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## 2019 SALUTE TO WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT



### *Dana Bennett to Chair the 2019 Women of Achievement Luncheon!*

Dana Bennett is President of the Nevada Mining Association, the trade association for Nevada's oldest and most enduring STEM industry. A lifelong Nevadan with an abiding curiosity about Nevada's history, Dana grew up in Reno and eventually earned a PhD in history with a focus on women in the Nevada Legislature. She has worked for state government, owned her own business, and published three books and numerous articles.

"It is such an honor to serve as chair of the 2019 luncheon," Bennett said. "It is exciting to recognize and applaud the outstanding women in our region for their professional, personal and community achievements that support the on-going efforts of Nevada Women's Fund." In addition to chairing this important event, Dana serves on several boards, including the Nevada Board of Economic Development.

Dana Bennett, President, Nevada Mining Association  
Chair, 2019 Salute to Women of Achievement

### *Nevada Women's Fund celebrates Sandy Pearce Raffealli!*

Sandy Pearce Raffealli will be inducted to the Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame!

Sandy says, "Being honored by the women I most admire and from whom I have learned so much is humbling and gratifying. Thank you to everyone involved in choosing me for this remarkable honor. The Nevada Women's Fund and its mission have been very important to me over the last 30 years. How fortunate I am to be involved with this terrific group!"

Sandy is also Nevada's nominee for the 2019 TIME Dealer of the Year award. Each year Ally, TIME Magazine and the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) team up to celebrate the many ways auto dealers are doing it right in their industry and giving back with extraordinary contributions to their community.

Bill Pearce Motors encompasses five dealerships in Reno representing brands BMW, Honda, MINI, Porsche and Volvo. Sandy manages the business along with her family, and has been a strong supporter of the Nevada Women's Fund for many years!

### **Nevada Women's Fund 2019 Hall of Fame!**



Sandy Pearce Raffealli  
Bill Pearce Motors

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Ieshia Champs, J.D.  
Keynote Speaker  
2019 Salute to  
Women of Achievement

### *Ieshia Champs to Keynote*

### *Women of Achievement Luncheon!*

This year's speaker for the Salute to Women of Achievement luncheon is Ieshia Champs. She is a recent graduate of Thurgood Marshall School of Law, a single mother of five wonderful children, and the first person in her family to pursue a graduate degree. Ieshia was a prior high-school dropout, and was pregnant with her fourth child, when she suffered a crushing barrage of obstacles. She lost her job, lost her home in a fire, and lost her children's father to cancer. With the support of her children and her pastor, she managed to return to school and receive her GED at the age of twenty-four. Before matriculating into law school she received her undergraduate degree at the University of Houston-Downtown, majoring in Business Applied Administration.

Ieshia Champs' story of how she has overcome the odds has spread all over the world. Beginning with the local news media in Houston, people have been inspired by her story through media sources such as; ABC Local & ABC & NBC Nationwide News, Inside Edition, The Shade Room, Yahoo Lifestyle, Ellen DeGeneres, and an appearance on the Steve Harvey Show.

## President's Message



Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson, President and CEO  
Photo by: Johnstone Studios

Nevada Women's Fund is celebrating 2019! As we look ahead to the coming year, our Board has taken a laser focused approach to leading the organization, marked with reflection on our past accomplishments, review of our current goals, and prioritization of our objectives.

On February 1st, we gathered Board members, Community Stakeholders and Staff at a strategic planning session which proved both insightful and inspirational. We resoundingly agreed that the Nevada Women's Fund should continue to focus on the things we do well, the maintenance of our brand authenticity, and how we transition purposefully into the future!

We have had a tremendous response to our call for scholarship applications with 781 applications received to date. Our allocations committee will be busy reviewing the applications and the scholarships will be awarded in June.

The 2019 Salute to Women of Achievement garners our attention and excitement over the next several months as we work to honor the many women in our community who have invested in and enriched our Northern Nevada community. We are so fortunate to have Dana Bennett's leadership as Chair this year. Dana and the Nevada Mining Association are foundational to the state's future as leaders in providing educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math, which aligns closely with our mission.

Likewise, I am extremely excited to be able to bring Ilesha Champs (*and her children!*) as our Keynote Speaker! She truly embodies the spirit of Nevada Women's Fund Scholarship recipients! What an inspirational story filled with incredible strength and integrity!

Our Hall of Fame honoree for 2019 is our very own Sandy Raffealli. Sandy epitomizes the spirit of celebration and lifting up our community by supporting women and their families!

Thank you for your continued support of the Nevada Women's Fund. On behalf of the NWF staff and board, thank you for your continued support which inspires so many to achieve their goals. You have positively impacted the lives of aspiring students, mothers, women and children.

Sincerely,

Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson

## NEVADA WOMEN'S FUND HOLDS ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION!

The Nevada Women's Fund Board of Directors held its annual Strategic Planning Session on February 1, 2019, at the Nugget Casino Resort.

The session provides new and existing board members the opportunity to get to know each other better, while formulating the goals and objectives for the organization for the coming year.

Facilitated by Bethany Sexton, NWF Board member and Vice President and Administrator of Department of Medicine, Renown Health, the Board also took the opportunity to set up its committee structure and membership for 2019.



As part of the session this year, the Nevada Women's Fund Board invited several stakeholders from our Northern Nevada community to provide their insight. A huge thank you to those who provided their valuable observations and input!



## NEVADA WOMEN'S FUND BOARD ALUMNI!

The Nevada Women's Fund Board Alumni provides scholarships to several women each year! The Annual Board Alumni Celebration was held on February 5, 2019, at CINCIN, in the El Dorado Resort. The gathering gave the Alumni a chance to meet and talk with the women who received Alumni Scholarships in 2018, and raise funds for scholarships for 2019!



## NEVADA WOMEN'S FUND NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



**Amanda Alfaro**  
Owner and Managing Broker  
Ferrari-Lund Real Estate



**Dr. Olivia Baugh**  
Internist  
Renown Regional Medical Center



**Kelly Corrigan**  
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### 2019 Board of Directors

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### *Special thanks to outgoing Board Members for six years of outstanding volunteer service!*



**Ann Burns**  
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**Eugenia Larmore**  
President, EKAY Economic Consultants



**Candalera Slider**  
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## NEVADA WOMEN'S FUND SPONSORS FAMILY ESTATE PLANNING SERIES

NWF sponsorship of this important education and information series allows you to attend free of charge, any or all of the sessions. Contact the Community Foundation of Western Nevada TODAY for your reservation (775) 333-5499. Seats are limited and will be on a first-come-first served basis.

Estate decisions require knowledge in many areas: accounting, finance, legal, insurance, taxes, investments and charitable planning. Experts will help you navigate the topics of advanced health care directives; charitable income & tax planning; being a trustee and executor; and more. The workshops take place over eight consecutive weeks.

Classes are offered to you as a public service. No financial or insurance products will be sold. Your name will not be given to the speakers. All speakers are volunteers and recognized local experts in their field.

**FREE 8 WEEK SERIES  
PLANNING WORKSHOPS**  
March 27 TO May 15, 2019

# Family ESTATE PLANNING SERIES

## SAVE THE DATE Spring 2019

**WEDNESDAYS** 10:30am to noon OR 1:30pm to 3pm  
March 27 to May 15 Sierra View Library (Reno Town Mall) 4001 S. Virginia St., Reno 2019  
*Kurt Mische, KNPB CEO, series facilitator*

Week 1	March 27	Quiz and Planning Guide
Week 2	April 3	Fundamentals of Estate Planning
Week 3	April 10	Wills, Probate, and Trusts
Week 4	April 17	Benefits of Trusts
Week 5	April 24	Power of Attorney, Health Care Directives, DNRs, and Ethical Wills
Week 6	May 1	Responsibilities of Fiduciaries, Executors, & Successor Trustees
Week 7	May 8	Estate Planning for Digital Assets / Planned Giving
Week 8	May 15	Long-Term Care Planning / Wills Planning Guide

**Call the  
Community  
Foundation  
775-333-5499  
to register.**



## NEVADA WOMEN'S FUND CELEBRATES THE 2018 POWER OF THE PURSE!



The Nevada Women's Fund 11th Annual Power of the Purse was held November 16, 2018 at the Downtown Reno Ballroom. The event featured a total of 73 local vendors who sold a wide array of products that included exquisite jewelry, delectable food items, Christmas ornaments, hair products and beautifully made clothing. Thanks to the generosity of our board members the purse raffle consisted of 24 designer bags with brands ranging from Kate Spade, LeVian, and Coach! More than 800 guests attended, culminating in another successful and fun event!



# LEAVE YOUR MARK ON NEVADA'S FUTURE!

*While making a powerful impact on the lives of women and children living in Northern Nevada!*

As we look to the future, we know the generosity of those who support the Nevada Women's Fund make a difference in our success. That is why your participation as a donor is vitally important! We have several ways for donors such as yourself to engage in charitable giving to help us achieve our mission. To help us today, consider gifts of cash, stocks, mutual funds, real estate or other assets.

To help us in the future, your legacy investment in the Nevada Women's Fund is powerfully effective and a personal way for you to empower individual women to be educated in Northern Nevada for generations to come!

- Nevada Women's Fund does not charge fees to administer donations.
- Donors are encouraged to name the scholarship, and set scholarship guidelines for the scholarship recipient qualifications.
- Each year, donors are offered the chance to meet their individual scholarship recipient(s) so that you may learn the stories of the amazing women and find out exactly how the scholarship has improved their life.
- Donors have the opportunity to set up either an Annual Scholarship or an Endowed Scholarship.

*Annual Scholarships* are set up with a minimum annual contribution of \$1,500.

*Endowment Scholarships* are set up with a minimum contribution of \$10,000. The endowment can build to this amount over a five-year period of time. Once the endowment is established it will continue to provide scholarships in perpetuity!

Each year the NWF Board of Directors Allocations Committee, made up of board members and dedicated volunteers, reads and scores each scholarship application received. Each scholarship application is reviewed and scored based on their financial need, GPA, the quality of their personal statement and whether or not they are a returning applicant. The Fund scholarship cycle is annual and typically administered in the spring of each calendar year. Scholarship awards are for a full academic year and distributed before fall of the same year.

## NEVADA WOMEN'S FUND CELEBRATES NEW DONORS!



Karyn Murray & Katie Osgood, sisters, and owners of Brookfield School in Reno, have established the Brookfield School Scholarship with the Nevada Women's Fund which will help women entering the field of education.



Dr. Robert Daugherty and his daughter, Allison Smithson established the NV Teach Endowed Scholarship funded by the Sandra Daugherty Foundation. Named after Allison's beloved mother, the scholarship assists women preparing to teach science.

The Laura Dianda Endowed Scholarship was established in honor of Laura Dianda, beloved wife of Norm Dianda. Funded by, Q&D Construction, Western Nevada Supply, LP Insurance, and Norm Dianda, the scholarship will assist women using their educational degree to enter the field of construction.



The Beverly Acton Endowed Scholarship was established in honor of Beverly Acton, mother to former NWF Board member Laurie Acton. Funded by many friends of Beverly Acton, the scholarship will assist women in their educational efforts in perpetuity.



Sheila Colfer, Broker at Commercial Property Services in Reno is Nevada Women's Fund's most recent scholarship donor. As a native Nevadan Sheila established scholarships to help women entering the medical field in Northern Nevada. The scholarships are named after her mother and grandmother, continuing their legacies into Nevada's future. "These scholarships are a fitting tribute to the strong women I have had in my life, while making a huge difference in the lives of women and their families!"



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## Our Mission

The Nevada Women’s Fund is dedicated to strengthening its community by empowering women to improve their lives and those of their families. We identify critical social needs and address those needs through scholarships and community grant making.



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## Mark Your Calendar!

**2019 Salute to Women of Achievement**  
**Grand Sierra Resort ~ Grand Ballroom**  
May 23, 2019 | 11:30am—1:30p.m.  
Tickets—\$150 | Table of 10—\$1,350

**2019 Power of the Purse**  
**Downtown Reno Ballroom**  
**November 22, 2019**

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## YES ! I WANT TO *INSPIRE ACHIEVEMENT* IN HOPEFUL WOMEN & FAMILIES TODAY

The Nevada Women’s Fund is a Nevada corporation and IRS designated 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization formed to strengthen its community through education scholarships and community grant making. Your generous donation may be tax deductible. **Federal Tax #94-2860375.**

### NWF makes inspiring achievement simple:

- Make a general donation to support NWF’s mission of inspiring achievement in women and families.
- Form an education scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 annually. You name the scholarship after yourself or someone you wish to honor..
- Establish an endowment account with a minimum and principal donation of \$10,000, held in perpetuity.

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 Please keep my gift anonymous  
 Please send me information on including NWF in my will.

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(NL Spring 2019)