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# **Community College of Southern Nevada becomes College of Southern Nevada**

**LAS VEGAS, June 25, 2007**—On July 1, 2007, the Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) will become the College of Southern Nevada (CSN). In an effort led by CCSN Student Body President Presley Conkle and backed by more than 10,000 signatures of students, faculty and community members in support of the change, the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents voted on March 16 to approve the change.

The Community College Baccalaureate Association predicts that within 10 years, community colleges across the United States will refer to community colleges simply as colleges. “With this name change, Southern Nevada is at the forefront of a national movement,” said CSN President, Dr. Richard Carpenter.

“Removing ‘community’ from the name of the college falls in-line with a national trend to help graduates—some who have received bachelor’s degrees—acquire employment,” said Conkle, adding that “community colleges typically offer two-year associates degrees, not baccalaureate degrees. CSN offers a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene and is considering additional bachelor’s degrees.”

In addition to changing its name, CSN has implemented a number of administrative and departmental unit changes also effective July 1, 2007. They are:

- Division of Advanced and Applied Technology becomes School of Advanced and Applied Technologies
- Division of Arts and Letters becomes School of Arts and Letters
- Division of Business, Industry and Public Safety becomes School of Business, Hospitality and Public Services
- Office of Distance Education becomes Office of eLearning
- Division of Health Sciences becomes School of Health Sciences
- Department of Performing Arts becomes Department of Fine Arts
- Department of Philosophical and Regional Studies becomes Department of Social Sciences
- Division of Science and Mathematics becomes School of Science and Mathematics

- Division of Social Science and Education becomes School of Education and Behavioral and Social Sciences

### **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 over 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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