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A REPORT ON UNLV ENDOWMENTS

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Erin Mohler '16, Devore Family Scholar

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Never Too Easy

Former U.S. Marine Corps infantryman and Army National Guard armored cavalry scout Kristian Que never opts for the easy path.

A single father of two, he earned dual degrees in economics and marketing from UNLV in December 2016.

Que is a veteran of the Lee Scholars Program and embodies the spirit of the Lee Scholar. He is dedicated, smart, and a proven leader.

He also understands the value of giving back.

Last spring, Que and colleague Katelyn O'Hara won a cash prize at UNLV's Undergraduate Research Forum for their presentation that applied an economics model to determine the probability of a presidential assassination attempt.

Kristian donated his award money back to the Lee Business School.

"UNLV has given me so many opportunities," reflects Que. "I decided I could give back as a way to show my gratitude."

The **Lee Scholars Endowment** was created in 2011 by Theodore and Doris Lee, benefactors of the Lee Business School.

The Art of Teaching

Artist Rita Deanin Abbey's work is on display throughout Las Vegas: a 20-foot sculpture at Summerlin Library; 16 stained-glass windows at Temple Beth Shalom; a bust of Flora Dungan in the lobby of the Humanities building at UNLV.

Abbey, a UNLV professor emerita of art, has another enduring legacy: **The Rita Deanin Abbey Teacher of the Year Award Endowment**. The fund was established in her honor by her husband, Dr. Robert Belliveau, in 1997.

For thirty years, the award has recognized outstanding College of Liberal Arts academic faculty with a cash prize that is presented at the COLA Honors Convocation.

The awardees are selected by a committee comprised entirely of top performing students. The 2016 Rita Deanin Abbey Teacher of the Year awardee was English professor Ed Nagelhout (pictured here with Milan Campbell, left, and Keith Flowers, right).

"It's exciting to receive this award, and especially so because I was nominated and chosen by students," says Nagelhout. "Being recognized by students is really what makes the Abbey award such a special honor."



Family Values

UNLV freshman Brandon Ly attended Southwest Career Technical Academy with every intention of becoming a web developer. But a family trip to his father's birthplace of Vietnam changed everything.

"I saw so many people in need that I wanted to help," Ly explains. "Then and there I knew that I wanted to make a difference." He decided to change course and pursue a career in medicine.

Now enrolled in UNLV's Honors College and studying biological sciences, Ly says that since visiting Vietnam, he takes less for granted. He counts his support from the **Mary V. and John P. Hughes Alumni Association Provost Scholarship** among the things he values. His scholarship was established in 1995 to reward students with high academic standing. It now provides financial support to Nevada's top high school graduates.

"UNLV was my first choice. Being here allows me to be close to home and my family," Ly says. "My classes are eye-opening. I'm learning to approach challenges from many different angles."

Compassion Rewarded

Erin Mohler, mother of four, feels a very personal compassion for seriously ill children and their parents. But as a nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit at Sunrise Hospital, her focus on providing care helps push aside her heartbreak.

"There are so many situations in a hospital that people find scary," she says. "Being a nurse puts me in a position to be with families during their most emotional and difficult times. I feel it is a privilege to be able to help them."

Mohler always wanted to be a nurse, but her dreams went on hold while she helped her husband through school and started a family. She entered UNLV's School of Nursing three years ago and graduated in December.

Her four children, aged 10 through 18, watched her walk at Commencement. While at UNLV, Mohler received a lot of support from her family. And she also received support from the **Devore Family Endowed Scholarship**.

"After waiting so long to finally be pursuing my degree, I was especially grateful for anything that made it easier," Mohler reflects. "The scholarship was amazing for me — and a great example to my children. It's proof that working hard and always trying to do your best has rewards."

For Children, Forever

Thanks to the generosity of Joan B. Lapan, the UNLV School of Medicine will have more resources to educate Southern Nevada's future pediatricians.

Lapan created the **Joan and Dr. Joe Lapan Pediatric Endowment** as a permanent tribute to her late husband and his lifelong commitment to children's health. The fund is the School of Medicine's first endowment and will benefit the department of pediatrics in perpetuity.

"Dr. Joe" Lapan served as a captain and physician in the U.S. Army before opening a pediatric practice in California.

After 25 years in private practice, he joined the U.S. Air Force, and in 1979 was transferred to Nellis Air Force Base where he was chief of pediatrics.

When he "retired," he ran the Nevada Special Children's Clinic and helped create the "House Calls" outreach program at the Discovery Children's Museum. The program has reached 180,000+ Clark County students since its inception in 2009. "Dr. Joe" passed away in 2014 at the age of 91.

The UNLV School of Medicine will be admitting its first class of students this summer.

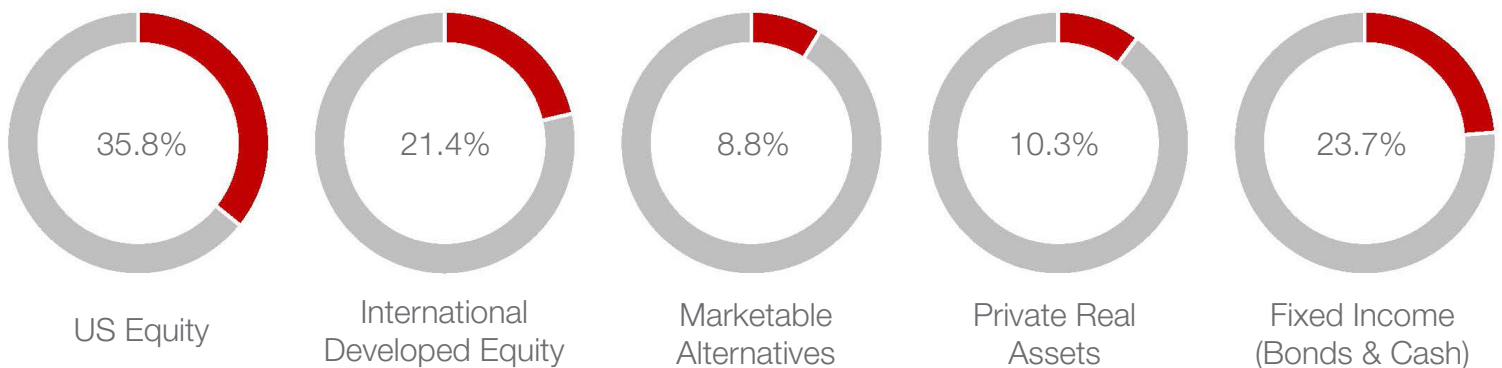
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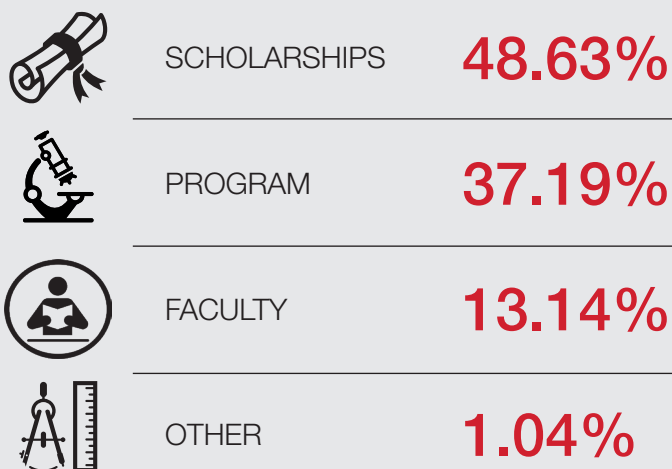
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