

# Former officer heads GBC criminal justice

By JOHN PATRICK RICE  
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ELKO — Contrast seems to lead to connections in the life of Rick Mackey. The head of the Great

Basin College Criminal Justice Program grew up near the beach in Southern California, and wound up in the high desert of northern Nevada.

He spent a year in Pakistan, a society rooted in an ancient caste system, working to model the form of justice found in the free American society. He was a long way from the beach, a long way from the high desert of the Great Basin,

but on the doorstep of knowing just how important the privileges of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are to the way of life in the United States.

Thirty-one years of experience as a police officer formed the basis of his new career in academia.

"About five or six years before I was to retire, I started to think about life after police work. My father was in education,

my wife taught in high school for 25 years, and my daughter taught English, and now works as a counselor in higher education," he said.

It was evident to him that he had some sort of congenital condition that was leading him to teaching.

He enrolled in a master's degree program in criminal justice at Cal State Dom-



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Rick Mackey started out in law enforcement and now heads the Criminal Justice Program at Great Basin College.

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## Mackey ...

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inguez Hills. With his degree in hand, he started teaching at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif. It was a very large school, with 32,000 students. It was from there he took the position with the Department of Justice in Pakistan.

"It was a program of the Department's to help countries build democratic police forces. We worked with military generals and police chiefs," he said.

It was an eye-opening experience for him.

"Watching people live from hand to mouth and day to day gave me a great appreciation of our country," Mackey said.

The whole experience of looking at how justice is served internationally gave him a unique perspective on domestic law enforcement.

"We have rights and protections that are the foundation of our country," he said, and it is those two

values that are at the heart of the GBC Criminal Justice Program.

The program has two areas of emphasis: Law Enforcement and Corrections. Students in both programs have identical experiences in the first year of the associate degree program. In the second year, students move into more specialized course work.

The program is taught using GBC's effective hybrid method of teaching, integrating the traditional classroom with online coursework.

Mackey says he's a "face to face guy. Law enforcement is a public service job. You can't beat a face to face experience."

But his department has taken a unique approach to the online portion of its curriculum, assuring a personalized experience, even online.

"We bring our personalities to the table," he said.

One of the traits of Great Basin

College in general is its unique function of "growing our own" in a variety of professional and technical areas. It has served rural Nevada well, and law enforcement is no exception.

Mackey explained that while the GBC Criminal Justice Program prepares students for all levels of employment in various fields of criminal justice, it is especially important and valuable to students who want to remain in rural Nevada communities and seek employment locally.

"Officers and criminal justice professionals who were raised in this area bring built-in knowledge and understanding of issues and problems in their communities," he said. "The GBC Criminal Justice Program provides a level of education to rural Nevadans who want to remain in the area and who want to bring their talent and experience to our local criminal justice system."



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Justice*



# GBC student Alex Porter does research for local organization

Feb. 1, 2014

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ELKO — Alex Porter has made a mark on the landscape of higher education in a variety of ways.

As president of the Great Basin College Student Government Association, he has helped provide support for students throughout the college's vast 63,000 square mile service area. More recently, he was elected by his student government peers at all of the Nevada System of Higher Education institutions to serve as president of the Nevada Student Alliance. In that capacity,

he speaks for tens of thousands of students enrolled in the eight colleges and universities in the state.

But before he could achieve that status, he had to be a student. It is in that role he shows how very important his college education has been.

Porter is a senior in GBC's Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Studies program, with an emphasis in Social Sciences.

"As a senior in my first semester, I had to do an internship," he said.

He worked with his professors to find a suitable spot.

"I made a few calls, and I finally contacted staff at the Northeast Nevada Regional Development Authority," the economic development agency for Elko County. He suggested his academic background might provide some benefit to the organization.

They seized the opportunity.

"I met with NNRDA staff, and Rick Magness," the planning director for the City of Elko," Porter said.

Together they did some brainstorming. Magness oversees the city's Redevelopment District Authority.

"The RDA was just starting its advisory committee and they had a lot of questions," Porter said.

Porter was directed to do research on other redevelopment projects in cities like Elko around the country.

"I found cities of the same size, with similar economies, to see what they had done with their downtowns," he said.

He looked for trends to indicate the successes or failures of other RDAs.

"We didn't want to reinvent the wheel," he said.



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Great Basin College BAIS student Alex Porter shares a light moment with professor of anthropology Laurie Walsh.

Nor did they want to design one that wouldn't roll.

Porter did most of his work over the summer, "which was good," he said.

It gave him time to focus on the project without having to worry about his other responsibilities. His work was independent.

"I used an office at GBC

and I would check in with Rick [Magness] a few times each month to report on my progress and get direction."

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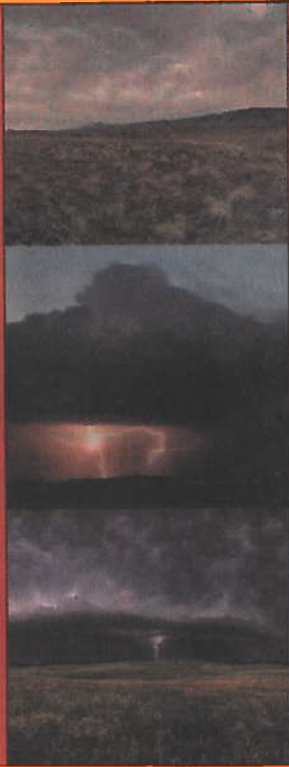


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FRIDAY

**Short Term 12 (R)**

A 20-something supervising staff member of a foster care facility navigates the troubled waters of that world alongside her co-worker and longtime boyfriend. Won audience award at 2013 SXSW Festival in narrative feature category.

Doors open 45 minutes prior to film times.  
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SATURDAY

**The Spectacular Now (R)**

Based on the book by Tim Tharp, this is the story of Sutter Keely (Miles Teller) — high school senior, effortless charmer, and “kiss of the party” — and of how he falls in love with the “nice girl” Aimee Finley (Bhaeris Woodley). While Aimee dreams of the future, Sutter lives in the now. What starts as an unlikely romance becomes an snapshot of the heady confusing and haunting passion of youth — one that doesn't look for tidy truths.

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**14**  
FRIDAY

**Instructions Not Included (PG-13)**

Valentin is Acapulco's resident playboy — until a former fling leaves a baby on his doorstep and takes off without a trace. An unlikely father figure, Valentin makes a new life for little Maggie and himself which is threatened when Maggie's birth mom suddenly shows up again six years later. This charming 2013 comedy-drama is the highest grossing Spanish language movie ever. In Spanish and English, with subtitles.

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SATURDAY

**Antarctica, A Year on Ice (NR)**

A visually stunning chronicle of what it is like to live in Antarctica for a full year, including winters isolated from the rest of the world, and enduring months of darkness in the coldest place on Earth. Director: Anthony Powell



# Ninth annual GBC Film Festival coming in February

Attention movie fans. For the ninth consecutive year, Great Basin College is bringing culturally diverse films — typically not seen in Elko — to the college theatre.

New this year, four local restaurants will each sponsor a movie and feature unique or new food items free of charge prior to the movie — a twist on the typical concession stand.

Films will be shown 7 p.m. Feb. 7, 8, 14 and 15 at the GBC Theatre. Tickets are \$7 each, and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be purchased at 6:15 p.m. the night of the movie.

“This year’s event will be the best ever with a diverse slate of films targeting young, mature, Latino and adventure-loving audiences,” said film committee chair Russ Minter. “Our festival kick-off movie is the 2013 South by Southwest Festival award winner ‘Short Term 12.’

“I saw this movie in New York City and the audience was noticeably moved. The acting was absolutely superb.”

The movie tells the story of a 20-something staffer at a foster care facility navigating the troubled waters of that world alongside her co-worker and boyfriend. Flying Fish sponsors the film and will introduce items from their new menu prior to screening.

The Feb. 8 movie is “The Spectacular Now.”

“This is the story of a high school senior, charmer and class clown who falls in love with a nice girl,” Minter said. “It’s a snapshot of the confusion and haunting passion of youth.” The movie is rated “R.” The audience will enjoy samples from Blind Onion Pizza and Elko’s newest ice cream parlor, Coldstone Creamery, both located in Telescope Lanes.

The Feb. 14 movie “Instructions not Included,” will give Valentine’s day movie-goers the opportunity to see the highest grossing Spanish-language movie ever. The charming comedy-drama, told in Spanish and English revolves around an Acapulco playboy and stuntman who finds a baby on his doorstep, raises her, and who is threatened when the child’s mother reappears six years later.

“Our Valentine’s Day movie has always proven to be one of the most popular in our film series,” Minter said. “Do something different and bring your sweetheart to see this film.”

Pizza Barn — voted Elko’s best pizza for 2013 — sponsors the movie.

“Our committee is really excited to bring the documentary ‘Antarctica, A Year on Ice’ to Elko,” Minter said. “I recently saw this at the Bend Film Festival and it’s not what I expected ... it’s not about penguins, but a revealing story of what it takes to survive working and living in the coldest place on Earth. It took the filmmaker 10 years to create this movie and he gives viewers unique insights into the beauty of the region — the shots of the aurora australis are unbelievable — and the extreme living conditions.”

The GBC Film Committee has invited the director to Skype after the movie to answer audience questions about his first-hand experiences in Antarctica. Elko’s newest pizza parlor, Round Table Pizza, sponsors this movie.

“In a very tight budget year for GBC, we are grateful for the participation of our film-loving audience and this year’s sponsors,” Minter said. “We encourage everyone to enjoy the movies.”

For information, call Minter at 777-6093.

# If Newmont wins

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## Homestake gets \$65

By Adella Harding

Newmont Mining Co.'s hostile bid for Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corp. is under the shadow of a \$65 million takeover charge that SFPG would need to pay Homestake Mining Co. to buy Newmont.

If the SFPG board or shareholders vote against Homestake's proposal and in favor of Newmont's, "Santa Fe has to pay Homestake," said Homestake Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer Gene Elam. The reverse would be true if Homestake pulled out of the proposed merger with Santa Fe.

Despite the penalty Santa Fe would be forced to pay, Wall Street analysts are saying Newmont's offer is a better deal, according to news

reports.

Reuters Financial Report quoted analyst Victor Lazarovici of Smith Barney as saying Newmont's offer is better, "both in terms of current market value and long-term potential."

The Dow Jones News wire reported that analyst Todd Hinrichs of Everen Securities said: "Newmont is definitely offering top dollar."

And Newmont said in a news release earlier this week that the merger is a good deal at the current, lower gold prices, which allowed the company to offer more stock while increasing the overall value of the bid by less than it would otherwise.

Gold prices are at near three-year lows, selling in the \$355 range earlier

this week and closing at \$359.05, up \$1.32, yesterday.

And gold prices as well as the merger talks have affected stock prices. The Elko office of Edward D. Jones & Co. reported that Homestake closed yesterday at 13%, for no change; Newmont closed at \$41, down 1/8%; and SFPG closed at 15%, up 1/8%.

Santa Fe Pacific announced a friendly merger with Homestake at a rate of 1.115 Homestake shares for each Santa Fe share. Terms of that deal valued Santa Fe at \$17.42 per share, or \$2.3 billion.

Newmont raised the stakes this week, increasing its bid to 0.4 Newmont shares per Santa Fe share — a bid, at Tuesday's closing prices

worth \$16.50 per Santa Fe share, or a total of roughly \$2.2 billion.

Newmont also conditioned its deal on its receipt of 90 percent of Santa Fe's 133 million outstanding common shares.

In its first bid for Santa Fe announced Dec. 5, Newmont offered to swap SFPG shares for 0.33 Newmont shares, a value of \$2 billion at that time when Santa Fe shares were going at \$15.50.

Newmont Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Ronald Cambre said earlier this week that Newmont started informal talks with Santa Fe last April and had "excellent discussions" before making the first offer.

"We thought it went smoothly so we were a bit surprised when it didn't get consummated at that time," Cambre said in the teleconference.

Santa Fe and Homestake announced their agreement just a few days later.

On the employment front, Cambre said a merger with SFPG would include consolidation of staff in some cases, but he wouldn't speculate on any loss of jobs.

"We are job creators," he said, explaining that people might be moved

around in a merger.

Newmont spokesman said later that there would be enough employment to cover

Newmont currently has operations in the Carlin area in underground and open-pit mines, and SFPG has operations in Creeks, Lone Tree and Mule Canyon in Lander and Humboldt counties, as well as owning a small underground mine in Elko County.

A merger of Newmont and Santa Fe would combine 100 million ounces of reserves with Santa Fe's 100 million ounces of reserves. Production would be 1.5 million ounces this year and 4 million next year and 4 million thereafter.

And Cambre said the SFPG merger would be a good thing because Newmont and Santa Fe are neighbors in northern Nevada with excellent exploration and technological expertise.

Newmont also has a production cost of \$215 per ounce from the current market, and the market

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## GBC art gallery presents new exhibition

By CYNTHIA DELANEY  
Free Press Correspondent

ELKO — “Of Time and Place: Lara Alberti and Geographical Divides” is part of the Nevada Touring Initiative Traveling Exhibition Program.

Time is represented by Reno-artist Lara Alberti, and Place highlights the work of 16 printmakers who explore Nevada’s culture and challenging geography.

“I am interested in how we orient ourselves in space and time, and the seamless continuum between past, present, and the timeless worlds of our dreams,” said Alberti, whose work encompasses antique clock cases.

“Geographical Divides: Finding Common Ground” highlights printmakers from northern and southern Nevada and explores the individuality in their regional voices. There are many differences between the two major artistic communities of Reno and Las Vegas that are at play in this curation.



Gallery Director Gail Rappa invites the public to come see the installation in the Leonard Center on campus.

As a way to engage viewer interaction and combine collegiate and community literary expression, the gallery is also sponsoring Art Inspired Poetry. Visitors to the show are asked to write a poetic piece that is sparked by one of the works of art in the exhibition.

Forms are available in the gallery and visitors are encouraged to participate. The poems will be displayed during the reception along with the muses that inspired them.

“The deadline for the poetry feature of this show is March 31,” said Rappa. “I would love this to be a yearly event with each new show we do.”

A reception is scheduled 4-6 p.m. April 11.

The following day the installation will be returned to the Nevada Arts Council for further travel within the state.

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# Gold Giants Waiting On Shareholder Approval

By Cory J. Hailey

The merger of Santa Fe Pacific Gold and Newmont Mining Corporation may be very close to finalization.

Doug Hock, a public relations manager with Newmont, announced yesterday that the shareholders of both companies will vote Monday on whether to approve the merger.

If the vote is yes, said Hock, "The merger will be finalized as of Monday." He added that the transaction would be complete by 2:00 p.m. Pacific time.

The stockholder vote is the last barrier to the Newmont-Santa Fe deal, said Hock.

Describing the merger process as having gone smoothly, Hock noted that all regulatory requirements have been satisfied, and that all of Santa Fe's assets have been transferred to Newmont.

The merger should not have any effects in terms of area mine employment, he noted. While some senior management positions will be dropped, "operations will stay the same, to my knowledge."

The transaction is valued at \$2.5 billion, and would make Newmont the largest gold company in North America, giving it a total of two million acres of property.

The company beat out Homestake Mining in a race for Santa Fe that began on December 5 of last year, when Newmont made its initial offer to buy the company.

SFPG initially agreed to go with

Homestake, but later reversed its decision, and on March 10 signed a merger agreement with Newmont.

Following a hoped-for approval by shareholders, Hock said, Newmont president Ronald Cambre plans to visit his company's newly acquired mine sites at Twin Creeks and Lone Tree on May 8.

Bruce Hansen, with SFPG, agreed with Hock's prediction that the merger will not lead to any major change at the operations level.

"We don't anticipate any significant change at our operations in Nevada," he said. The major changes, he said, will most likely come at the senior management level.

Hansen put the costs of the merger between \$120 million and \$130 million.

Included in that figure is the \$65 million breakage fee SFPG paid Homestake for pulling out of their arrangement, as well as severance pay for administration personnel in Albuquerque and legal costs.

Hansen minimized the possibility that the shareholders might shoot the merger down, saying, "I think that is a very, very remote possibility."

Upon approval, he added, the merger will go into effect immediately, with SFPG becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of Newmont Gold, itself almost totally owned by Newmont Mining.

# Newmont increase for Santa Fe Pacific

By Adella Harding

Newmont Mining Corp. increased its offer today for Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corp., in a bid to push aside SFPG's agreement to merge with Homestake Mining Co.

"This is a great deal for Santa Fe," said Newmont President and Chief Executive Officer Ronald Cambre in a conference call.

Newmont raised its offer 20 percent to \$2.194 billion, topping last month's Homestake bid, which Cambre said is 12.8 percent lower and "stretched" Homestake.

The latest Newmont offer is worth \$16.50 per share. The Homestake offer was originally worth \$17.42 for each Santa Fe Pacific Gold share, but has since dropped — along with Homestake stock prices — to about \$14.90 per share, according to Cambre.

Santa Fe Pacific Gold acknowledged receiving Newmont's offer but stated in a news release that it had no further comment. It never publicly responded to Newmont's original bid and announced its deal with Homestake shortly afterwards.

Homestake President and Chief Executive Officer Jack E. Thompson said in a statement today that "as previously announced, we have a definitive agreement, approved by Santa Fe's Board of Directors, to merge with Santa Fe Pacific Gold to create a new leading international gold company."

Cambre said Newmont would take its "superior" offer to shareholders if the Santa Fe board chooses not to toss aside the Homestake offer.

He said "the combination of our

two companies is the best fit at the best price with unparalleled opportunities of long-term value," and he had "high hopes" the Santa Fe board "would come with us."

Newmont's major North American operations are in Nevada as are SFPG's, Cambre said, while Homestake has a smaller stake in the state. A merger would create the largest gold-mining company in North America, he said.

"Newmont and Santa Fe are neighbors, and we run very like organizations, and by putting these together we can save \$50 million a year," Cambre said.

He wouldn't say if any Nevada layoffs might result because of duplications by combining the companies, but expected there to be some personnel shifts and job growth down the road.

Cambre said, however, that the Albuquerque, N.M., office of SFPG probably would be closed. Homestake said the same thing.

"To be a viable company and create jobs, we have to run an efficient business," Cambre said.

Thompson said Homestake's merger with Santa Fe would "create a new top-tier gold producer with the asset base, portfolio of growth opportunities, financial strength, including a strong balance sheet and operating skills to pursue an aggressive strategy."

He added that Homestake intends "to complete our planned transaction, which effectively gives Santa Fe's shareholders about 50 percent of the combined company and which we believe offers much greater up-

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## GBC Dinner Dance Saturday

Feb. 17, 2014

ELKO — Great Basin College Foundation will hold its annual Dinner Dance at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Elko Convention Center. This year the annual event celebrates Nevada's Sesquicentennial: Battle Born, Nevada Proud.

The evening will feature dinner catered by The Red Lion. Doors open at 6 p.m. for a silent auction featuring original art by GBC faculty and administration, merchandise from local retailers, weekend get-aways and more. All of the proceeds of the evening go to support Great Basin College students and programs.

Dinner is served at 7 p.m.

The event is sponsored by several local businesses and organizations. Barrick North America, Newmont Mining, Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital, Wells Fargo, Elko Federal Credit Union, Gallagher Ford and NV Energy are monetary sponsors. Blach Distributing has provided wine for the event.

The evening will also feature the return of The Joe Muscolino Band providing music for dancing well



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Great Basin College's Foundation Dinner Dance Committee includes, from left, GBC Foundation Board Chair Melanie Lawson, Barrick Gold; GBC Foundation services coordinator Carolyn Trainor, committee member Hope Cripps, Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital; and GBC Foundation trustee Lisa Becker.

into the evening.

Tickets for the event are \$65 and are on sale at the Great Basin College

Foundation office, room 103, McMullen Hall on the GBC Elko Campus, or by calling 753-2246.





# District balances budget despite \$1.8M revenue loss

By HEATHER KENNISON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — The Elko County School District board of trustees augmented the district's budget Tuesday for the 2013-14 school year, but is facing an overall loss in funds.

Revenue from the net proceeds of mines tax was down \$1.8 million last fiscal year, leaving less for the school district to work with in this year's budget. Its budget was initially built off the Nevada Department of Taxation's estimation of net proceeds revenue.

What the state department did not inform school districts about, however, was a credit given to mines who overpaid their net proceeds in previous years, Superintendent Jeff Zander said.

As presented, the budget would leave an ending fund balance of \$1.3 million, down from the beginning fund balance of \$4.3 million. Zander told the Free Press the district generally tries to have an ending fund balance of \$4 million.

"It's definitely not what we were looking forward to," Zander said to the board.

Board member Annette Kerr, however, didn't put it so lightly.

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# District ...

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"That scares the living daylights out of me," Kerr said.

The superintendent assured there would be no ramifications from the state. Furthermore, he will be looking at more ways to generate savings in various budget areas. The board will review its options in January.

"I do think there's \$1 million worth of savings in this budget, and there's another \$650,000 coming," he said.

With the latter figure, he was referring to an unanticipated \$650,000 received from the state for class-size reduction.

Zander also hopes to see savings result from the HVAC retrofitting the district has done in its schools.

The pay-as-you-go capital projects fund was affected as well from the drop in revenue.

"We'll probably have to defer some of those projects a little bit," Zander said.

Decisions on the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan will likely be made after bids come in for a new West Wendover Elementary School.

Also at the meeting, the board:

- Tabled the agenda item related to out-of-state and out-of-county tuition rates.
- Approved school performance plans for the elementary schools.
- Approved to recognize the Elko County School Support Organization as the collective bargaining unit.
- Determined a student's rights were not denied in a use of emergency physical restraint.
- Approved long-term suspension of 90 days for a Carlin Elementary School student that issued a threat.

# GBC hosts student forum on tuition, fee increases

Feb. 11, 2014

ELKO — It's time to talk about tuition. forum takes place 9-10 a.m. Friday in the High Tech Center, Room 120 at GBC.

Since the national economic recession and budgetary downturn of higher education in Nevada, college students have had discussions about increasing tuition and fee rates.

The Great Basin College Student Government Association is hosting a student forum to discuss tuition and fee increases that may be coming in the near future. The

Free food and refreshments will be provided by the SGA for attendees. The discussion will also be available through interactive video in Battle Mountain, Ely, Pahrump and Winnemucca.

The current proposal is to set rates for four academic years in order to support predictability in pricing. The proposed rates would increase for all of the public higher education institutions in the state, including GBC. The proposal is a 4 percent increase every year for the next four years; a total of 16 percent.

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# Tuition ...

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and Student Affairs Crystal Abba will attend the forum to give information and answer any questions.

Traditionally, tuition and registration fees are set by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents every two years in preparation for the biennial budget. The board and Chancellor created the Tuition and Fees Committee to provide a recommendation for tuition and fees beginning this fall.

The forum is open to anyone who is interested in learning about the proposed future tuition and fee increases. For information, contact the GBC Student Government Association at 753-2256 or email [sga@gbcnev.edu](mailto:sga@gbcnev.edu).





## GBC announces fall dean's list students

ELKO — Great Basin College President Mark Curtis has announced the names on the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester.

Each semester, students who are taking 12 credits or more, have declared a major and who have attained a 3.50 to 4.0 grade-point average are honored by having the dean's list distinction placed on their transcripts. Vice President for Academic Affairs Mike McFarlane and Vice President for Student Services Lynn Mahlberg send a personal congratulatory letter to each student.

The fall 2013 dean's list students are:

### Battle Mountain

Claudia Andrade, Stephanie Bullock, Sarah Drew, Ashley Edgar, Cristal Fimbres, Brandon Friday, Erin Hillesheim, Amanda Rangel

### Carlin

Jordan Brush, Khatlyn Micheli Gordon, Allison Palmer

### Elko

Sonya Aleksandrova Holcomb, Anne Andreozzi, Fausto Banuelos Correa, Terra Bass, Nicholas Beitia, Michele Belsher, Heather Benjamin, Jody Borjas, Nate Bruns, Jennifer

Chadwell, Rosio Chavez Flores, Pamela Eli, Ismael Flores, Madison Frazier, Christy Gillespie, Erika Herrera, Dalia Huerta, Robert Hunton, Jace Johnny, Shelbi Jones, Nadeen Khair, Brittany Klekas, Courtney Kralich, Melissa Mahlberg, David Mccay, Maci Mclauchlin, Andrea Medina Visscher, Angela Munson, Chelsea Nott, Jennifer Obieta, Christy Parker, Zachary Pawlik, Aspyn Price, Kayla Reyes, Matthew Rigby, Toni Roloson, William Roundtree, Kelly Sanders, Samantha Skadberg, Kelly Stokes, Kathleen Thomas, Heather Thompson, Theodore Thompson, Jesus Uribe, Janet Vega, Cody Walton, Todd Wolf, Logan Zeisler

### Ely

Chris Garcia, Michelle Gardner, Erin Gonzales, Lisa Harrison, Melinda Homan, Brady Johnson, Lindsay Martin, Paula Moore, Natalie Norcutt, Kenneth Norcutt

### Eureka

Alexander Porter

### Fallon

Thomas Benson, Jasmine Zaval

### Imlay

Jessica Park

### Incline Village

Marianne Seymour

### Lamoille

Erin Collier

### Lovelock

Alma Jimenez

### North Las Vegas

Donna Lee McGurk

### Owyhee

Shiara Holmes, Lori Jones, Lynn Kaiko

### Pahrump

E Borovkoff, Jessica Ceja Ceballos, Amanda Curtis, Toni Daffer, Caroline Hamlin, Ashley Hosino, Shannon Kaiwi, Artur Khachatryan, Olga Kurakina, Alicia Lewis, Leeann Luna, Brandy Mendoza, Charlie Mitchell, Brionna Moore, Theresa Otto, Rebecca Parylak, Jennifer Pulju, Jessica Vancleef, Zachary Wogee, Alysha Wogee, Janet Crosby, Liqun Zheng

### Reno

Chantel Azevedo, Marco Biljanic, Andrea Burdette, Brandon Grace, Sandra Wood

### Sparks

Paola Espinoza, Mary Flanigan, Amber Nikoley

### Spring Creek

Jesse Adams, Andrea Allison, Shannon Atkin, Erin Buckingham, Lynn Ewell, Jonica Fortune, Brittany Garrett, Kayla Guthrie, Rosalind Hardy, Eric Harmer, Brittani Jordt,

Norah Lusk, Ross Meyer, Gina Neff, Jasmine Park, Michele Parrish, Michelle Phay, Lacy Rider, Kaycee Robinson, Nicole Schubert, Cory Stradling, Lindsey Taylor, Carolyn Testerman, James Yaunick

### West Wendover

Aaron Lund, Abigail Lund, Aurora Tangaro

### Wendover

Maria Luna

### Wells

Emma Ballard, Heather Benjamin, Lizzet Martinez, Veronica Stevens

### Winnemucca

Tiffany Bressemer, Michel Carden, Hannah Hammon, Bertha Higbee, Daniris Hill, Maharlikahn Jensen, Synthia Kenison, James Lausch Jr., Skyler Lemm, Jessica Partee, Kelly Ross, Rachel Spangler

### Goldconda

Pamela Barber

### Out of state

Joshua Bingaman; Nampa, Idaho  
Leon Jacobs; Twin Falls, Idaho  
James Kelsner; San Francisco  
Erynn Morris; Weiser, Idaho  
Gina Neff; Twin Falls, Idaho  
Lacy Rider; Dallas  
Brendan Williams; Diamond Springs, Calif.

## College names additional fall 2013 dean's list recipients

MARCH 12, 2014

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### Carlin

Kaitlyn Browning

### Elko

Edgar Cereceres, Edwin Colon, John Dague, Michael Dufort, Esperanza Garcia, Katie Gentry, Mackenzie Graham, Diane Hart, Torethia Hill, Severyn Immenschuh, Dana Khair, Steven Killian, Cody Koplin, Karla Mak, Ayla Manzer Baldwin, Bryce Powell, David Pulsipher, Alice Pulsipher, Dylan Rainwater, Zechariah Streeter, Jayme Tomera, Tiffany Woods, Austen Zaugg

### Ely

Julie Smalley

### Las Vegas

Chrystal Walker

### Lovelock

Seth Montes

### McGill

Katlynn Hymas

### Pahrump

James Abelar, Adrian Aguilar Robles, Brittny Briscoe, Taylor Burby, Ian Clark, Ryan Dixon, Adam Erwin, Tracy Estes, Nicolas Goodey, Katherine Goodey, Brian Grudzinski, Dee Handley, Samantha Harris, Thomas Mason, Lucia Mata, Tom Miles, Rhea Miller, Amber Murphy, Anthony Senio, Devyn Sheppard, Cindy Speroni, Laura Stokes, Shelly Stroisch,

### Panaca

Michael Rippetoe

### Reno

Tyler Burch, Daniel Preziosi

### Ruth

Grace Steiner

### Spring Creek

Jordan Mechaley, Christophe Moniz, Perri Upton

### Wellington

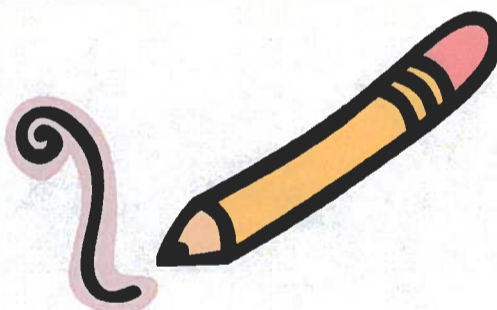
Jessica Johnston

### Winnemucca

Joshua Arbonies, Olen Brown, Kirstie Brunner, Kelsey Gabrielson, Hayley Goldblatt, Anna Gutierrez, Lane Jones, Matthew Jones, Sammantha Latray, Chris Miller, Grant Miller, Bryan Moreno, Ari Umali, Jessica Villarreal

### Out-of-state

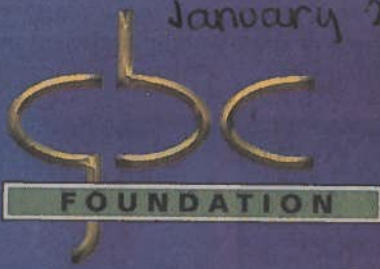
Lorrisa Marr, Deltona, Fla.  
Martha Knox, New Orleans, La  
Travis Winnicki, Port Townsend, Wash.  
Christopher Noah, Pottsboro, Texas  
Jill Folsom, South Lake Tahoe, Calif.





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Saturday, February 22, 2014

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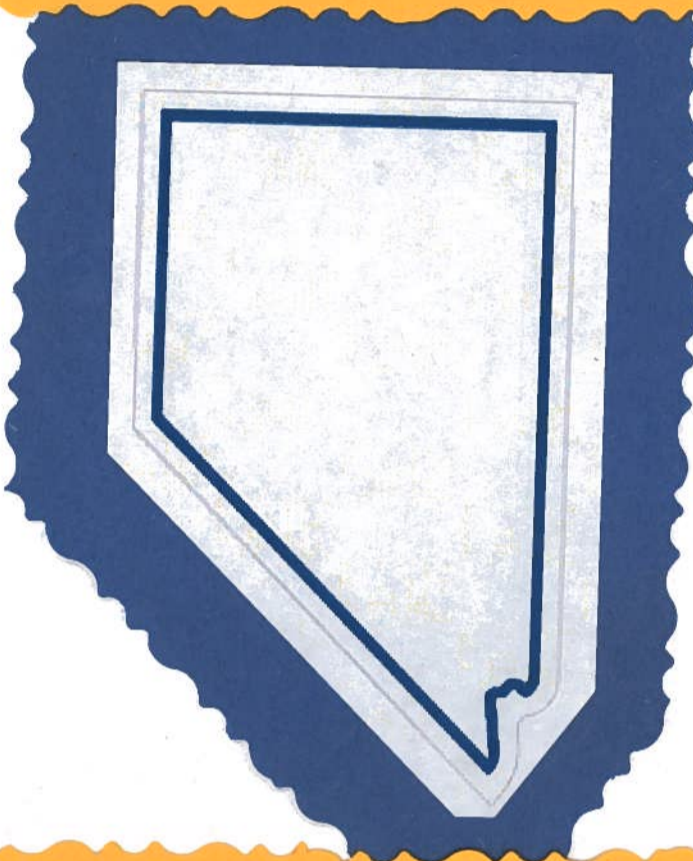
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### GBC student government sanctions Battle Born Veterans Club

MARCH 12, 2014

"Today's veterans face numerous obstacles in their path of attaining a college degree. ... When coupled with the visible and invisible wounds of war, a college degree can be an elusive goal for men and women returning from military service." — studentveterans.org

ELKO — In order to help student veterans obtain their degrees, Great Basin College's Student Government Association has recently sanctioned the formation of the Battle Born Veterans Club, a local chapter of the Student Veterans of America.

The Battle Born Veterans Club, GBC Student Services and the VA have announced the first club event will be 12:15 p.m. Tuesday in McMullen Hall room 114. The event is for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn student veterans to help gain a better understanding of PTSD and tools that GBC and the VA offer on- and off-campus.

For information and to discuss how to support the Battle Born Veterans Club, contact GBC Student Joe Micke at 340-2873 or Battle Born Veterans local advisor Jacob Park at 210-204-9308. Nationally, Student Veterans of America can be reached at [www.studentveterans.org](http://www.studentveterans.org).

# Helping college students chart their own path

By JOHN PATRICK RICE  
Great Basin College

ELKO — Darius Cooper learned at a relatively early age that he would need to provide himself with a multitude of skills in order to advance in life. Raised by well informed and educated parents in South Carolina, they encouraged him to immerse himself in an education.

He heeded the advice. Now the director of the Human

Services Program at Great Basin College, he is using his wide background in social services to provide a multitude of opportunities for Great Basin College students.

Cooper talked about the progression of his career.

"My interests evolved. Back in the 1990s I worked as a probation investigator and security supervisor in New Jersey," he said.

It was a position that reflected his undergraduate education at Hampton University, in Virginia, where he earned a degree in Criminal Justice. Hampton University is one of a number of well-respected American Historical Black Colleges.

"The ironic thing about Hampton, even as a Historical Black College, half of the student body was from around the world," he

said. It is one of the more diverse institutions he knows.

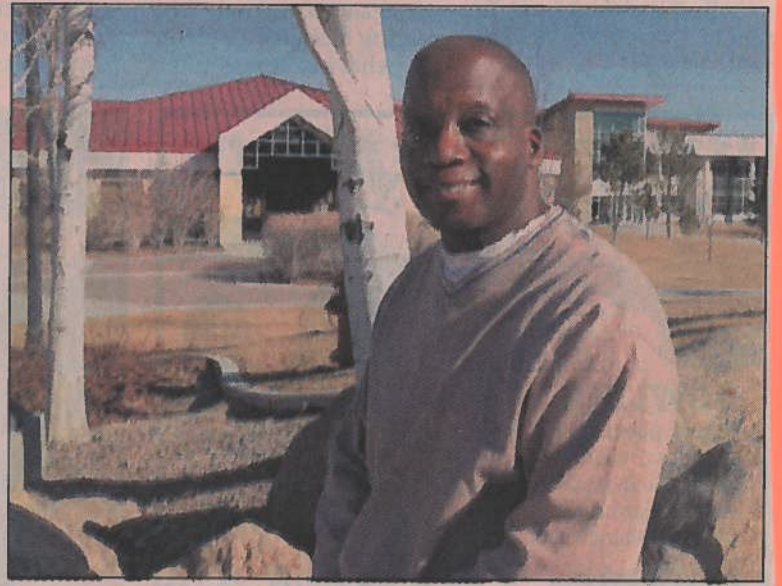
His work in probation and security led him back to Virginia, where he worked in the state's Department of Corrections. He enrolled in a master's degree program at Raffert College and studied Human Services.

"I worked in adult prisons and juvenile corrections facilities," again showing the diversity of options presented to him as a human services professional.

Later, an opportunity opened for him in Atlanta, where he worked as a pretrial officer.

"I screened detainees," he said.

The screening was part of a process to manage the growing prison population. Just as is being experienced in Elko County,



Submitted

Darius Cooper, who once served as a crisis counselor for the Denver Broncos, is the new director of the Human Services Program at Great Basin College.

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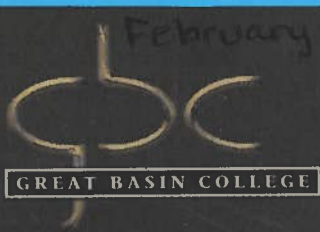
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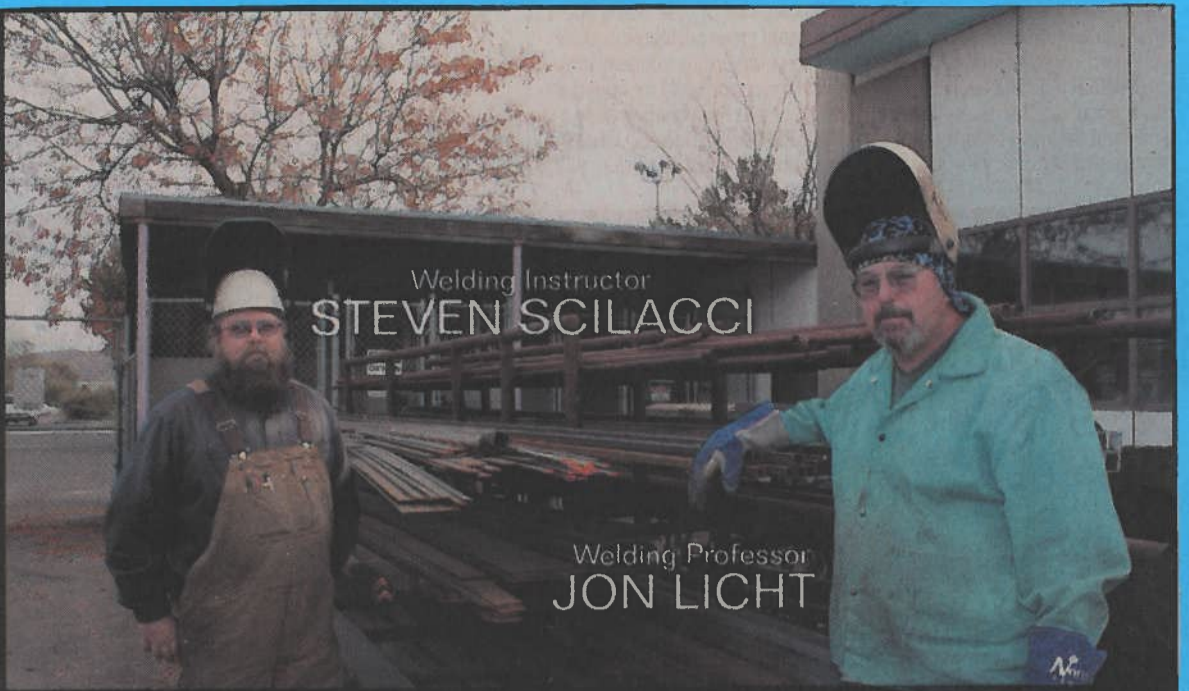
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Retention Coordinator Jennifer Pierce  
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### College, career fair at GBC

ELKO — The Elko County School District's 27th annual College and Career Fair is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Great Basin College campus.

Nearly 750 students are expected to be in attendance. To be a vendor at the fair, register by mail no later than Oct. 18. Registration forms can be obtained through the Elko County School District.

A hospitality room will be available to presenters starting at 7 a.m. the day of the fair. There will also be a raffle during the day for the students, donations are needed.

For information, call Shane Sutton at 738-7281 ext. 1114, via fax at 738-7227 or email ssutton@ecsdnv.net.

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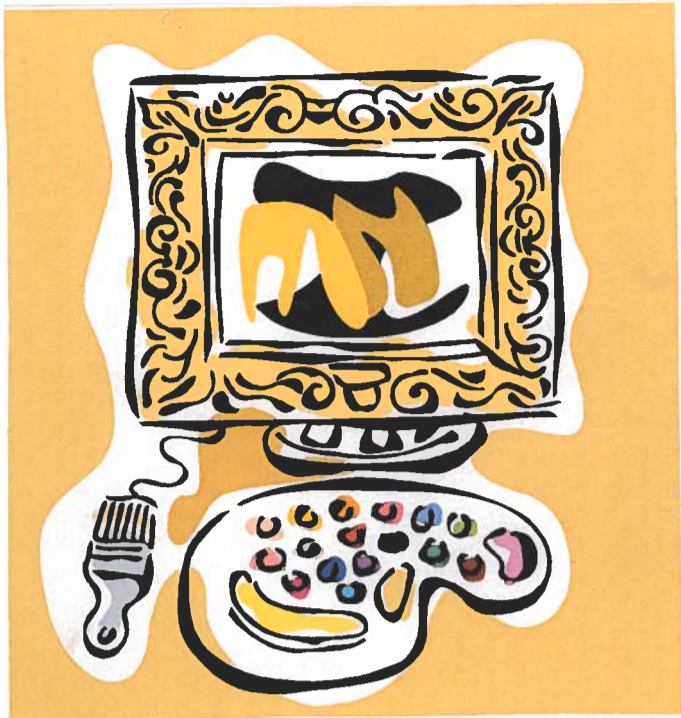


Wednesday, December 4, 2013

7 to 9 p.m.  
Great Basin College Theater

View two short subjects and a Feature Film, Classic Cartoon, and Class Comedy Routine. These are for all ages, family friendly entertainment! We all deserve some wholesome Family Movie fun!

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Free Admission and Free Popcorn!



Sandie Braunstadter poses before her art show entry.

Cynthia Delaney/Elko Daily Free Press

# A tour of talent: GBC student and faculty art show

By CYNTHIA DELANEY  
Free Press Correspondent

It has been a very busy semester for art students at Great Basin College. This session 12 individual courses were offered at the Elko campus with others taking place in outlying centers.

As every student and teacher knows, practice makes perfect, and the artworks on display in the Great Basin Gallery located in the Leonard Center are proof of everyone's diligence.

This semester the exhibition also includes works from several art instructors and GBC staff. The college encourages self-expression throughout the rank from freshman to long-term employee. There are paintings, drawings, prints, photos, jewelry, ceramics, and mixed media created by many contributors.

The artwork is currently on display and will remain through the President's Christmas Party on Dec. 14. The public is encouraged to visit

the display any time during its installation.

Color and form fill the cases and walls of the exhibition area. There are no two pieces alike which speaks for the diversity in the students and staff. The First Amendment right is used in full force here and it is more than exciting to see what everyone has to say through the medium of visual art.

"We have so many talented folks here at GBC," said show curator Gail Rappa. "It is a great forum to show that creativity is present in every area at GBC, students, faculty, and staff."

A reception is planned 4-6 p.m. Friday in the gallery. The ceramics classes are having a sale of their wares to help support their future endeavors. Everyone is invited and the school especially encourages students and community members who may be interested in attending a course.

There will be many offerings again for the spring semester and registration is already in full swing.



Cynthia Delaney/Elko Daily Free Press  
Michael Bail constructed this large scale Mad Hatter's chapeau.



# GBC career fair attracts job seekers April 2014

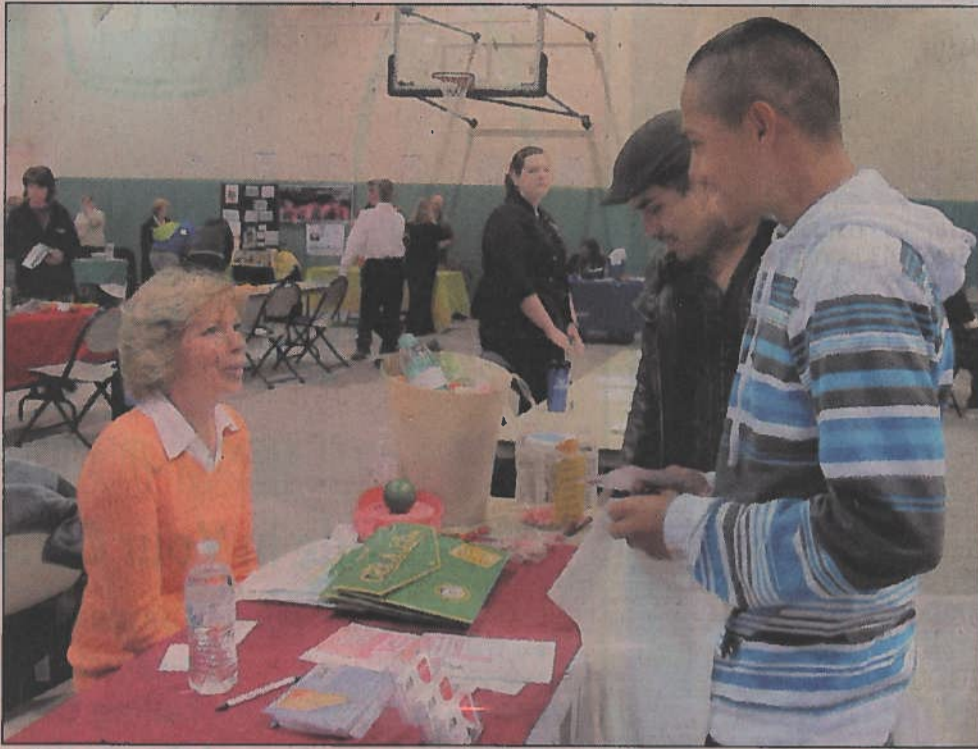
ELKO — Great Basin College has resources for current students looking for employment.

On Wednesday, the Career Center at GBC hosted its annual Career Opportunity Fair. With roughly 37 booths, there were a few companies represented for the first time. These included Gold Dust West, Marshalls and Banner Churchill Community Hospital.

"I (was) here last year," said Kerrie Retzlaff, an accounting student at GBC. "It's helpful meeting new people."

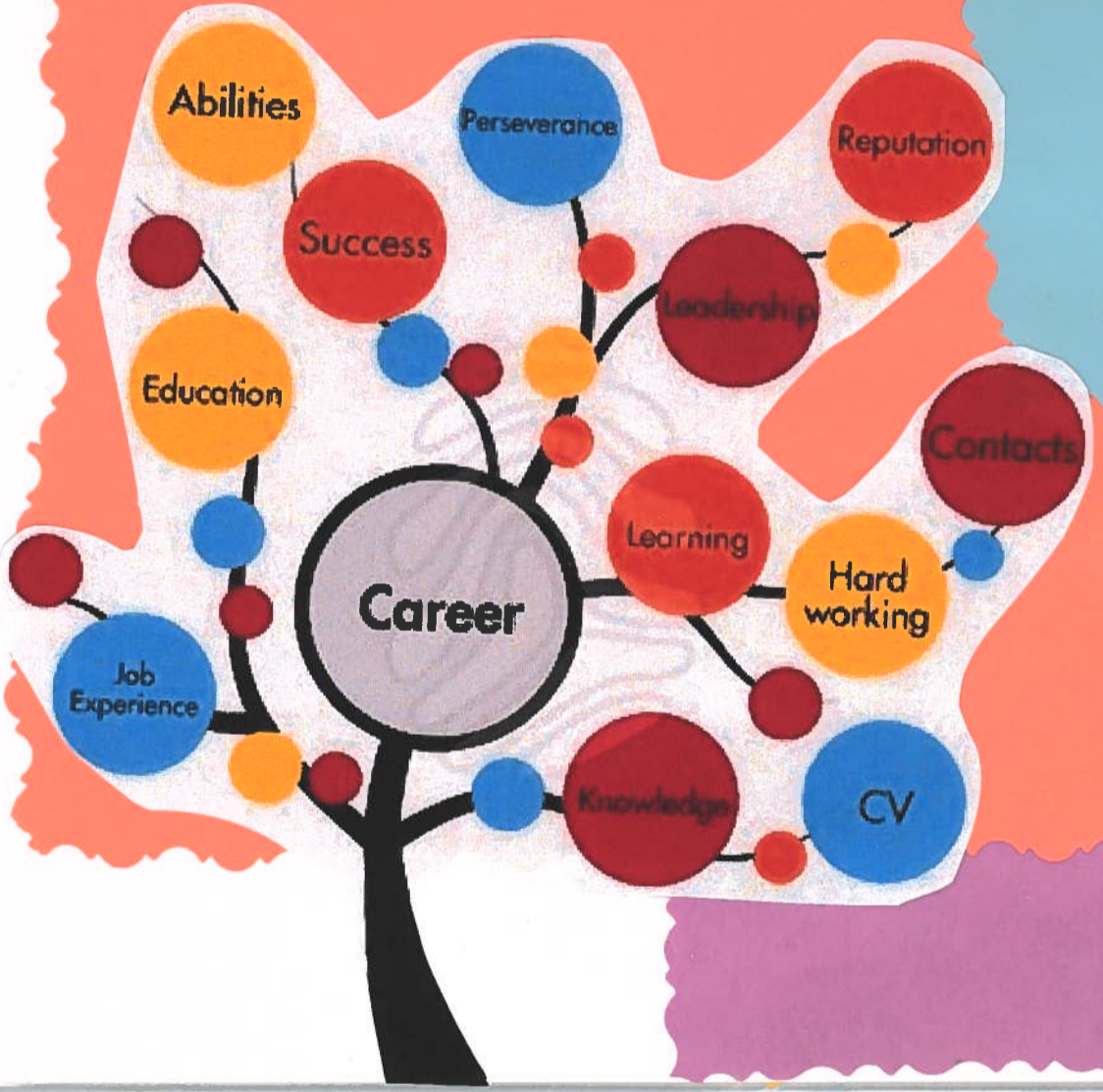
The Career Opportunity Fair was not targeted to any specific group, said Gaye Terras with the GBC Career Center. People from different ages attended to speak with potential employers.

Diego Maldonado, a senior at Beatty High School, at-



Julie Robertson with Job Opportunities In Nevada Inc., left, answers questions from David Moreno, back and Diego Maldonado at the Great Basin College Career Fair Wednesday. Heather Kennison/Elko Daily Free Press

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## Career fair ... April, 2014

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tended the fair after learning about it from a friend. Maldonado was in town applying for an MTC scholarship for welding.

"It's good to know where I'm going to be next year," Maldonado said.

The Career Center offers help to students yearlong.

"We help them get started in college and help them through their college career," Terras said.

The center can advise on career choices and provides Myers-Briggs assessments for \$15. It also works with the state Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.

"That's a new resource for us," Terras said.

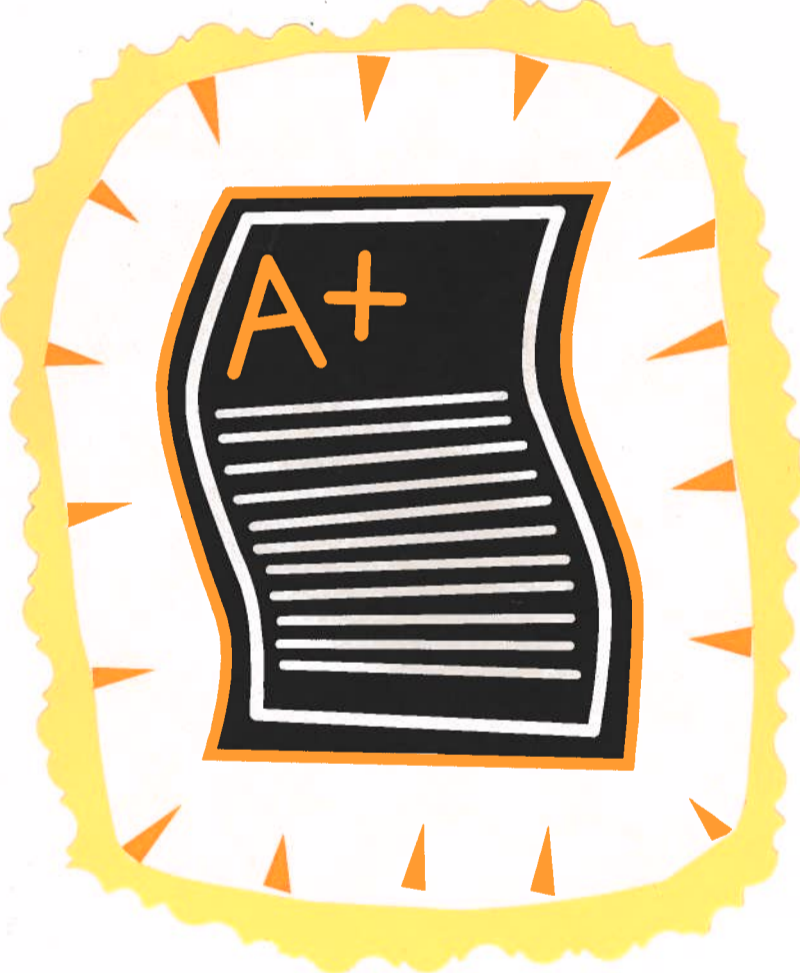
Mike Hassett with Nevada JobConnect comes to Berg Hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He can help place a student in a position and do job rehabilitation, Terras said.

For information about the Career Center, or to make an appointment for advising, call 753-2180.

By Heather Kennison



See page 13, A3 for more information on adult high school equivalency.



## Tests ...

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When it comes to the differences between tests, Bolin said all are based on Common Core State Standards. Subject areas of testing include math, science, social studies, language arts writing and language arts reading.

However, the HiSET and TASC test at a different "depth of knowledge," Bolin said. For example, on a scale of 1 to 4, a test at the low end would ask the test-taker to recall something from memory. A test on the high end, such as the GED, would ask the taker to extrapolate and evaluate information read.

"There are plans to make the (HiSET and TASC) tests more rigorous in the future," Clifton said.

Bolin said by 2016, the tests will be at the same level.

A certificate of high school equivalency does not specify which test was taken, so it won't make a difference to employers, Bolin said.

### Test dates for the HiSET

April 4 (paper)

April 26 (computer)

May 2 (paper)

May 3 (computer)

June 13 (paper and computer)

Testing is all day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Great Basin College Academic Success Center, 1500 College Parkway.

Bring snacks, drinks and a lunch. Separate scheduling is available for those needing ADA accommodations.

Note: TASC testing dates will be announced at a later time.

GBC is the only testing site in Elko County for high school equivalency. The Elko County adult education program offers pre-testing for those interested in taking the HiSET or TASC. However, the pre-tests are currently based off an old GED test because the program is waiting for the other practice tests. A practice test for the HiSET is available

online, Bolin said.

The adult education program also offers classes for an adult high school diploma.

Those interested in signing up for the HiSET or TASC can go to the GBC Academic Success Center at 1500 College Parkway, Electrical and Industrial Technology room 114 or call 753-2144. Clifton recommends showing up in person and paying in advance of the test date. The \$65 fee covers all subject areas of the test and two additional attempts per year.

Persons age 16 and younger need to get permission from the Elko County School District Board of Trustees to take the test. Those age 17 need a letter from their local high school stating they are not enrolled in school. The test is open to anyone 18 and older.

For information about the HiSET, visit [hiset.ets.org](http://hiset.ets.org). For information on the TASC, visit [www.ctb.com](http://www.ctb.com).

Oct 9, 2013  
**Chris Proctor**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013**

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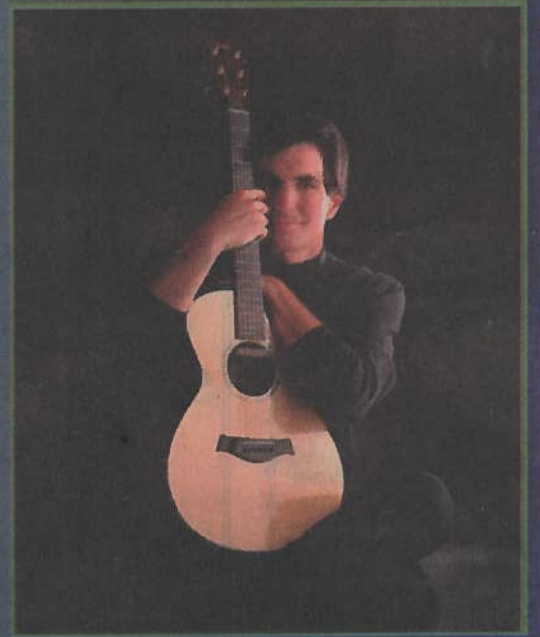
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**Dyslexia and reading disorders workshop offered at GBC**

ELKO – Great Basin College will offer a workshop on Dyslexia and other reading disorders for parents and teachers at 7-9 p.m. Monday in the Great Basin College High Tech Center (1290 Burns Road), room 111. The course is instructed by George Manilla, M.D., who is dyslexic himself, and has helped many students overcome dyslexia. Co-instructor Joe de Braga, M.Ed., former director of curriculum for the Elko County School District, will present exciting new research on dyslexia and methods to improve reading, writing and comprehension.

For information or to enroll, visit [www.campusce.net/gbcnv](http://www.campusce.net/gbcnv) or call 753-2231. 10/11/13



**College, career fair at GBC**

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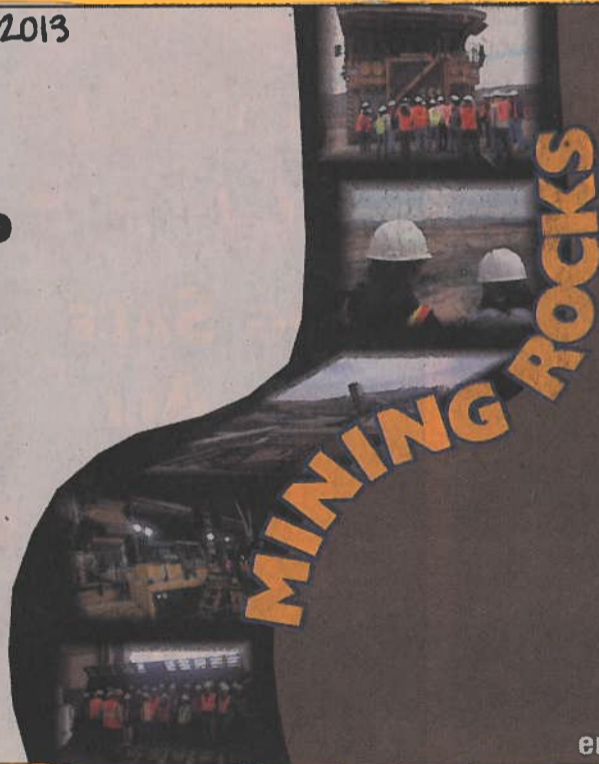


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Program is limited to 45 participants

Students must apply to attend. Application and additional information available at [www.gbcnv.edu/techprep/events.html](http://www.gbcnv.edu/techprep/events.html)

**Thursday, October 10, 2013**  
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# Ceasar Salicchi

MAYOR CHRIS JOHNSON

September 6, 2013  
Regents Reception



Heather Kennison/Elko Daily Free Press

Ceasar Salicchi, left, accepts a proclamation from City of Elko Mayor Chris Johnson recognizing his contributions to society. Johnson presented the document to Salicchi during a banquet in his honor Thursday at Great Basin College. In back are his wife, Darlene Salicchi, and Great Basin College President Mark Curtis.



## Regents approve GBC budget

By HEATHER KENNISON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — The Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents approved the formula funding budget for Great Basin College on Thursday.

Presented by GBC President Mark Curtis, the 2013-15 budget was put together by a 22-member budget task force this spring.

"A fundamental piece of this was that we were not going to cut faculty," Curtis said.

Instead, the college eliminated some staff positions and did not fill open faculty positions.

Going forward, funding in several areas could change.

"We've identified right now about \$300,000 worth of cuts that we can make," Curtis said. "To make a balanced budget, we still need to identify about \$1 million extra in budget cuts."

The budget task force will reconvene this fall to determine the best strategy moving forward.



Curtis

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## Officials honor Ceasar Salicchi

By HEATHER KENNISON  
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ELKO — Locals and the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents honored Ceasar Salicchi Thursday at a reception at Great Basin College.

Salicchi was raised on a ranch in Lamoille, Nevada, and later served as Elko County Treasurer for 36 years. He was named a Distinguished Nevadan by the University of Nevada, Reno earlier this year.

"I don't know any place I'd rather be," Salicchi said. "This is my life here, I wouldn't give it up for anything."

In May, Salicchi had been honored during the UNR commencement ceremony. But Regent Kevin Melcher, who nominated Salicchi for the award, thought a local celebration was in order. With the board of regents in town, the timing was right.

"We were happy to be able to host this event," said GBC President Mark Curtis. "He was involved in a lot of things."

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"When we decided not to fill open positions, that's not too terribly strategic," Curtis said. "When a position becomes vacant, we may well have to fill it ... There's a very real possibility we may need some cuts in other areas."

The college president noted that mitigation funds granted to GBC to help reduce cuts would help transition to a future reality. The board-granted mitigation changed the college's budget cuts to 5 percent in the first year, and 10 percent in the second, Chancellor Daniel Klaich told the Elko Daily Free Press.

Some of the mitigation funds were used to give modest raises to faculty, in an attempt to encourage them to stay, Curtis said.

"We think we are setting ourselves up for a balanced budget," Curtis said. "... We're looking forward to the future."

Regent Robert Blakely commended Curtis on his professionalism, as well as his approach to the budget.



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## District OKs tuition rates for non-county students

ELKO – Higher tuition rates for Eureka County and Idaho students were approved by the school district Tuesday.

The Elko County School District Board of Trustees voted to approve the rates as proposed, pending resolution of the tuition agreement with the Bruneau-Grand View School District in Idaho.

Bruneau-Grand View has about 65 students attending school in the Elko County School District. The total tuition is about \$714,747.

There are 13 Eureka County students going to Carlin schools. The total tuition for these students is about \$11,599.

Also at the meeting, the trustees:

- Organized the board as follows: Thad Ballard as president, Cindy Elquist as clerk, Jonathan Karr as the representative to the Debt Management Committee, Lou Basanez as the National Association of School Boards director, Dan Mahlberg as the NASB legislative liaison, Elquist as the alternate NASB director, and Karr and

Basanez to the Superintendent's Advisory Committee with Dean Hartwig as an alternate.

- Recognized the Elko County Site Administrators Association as the official bargaining unit for site administrators.

- Approved the District Improvement Plan to go to the state.

*By Heather Kennison*



## School board will consider tuition rates

ELKO – Tuition rates for out-of-county and out-of-state students in the Elko County School District are likely to go up this year.

At its meeting today, the Elko County School District board of trustees is expected to vote on the tuition rates. The rates are proposed at an increase due to inflation and additional staff, said Superintendent Jeff Zander.

The board meets at 5:30 p.m. at 850 Elm St. in the board room.

Also on the agenda:

- Reorganization of the board of trustees to select a president, clerk, representative to the Debt Management Commission, representative to the National Association of School Boards (legislative liaison, director, alternate director) and appointments to the superintendent's advisory committee.

- Recognition of Elko County Site Administrators Association as the official bargaining unit for site administrators under meet and confer for the 2014-15 school year.

- Receipt of quarterly construction, technology and curriculum updates.

- Approval of the District Improvement Plan.

*By Heather Kennison*



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## GBC receives \$4 million mine training grant

ELKO – In an email to the Great Basin College community Wednesday, President Mark A. Curtis announced that the college has been awarded more than \$4 million in grant money from the Department of Labor.

GBC wrote the grant on behalf of the Northern Nevada Consortium for Manufacturing and Mining, which includes GBC, Truckee Meadows Community College and Western Nevada College. The colleges are all institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

The grant award totals \$8,778,829. GBC will receive \$4,009,331; TMCC \$3,201,968; and WNC \$1,567,530.

Curtis acknowledged the hard work of a group of

# Strong signal: GBC students turn to online courses

By HEATHER KENNISON  
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ELKO — Mid-semester preliminary enrollment numbers for Great Basin College are showing more students are enrolling in Internet classes.

Mike McFarlane, vice-president of academic affairs at GBC, said 47 percent of the full-time equivalent enrollment are using Internet-only classes.

"Our online programs are growing significantly," McFarlane said.

Since 2004, the college has seen a nearly eight-fold increase in students using online classes. While even the live classes have online components, the Internet-only classes have changed the proportions of student enrollment between the class styles.

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"That reflects two reasons," McFarlane said. "One is the distance, because we can't have a lot of small classes in our large service area ... Also what's important is the time factor because of people's work schedules and family schedules."

He added that there is no cost difference in the fees for online versus live classes. The current registration fee is \$84.50 per credit for lower-division classes and \$138.25 per credit for upper-division classes.

The student population at GBC is 3,156, slightly up from this time last year. The full-time equivalent is 1,795, up 2.9 percent from last fall.

"Full-time equivalent is as if everybody was taking 15 credits," McFarlane said.

Since fall of last year, enrollment in online classes has increased by more than 10 percent, now at more than 800 students.

With classes in general, McFarlane said enrollment in community colleges historically goes down as the economy goes up. Last year, enrollment had decreased slightly from 2011, and

## GBC Students Enrolled In Internet Classes



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Enrollment in online classes at Great Basin College has jumped nearly eightfold since 2004. Note: 2013 numbers are preliminary, mid-semester enrollment.

even now is still slightly below those numbers. Farlane said.

"When people are working, they don't tend to go to school," Mc-

According to records, fall 2009 was the high point of total enrollment in the past 10 years at GBC.

The programs that have experienced the most growth in the past five years are the technical and nursing programs, McFarlane said.

## GBC magazine seeks submissions

MARCH 5, 2014

ELKO — Argentum, the Great Basin College art and literary magazine, is seeking submissions of writing, photos, paintings, sculpture, jewelry and any other mediums that can be represented in print for its 2014 edition.

The magazine, now in its sixth year, is devoted to highlighting the excellent artistic expressions of GBC students, faculty and staff. Additionally, community members 18 and older in the GBC service area (most of rural Nevada) are encouraged to submit work. There is a limit of three artwork submissions per person.

Written work must be submitted in editable, digital files. Details on format can be found at the Argentum website at [www.gbcnv.edu/argentum](http://www.gbcnv.edu/argentum).

Visual images, whether photographs or photos of paintings, sculpture, ceramics or jewelry are to be submitted in JPEG or TIF files. Further details are available on the website. If you desire assistance with photographing your artwork for submission, make an appointment with the GBC Media Services department at 753-2103.

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. March 17. For information, contact Lora Minter at 738-0119, [argentum@gbcnv.edu](mailto:argentum@gbcnv.edu), or Karen Kimber at 753-2209, [karen.kimber@gbcnv.edu](mailto:karen.kimber@gbcnv.edu).

