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Three CSN graduates receive Hites-MGM Scholarship to continue education

LAS VEGAS, Sept. 13, 2007 — The College of Southern Nevada Foundation is pleased to announce the 2007 recipients of the Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation–MGM MIRAGE Endowment.

The scholarship has been awarded to three 2007 graduates of CSN: Thomas Matarrese, Mercier Boykins and Anthony John Rivers Prato.

To qualify for the scholarship, each student achieved an associates degree from CSN and maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Scholarships were awarded by a committee of CSN Foundation trustees who looked at academic performance, credit load and evaluated an essay discussing experiences with overcoming challenges and perception of what diversity means in today's world.

The three students will each receive four consecutive semesters of tuition assistance as they work towards earning a bachelors degree. The endowment requires students select either UNR, UNLV or Nevada State College to continue their education. The 2007 graduates join six other CSN graduates who were awarded scholarship last year.

In 2004, donations of \$200,000 from the Hite Family Foundation and \$100,000 from MGM Mirage created an endowment fund dedicated to helping CSN students achieve a four-year degree. The program was the first of its kind at CSN.

About CSN

Founded in 1971 and educating more than 70,000 students annually, the College of Southern Nevada (csn.edu) is the state's largest college. CSN is one of the country's most exciting and dynamic colleges with more than 200 degrees and certificates in more than 100 areas of study. Students create flexible, personalized schedules including day, evening and weekend classes taught on three main campuses, 14 academic and learning centers and many satellite locations throughout Southern Nevada.

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