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Karen Whisenhunt is the Las Vegas Rotary Club Chair for the Open World Program. She has organized and been involved in the Open World program for over eleven years. She is also the 2009-2010 Past President of the Las Vegas Rotary Club. Karen has been a member of Rotary for twenty-five years and proud to serve her local and international community.

Karen was born and raised in small farming communities in Western Canada. She worked in retail and then the oil industry prior to moving to the United States. She married her husband Tom, an American Citizen in 2002, naturalized in Las Vegas and has been a resident of the United States for over twenty-eight years.

In her professional capacity, Karen Whisenhunt is the president and owner of OMNI Communications West, a two-way radio rentals and sales company located in Las Vegas, Nevada. Las Vegas is well known for its conventions and special events. Karen specializes in radio communications, providing convention goers, security and non-profit organizations with two-way radio communications for their special events. She also markets permanent radio communications solutions to the private sector, solar plants, hotels, schools, emergency and medical services, sporting events, government services, military and various other entities. Non-profit organizations and the military are near and dear to her heart. She offers special discounts and works with various organizations to provide quality communications for all their different needs. Her website and word-of-mouth draws customers to her business while quality service keeps them coming back.



DR. MICHAEL GORDON

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Michael Gordon came to Las Vegas from Cape Town, South Africa in September 2006 on a Rotary International Ambassadorial scholarship. He received both his LL.B. (Bachelor's degree) and LL.M. (Master's degree) in Private Law from the University of South Africa.

Michael is a double alumnus from the UNLV graduating in 2008 with a Master's in Public Administration and in 2013 with a Ph.D. in Public Affairs. During his time as a student, he served three terms as president of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) as well as one term as chair of the Nevada Student Alliance, the overarching student government association for all NSHE student government organizations representing the more than 105,000+ higher education students in Nevada.

As a policy analyst at UNLV he researched and analyzed the academic infrastructure needs of the university while serving on the Faculty Senate, University Policy Committee and the Top Tier Community Engagement subcommittee. While serving as the director of strategic initiatives and research at the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance (the regional development authority for Southern Nevada), he worked on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Clark County as well as the Data Portal which provides out-of-state and international visitors with data-driven information regarding our region's economic landscape.

For the last few years, Michael served as the senior vice president of development, government, and community relations at The Public Education Foundation. He was responsible for fundraising initiatives, legislative matters, and engaging the community on behalf of the foundation.

A graduate of the Leadership Las Vegas Class of 2012, Michael serves on the boards of The Salvation Army of Southern Nevada, the Boy Scouts Las Vegas Area Council, Beacon Academy of Nevada, Rotary Club of Las Vegas, and previously served on the UNLV Alumni Association board of directors.



CAROLYN GOODMAN
Mayor

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With 83 percent of the vote, Carolyn G. Goodman won her third term as mayor of the city of Las Vegas on April 2, 2019. She was first elected on July 6, 2011, and her husband of 50 years and 12-year, term-limited mayor, Oscar B. Goodman, administered the oath of office. It is the only known instance of a spouse succeeding a spouse as mayor in the United States. Mayor Carolyn Goodman was also handily re-elected in 2015.

Among her priorities, Mayor Goodman has championed downtown development, improvement in inner-city schools, expansion of homeless resources, coordination among non-profit service providers, adoption of the Nevada film tax credit, and creation of the medical district and UNLV medical school. She represents the city on numerous boards and organizations, advocating for Las Vegas' \$44.9 billion tourism industry on the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance, the Southern Nevada Tourism Infrastructure Committee and the Southern Nevada Sports Committee. Additionally, she holds national leadership roles as a member of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), serving on its Advisory Board and as vice-chair of its Task Force on Education Reform, and as Chair of the Mayors' Business Council. In June of 2013, she hosted the 81st annual gathering of the National Conference of Mayors in Las Vegas. The USCM honored her with the Mayors' 2014 Large City Climate Protection Award.

Carolyn is well known in the Las Vegas community for founding The Meadows School in 1984, Nevada's first nonprofit, college preparatory school for pre-kindergarten through 12th grades. Carolyn planned and oversaw the entire day-to-day operations for 26 years while also raising her four children. During this time, Carolyn never had ownership of the school as it was incorporated as a 501[c][3] entity. Furthermore, during her 26 years in leadership, Carolyn never took a salary. She retired in June 2010.



YVANNA CANCELA
Nevada State Senator

10th District

Yvanna Cancela represents Nevada's 10th district in the State Senate. She was appointed to the seat in December 2016 and became the first Latina to ever serve in the Chamber. Her work during the 2017 session focused on drug cost transparency and increasing access to affordable healthcare. As a first term legislator, she chaired the Natural Resources committee and served on Commerce and Labor.

Yvanna's career has been dedicated to community engagement and mobilization.

When not in session, Yvanna works as the executive director of the Immigrant Workers Citizenship Project. She leads the state's only organization to offer free help with naturalization applications.

Previously, Cancela was the political director at UNITE HERE's Local 226, the Culinary Workers Union; the state's largest labor union. In her role, Yvanna developed the political training, strategy, and mobilization programs for members.

In 2014, Yvanna was named a White House Champion of Change for her work in the fight for comprehensive immigration reform.

Prior to her work at the union, Yvanna moved to Las Vegas to work as a field organizer for Senator Harry Reid's re-election campaign in 2010.

Yvanna has dedicated herself to ensuring that people who are often left out of political discourse have a loud voice.

Yvanna graduated from Northwestern University in 2010 with a degree in communication studies. She is a first generation college student and the proud daughter of Cuban immigrants.



JASON FRIERSON
Speaker of the Nevada
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Jason's life experiences reflect his unquestionable commitment to public service and a passion for improving the state of the community. From volunteering with youth groups to prosecuting white collar criminals, Jason's consistent dedication to serving the public has been unwavering.

Before finishing college, Jason became student body president at UNR. Recognizing the value of education, He became a faculty member at UNR. Jason then joined the charter class at the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, and looked after his aging grandparents in Las Vegas. While at UNLV, he continued working in the community by participating in the law school's Juvenile Justice Clinic. Prior to completing his law studies, Jason again found his place in a leadership role when he was elected student body president of the law school.

A member of the first graduating class at Boyd Law School in 2001, Jason was awarded the Barbara Buckley Community Service Award for his commitment to leadership and community service. After graduating, he clerked for the Honorable Justice Myron E. Leavitt at the Nevada Supreme Court.

After briefly working in private civil practice, Jason became a Deputy Attorney General where he prosecuted white collar criminals. In that role, he helped recover hundreds of thousands of dollars on behalf of Nevada's most vulnerable, including senior citizens who were taken advantage of financially. Jason also served on the Nevada Cybercrimes Task Force, working with other state and federal law enforcement agencies to combat crime across the internet. During his time as a prosecutor, Jason also volunteered at a local elementary school where he helped students work on their reading skills. Jason next worked as a Deputy Public Defender, defending the Constitution and protecting the rights of the accused by ensuring that the process was fair. For over three years, Jason has worked most recently as a Deputy District Attorney, advocating in Family Court to make sure that abused and neglected children in Clark County are given a chance at a safe childhood and upbringing.



KATIE DECKER
Educational Consultant

Socrates

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Katie Decker has been an educator for the past 30 years. She developed an award winning magnet program that transformed Walter Bracken STEAM Academy. When Ms. Decker was appointed principal in 2001, Walter Bracken was one of the lowest performing schools in the district. Over the years, the program received national, state, and local recognition. The Clark County School District was so impressed by the success at Walter Bracken; they franchised the program to two more under-performing schools and made Ms. Decker the principal of all three. Over the years she has focused on sustainability to ensure the school's mission and vision live long past her tenure.

Ms. Decker is most known for her sustainability by leveraging the community and building partnerships. She is passionate about school culture and climate. Ms. Decker has presented at several national conferences on building a school theme, starting a reading series program, giving students choice through explorations, using gardens in schools, and promoting financial literacy. She has mentored many educators and will continue to work towards creating engaging opportunities for students in the future.

MICHELE MONGA
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Ms. Monga is an administrator in the Clark County School District.

AMY COYNE
Coordinator
Clark County School District

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Ms. Coyne is a coordinator with the Clark County School District. Ms. Coyne has worked with the school district for 22 years. She started as a speech pathologist. She worked with students with a variety of speech/language disorders including autism. She became a special education instructional facilitator. As a coordinator, she supervises School Based-Individual Intervention Services, Cleveland Clinic Project at Helen J Stewart and Variety School as well as consultation, training and support for students with emotional/behavioral disorders. She is also the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) coordinator.



JENNIFER STROBEL

Executive Director

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Jennifer Strobel is an avid supporter of families affected by autism in Southern Nevada. Jennifer was a FEAT board member for over five years and is currently the Executive Director for FEAT. Jennifer resides with her husband Mike and has three children, Taylor 15, Peyton 13 and the newest addition to the Strobel family is Brenden weighing in at 2lbs 12oz – He is almost two years old and doing fantastic!

Jennifer's daughter Peyton was diagnosed with autism at age four and began intensive ABA therapy shortly thereafter. Peyton is also actively involved in Girl Scouts, Swimming, Dance, Horse back riding and Art. It is Jennifer's goal to help educate the Las Vegas Valley on autism and also be a resource for families that need support, encouragement and hope.



AMY CARVALHO
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Regent Amy J. Carvalho was elected to serve District 12 on the Board of Regents in November 2018. She currently serves as vice chair of the Health Sciences System Committee. She is also a member of the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee; Community College Committee; and Cultural Diversity Committee.

Regent Carvalho and her husband Tom own three 7-Eleven franchise locations. They first began their goal of business ownership in 2004 when they took a leap of faith and bought their first store in Boulder City. Since then, they have acquired two other locations in Las Vegas and Henderson. Regent Carvalho was honored to be selected for three terms by the corporation's executive committee to serve as a member of the National Business Leadership Council, from 2012 through 2018. Regent Carvalho is proud that her business is a long-time supporter of local schools and the community.

Regent Carvalho is actively involved in community service. She was appointed by the Clark County Commission for two terms on the Boulder City Library District Board of Trustees, from May 2006 through May 2014. She was also appointed by Governor Sandoval to serve two terms on the Nevada Department of Education's Council to Establish Academic Standards, from May 2009 through May 2015. Regent Carvalho is also a member of the Boulder City Sunrise Rotary Club.



ADAM GARCIA
Associate Vice President & Director

University Police Services

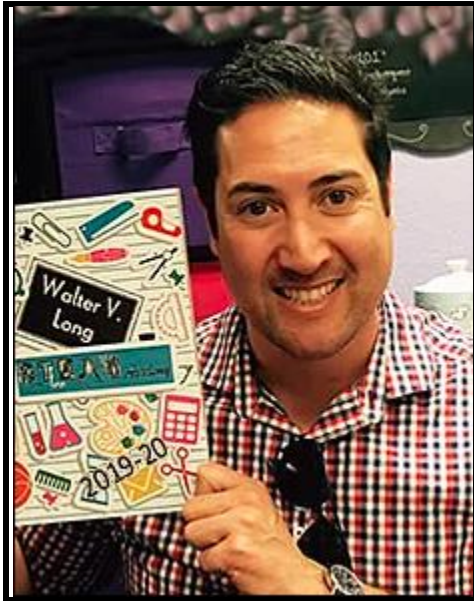
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Mr. Garcia has 35 years of experience working as Director of Public Safety and as a lieutenant for Michigan Cities Center Line and Saginaw Police Departments. He has also served on the State of Nevada Homeland Security Commission. For the past 17 years, Mr. Garcia has worked under UNR as their Assistant Vice President and Director of University Police Services.

According to UNLV administration, he “demonstrated a talent for bringing people together and managing complex organizations as well as the ability to interact constructively and compassionately with diverse groups within a community policing culture.”

Mr. Garcia is in charge of reporting to the Southern Police Advisory Board, which will house the four presidents of the southern schools. Having an office located at the UNLV Police headquarters, he will be able to be hands-on and lead consolidation process of the Southern Command.



**Rigel Painter
Principal**

Walter Long STEAM Academy

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Mr. Painter is the current principal for Walter Long STEAM Academy. The product of an educational family, his father a mathematician, and his mother a retired kindergarten teacher, Rigel Painter seemed destined to continue the family tradition of career educators. Born in Japan, raised in Hawaii, and earning his bachelor's degree in California, Rigel ultimately decided to call Las Vegas his permanent home.

His experience in CCSD spans 12 years in Title 1 schools as a classroom teacher, instructional coach, learning strategist, assistant principal, and principal. His daily focus is on student engagement, student achievement, and quality instruction, with an overall emphasis on creating a positive school culture and climate.



JASON FICO
Principal

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Mr. Fico was born and raised in Newtown, Connecticut. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from National University in San Diego, California. He went on to earn a Master of Science degree in Education from the University of Bridgeport, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, a second Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, a certificate in Educational Leadership and Management from Georgetown University, and he, attended the Art of Leadership Program at Harvard University.

Before becoming Variety School's principal, Mr. Fico was the school's assistant principal. Before serving as assistant principal, he was a dean of students. Mr. Fico entered the Clark County School District in 1996 where he taught third grade before moving on to teach middle school math.

The cognitive and social-emotional development of the students at Variety School is Mr. Fico's guiding principle. To prepare each student for the best possible future, he encourages effective communication, cooperation, and collaboration between teachers and staff. Mr. Fico is married with one son who attends university in Washington State. When he isn't working, Mr. Fico enjoys spending time, backpacking, cycling, kayaking, and traveling with his wife.



STACA SADIE
Principal

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Staca was born and raised in Farmington, New Mexico. She attended the College of Education at Northern Arizona University and moved to Las Vegas to teach. She was a teacher for 12 years and has experience teaching all grade levels. In 2012, she became an instructional coach for teachers. She then worked as a School Improvement Project Facilitator for CCSD.

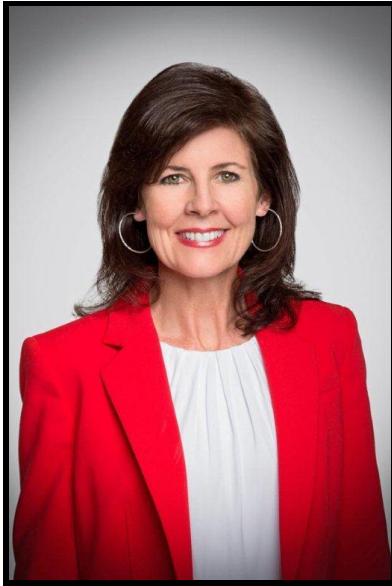
In 2015 she became the Assistant Principal of Harvey Dondero Elementary School. During her time at Harvey Dondero Elementary School, their proficiency scores doubled, specifically in math making them one of the schools in CCSD celebrated for showing the most growth among student proficiency rates. She is now in her first year as principal at Hollingsworth Elementary School.



JUAN SALINAS
Director of Social Services

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Mr. Salinas is the Director of Social Services for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army is a Protestant Christian church and an international charitable organization. In Southern Nevada, it provides services for many people including those with mental illnesses.



TERRI JANISON
President & CEO

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“As we make a decision, we need to ask ourselves how this will affect the children we serve”. That is the philosophy of Terri Janison, President and CEO of Grant A Gift Autism Foundation. A child advocate for over 35 years, her strong interest in what is best for children guides her decisions on both a personal and professional level.

Mrs. Janison has lived in Las Vegas for 25 years working in corporate, non-profit and government agencies. Before joining Grant A Gift Autism Foundation, she served as Vice President of Community & Government Relations for the local chapter of a national nonprofit; served on Governor Brian Sandoval’s senior staff and was elected to the Clark County School Board of Trustees for five years, serving the last two as President.

Mrs. Janison has served on many state and local boards including: Mountain View Hospital, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), Nevada Teachers and Leaders Council, JAG Nevada, Catholic Charities and Hope for Prisoners.

Mrs. Janison is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a BA in Advertising. She and her husband Kevin have been married 30 years and have two grown children.



JULIE BEASLEY, PHD
Child Psychologist, Clinical Director
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Dr. Julie Beasley, a Las Vegas native, has been in private practice for 17 years. She was the first pediatric neuropsychologist in Southern Nevada who specialized in children from birth to young adulthood with developmental, medical, behavioral and learning disorders. She developed the area's first social skills groups for students with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. When the Grant a Gift Foundation and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine joined forces to help meet the needs of individuals and families living with a loved one with autism spectrum disorder, the leaders of each organization wanted Dr. Beasley at the helm. The collaboration of the two organizations, along with the philanthropic support of its namesake, Gary Ackerman, resulted in the Ackerman Autism Center, Dr. Beasley accepted the position and is the organization's first clinical director.

In her role at the center, Dr. Beasley spearheaded the move to do something never done before in Nevada. She brought clinical care, family support, research, diagnostics and behavioral therapy all under one roof. In addition, she has put together a team of professionals who genuinely want to help people improve the quality of life of those affected by autism and related conditions. Since opening in October of 2016 through the end of 2017, the center has served over 3,600 individuals and their families, a clear indication of the need for services provided by the center.



ROXANNE LOYED
Executive Director

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“I’ve always had a passion for helping others”. Roxanne nurtured this core value first in her role as President of the Board of Directors at Rainbow Days, a children’s charity, in Dallas, Texas, dedicated to teaching young children basic life skills to overcome adversity and grow up safe, principled, and confident. With her family’s recent relocation to Las Vegas, Roxanne was determined to continue her involvement with a local children’s charity.

With God’s guiding hand, and the encouragement of former Miracle League Executive Directors Rip and Leah Rippetoe, she discovered the amazing Miracle League of Las Vegas. In addition to her involvement in the community, Roxanne’s professional career includes 17 years in business management at AT&T and 15 years operating her own interior decorating and design business. Roxanne will be responsible for leading future growth and fundraising efforts to insure the very special children of Miracle League have the opportunity to play baseball for many years to come.



CHUCK NEUWOHNER
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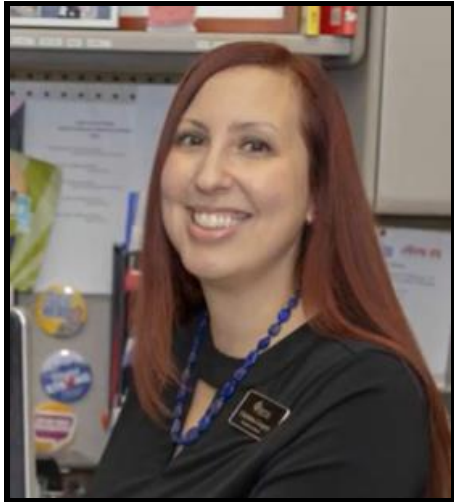
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A Las Vegas native, Chuck has worked in healthcare and education most of his adult life. First touching health care as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician, he later worked at Sunrise Hospital and Sunrise Children's Hospital in discharge planning and care coordination as an Insurance Coordinator.

His pursuit of medical school prerequisite coursework started at the College of Southern Nevada before earning a B.S. in Biological Sciences, with a Cellular and Molecular Concentration and Minor in Chemistry from UNLV in 2001. Post graduate studies, student teaching, and microbiology research continued at UNLV prior to matriculation to Stanford University School of Medicine in May, 2002. Initially planned as only a temporary leave of absence after year 2 of medical school, Chuck returned to Las Vegas, and became a licensed educator teaching science, mathematics, and early college coursework to local and international high school and post graduate students. After not returning to medical school and 10 years as a teacher - 2 years of which were simultaneous as Vice Principal - Opportunity Village became his home in 2014.

Chuck has since served in various management positions at Opportunity Village and is currently the Director of Program Services department supporting the team responsible for respite care, day habilitation programs, prevocational training, employment placement, and support services for Southern Nevadans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Program Services department simultaneously oversees the Case Management, Assessment, Nursing, and Job Development services.

Chuck is a former Treasurer and Board Member of the local nonprofit Care Coalition, which supports collaborative approaches between other local nonprofits to support substance abuse recovery programs and related education. Chuck also serves on the board of a local nonprofit working with Child Protective Services to fund and direct summer camps for children within the Southern Nevada foster care system.



CHRISTINA GREGORY

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Our goal is to work with each individual and find out what they like to do. What their passion is. No matter where they fall on the disability spectrum we want them to go as far as possible. Inviting them to try new jobs and learn new skills. Relying on individual choice as the decision point. Competitive and integrated employment is always the primary goal for individuals that want it and are capable. However, all forms of employment and life-enriching activities are important for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



SARAH QUINN
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Sarah Quinn has worked at Opportunity Village for 5 years and is the current Assistant Director of Program Services. Sarah's position is responsible for the supervision of all therapeutic day training and pre-vocational services to people with intellectual and related disabilities at OV. She has over 10 years of professional experience in service provision for adults with disabilities including program development, management of community partnerships and budget supervision.



JERICHO SMITH
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Sport-Social is a place for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder to learn new skills or expand on skills they already have. A large part of the individuals they work with have been diagnosed with ASD. Goals are achieved through the use of sports, music and art.

Jericho Smith grew up skateboarding and playing team sports. As an athlete, he understood how important it is to have a physical outlet while growing with friends. He became a professional skateboarder through hard work, determination, and a little bit of luck. He realized that to sustain a family and healthy lifestyle he needed to retire from Pro skateboarding and then turned to working with kids.

In 2007 his mom and step dad had their first son who was diagnosed with ASD at age 3. At that same time a good friend and fellow skateboarder started doing in home ABA therapy. Jericho was very interested since he thought it could help his little half-brother.

He spent time living in San Diego and San Francisco but always kept in touch with Andrew Devitt, the owner of Sport Social. He would volunteer his time at Sport Social whenever he visited. He moved back to Las Vegas at the end of 2013 and became an employee of Sport Social in early 2014. He received his RBT (Registered Behavioral Technician) credential in 2015 and is now the acting General Manager of Sport Social.

The main focus at Sport Social is to create a world where everyone's life is filled with friendship, purpose, and happiness.



SCHYLER RICHARDS
Vice President for Advancement
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With more than 27 years of Advancement experience in higher education, I came to Touro University Nevada in 2010 as Associate Vice President for Advancement. As a member of the senior leadership team at the University, I provide advice and counsel on matters related to the University's outreach to our various external audiences and have overall responsibility for Development, Alumni Relations, Marketing and Public Relations, Advertising, Media Relations, Government Relations and Community/External Relations. Prior to coming to Touro University Nevada, I spent 22 years at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas holding numerous positions, including Associate Vice President for Alumni & External Relations, Associate Vice President for Community Relations, Chief of Staff to the University President, and Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship.



DR. NIKI BATES
Educational Media Services Director

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Dr. Niki Bates is the director of educational media services for Vegas PBS. In her role, Dr. Bates provides supervision, marketing and innovative leadership for the station's children's educational television outreach, plus unique services that have been developed to assist Nevada's public, private, charter and home schools, such as a media library for families with special needs; early learning parent engagement workshops; English language learning resources; teacher training and online classroom materials; K-12 programs and initiatives; and more.

Dr. Bates began her career with the Clark County School District in 1993 and has taught in various settings throughout the continuum of education. Before joining Vegas PBS, Dr. Bates had served as a teacher, assistant principal, coordinator of instructional programs, director of academic intervention and professional development, and director for the office of the Deputy Superintendent. In addition, Dr. Bates has extensive private sector experience in the educational publishing industry, specializing in intervention-based instructional materials.

With more than 25 years of experience, Dr. Bates holds a master's degree in special education and a doctoral degree in educational leadership with a minor in curriculum development. She also holds an executive certificate in educational leadership and management.

Dr. Bates' passion is education, and she is unwavering in her commitment to serving schools and the community.



CANDY SCHNEIDER

Vice President of Education and Outreach

The Smith Center of the Performing Arts

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Candy Schneider is six months shy of being a native Nevadan. As the vice president of education and outreach for The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, Candy's entire professional career has been focused on arts education and working with the community to enhance education. Prior to joining The Smith Center in 2006, Candy worked for the Clark County School District for 33 years as a teacher and administrator in arts education and community partnerships.

Throughout her career, Candy has served on a variety of local, regional, and national committees including the Kennedy Center Partners in Education Advisory Committee, Nevada Arts Council, and Las Vegas Arts Commission. Candy serves as the liaison for the Southern Nevada Ensuring the Arts for Any Given Child Initiative and as a national facilitator for The Kennedy Center Any Given Child Initiative.



MELANIE JUPP
Associate Director, Educational and Outreach

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Melanie Jupp grew up in Henderson, NV where she studied music throughout her time in Clark County School District schools. She earned her degree in psychology and music from Chapman University in Orange, California where she also worked with the Orange County Youth Symphony Orchestra. Upon her return to Nevada in 2011, Melanie joined the staff at The Smith Center. In her role as associate director in the education and outreach department, she leads a variety of programs including Disney Musicals in schools, sensory friendly initiatives, the Young Ambassador program, master classes, and evening performance opportunities for students.



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Tatiana Lukenbill has lived in Helena, Montana with her husband Ron Lukenbill for the past 27 years. She is a professional interpreter and translator for the Ukrainian language.

For the past 27 years in Helena Montana she has worked with exchange students, taught College and interpreted for both military and civilian programs.

Tatiana and her husband Ron founded two non-profit organizations during the 1990's to bring high school and university level students from countries of the former Soviet Union to graduate from Montana schools, colleges and universities.

They enjoy staying in contact with their former students and hosting new international visitors in their home in Helena.



JACQUELINE THORNHILL

President

Las Vegas Rotary Club 2019-2020

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Jacqueline Thornhill is President of JT Mobile Notaries. She has been a Nevada Notary since 2001 and now works as a Certified Loan Signing Agent. She assists clients, escrow and title companies with home loan signings in the privacy of client's homes and online. She became an online Notary with the State of Nevada recently and enjoys the convenience of helping clients through this medium.

Ms. Thornhill recently retired as a financial planning and investment advisor after 24 years. She last contracted as an Investment Adviser Representative for Tuttle Wealth Management LLC, an SEC Registered Investment Advisory firm in July 2016 and sold her practice. She was a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and retired the designation earlier this year.

Always an entrepreneur, other businesses Ms. Thornhill has owned and operated have included retail carts at the Fremont Street Experience, Laughlin Mall, and McCarran Airport. A retail clothing store located at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino.

December 2010 to April 2011 WebTalkRadio.net Internet Talk Radio show host. "Planning with Dollars and Sense." Financial Planning and Divorce Analysis content. September 2010 to November 2010 VoiceAmerica.com Internet radio show. Same as above.

Ms. Thornhill taught the class "Preparation for Divorce. Avoiding Economic Disaster" three times per year at the College of Southern Nevada from 2010 through 2016.