



CSN Student Union Named for Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson

The union on the North Las Vegas Campus will carry the dedicated lawmaker's name

July 19, 2019 – The College of Southern Nevada is pleased to announce that its new student union on the North Las Vegas Campus will be named in honor of former State Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson.

Thompson, a staunch higher education advocate and a longtime CSN supporter, passed away unexpectedly in May of this year.

“Assemblyman Thompson was a tireless champion for our students,” said CSN President Federico Zaragoza. “His legacy will live on through their success and in the community he served so selflessly. Countless community leaders have expressed their support for naming the student union in his honor, and we feel privileged to be able to make that happen.”

The Nevada System of Higher Education’s Board of Regents approved naming the building the CSN North Las Vegas Campus, Tyrone Thompson Student Union at its meeting earlier today. The formal naming will take place in the fall semester, when new student unions on all three campuses will officially open.

Thompson had long grown to be part of the CSN family as he regularly attended and hosted events on our campuses. He was an advocate for increasing student success, particularly for low-income and minority students. He chaired the CSN-Mentor Committee and helped launch Bump Up, an African-American Student Success Program at CSN. He was working closely with the CSN team to pass education legislation and host equity events at CSN just days before his passing.

For more on Thompson’s dedication to CSN, see the [Board of Regents briefing paper](#).

About CSN: Founded in 1971, the College of Southern Nevada 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.