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Greetings from your alma mater.

There have been many exciting changes at Nevada State College over the past few months, changes that we're very enthusiastic about and anxious to share with you as an NSC alum. I hope you'll take a moment now to reflect on a few of these developments:

NSC PRESIDENCY



Congratulations to Dr. Lesley Di Mare, former NSC president, who recently accepted the presidency at Colorado State University-Pueblo. Many of you know Dr. Di Mare personally, and I am sure you

share in my wishes for her continued success and accomplishments in her distinguished new role.

Effective November 1, 2012, the Nevada Board of Regents unanimously voted to appoint me, as interim president of NSC. I have long been an advocate of NSC's mission and goals, and have served our institution



in several capacities including that of vice chancellor of administrative and legal affairs and as the Nevada System of Higher Education's chief counsel. You may also remember me from NSC classrooms, where I have the privilege of holding an adjunct faculty position in public policy. I look forward to my role as interim president and to engaging our faculty, staff, and past and present students in ways that will advance the college.

OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

As affirmation of the importance of alumni to NSC, I am excited to announce that we have recently designated an Office of Alumni Relations, which is being led by Ms. Danielle Johnston, our new Executive Coordinator of

Alumni Relations. Ms. Johnston has been a member of the President's Office staff for over two years; her demonstrated diligence, investment in NSC, and seasoned knowledge of our mission made her the natural choice to fill this important role. Additionally, Ms. Johnston herself is an NSC graduate. It's my hope that you will view the office as a resource and an accessible point of contact between you and your alma mater.



Please feel free to contact Danielle any time at: (702) 992-2621 or danielle.johnston@nsc.nevada.edu.

CURRENT ALUMNI PROJECTS

I'd like to share a few of the main projects that the office is spearheading, projects that have direct implications for you as a graduate:

Establishing an Alumni Advisory Council and Board of Directors: Since September, a newly-formed Alumni Advisory Council has been working toward the goal of increasing active membership in a formal NSC Alumni Association. This alliance of alumni volunteers, in collaboration with the Office of Alumni Relations, is devising a plan to reinstate the Alumni Association's Board of Directors as a necessary precursor to formalizing our Alumni Association. Officer elections for the board are slated to be held in early spring 2012. Expect to hear more from Danielle about this opportunity as that time gets closer.

Redesigning the Alumni Website and Networking for NSC Alumni: The alumni section of the NSC website is in the process of being entirely revamped. The Office is working with iModules (<http://www.imodules.com>), a software solution, to provide you, our alumni, with an online searchable database, an interactive e-newsletter, and social and professional networking options. This redesign will help us to maintain stronger connections with you, keep you informed of events and activities, and aid you in more easily communicating with other NSC alumni, college advocates, and potential employers.

ACCREDITATION

For those that haven't heard the good news, Nevada State College has received accreditation at the baccalaureate degree level from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. This represents a monumental accomplishment in the history and growth of the college. Accreditation is instrumental in determining the validity of college credits, allowing access to federal and state financial aid programs, and weighing student eligibility for graduate programs. Until NSC's independent accreditation was achieved, the college was operating under the blanket of University of Nevada, Reno's accreditation; gaining this independent award is a major milestone for us. In the words of former president Lesley Di Mare: "Successfully obtaining independent accreditation is a crowning achievement for the Nevada State College campus community and its partners, the Nevada Board of Regents and Nevada System of Higher Education, the city of Henderson, and the larger community we serve."



Thank you for making time to read this letter, and for your continued commitment to this institution. As the Alumni Association takes form, we hope that you will play an active role in its activities and mission and help us in shaping the landscape of NSC's present and future. Our efforts to work together to improve the college will not only help our current students, but will also enhance the value of your NSC degree.

Best wishes to you and your families and happy holidays from all of us here at Nevada State College.

Sincerely,
**Bart Patterson, President
Nevada State College**