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## **CSN Foundation Announces New Leader**

*Barbara Talisman brings decades of philanthropic experience to Nevada's largest college*

December 3, 2018 – The College of Southern Nevada is pleased to announce the hiring of an internationally experienced fundraiser as the new executive director of the CSN Foundation.

Barbara Talisman brings more than 30 years of experience to her new role at CSN from a diverse array of philanthropic organizations. Her experience includes directing a capital campaign for the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation in Melbourne, Australia, and leading fundraising initiatives for National Public Radio, the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. She chose to join CSN because she believes in the community college's core mission.

“Access to an education is the key to moving our community forward,” Talisman said. “I am fortunate to have had a college education, and I think everyone should be able to have access to learning beyond high school - whether they are pursuing a degree, a certificate, or the skills they need to support themselves, their families and communities.”

Talisman brings passion and dedication to her new role. She has been described as innovative, detailed-oriented and gifted with an ability to work collaboratively with diverse constituent groups, including donors, Board members, staff and community members. She is an Association of Fundraising Professionals certified Master Trainer and holds the Certified Fund Raising Professional (CFRE) certification.

The CSN Foundation is an independent, registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the college's students, faculty, staff and programs. It is governed by its executive director and a Board of Trustees consisting of community leaders and industry professionals from across southern Nevada.

*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 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.*