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CSN Foundation to Present Three Community Awards at Gala

The CSN Blooming in Blue Gala will help raise funds for the new health and science building at Henderson Campus.

LAS VEGAS, Feb. 28, 2018 – The College of Southern Nevada Foundation is proud to announce the return of its fundraising gala on April 7 at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino and the honorees who will be celebrated.

The gala, the Foundation's first in four years, will help raise funds for the new health and science building proposed for construction at the CSN Henderson Campus. The facility, which CSN will share with Nevada State College, will allow both institutions to expand their nursing and other medical-related training programs to meet the growing demand in Southern Nevada for more healthcare professionals.

The theme of the event is 'Blooming in Blue' to convey Southern Nevada's expanding and enhanced progress in economic and community development, of which CSN's more than 60,000 students play a significant role each year.

At the gala, the CSN Foundation Board of Trustees will present three awards:

Community Achievement Award

Rossi Ralenkotter

[Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority](#) CEO

The CSN Foundation has selected Rossi Ralenkotter to receive its Community Achievement Award to honor his continuous work in developing Southern Nevada's post-recession economy, strengthening our valley's international prowess in hospitality and customer service, building a market for medical tourism and more.

Community Education Award

Switch

The CSN Foundation has selected [Switch](#) to receive its Community Education Award to honor the innovative company for its work to promote STEAM education in Southern Nevada. Officials throughout the company regularly engage with students at CSN and other Nevada education institutions to show how science, technology, engineering, arts and math can lead to exciting, high-demand and high-value careers.

Community Hero Award

First Responders, as represented by CSN alumni

The CSN Foundation has selected first responders to receive its Community Hero Award for the bravery and highly skilled response to crisis that these individuals have demonstrated. CSN will present a group of CSN alumni nurses, EMTs, police officers and firefighters that were involved in the Oct. 1 response with the Community Hero Award to honor all first-responders for their courage and commitment to the health, safety and wellness of this community.

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