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CELEBRATES
20 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

Mentorship Matters
SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

Honoring
WAYNE NEWTON

"One of the greatest values of mentors is the ability to see ahead what others cannot see and to help them navigate a course to their destination."

– John C. Maxwell



A portrait of Wayne Newton, a smiling man with dark hair, wearing a black tuxedo jacket over a white shirt and a red pocket square. He is wearing a ring on his left hand. The background is a light yellow with several white, stylized 'e' logos scattered around.

Honoring **WAYNE NEWTON**

Epicurean Charitable Foundation is thrilled to honor legend, icon, world renowned, record-setting performer, Wayne Newton aka Mr. Las Vegas at M.E.N.U.S. 2021- The Glitz & Glam of Vintage Vegas!

Wayne Newton, who made his historic and triumphal return to the landmark Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel & Casino this fall, has performed live in front of more than 40 million people during a record-setting run of 25,000-plus shows in Las Vegas, alone. During his career, Newton has recorded and released an astounding 165 albums.

Newton is one of only two people to receive Las Vegas' Medal of Honor. He was also named the "Ambassador of Goodwill" by the state of Nevada. Las Vegas continues to honor Newton by naming him one of the "Top Three Entertainers of the Century--in Nevada and around the World" along with his dear friends and fellow performers, Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley.

Wayne Newton is "Mr. Las Vegas" for good reason. He remains ever-present in the city he helped make famous.

Mentorship Matters 2022

March 1, 2022

Stan Fulton Ballroom at UNLV

WELCOME

Melissa Arias

Executive Director of ECF

M.E.N.U.S. 2021 VIDEO

Susana Galindo, *ECF/UNLV Class of '22*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE SPEAKER

Vildan Buric, *ECF/UNLV Cum Laude Graduate, Class of '14*

Director of Food and Beverage- Santa Fe Station

SPONSORSHIP APPRECIATION

Crystal Triguero, *ECF/UNLV Class of '23*

Diana Loiza, *ECF/UNLV Class of '24*

SPONSOR AWARD CEREMONY

Colleen Birch, *Chairwoman of the Board, ECF*

VP of Revenue Enhancement for The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas

Kevin Ball, *President of Epicurean Charitable Foundation*

VP of Purchasing for Affinity Gaming

MENTORSHIP MOMENT

Brandon Scarberry, *ECF/UNLV Class of '21*

PRESENTATION OF HONOREE

Erik Tran, *ECF/UNLV Class of '24*

Wayne Newton

Legend, Icon, and World Renowned, Record-Setting Performer

SCHOLARSHIP REVEAL

Leyla Lira-Alvarez, *ECF/UNLV Class of '24*

BOARD RECOGNITION & CLOSING STATEMENTS

EPICUREAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION'S

Past Honorees

2019	THE BRADY FAMILY Brady Industries
2018	DON AND LORIE FORMAN United Nissan
2017	CHEF HUBERT KELLER Celebrity Chef and Restaurateur
2016	BILL FOLEY II Majority Owner of The Vegas Golden Knights
2015	CHUCK BOWLING President and COO Mandalay Bay and Delano Las Vegas
2014	DAVID HOENEMEYER Regional President of Caesars Entertainment: Bally's, Paris and Planet Hollywood Hotel & Casino
2013	RENEE WEST Chief Operating Officer, Luxor and Excalibur Hotel & Casino
2012	JAMES E. ROGERS Founder/Owner of Intermountain West Communications Company
2011	10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY Honoring the ECF students of past, present and future
2010	ANTHONY A. MARNELL II Founder, CEO, Chairman of the Board of Marnell Corrao Associates, Inc.
2009	VEGAS PBS
2008	LON KRUGER Head Coach, UNLV Men's Basketball
2007	ANDRE AGASSI Founder, Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation
2006	GARY LOVEMAN Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, Harrah's Entertainment
2005	JIM & HEATHER MURREN Co-Founders, Nevada Cancer Institute
2004	WALLACE R. BARR Former President and Chief Executive Officer, Caesars Entertainment
2003	KENNY C. GUINN Governor, State of Nevada
2002	LARRY RUVO Senior Managing Director, Southern Wine and Spirits of Nevada
2002	J. TERRENCE LANNI Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, The Mirage Hotel & Casino

CONGRATULATIONS TO ECF'S

Newest Scholarship Recipients!



Erik Tran

Mentor: Kelley Jones, *ECF Past Chairman*

University: UNLV

Major: Hospitality

Current GPA: 3.65

Fun fact: Erik is currently working as a cook at Steak 'N' Shake at South Point Hotel, Casino, and Spa thanks to his previous mentor, Michael Kennedy!



Leyla Alvarez

Mentor: Kevin Ball, *ECF President*

University: UNLV

Major: Hospitality

High School GPA: 3.98



Diana Loaiza

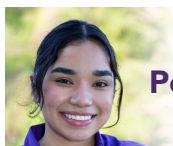
Mentor: Dana Howell

University: UNLV

Major: Hospitality Management

High School GPA: 4.3

Fun Fact: I was given a tour of the Bellagio patisserie, fell in love with the atmosphere, and now I work there! I also got the opportunity to compete in ECF's very own master chef competition.



Penelope Reyes

Mentor:

University: UNLV

Major: Hospitality Management

High School GPA: 3.656



Isabella Sandoval

Mentor: Tommy Gorbail

University: UNLV

Major: Hospitality Management / Culinary

High School GPA: 3.315



Kanaelah Harper

Mentor: Martha Morales,
ECF Secretary and ECF Alumna

University: UNLV

Major: Hospitality

High School GPA: 3.6

Fun Fact: I work as a hostess at Nacho Daddy



**Randy
Sanchez Bonilla**

Mentor: Michael Kennedy, *ECF Past Chairman*

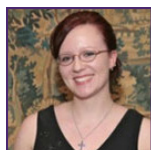
University: UNLV

Major: Hospitality Management

GPA: 3.895

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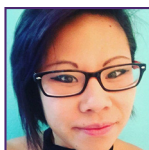
Students and Graduates



Angela Szewczyk
Class of 2008



Ronald Giorgione
Class of 2008



Su Lei Hang
Class of 2008



Sabrina Karic
Class of 2009



Martha Morales
Class of 2009



Catherine Caro
Class of 2010

BOARD MEMBER



Myra Aguirre
Class of 2011



Alona Rideout
Class of 2011



Hanny Herrera
Class of 2011



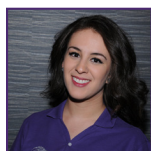
Leizell Joy Seligbon
Class of 2012



Cindy Ureno
Class of 2012



Malek Sadri
Class of 2013



Karina Saucedo
Class of 2013



Nachely Martinez
Class of 2013



Vesna Boskovic
Class of 2013



Jennifer Lee
Class of 2013



Nexie Hingpit
Class of 2013



Ciro Fodera
Class of 2014



Emily Hewett
Class of 2014



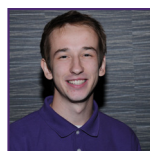
Jasmyn Franklin
Class of 2014



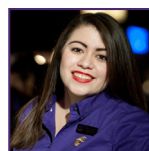
Jordan Moore
Class of 2014



Claudia Soler
Class of 2014



Vildan Buric
Class of 2014



Wendy Pimental
Class of 2014



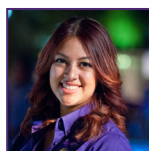
Mercedes Sanchez
Class of 2015



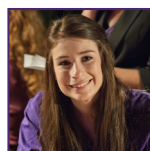
Beatriz Portillo
Class of 2015



Kim Zhou
Class of 2015



Aily Rodriguez
Class of 2016



Alexandria Von Mohr
Class of 2016



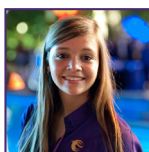
Karen Nava
Class of 2016



Andrea Rocca-Capano
Class of 2017



Daniela Sanchez
Class of 2017



Candace Kozell
Class of 2018



Melanie Saucedo
Class of 2018



Anna Tymoshevska
Class of 2019



Benjamin Sison
Class of 2019

EPICUREAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION'S

Students and Graduates



Mia Salomon
Class of 2019



Geovanni Saucedo
Class of 2020



Jasmine Ramos
Class of 2020



Maria Miranda
Class of 2020



Ashley Hassler
Class of 2021



Brandon Scarberry
Class of 2021



Kennedy Villegas
Class of 2021



Monica Corral
Class of 2021



Noe Martinez-Alvarez
Class of 2021



Rocío Vasquez
Class of 2021



Ashley Kozell
Class of 2022



Bettina Bautista
Class of 2022



Brkiti Brhan
Class of 2022



Cameron Keenan
Class of 2022



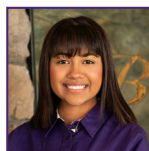
Sol Gonzales
Class of 2022



Crystal Triguero
Class of 2023



Jaslin Estavillo
Class of 2023



Miriam Munoz Gonzales
Class of 2023



Susana Galindo
Class of 2023



Erik Tran
Class of 2024



Diana Loaiza
Class of 2024



Kanaelah Harper
Class of 2024



Penelope Reyes
Class of 2025



Isabella Sandoval
Class of 2025



Randy Sanchez Bonilla
Class of 2025



Leyla Alvarez
Class of 2025

EPICUREAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION'S

Board of Directors and Members

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Colleen Birch

The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas

President:
Kevin Ball

Affinity Gaming

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Megan Humphreys

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Vice President:
Tom Gorball

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Martha Morales

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Robert Chiti

TAO Group Las Vegas

Executive Director:
Melissa Arias

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Manager:

Christopher Alfieri
Epicurean Charitable Foundation

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David Hoenemeyer

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Dean Stowe Shoemaker

*William F Harrah College
of Hospitality, UNLV*

Positions and titles are at time of print

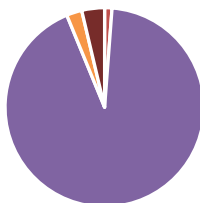
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- ECF has given \$2,145,528 to Clark County Students through ECF scholarship funds.
- Our first scholarship was awarded in 2004.
- In 2021, ECF funds awarded 22 students full-ride scholarships. This includes tuition, books, and fees.
- ECF has over 200 books in our lending library.
- ECF students are prepared for life after college. All students receive leadership training, business luncheon and etiquette guidance, financial acumen seminars, and one-on-one mentoring.
- CCSD students have a four-year graduation rate of about 18 percent. In recent years, ECF's college graduation rate has been an astounding 85%.
- Our 2021 class of recipients is comprised of 4 promising students from different CCSD high schools. Our incoming class has an average high school GPA of 3.97.
- ECF students give back- all students must volunteer at least 60 hours. ECF students have volunteered over 1,500 hours in 2021!
- All students maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. Last semester's average GPA was an impressive 3.60.
- 80% of ECF students made the Dean's List for fall of 2021.
- All ECF students are currently attending UNLV's Harrah College of Hospitality.
- ECF has come full circle with alumna, Martha Morales joining the ECF board in 2016.
- ECF partners with local organizations to support our students like Dress for Success, Tiger Todd HERO Foundation, Cultural Diversity Foundation, Public Education Foundation, Las Vegas Motor Speedway Children's Charities, and UNLV's Student Support Services.
- ECF Funding Sources:

ECF Scholarship Funding Sources



■ Membership ■ Fundraising Events ■ Third Party/Cause Marketing ■ Grants/Program Donations

- ECF graduates are climbing the corporate ladder. We have graduates in roles of Nobu Las Vegas General Manager, Santa Fe Station Director of Food & Beverage, Premium Manager at Allegiant Stadium, Manager at the Kitchen at Commons Club at Virgin Hotels Las Vegas, Assistant Director of Finance at the Ritz Carlton Lake Tahoe, Hotel Manager at Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Assistant Manager for Gordon Ramsay Burger, Assistant Front Office Manager at Encore Tower Suites, Front Desk for The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, Academy of Hospitality and Tourism Instructor at Valley High School, Social Media Specialist for the Venetian Resort & Casino, Casino Host at Wynn Las Vegas, just to name a few.

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AnnaTymoshevska	FIJI Water	Martha Morales	Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits
Ashley Kozell	First Class Vending and Coffee Service	Marti Winer	Spiegel World
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Ben Sison	Hola Mexican Cocina + Cantina	Mercedes Sanchez	Summit Spirits & Wine
Bettina Bautista	Isabella Sandoval	MGM Resorts International	Sunset Station Hotel
Border Grill	Ivana Cvegic	Mia Salomon	Susana Galindo
Boyd Gaming	Jack Kramer	Michael Kennedy	Suzette Federico
Brandon Scarberry	Jaslin Estavillo	Michael Scafuto	Sysco
Breakthru Beverage	Jason Wade	Michelle Harrison	TAO Group
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Brian Kish	John Dempsey	Mitch Preston	The Original Donut Bar
Brkiti Brhan	John Mautner	Modelo/Crown Imports	The X Pot
Caesars Entertainment	Johnny C' Diner	Mott32	Tim Haughnberry
Cameron Keenan	Johnson Brothers	Nathan Armogan	Tina Evans
Candace Kozell	Jordan Moore	Nevada Beverage/ Anheuser-Busch	Tom Gorbail
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Corinne Burton	Kelley Jones	Preventive Pest	Violette's Vegan Restaurant
Craig Gilbert	Ken Johnson	Randy Sanchez Bonilla	West Coast Beverages LV
Crystal Triguero	Kevin Ball	Rob Baker	Wyndham Travel + Leisure
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And especially the UNLV Stan Fulton staff and our ECF students!



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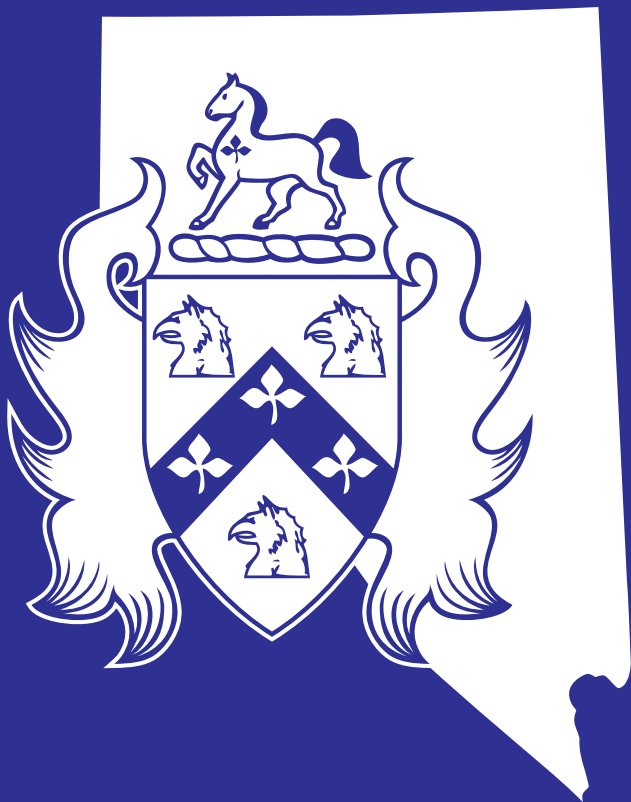
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