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Donors Contribute \$6 Million for New CSN Health & Science Building

The new building will be a critical addition to the region's healthcare education

February 12, 2020 – The CSN Foundation is pleased to thank community leaders and CSN employees who generously donated \$3 million to meet the \$3 million challenge match offered by the Engelstad Foundation. The \$6 million adds to state funding to build the Betty Engelstad School of Health Sciences on the CSN Henderson Campus, scheduled to open in fall 2021.

“I am very proud of Southern Nevada leadership and CSN employees who generously contributed to the expansion of critical health care education,” said CSN President Dr. Federico Zaragoza. “CSN is fortunate to have the Engelstad Foundation as an advocate and donor to CSN for many years. This latest challenge match speaks to their continued commitment to education and health care in Nevada. I want to personally thank each and every donor to this capital campaign on behalf of our students.”

The 73,000-square-foot facility will be operated jointly by CSN and Nevada State College. The two colleges have collaborated to support students seeking a health care career for many years. The new state-of-the-art building will support workforce demand in the region for skilled nurses – doubling the number of graduates in nursing and allied health, including phlebotomists, lab scientists and technologists, Certified Nursing Assistants, and medical office assistants.

“There is a continued need for quality and caring healthcare professionals, and we need to build the infrastructure necessary to train Nevadans for these critical positions. The Engelstad Foundation supports this project to ensure that our community can benefit from the nurses and allied health professionals graduating from CSN and NSC,” said Kris Engelstad-McGarry, Trustee of the Engelstad Foundation.

NSC President Bart Patterson added: “I’d like to thank all the donors, and specifically the Engelstad Foundation, for their generous gifts and support of this endeavor. Nevada State College is growing at a tremendous rate and it would be difficult to maintain that growth without the commitment to education we have received from the community. The new health science building will provide the much-needed opportunity for students to learn and allow us to continue our efforts to graduate more health care professionals to fill the growing demand our region faces. This indeed will be a game-changer for Southern Nevada.”

Notably, it will also enable an expansion of biological science programming and include specialized biology labs that will allow for an estimated 20 percent growth in anatomy & physiology and microbiology courses. Biology classes serve as a key bottleneck for students interested in health science programs, and through expansion students will be able to move through the program of study faster instead of waiting for classes to become available.

About CSN Foundation: *Founded in 1981, the Foundation raises philanthropic support for College of Southern Nevada student scholarships, academic programming in and out of the classroom and best and brightest faculty and staff. About CSN:* is the state’s largest and most diverse higher education institution. CSN is accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and specializes in two-year degrees and workforce development that lead directly to high-demand careers or transfer to a university. It also offers seven bachelor’s degrees in specialized fields and is the state’s largest provider of adult basic education and literacy training. CSN is a Minority Serving Institution and Nevada’s first Hispanic Serving Institution. Our students create flexible schedules with day, evening and weekend classes taught on three main campuses and multiple locations throughout Southern Nevada or online. CSN is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution.