson City* +
Avarie Shay Ramsey-Kruse *Gardnerville* +
Alex Joaquin Reyes *Minden* ++
Aubrey Jo Rosky *Carson City* +
Samantha Saint *Coleville, CA* ++
Heidi Celest Salamanca *Dayton*
Luz Maria Saldana-Alamillo *Reno*
Brianna Sanchez *Yerington*
Joshua Sanders *Fallon* +++
Hannah Seibel *Dayton*
Ashlynn Rose Shehorn *Silver City* +
Brittany St John *Carson City*
Dajah Stallings *Reno*
Angelina Stein *Gardnerville*
Audrey Leanna-Secciani Vanek *Gardnerville*
Cynthia Vega *Carson City*
Melanie D. Weston *Carson City*
Megan S. Williamson *South Lake Tahoe, CA*
Jade Alexandria Woffinden *Gardnerville*
Perry Yim *Dayton* ++
Austin Star Zivkovic *Gardnerville*

TECHNOLOGY - AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS

Scotty Dobson *Carson City* +++
Seth William Johnson *Minden*
Dakota Steven Pacheco-Sexton *Carson City* +
Evan Valdez *Dayton*

Sherlyn Alexandra Vasquez Perez *Carson City*
Heracrio Vega *Carson City*

TECHNOLOGY - COMPUTER INFORMATION

David Monteiro Ache *Sparks*
Axel Camacho *Carson City*
Christian Clark *Gardnerville*
Liam Halton *Elko*
Jacob S. Kemp *Carson City*
John Wayne Kirchner II *Carson City* +
Renee Kreamer *Dayton* +++
Daniel James Lauinger *Fernley*
Dylan Robson *Dayton*
Jeffrey Sanotsky *Gardnerville*
Maddox Velarde *Reno* +++

TECHNOLOGY - CONSTRUCTION

Donald C. Conner *Sparks* +++
Kimberly Joy Jansen *Reno* +++
Traver McQueary *Mound House*
Bryan Pacheco *Carson City*
Jeff Poeschel *Fernley* +++

TECHNOLOGY - MACHINE TOOL

Coen Michael Adkins *Reno* ++

TECHNOLOGY - MECHATRONICS

Anthony David Gregorich *Minden* ++
Jonathan Staab *Fernley* +

TECHNOLOGY - WELDING

Trenton Aldrich *Fallon*
Jesus Benitez *Carson City* ++
Kalip Ali Brown *Carson City* +++
Aidan James Bullock *Fallon*
Le' Mon Butler *Carson City* ++

Jeramie Dennis *Carson City* +++
Jorge Nicholas Garcia *Fallon*
Shawn Ray Hatcher *Carson City* +++
Noah Mark Hefley *Carson City* +++
Matthew Hill *Carson City* ++
Russell Sean Hultgren *Carson City* ++
Julian A. Jenks *Carson City*
Talon Michael Johnson *Fallon*
Xander Kobberstad *Fallon*
Trevor M. Layton *Fallon* +
Cristian Misael Martinez Pacheco *Carson City*
Joshua Newport *Carson City* +++
Alyssa Partridge *Fallon*
Juan Ramirez Padilla *Yerington*
Jhan Carlo Ramirez Simental *Carson City*
Raymond Paul Rosas *Carson City* +++
Paul Schaeffer *Fernley* +
Dustin Wade Stritenberger *Fallon*
Bridget Belinda Tuttle *Reno* ++



ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Chase L. Ackerman <i>Fallon</i>	Ethan Campbell Casso <i>Carson City</i> ++
Elizeth Acuna <i>Carson City</i> ++	Alette Karime Castaneda Jimenez <i>Carson City</i>
Joseph Maro Alcala <i>Carson City</i> +	Melanie Castillo <i>Carson City</i>
Damian Michael Allen <i>Las Vegas</i> ++	Sara Castro <i>Gardnerville</i>
Autumn Adrianna Marie Lokelani Ambriz <i>North Las Vegas</i>	Jaylan Trevor Alcaraz Chatman <i>Carson City</i>
Anna-Lorraine Amontchi <i>Las Vegas</i> ++	Bella Alondra Chavez <i>Carson City</i>
Ayden James Anaya <i>Fallon</i>	Aidan Christopher Clark <i>Fallon</i> ++
Travis Anderton <i>Fallon</i> +++	Cheyenne L. Clayton <i>Dayton</i> +++
Leona Arcos <i>Wellington</i>	Sunshine Angelina Maria Conchola <i>Yerington</i>
Claudia Edith Avila <i>Carson City</i>	Ethan Campbell Cook <i>Carson City</i>
Jazelyn Avila <i>Carson City</i>	Cale Coombs <i>Carson City</i> ++
Selina Anai Avila Alvarado <i>Las Vegas</i> +++	Titus Leon Cooper III <i>Las Vegas</i>
Alyssa Renee Ayers <i>Fallon</i> +	Solangel Yamileth Corrales <i>Las Vegas</i> ++
Emma Alexis Aynedter <i>Wellington</i>	Dahlila Aysha Creer <i>Fallon</i> ++
Jersey Ann Baker <i>Reno</i> +++	Brianna Faith Crutcher <i>Sparks</i> +++
Michael Baker <i>North Las Vegas</i>	Victoria Tien Dao <i>Carson City</i>
Alfred Michael Bandoni <i>Hawthorne</i>	Eleanor Joiner Davis <i>Reno</i> +++ #
Sarai Lizette Bautista <i>Las Vegas</i>	Karla Sophia De La Luz Bernal <i>Las Vegas</i> ++
Carmine Ian Belmonte III <i>Las Vegas</i> +++	Izabella De Leon <i>Las Vegas</i>
Cecilia Benitez <i>Las Vegas</i> +	Genius Sandra De Serrano <i>Carson City</i>
Klare J. Benitez <i>North Augusta, SC</i>	Mia A. DeSipio <i>Stateline</i> ++
Vanessa Itzel Bojorquez <i>Las Vegas</i> +++	Maximum Bruns Dillwith <i>Gardnerville</i>
Yareli Sarai Bolanos Aguilar <i>Las Vegas</i> +++	Halie Dones <i>Carson City</i> ++
Valarie Bowen <i>Fernley</i>	Alice J. Dremann <i>Silver Springs</i>
Ava Brigger <i>Reno</i> +++	Katie Lynn Easton <i>Carson City</i>
Beau Brown <i>Carson City</i> +++	Dylan J. Ekins-Faught <i>Fallon</i> ++
Andrew Bryant <i>Las Vegas</i> ++	Spurgeon Titus Elliott <i>Wellington</i>
Kelsey Lynn Bunce <i>Carson City</i>	Ashley Ellis <i>Carson City</i> +++
Haylee Butler <i>Reno</i>	Daniela Esparza <i>Las Vegas</i>
Keanu Cabiles <i>Las Vegas</i> +++	Jennifer Estrada <i>Dayton</i>
Isla Campbell <i>Minden</i>	Alicia Lorraine Evans <i>Carson City</i>
Mikayla June Casey <i>Fallon</i>	Aurora Fischer <i>Washoe Valley</i> + #
Alani Isabella Casillas <i>Las Vegas</i> +++	Ian Garrett Fischer <i>Carson City</i> +++
	Adelyne Flick <i>Fallon</i> +++

Mariana Flores *Gardnerville* +
Gonzalo Jesaias Flores Chomo *Las Vegas* +++
Madison Frailey *Gardnerville*
Ethan Allen Fudge *Las Vegas*
Ashleyanne Lee Fuller *Carson City*
Amy Garcia *Carson City* +
Erin Garcia *Las Vegas*
Suzett Garcia Perez *Las Vegas* ++
Oscar Kian Garcia Rodriguez *Las Vegas*
Anthony Gayner *Carson City*
Paulina Gaytan Quiroz *Las Vegas*
Shannon Elizabeth Gillham *Carson City* ++ #
Katelyn Emma Glinka *Fallon*
Grant Gomes *Minden* +++
Shelene Renee Gomez-Miller *Fallon* #
Gisela Yadira Gonzalez Uribe *MoundHouse* ++
Saniah Lorraine Rene Goolsby *Las Vegas*
William Gosen *Carson City* +++
Dylan Edward Gothard *Dayton*
Kayla D. Greenberg *Fallon*
Ariana Guerrero *Carson City*
Abraham Gutierrez *Fallon*
Elena Guzman *Carson City*
Alisson Guzman-Carrillo *Las Vegas* +
Beatriz L. Hallberg *Fallon*
Sydnea Hanses *Dayton* +
Beckham Nigel Harrison *Carson City*
Charlotte Monroe Hayes *Washoe Valley* +
Joshua Helm *Fallon*
Katie Henrie *Carson City*
Brayan Hernandez *Yerington*
Lyndsay Esperanza Rodriguez
Hernandez *Dayton*
Megan Alexandra Hillyer *Gardnerville*
Serenity Lynn Hines *Stagecoach*
Isabella R. Hockenberry Grimes *Fallon*
Olga Horden *Silver Springs*

Taylor Jean Hyde *Fallon* ++
Melanie Ibarra *Fallon* +
Dario Ioli *Carson City* +
Sydney Chase Isom *Hawthorne*
Hailey Jade James *Gardnerville*
Jamie Jenks *Carson City*
Myakoda John *Carson City* +++
Alethea Johnson *Carson City*
Genesis Jade Johnson *Fallon*
Kirby Erin Jordan *Dayton*
Lila Kaufmann *Minden* +++
Savahanna Kelley *Fallon*
Mackenzi Jean Kerr *Fallon* + #
Lily Ella Ranee Kersey *Fernley* +
Jaclyn Janine Kikuchi *Dayton* +++
Ella Mae Kilgore *Yerington*
Karyn Rebecca Knecht *Carson City* +++
Kelti Lou Koehler *Fallon*
Bridget Dawn Koos *Gardnerville*
Olivia Merced Kutansky *Fallon* ++
Jacqueline Lamas Lopez *Gardnerville* ++
Adriana Odette Landa *Dayton*
Luke Michael Lannom *Smith* +
Malcolm Amare Lawrence *Henderson* ++
Trevor M. Layton *Fallon* +
Kylie Ann Lazzarino *Carson City*
Mikala Jane Ledesma *Fallon*
Janelle Esmeralda Leon *Las Vegas*
Claire J. Lewis *Las Vegas* ++
Allison Leanne Leyva *Las Vegas* ++
Cristal Minerva Leyva Landa *Carson City*
Melaena R. Lopez *Dayton*
Kaylee Lopez Canas *Carson City*
Malia Love *Minden* +
Tyler Jean Love *Yerington*
Jaclyn Ludwig *Sparks*

Shasta Marie Lumsden *Carson City* ++
Brisa Zianyany Luna Cerda *Las Vegas*
Amelia Ann Lynch *Dayton*
Caitlin Maddox *Dayton*
Pedro Antonio Madera *Carson City*
Adilene Magana Avina *Carson City*
Alan Magdaleno Garcia *Las Vegas*
Natalie Grace Maguire *Dayton*
Cody Garrett Main *Carson City*
Ariana Lee Marshall *Fernley* +++
Andrew J. Martensen *Dayton* ++
Chrystal Martinez *Fallon* ++
Itzel Naomi Martinez *Carson City*
Leonardo Martinez *Carson City*
Melany Alessandra Martinez *Carson City* +
Nahyelsie Martinez *Las Vegas* +++
Nicolas Martinez *Las Vegas*
Natalia Aurora Martinez De La Cruz *Fallon* +++#
Treyton Maskaly *Carson City* +
Samantha Mata *Carson City*
Mariela Mata-Garcia *Carson City* +
Justin O. McArthur *Fallon*
Nicholas J. McBrayer *Pullman, WA*
Taylor Iwtswy McEwen *Fallon*
Oaklee Flora McKnight *Fallon* +
Rusten Alan McKnight *Fallon*
Jaide De Jesus Medina Velazquez *Las Vegas* ++
Alexander Ladd Mergell *Fernley* +
Cody William Miller *Carson City*
Athena Celena Moore-Enriquez *Las Vegas* ++
Franco Morales *Carson City*
Celeste Moreno *Carson City* +
Joshua Moreno Ricardez *Carson City*
Keven Micheal Mueller *Silver Springs*
Reegan Avery Mull *Fernley*
KiLynne Munoz *Saylorsburg, PA*

Alexander Scott Myrehn *Carson City*
Chloe Nelson *Carson City*
Julia M. Nicholson *Fernley* +
Kelsie Morgan Nickerson *Carson City*
Blaize A. North *Gardnerville* #
Lexie Maliah Oliva *Carson City*
Jennifer Olney *Reno*
Kyla Olsen *Dayton*
Daniel Pablo Ortega *Las Vegas*
Laisha Ortiz *Carson City*
Ronaldo Ortiz *Incline Village*
Jade Nickcole Paine *Gardnerville*
Aiden Dario Palanivelu *Fallon*
Blake Curtis Palmer *Dayton* +++
Thomas James Palmer *Carson City*
Adelice Cristiane Paredes *Las Vegas*
EmiLou Parks *Fernley*
Rod J. Patual *Carson City*
Jonah Paul *Adairsville, GA*
Aevan Eileen Payne *Fallon* +
Getzemani Pena Cruz *Las Vegas* +++
Jennifer Elan Peterson *Virginia City*
Larissa Eve Peterson *Fallon* ++
Bianca Lissette Pina-Duarte *Gardnerville*
Ashtyn Maree Plinske *Sparks*
Jocelyn Ponce *Las Vegas* ++
Kassandra Pearl Porretta *Fallon*
Bailee Ann Pulley *Fernley*
Kaitlyn Quezada Pozo *Las Vegas* ++
Joanna Abigail Ramirez *Carson City*
Luis Hugo Ramirez Ochoa *Las Vegas*
Angel M. Ramos Saenz *Las Vegas*
Avarie Shay Ramsey-Kruse *Gardnerville* +
Alexa Nicole Rasmusson *Carson City* +++
Marissa May Rau *Fallon* ++
Alexander Darius Raz *Las Vegas* +++

Jerry Williams Reyes Marcos *Las Vegas*
 Yaret Ruben Rivera *Las Vegas*
 Ziah Nicole Rizo *Carson City* +++
 Dylan Robson *Dayton*
 River Roche *Elko*
 Angielina Rodriguez *Carson City*
 Wendy Janette Rodriguez-Ortega *Las Vegas* ++
 Emily Christine Roe *Minden* +
 Nevaeh Routt *Fallon*
 Layla Reign Ruybal-Ault *Carson City*
 Kaden Nixon Sa *Carson City* +
 Ana Lauryn Salas *Dayton* ++
 Myles Salas *Dayton*
 Arlett Michelle Salazar *Las Vegas* +
 Naiomi Saldana Vargas *Gardnerville*
 Luz Maria Saldana-Alamillo *Reno*
 Robert Samsøe *Dayton* ++
 Ximena Mata Sanchez *Gardnerville*
 Lane Saunders *Reno*
 Shannon D. Segerer *Scottsdale, AZ*
 Krystal Susan Shoumake *Mound House* ++
 Ashlee Diane Siegel *Stagecoach*
 Bhavneet Kaur Singh *Carson City* +
 Jessie Skaats *Carson City*
 Carlie Lynn Smith *Minden*
 Carly J. Smith *Fernley*
 Jaliyah Naomi Smith *Las Vegas* +++
 Benton J. Snow *Fallon*
 Angelo Tolentino Soberano *Las Vegas* ++
 Layla Yaseli Solano *Las Vegas* ++
 Ulices Solorio *Las Vegas*
 Yahayra Kimberly Soriano *Mound House*
 Esmeralda Soto *Carson City*
 Carmen Tíme Spann *Sparks*
 Kinzie Gwen Stahl *Gardnerville*
 Carly Elizabeth Steele *Dayton* ++

Kristen Leigh Steele *Gardnerville*
 Jenna Catherine Steffens *Fallon* +
 Ashyton Sage Stephens *Dayton*
 Olivia Rasia Stetson *Fernley* +++
 Matthew Stuart *Yerington*
 Soleil Swanson *Carson City* ++
 Noel Suzanne Sweeney *Wellington*
 Annaliese Talmon *Gardnerville*
 Karly D. Taunton *Gardnerville*
 Brian Terrel Thompson *Dayton*
 Camille Tippetts *Las Vegas* +++
 Ryleigh Kay Tippit *Fernley*
 Adam Michael Toombs *Fernley* +++
 Nicholas Torres *Carson City* +
 Brianna Joselyn Torres-Cordova *Las Vegas* +++
 Manuel Tadeo Trinidad Yanez *Las Vegas*
 Chloe Troska *Zephyr Cove* +
 Lillian Turner *Carson City* ++
 Bryan Alfonso Vadillo Salguero *Las Vegas* +
 Brianna Valenzuela *Yerington*
 Rosalita Serenity Van Roon *Silver Springs* +
 Holly Elizabeth Vanden Brink *Fernley* ++
 Brett Vanderkelen *Fernley*
 Sherlyn Alexandra Vasquez Perez *Carson City*
 Danielle Deanna Vaughn *Gardnerville* +++
 Emelie Velasquez *Las Vegas* +
 Jenner Osmar Villagran *Las Vegas* ++
 Marely Villarreal Diaz *Las Vegas* +++
 MJ Vinson *Henderson* +++
 Tessa Renee Vinson *Minden*
 Madison Nicole Von Duering *Penn Valley, CA*
 Gary Lee Walker *Elko*
 Taylor Wall *Gardnerville* +
 Amy Welch *Silver Springs* +++
 Kayden Dean White *Fallon*
 Alina Marie Williams *Fernley*

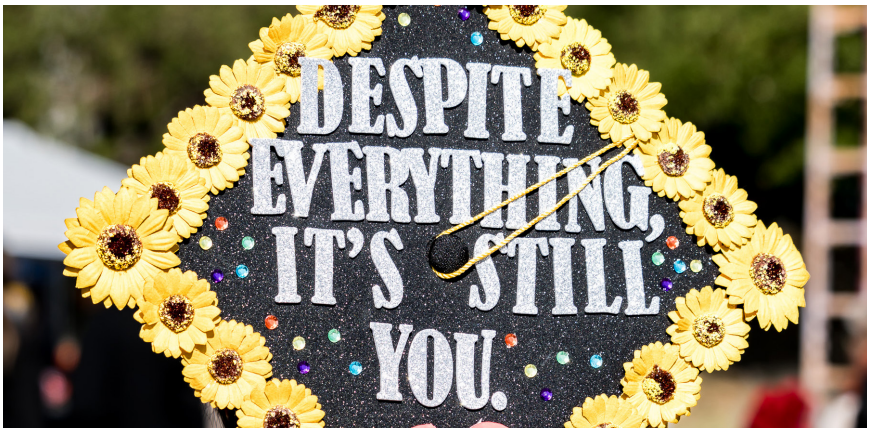
Diane Wilson *Carson City*
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WORDS OF WISDOM

Class of 2026, your journey to this moment has been defined by perseverance, growth and achievement. Each step has brought you closer to this milestone — one that marks both an ending and an exciting new beginning.

Faculty and staff who have supported you along the way take great pride in

all you have accomplished. They have seen your dedication, your challenges and your successes, and they believe in what you will achieve next.

The following messages from faculty and staff are shared in celebration of your accomplishments and as encouragement for the road ahead.

“We are so excited for each of you as you graduate today, fulfilling an important step along the way to your future successes. Learning is a continuous process. Stay engaged and go make a difference wherever life leads you. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments at Western Nevada College.”

— **Gregory Sly, Criminal Justice Professor**

“To all of you who are graduating today, your hard work has paid off, and we honor you for your commitment, determination, and dedication. We wish you great success in whatever you pursue.”

— **Kathryn Cocking, Professor of Nursing**

“Graduates, we are so proud of you, but even more importantly, you should be proud of yourselves. You poured your heart and soul into your coursework, pushed through the tough moments, and took time to celebrate the wins along the way. Know that we see you, and today we honor all that you’ve accomplished. You did it. Now keep going.”

— **Dr. Rebecca Bevans, Psychology Professor**

“Congratulations, Graduates! As you move forward, remember that this accomplishment is a testament to your strength and determination. It represents your resilience, your growth, and the countless moments you chose to keep going. Stay curious, stay grounded, and continue shaping your path ahead. We’re proud of you and look forward to all the great things you’ll achieve.”

— **Chelsie Hamtak, Director of Admissions & Records and Registrar**

“Congratulations to all WNC graduates, and especially to our graduating nursing students. I am so proud of each and every one of you. This year was not easy, and there were many challenges along the way, but you kept going with strength, dedication, and heart. Reaching this moment is a huge accomplishment, and each of you should be proud of all the hard work it took to get here.”

“To our nursing students, I have had the privilege of seeing how much you have grown and how deeply you care about others. I know you will go on to do great things and make a meaningful difference in improving the health of our community. To all WNC graduates, congratulations on this incredible achievement. Your future is bright, and I cannot wait to see all that you accomplish.”

— **Amber Price, Nursing Instructor and Native American Tribal Liaison**

“Congratulations! Your journey is yours to design. Make it amazing.”

— **Lauren Stevents, Academic Advising and Access Director**

“Congratulations, graduates! Successfully completing your certificates and degrees is a wonderful accomplishment, and you should be proud of yourselves. As you continue with your career or your education, I hope you will remember to utilize the essential skills and knowledge you gained as a student at WNC. I also hope you will be an influencer. No, not a social media influencer, but an influencer for good with the people you personally interact with every day. No matter your opportunities or resources, you can always be an influencer for good. The daily impact you have while personally interacting with others in positive ways will do far more to change the world than any grand gesture or achievement. Wishing you all the best as you move forward!”

— **Kathryn Whitaker, Academic Advisor**

“WNC 2026 Graduates, You Did It!

Enjoy today and this special moment of accomplishment. And always remember that no matter what life throws at you as you move forward on your paths, your education is something no one can ever take from you. This achievement is the foundation from which you will build a strong and prosperous future for yourselves and your loved ones. Keep building your dream brick by brick. Never stop learning and growing!”

— **Cynthia Nelson, Marketing & Communications Manager**



“Today represents more than earning a degree; it reflects your determination, resilience, and the many barriers you have overcome to reach this moment. Each challenge you faced helped shape your strength and prepared you for what lies ahead. As you leave WNC, remember that setbacks are not failures but opportunities to grow, adapt, and push further than you thought possible. Stay curious, remain open to new paths, and trust in your ability to navigate uncertainty. Congratulations! You’ve earned this, and your journey is just beginning.”

— Susan Trist, Disability Support Services Program Director

“As this chapter comes to a close, it’s important to celebrate your accomplishment and envision what the next stage of your life entails. During this process, please identify which of your abilities might best serve the community where you reside. No one has time for every issue, but everybody can make time for one issue. So, choose yours, and make your community better reflect your values. Never be afraid to use your public voice because you could be the person we need — the person who inspires us to see the world differently. Congratulations!”

—Dr. John A. Duerk, Political Science and History Professor



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2025-2026 Awards and Appreciation

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JUMP START COLLEGE

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Mason Rolfe, *Mathematics*

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Tristan Karkheck, *Certified Nursing Assistant*

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Riley Draper, *Diversity and Inclusion*

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Jennifer Arambula, *Technology and Innovation*

Melany Martinez, *Critical Thinking*

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