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CSN to Award 2018 Outstanding Students

A wide array of community college students will receive the honor

LAS VEGAS, April 20, 2018 – The College of Southern Nevada will honor its 2017-18 outstanding students at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 27 on the college’s North Las Vegas Campus.

The annual ceremony honors a student from each department at the college, as well as the Regents’ Scholar and the Kim Gregory Memorial Scholarship recipient.

Students being awarded include a U.S. Army veteran and first-generation college student, a young widow with two children, a community volunteer studying nursing, and a one-time college dropout who now tutors students in chemistry. Each award winner was nominated by a CSN faculty member.

“I couldn’t be more proud of the students we have at CSN,” said Clarissa Cota, CSN interim vice president for academic affairs. “These outstanding students show how hard work, perseverance and an eagerness to learn can lead to amazing accomplishments.”

The students being honored are:

Leticia Vazquez - Accounting, Finance & Computer Office Technology

Youssef Elkehel - Applied Technologies

Shao “Vania” Chen - Biological Sciences

Diana P. Moreno - Business Administration

Kimberly Rae Bates - Communication

Leanna Rae Chisholm - Computing & Information Technology

Kaylee Langman - Education

William Michael Miller - English

Coco Lane Rigbye - Fine Arts

Melanie Flores Dungca - Health Related Professions

Valerie Pommer - Hospitality Management

Logan Engle - Human Behavior

Alexandra Tsene - Mathematics

Adam Zeiter - Media Technologies

Sandra L. Spencer - Nursing

Jessica Lafranco - Physical Sciences

Justin Clark - Public Safety & Human Services

Raquel McCoy - Social Sciences

Leonardo Salazar - World Languages

Lauryn Guerrissi - *Regents’ Scholar*

Michael Chee - *Kim Gregory Memorial Scholarship Recipient*

What: CSN Outstanding Student Awards
When: 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 27
Where: Morse Arberry Jr. Telecommunications Building, CSN North Las Vegas Campus

About CSN:

Founded in 1971, the College of Southern Nevada is the state's largest and most ethnically 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 five 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.

CSN's students create flexible schedules with day, evening and weekend classes taught on three main campuses and multiple locations throughout Southern Nevada or online. CSN — your future starts here. CSN is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution. For more, visit www.csn.edu.

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