



# CARSON CITY

## School District

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### A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Pioneer and Carson High Schools' Class of 2018 is set to make its mark on the world. With loved ones set to applaud their dedication and commitment to success throughout their academic journeys, seniors from both schools will gather (respectively) at the Community Center theater at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, and the Carson High School football field at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 9, for commencement ceremonies. This will also be the first class of high school graduates who will have earned their associate's degrees through the Jump Start program at Western Nevada College. Heartiest congratulations to all graduates, who are excitedly following their plans for the next phase of their lives. Carson City School District, with the support of our community, has prepared them well with the knowledge, communication, creative problem-solving skills and confidence they will need to succeed in their various endeavors in college and the workforce. We are proud of their many accomplishments and wish them all the best in the future.



We are excited to be working on many capital projects this summer to continue to preserve our community's investment in our facilities, including the completion of the projects planned at Fritsch Elementary School and the commencement of work at Mark Twain and Fremont Elementary Schools. We truly appreciate the continued support of our community. Especially our operations team, who "burn the candle at both ends" (so to speak) throughout the summer.

Summer is a time for relaxation and rejuvenation. The Board of Trustees and I wish you all a peaceful, fun-filled summer with your family and friends. We would encourage you to keep your children's minds active and get them involved in summer programs that challenge them academically. At minimum, reading a book for leisure or planning safe activities that involve the outdoor beauties of northern Nevada. We look forward to another school year filled with accomplishments and success for all our students this coming fall.

Sincerely,  
Richard Stokes  
Superintendent, Carson City School District



### REMAIN APPRISED OF THE LATEST NEWS

Log on to our website, [carsoncityschools.com](http://carsoncityschools.com), regularly to remain updated on all the wonderful events and accomplishments occurring across the district as we transition through the summer months together. This tool will inevitably help you stay informed as we begin preparing for another fun and exciting school year. And if you don't already, be sure to "[LIKE](#)" us on [Facebook](#), and choose to "[See First](#)" so you never miss an important news update. Also find us on [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).



## EDUCATORS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



**Joanna Kaiser**, 3rd grade teacher at Bordewich Bray Elementary School, was honored as the Carson City School District's **Educator of the Year**. Additionally, **Franceska Quintana**, para professional IV at Carson Middle School, was recognized as the **Classified Employee of the Year** for the district.

During the school board meeting and annual event, the Carson City School District also introduced two new awards. **Gail Carothers**, school nurse – Registered Nurse (RN) at Bordewich Bray Elementary School was honored as **Health Professional of the Year**, and **Michele Lewis**, vice principal – CTE at Carson High School was named **Administrator of the Year**. Please take time to extend congratulations and appreciation to each individual winner.

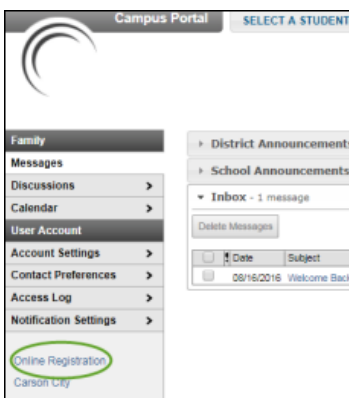
[Click here](#) to read the full story from the Nevada Appeal.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR INFINITE CAMPUS MANDATORY!

With each new school year, the Carson City School District requires that every student's demographic information including phone numbers (home, work & cell) and emergency contacts are up-to-date and accurate in the event we need to contact you regarding your child. The Carson City School District also needs this information updated each year to allow your child to attend field trips, have their photo taken, update medical records, use district technologies, etc. **Students will not receive a Chromebook unless the online update has been completed.**

**\*NOTE:** "Allow Popups" must be turned on. FIREFOX is the preferred browser by Infinite Campus.

**STEP 1:** Please go online to [WWW.CARSONCITYSCHOOLS.COM](http://WWW.CARSONCITYSCHOOLS.COM)



**STEP 2:** Click on the bright green "Infinite Campus" button.

**STEP 3:** Under Existing Users – Login to Infinite Campus. Use drop down box to select "I AM A PARENT/GUARDIAN"

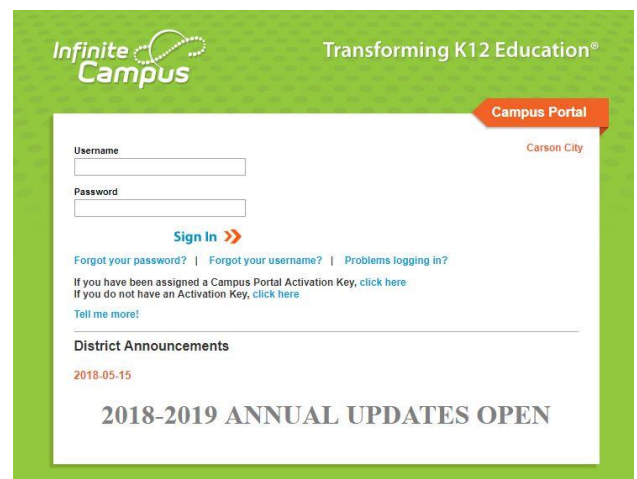
**STEP 4:** Log in with your username and password. If you cannot remember your username or password, please [call the individual school](#) where your child is attending.

**STEP 5:** You may receive a prompt to input an email address and password. Please enter your email address and your Infinite Campus password.

**STEP 6:** Click on "Online Registration" link on left hand side of screen.

**STEP 7:** Click on "Begin Registration." If it says "YES" under Online Registration Submitted, you have already completed all steps and we thank you so much.

**FINAL STEP:** Please make sure that you click the "SUBMIT" button when all information has been updated.



You must submit your application by clicking the following button.

Submit

For more information about Infinite Campus, including training, how to navigate the campus portal, installing the app on your phone and more, please [click here](#).



## CARSON CITY RETAINS HALF OF THE STATE'S CETL DESIGNATIONS

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LeAnn Morris, Ph.D., lead technology integration specialist with the Carson City School District, recently earned the Certified Education Technology Leader (CETL) designation by passing a rigorous certification exam. There are only four CETLs in the state of Nevada: two in the Carson City School District and two in the Washoe County School District. Raymond Medeiros, director of innovation and technology, is the other CETL designee in the Carson City School District.

The CETL certification, awarded by the Consortium of School Networking (CoSN), signifies that an individual has mastered the knowledge and skills needed to bring 21st century technology to the K-12 school systems.

To become certified, the candidate must have demonstrated experience in the education technology field and pass a comprehensive two-part examination based on the 10 skill areas in CoSN's Framework of Essential Skills of the K-12 CTO. Once the CETL certification is earned, the ed tech professional must complete 60 hours of professional development activities every three years to maintain the designation. [Click here](#) to read the full story.

## CARSON CITY SENIORS EARN NEARLY \$1.5 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

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More than 60 Carson High School (CHS) Seniors collectively earned \$1.4 million in scholarships, highlighting the academic success of the Class of 2018. Their accomplishments were celebrated in an awards ceremony, May 17, in Senator Square at the high school.

"These students are so prepared when they leave Carson High School, and these scholarship awards are a testament to that," CHS Principal Tasha Fuson said. "We have students going on to military, technical schools, community colleges and major universities. We applaud all the local organizations and community support who've made a lot of these scholarships possible. The Class of 2018 has really embraced the opportunities available to them, and I couldn't be more proud. I am excited about their futures and what they will do after high school."



Nicole Van Geel earned the largest accumulative total in scholarships, valued at \$355,000, and Chris Berggren earned the largest single scholarship from the Army ROTC, valued at \$186,000, with an accumulative total of nearly \$300,000.

[Click here](#) to see the full list of scholarship recipients listed by last name (alphabetized) followed by their first name and total scholarship earnings.

## EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE DISTRICT

Thirty-eight employees who have worked a collective 750 years at Carson City School District will retire this year. The retirees will be recognized at the school board meeting Tuesday, May 22.

“There have been some familiar faces here for a long time, and they all have provided meaningful and dedicated service,” said Richard Stokes, superintendent. “They have all been great friends and outstanding colleagues. We wish them all a well-deserved retirement.”



Each employee recognized below has worked within the school district for 10 or more years. Listed below by **last name (alphabetized)** followed by their first name, last position or title held and duration of employment with the district. [Click here](#) for more information.

Akers, Carolina – materials services supervisor at Operations Services, 2005-2018  
Batt, Maria – custodian at Mark Twain Elementary School, 1994-2018  
Baum, Paula – Pre-K teacher at Mark Twain Elementary School, 1992-2018  
Caufield, Patrick – Spanish teacher at Carson High School, 1994-2018  
Cavanaugh, Beverly “Joyce” – 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Fritsch Elementary School, 1998-2018  
Conger, Michele “Shelly” – kindergarten teacher at Empire Elementary School, 2008-2018  
Daniels, Sandra – interpreter at Student Support Services, 1993-2017  
Davies, Paula – 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Fritsch Elementary School, 1996-2018  
Elam, Janice – bus attendant for disabled students with the Transportation Department, 2002-2017  
\*Evans, Randall – bus driver with the Transportation Department, 2007-2018 (\*deceased)  
Foltz, Myrna – 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Empire Elementary School, 1994-2018  
Fransen, Nancy – office specialist at Information Technology, 1998-2017  
Frenna, Ingrid – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Empire Elementary School, 2002-2018  
\*Frey, Jon Elizabeth – para professional III at Carson High School, 2000-2017 (\*deceased)  
Graham, Carolyn – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Seeliger Elementary School, 2005-2018  
Hellman, Karen – 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Fritsch Elementary School, 2008-2018  
Hughes, Janet – ESL teacher at Bordewich Bray Elementary School, 2003-2018  
LaChew, Joshua – inventory specialist at Operations Services, 2003-2018  
Leiken, Pamela – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Mark Twain Elementary School, 2004-2018  
Lewis, Michele – vice principal at Carson High School, 2005-2018  
Maples, Susan – kindergarten teacher at Fritsch Elementary School, 2001-2018  
Medina, Abel – custodian at Eagle Valley Middle School, 1982-2018  
Manschreck, Christina – math teacher at Carson High School, 1995-2018  
Osborn, Melissa – TOSA/implementation specialist – GATE at the Professional Development Center, 2006-2018  
Ostrander, Steven – lead custodian II at Bordewich Bray Elementary School, 1987-2017  
Peri, Deanne – insurance benefits coordinator at the district office, 2004-2018  
Peton, Linda – instructional assistant III at Carson High School, 1991-2018  
Pradere, Steven – transformation office director at the district office, 1990-2018  
\*Quilling, Shane – physical education & health teacher at Carson High School, 2000-2018 (\*deceased)  
Riedl, Cynthia – early childhood and special education teacher at Student Support Services, 1999-2018  
\*Salazar, Jr., Jose – head custodian at Bordewich Bray Elementary School, 2006-2018 (\*deceased)  
Saunders, Howard “Dean” – utility custodian at Carson High School, 1983-2018  
Shirley, Charles – welding teacher at Carson High School, 1994-2018  
Stephenson, Patricia – administration office specialist at Carson High School, 1998-2018  
Sylva, Debbie – instructional assistant IV at Carson High School, 1997-2018  
Todarello, Deborah – bus attendant for disabled students with the Transportation Department, 1994-2018  
Valley, Laura – physical education teacher at Fritsch Elementary School, 1991-2018  
Wertjes, Mary – 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Fritsch Elementary School, 2000-2018



## NEVADA DEPT. OF EDUCATION CHALLENGE FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID



In a spirit of a friendly statewide competition, Steve Canavero, state superintendent of public instruction for the Nevada Department of Education (NDOE), has challenged the New Mexico Education Secretary Christopher Ruszkowski to a Class of 2018 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) Completion Challenge. The purpose of the competition is to see who can support more seniors to complete the FAFSA. This challenge will elevate the importance of the FAFSA and ensure ALL students have the financial support they need to make college a reality for them.

Last year, it is estimated that Nevada high school graduates left \$18.3 million of free money on the table for college financial aid. This is free money from the federal government they do not need to pay back. Some colleges will not consider students for their scholarships unless they've completed a FAFSA. FAFSA determines eligibility for Pell Grants, free money that could be worth up to \$6,095 per student per year. Aid is not just for 4-year colleges. It can also be used for technical, vocation and trade schools. Most students qualify for some sort of aid. Additionally, low income students who get help with the FAFSA are 25-30 percent more likely to enroll in college. Three in five Nevada seniors still have not filled out a free application for federal student aid.

After the first month, Nevada has a slight lead. The NDOE is confident that Superintendent Canavero will be sending Wolf Pack and Rebels gear that Secretary Ruszkowski will be required to wear when Nevada wins. Data Insight Partners, a local Nevada company, developed a website to promote the competition and FAFSA awareness in Nevada. You can follow the competition at <https://challenge.fafsatracker.com/nevada-new-mexico>. You can also follow schools within your school district at <https://nevada.fafsatracker.com>.

## DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS

The Carson City School District will take time at the School Board meeting tonight, May 22, to recognize 22 students with the "Distinguished Student Award." The students were selected by administrators at each school as having specific qualities, skills and characteristics that distinguished them at their respective schools. Student winners were recognized in pairs from their respective schools.

The award defines the term 'distinguished' as something special in a person that can be recognized or identified from others by unique features or characteristics. The word implies any subtle or small differences that are good or honorable that sets one person apart from others. Winners of this award may be identified as good scholars, helpful, on-time, nice, obeying the rules and protecting others. [Click here](#) to see the complete list of winners from each school.



## NOTABLE FUTURE DATES

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May 22 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
May 23 (Wednesday)	Fritsch Family Engagement BBQ, 5-7 p.m.,
May 23 (Wednesday)	School Board Budget Hearing, 5:15 p.m., District Office Board Room
May 23 (Wednesday)	Mark Twain GATE Showcase Night and Young Scholars, 5:30 p.m., MP Room
May 23 (Wednesday)	CMS Band Spring Concert, Part 2, 6 p.m., Cafeteria
May 23 (Wednesday)	EVMS Band Concert & Dessert Night, 6-9 p.m., Gym
May 23 (Wednesday)	CHS Band Concert, 7 p.m., Community Center
May 24 (Thursday)	CHS Shakespeare in the Park, 6 p.m., Capital Grounds
May 25 – 28 (Fri./Mon.)	<b>Memorial Day Break (School Holiday)</b>
May 29 (Tuesday)	CHS Musical Theater & Dance Performances, 7 p.m., Community Center
May 30 (Wednesday)	Early Childhood Promotion, 12 p.m., (Bordewich Bray Elementary Program)
	Early Childhood Promotion, 12:30 p.m. (Student Support Services)
May 29 (Tuesday)	Mark Twain Orff & Drum Music Open House, 5:30 p.m. MP Room
May 30 (Wednesday)	CMS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6 p.m., Cafeteria
May 30 (Wednesday)	CHS Choral Ensembles Concert, 7 p.m., Community Center
May 31 (Thursday)	Empire Pre-K Promotion, 5:45 p.m.
June 1 (Friday)	<b>Last Day</b> for Pre-K students
June 1 (Friday)	Empire (grades 1-4) Awards Presentations and Perfect Attendance (grades 1-2, 9 a.m.) and (grades 3-4, 9:45 a.m.)
June 1 (Friday)	Mark Twain Elementary (grades K-4) Awards Assembly and Perfect Attendance, (1:30 – 3:00 p.m., MP Room)
June 4 (Monday)	EVMS Award Presentations, including Perfect Attendance: 6 <sup>th</sup> grade, 8:15 – 9:00 a.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> grade, 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. 8 <sup>th</sup> grade, 12:45 – 1:30 p.m.
June 4 (Monday)	Bordewich Bray Elementary (grades 1-4) Awards Presentation and Perfect Attendance, (8:30 – 11:00 a.m.)
June 4 (Monday)	Fritsch Elementary (grades 1-4) Awards Presentation and Perfect Attendance, (8:30 – 11:00 a.m.)
June 4 (Monday)	Seeliger Elementary 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion & K-5 Perfect Attendance, Session 1, 9:00 a.m.
June 4 (Monday)	Fritsch Kindergarten Promotion, including Perfect Attendance, 1:30 p.m.
June 4 (Monday)	Mark Twain 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Annual State Float Parade, 1:30 p.m.
June 4 (Monday)	Seeliger Elementary 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion, and Perfect Attendance, Session 2, 1:30 p.m.
June 4 (Monday)	Fremont Kindergarten Promotion, and Perfect Attendance, 2 p.m.
June 4 (Monday)	Mark Twain Kindergarten Promotion, 2 p.m.
June 5 (Tuesday)	Fremont Elementary 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Awards, and Perfect Attendance (grades 1-4), 9 a.m.
June 5 (Tuesday)	Mark Twain 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion, including Perfect Attendance, 9 a.m.
June 5 (Tuesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Carson High School, dismiss at 11:40 a.m.
June 5 (Tuesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Pioneer High School, dismiss at 11:30 a.m.
June 5 (Tuesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Carson Middle School, dismiss at 12:00 noon
June 5 (Tuesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Eagle Valley Middle School, dismiss at 12:00 noon
June 5 (Tuesday)	<b>Eagle Valley Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion</b> , 1 p.m., EVMS Gym
June 5 (Tuesday)	Fritsch 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion, including Perfect Attendance & DARE Graduation, 1:30 p.m.
June 5 (Tuesday)	<b>Pioneer High School Graduation</b> , 6 p.m., Community Center, Theater
June 6 (Wednesday)	<b>Minimum Day, Last Day of School</b> Pioneer High School/BIP Program – 11:30 a.m. Carson High School – 11:40 a.m. Middle Schools – 12 noon Elementary Schools – 12:40 p.m.
June 6 (Wednesday)	Bordewich 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion, including Perfect Attendance, 8:45 a.m.

## NOTABLE FUTURE DATES CONTINUED...

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June 6 (Wednesday)	Empire 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion, including Perfect Attendance, 9 a.m.
June 6 (Wednesday)	Fremont 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion, including Perfect Attendance & DARE Graduation, 10 a.m.
June 6 (Wednesday)	Bordewich Kindergarten Promotion, including Perfect Attendance, 10 a.m.
June 6 (Wednesday)	CHS Senior Assembly & Awards, including Perfect Attendance, 11:40 a.m., GYM
June 6 (Wednesday)	<b>Carson Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion</b> , 1 p.m., CMS Gym
June 9 (Saturday)	<b>Carson High School Graduation</b> , 9 a.m., Carson High School, Football Field
June 12 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
June 26 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
July 10 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
July 24 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
Aug. 14 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
Aug. 20 (Monday)	<b>First Day of School</b> , K-12
Aug. 27 (Monday)	<b>First Day of School</b> , Pre-K
Aug. 28 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room

## SCHOOL EXPANSION PROMPTS STUDENT ART REMOVAL

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With the addition of two new educational wings at Fremont Elementary School (expected completion by fall 2019), nearly 100 pieces of student artwork, which previously decorated the walls of the corridors, will be removed and hopefully reunited with their creators or family members. The alumni pieces date back as early as 1994, are neatly framed and range from kindergartners to fifth graders.

[Click here](#) to see a list of Fremont student names, grades and years who created artwork that has been on display at the school for years. School officials are encouraging any owners, family members, friends or acquaintances to reach out to the school to collect the creative pieces. Members of the community who may know the named artist or their families are encouraged to **call the school, 775-283-1200**. Any unclaimed art will be disposed of by June 6, 2018.



## WORK-BASED LEARNING COORDINATOR

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Yerania (Yette) De Luca, has been appointed as [Work-based Learning Coordinator](#) for the Carson City School District (CCSD). In her position, De Luca will develop, implement, expand and maintain a formal system of work-based learning that promotes school-community partnerships. The program will provide students with a wide variety of career exploration opportunities such as internships, job shadowing and in-school exposure to careers and college preparation as well as training activities for development and real-world skills.

“I trust that Yette will provide additional energy and focus in a new role within our school district,” said Mr. Richard Stokes, CCSD superintendent. “She will provide valuable and dynamic support to administrative teams at each of our respective schools. And, I anticipate, she’ll further promote relationships and strengthen ties between businesses, governmental agencies, educational institutions and the Carson City School District.”



## GOLIK NAMED SEMIFINALIST IN U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Hannah Golik, a graduating senior at Carson High School, was named one of 630 semifinalists in the 2018 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected from nearly 5,300 candidates expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2018.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 54th year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected based on superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

Golik is attending the University of Nevada, Reno in the fall to study molecular biology and biochemistry. She plans to have a career in medical research. [Click here](#) to read a full report on CarsonNow.org.



## STUDENT VIDEO FURTHERS 'GREEN' EFFORTS AT EMPIRE ELEMENTARY



Third and fourth graders from the Empire X-Factor Enrichment class at Empire Elementary School learned the technical side of filmmaking this past semester while producing a [2-minute public service announcement \(PSA\)](#) on how students and teachers can further 'Green' efforts at their schools. The video clip was created solely by the students under the supervision of Ms. Nancy Cole, 3rd grade teacher at Empire Elementary.

The PSA will be highlighted at the [powerED](#) and [Project ReCharge](#) year-end student recognition event Thursday, May 24, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Nevada Governor's Mansion. The event is designed to celebrate and

recognize the efforts of students in Carson City to make their schools more energy efficient. The video was created as part of a district-wide energy awareness and student and staff engagement program called powerED. The Carson City School District partnered with [McKinstry](#) to implement the program in an energy-awareness and savings program called powerED. The video concept from the students and Ms. Cole gained traction as an approach to reach a broader audience and promote energy efficiency on how to eliminate waste within facilities, ultimately helping the school district save money. [Click here](#) to read the full story on CarsonNow.org or listen to a radio interview on [KOH AM News](#).





## FUTURE EDUCATORS HONORED



Fifteen juniors and [seniors from Carson High School were honored](#) at the Nevada Governor's Mansion Tuesday, May 1, for their efforts in a university level introductory education course. In partnership with the University of Nevada Reno, Carson High School offered the inaugural EDU 110 course for students interested in pursuing a teaching career.

The dual credit course, offered during the school day to accommodate student schedules, first began as a club: "Educators Rising." The school effort was designed to grow the local teaching workforce. For the 2017-2018 school year, a total of fifteen students were enrolled in the course and were offered college credit through UNR. [Click here](#) to read more from the Nevada Appeal.

## HOSA STUDENTS SHINE AT STATE COMPETITION

More than 115 Carson High School (CHS) Career and Technical Education (CTE) [Health Occupations Students of America \(HOSA\) shined](#) in the Nevada State Leadership Conference held at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, Nev. March 18-21. More than 1,000 students from across the state competed in more than 40 medical competition events.

The CHS student team came away from the state conference with 5 chapter awards, 1 scholarship and 30 students qualified to attend the International Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas, June 26 to July 1.



[Pioneer High School sent nearly a dozen HOSA students](#) to the conference earning four individual awards including the Gold Team Award for Chapter Participation.



As part of her senior project, CHS senior Victoria Defilippi helped create a HOSA chapter at Carson Middle School. The CMS HOSA students were also able to attend the state competition where they were only one of two middle schools present. The students won several awards, following the lead of their partnership chapter from Carson High School.

The middle school also picked up a grant for \$187K to fund the curriculum and training to augment their current STEM program, providing new classes and new tracks for students. The grant will also allow the CMS HOSA program to continue.

## CAPITAL FFA STUDENTS YIELD BUSHELS OF AWARDS

Nineteen Carson High School [Capital FFA students yielded bushels of awards](#) at the Nevada State FFA Conference held at the University of Nevada Reno March 20-24. Most notably, the CHS Career and Technical Education students were honored with the **Best Dressed Chapter Award**, recognizing the chapter as the most professional chapter at the conference.

More than 550 students statewide competed at the conference in various fields including nursery and landscape planning, marketing and agri-business management, environmental natural resources, animal management, veterinary science and floriculture, among others.

Having earned **second place in Soils Judging**

(evaluating land for its capability to grow cash crops) at the Nevada State Soils Contest in Eureka, Nev. this past September, the chapter received their award at the State FFA Conference in March and continued to represent Carson City Thursday, May 3, at the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Additionally, with a **first place finish in Nursery Landscape**, CHS FFA students will again represent the city and community at the National FFA Convention October 24-27 in Indianapolis, Ind. [Click here](#) to read the full story from the Nevada Appeal.



## PIONEER HIGH HONORED AT NEV. DEPT. OF EDUCATION MEGA CONFERENCE



Teachers and administrators at Pioneer High School were selected to participate in the 2018 Nevada Department of Education Mega Conference held in Las Vegas, April 20-22.

The conference featured highlighted Nevada schools that have been supporting student success through effective programs and practices. Additionally, Pioneer High School was presented an award for being a "Nevada Highlighted School." The award is in recognition of exceptional contributions to the education of Nevada's students.

The PHS staff members were able to share about how they developed a successful formula which utilized a flexible hybrid schedule, on-site online labs and classrooms, effective interventions, and a high-caliber and nurturing educational team.

This formula at a small alternative school has resulted in a significant graduation rate increase in the Carson City School District. Pioneer's graduation rate has increased from 29 percent in 2012 to 80.9 percent in 2017. [Click here](#) to read the full story in the Nevada Appeal.







## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION UNDERWAY!

The Carson City School District (CCSD) is asking parents to remember to register children who will be 5-years-old by Sept. 30, 2018, and **eligible for Kindergarten** for the coming 2018-2019 school year.

Full-day Kindergarten classes are offered at all elementary schools in Carson City. Contact your neighborhood school:

- Bordewich Bray Elementary, 775-283-2400
- Empire Elementary, 775-283-1100
- Fremont Elementary, 775-283-1200
- Fritsch Elementary, 775-283-1400
- Mark Twain Elementary, 775-283-1000
- Seeliger Elementary, 775-283-2200

To review school boundaries, please check the district’s website at [carsoncityschools.com](http://carsoncityschools.com) and click on “[School Zones](#)” under the “[Parents](#)” tab. Or [click here](#) to view the CCSD SchoolSite Locator on the district’s website...click here to [view it in Spanish](#). Parents are invited to visit their child’s prospective school in person between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to provide the following required documents to register.

- **Birth certificate.**
- **Immunization records** (including Hepatitis A & B, DTAP, MMR, IPV & Varicella). Please contact your physician’s office to ensure compliancy for school.
- **Proof of residency in Carson City** (Utility bill, Mortgage or Rental papers, Voter Registration, etc.).

## DOES YOUR FAMILY QUALIFY FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN?

Pre-K registration is underway for children who will be 4-years-old by September 30, 2018, and whose family qualifies under the federal household poverty guidelines, may apply for the district’s Pre-K program for the 2018-2019 school year. **Enrollment is contingent** on income verification, school zone and the date the application is submitted. Parents will need to **provide proof of qualification by supplying** the

following documents to **Karla Valverde, 775-283-1521**, 604 West Musser Street, Carson City, Nevada 89702.



### **2018 U.S. Household Poverty Guidelines:**

Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$24,280
2	\$32,920
3	\$41,560
4	\$50,200
5	\$58,840
6	\$67,480
7	\$76,120
8	\$84,760
9	\$93,400
10	\$102,040

1. Proof of **meeting poverty guidelines** by completing and submitting the [Income Verification Application](#) (English) or [Income Verification Application \(Spanish\)](#).
2. New [Student Enrollment Form](#).
3. **Birth certificate.**
4. **Immunization records** (including Hepatitis A & B, DTAP, MMR, IPV & Varicella). Please contact your physician’s office to ensure compliancy for school.
5. Proof of **residency in Carson City** (Utility bill, Mortgage or Rental papers, Voter Registration, etc.).



## HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE & REDUCED LUNCH



Helping your child eat right may be easier than you think. Free and reduced-price school meals like breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided to students whose families meet certain income requirements. Apply today to ensure that your child has a healthy meal at school every day. It helps them perform better and saves you money. How to apply? It's easy!

1. Visit [www.carsoncityschool.com](http://www.carsoncityschool.com)
2. Click on [Nutrition Services](#)
3. Click on [Online Meal Application](#)
4. Or pick up an application at your school's office and return it to the office or cafeteria manager.

The application is **risk free**. Information collected in the application is confidential and will be used only for evaluating the eligibility of students for free or reduced-priced school breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Not sure of your child's eligibility? Income eligibility guidelines are available online for each school year to help you determine eligibility based on your household size and income level. There are no restrictions based on immigration status. Visit [www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines](http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines) for details.



**Need WIFI** or internet access? Families who qualify for free and reduced meals may also qualify for discounts on high-speed internet through AT&T and Charter. Contact your local internet provider for details.

## WRITING ENTHUSIAST COACHES GRADE-SCHOOLERS AT EMPIRE ELEMENTARY



Students at Carson City's Empire Elementary School were inspired in the art of storytelling and writing throughout the day March 19. Children's Author Gary Hogg hosted a writing assembly with the entire school where he shared helpful and easy tips on how they may put their thoughts and ideas down on paper.

Following the assembly, Hogg provided writing workshops to individual grade levels where every student began a specific, detail filled composition.

The students weren't the only ones who got to work with the author. Empire teachers also met with Hogg so he could show his appreciation and remind them of their role in every student's life story. He also spent Monday night with parents and families at a Family Literacy Night to enjoy an evening of storytelling. During the event, he gave remarks that placed a higher value on reading and writing at home and even selected a few students in the audience to share their writing samples.

[Click here](#) to read the full story from the Nevada Appeal.



## COLOR FUN RUN AT MILLS PARK



The students of Mark Twain Elementary School hosted their third annual community-wide “My School Color Run” Saturday, April 21, at Mills Park in Carson City. The untimed two-mile walk, jog or run event served as a fundraiser for the school. It was designed for all ages and is for all fitness abilities.

During the event, participants passed through vibrant color zones making it a “colorful experience.” Additionally, each pre-registered participant

was provided with a single powder color pack that was thrown in the air at the final color celebration at the finish line. [Click here](#) to see photos that captured the event from CarsonNow.org.



## BREAKFAST WITH A HERO



Carson City School District's Nutrition Program hosted "Breakfast with a Hero" Wednesday morning at Bordewich Bray Elementary School. School Resource Officers and other local law enforcement took time to serve, sit and eat with students.

The event was designed to engage students with first responders in a positive and safe environment and allow them to feel more comfortable and able to talk more freely.

Participating in the event were: Jim Primka, CCSO patrol sergeant, School Resource Officers Jarrod Adams, Dean Williams, and Liz Lopez, CCSO Deputy Sheriff Nick Pinochi and Michelle Cleveland, vice principal.





## BARNES AND NOBLE DONATES \$7,000 WORTH OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS

During each holiday season, Barnes and Noble stores commit to donate books through their annual Holiday Book Drive to hundreds of charities across the country to assist in giving the gift of literacy to those in need.

Making good on their promise, the Reno area book seller delivered more than 850 books to Carson City's Mark Twain Elementary School with an added bonus: Citi Bank matched the value of the books and added an additional 25 percent, amounting to a check of more than \$4,000 for the school to purchase books, nooks and tablets from Barnes and Noble. In all, the donations amount to more than \$7,000 worth of books and material donated to the school. [Click here](#) to read the story at CarsonNow.org.



## CHS STUDENTS CLIMB ABOARD C-SPAN CLASSROOM BUS



Carson City area high school students were visited Thursday, April 12, by the national cable and satellite television network C-SPAN and its state-of-the-art motor coach bus.

In partnership with cable television provider Charter Spectrum, the C-SPAN Bus arrived in the capital city Wednesday, April 11, as part of its "50 Capitals Tour." The C-SPAN Bus appeared at Carson High School and Sierra Lutheran High School Thursday morning.



The tour culminates in November 2018 for the 25th anniversary of the Bus program. Throughout the 14-month tour, the C-SPAN Bus is opening its doors at each state capitol to welcome visitors and interview elected officials during Washington Journal. [Click here](#) to read the full story in the Nevada Appeal.



## SHOES TO NEEDY STUDENTS

More than 300 Carson City students received [new shoes](#) Monday, April 9, courtesy of generous local businesses. Students in the [McKinney-Vento Students in Transition program](#) were given brand new sneakers as a part of their "[Step into Spring](#)" program. McKinney-Vento is a program for pre-K to 12th grade students who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

The shoes were all donated by Big 5 Sporting Goods and Walmart at a discounted rate for the students. Representatives from every school site were at Big 5 to collect the shoes, later to be given out to the students at school. The funds to buy the discounted shoes were raised by community supporters such as Harley-Davidson Financial Services and St. Paul's Lutheran Family.



## CHS HITS ALL THE HIGH NOTES: BAND-O-RAMA AND CHOIRPALOOZA



Carson High School hosted two admission-free music events that not only hit all the high notes but also showcased student talent and refined skill.

“Music programs within the Carson City School District carry a time-honored tradition, and [Band-O-Rama and Choirpalooza](#) are the pinnacle of effort and training our students have invested throughout the school year” said Kelly Ehrenfeuchter, music director at Empire Elementary School.

The Carson School High Wind Ensemble and Concert Band hosted the annual Band-O-Rama Thursday, March 15, in the main gym at Carson High School. All elementary, middle and high school students within the district participated, approximately 624 Band students in grades 5-12.



Similarly, Choirpalooza celebrated Vocal Music and Music Education with featured performances by elementary, middle and high school choral ensembles Thursday, March 22, in the main gym at Carson High School.

## STEAM NIGHT AT EAGLE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Carson City School District was pleased to announce a night of hands-on fun at the Eagle Valley Middle School Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Night. The event was free and open to the public. Students and community members were invited to make paper airplanes, construct gumdrop and toothpick bridges, build with LEGOS and use robotic arms, among other activities.





## TESLA CAREER AND TRAINING NIGHT



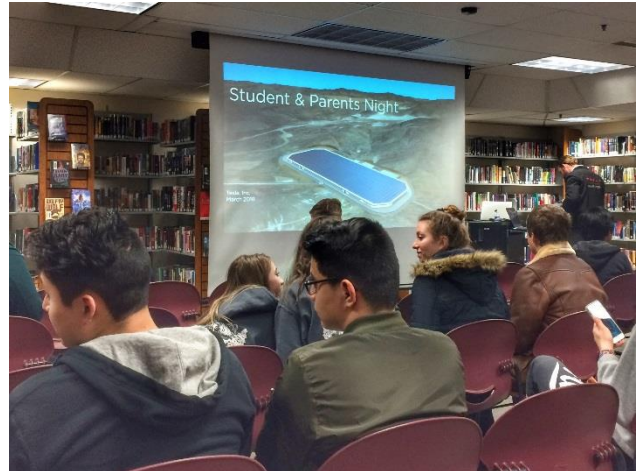
Tesla hosted an informational meeting for high school seniors and their parents to learn more about career and training opportunities here locally, March 8, in the Carson High School Library.

The company is accelerating the world's transition to sustainable energy. They design, manufacture, sell and service the world's best solar technology, energy storage systems, and electric vehicles, providing customers the opportunity to generate, store and consume energy entirely sustainably.

Tesla is tackling the

world's most difficult and important problems and they wouldn't succeed without their passion for making the world a better place. They're looking for talented individuals who share that passion and are committed to challenge and to be challenged, to create, and to innovate.

Tesla works to build an inclusive environment in which all people, regardless of gender, race, religion, or background, can come and be their full selves and do their best work. Visit their website to learn more about career opportunities: [tesla.com/careers/gigafactory](https://tesla.com/careers/gigafactory).



## CHS STUDENTS GIVE PROPOSALS IN THEIR OWN 'SHARK TANK'



Youth Positive.

Ideas ranged from electric roller skates to a gun addition that requires a fingerprint to unlock. Students competed at a chance to win \$250, with one winner per class period. With six classes, it was \$1,500 divided among six winners, one from each class period.

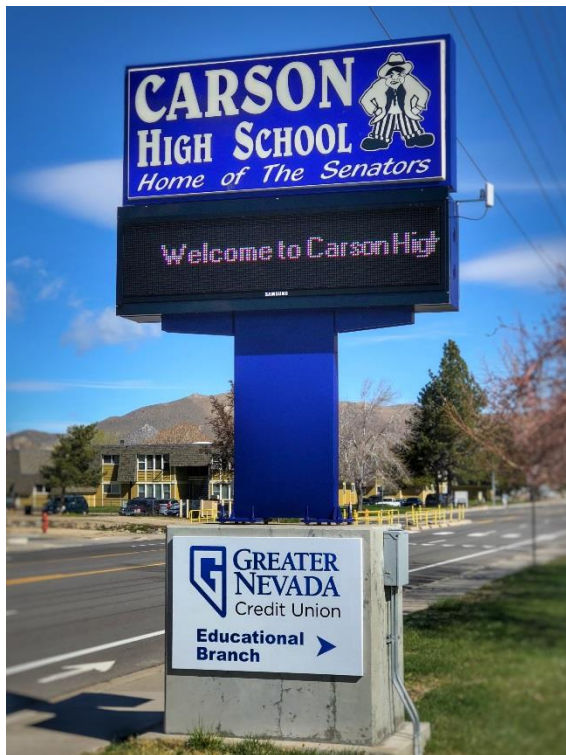
Click here to see an evening news [report from KOLO 8 News Now](#).

Carson High School Career and Technical Education business and marketing students competed in their version of the hit television show "Shark Tank" March 8 and 9 at Carson High School.

Forty-five students from William McHenry's business and marketing classes presented their business plans to 30 judges made up of local community partners including Adam's Hub, Greater Nevada Credit Union, In Plain Sight Marketing, Mutual of Omaha Bank and



## NEW DIGITAL MARQUEE AT CARSON HIGH SCHOOL



Carson High School was pleased to announce the replacement of the [digital marquee](#) out front. Greater Nevada Credit Union (GNCU) donated nearly \$25,000 to replace the existing sign.

To commemorate the occasion, Carson High School unveiled the new sign in a snowy ribbon cutting event Monday, April 16.

GNCU previously donated funds for the initial sign that was replaced. GNCU has maintained an educational branch inside CHS since 1996 and provides "Senator Debit Cards" to students who maintain accounts with the credit union. GNCU also continues to support other school programs including band, athletics, safe grad, culinary arts and much more.

Earlier this year, GNCU presented a check for nearly \$2,200 to the Carson High School Band program during the Band-O-Rama concert Thursday, March 15.



## WILL YOU HELP?

# Carson City School District Foundation

Making educational excellence a reality--  
for all our students, every day.

School District employees can now **support** our Carson City **Schools** Foundation with an ongoing contribution via **Payroll Deduction**. The Carson City Schools Foundation is a relatively new, yet growing partner for our public schools. Directed by volunteers from the community and schools, the CCS Foundation promotes monetary contributions to be spent on mini-grants, student projects and activities in the district.

The Foundation does not compete with PTO's or other school activity support groups, but seeks support and donations to fund programs that expand education opportunities. Project funding is determined by input from Board of Directors, Advisory Board and educators in the Carson City School District.

District **employees interested** in making a payroll donation **should obtain a Payroll Deduction Form** from their **site office manager**. Ending the deduction can be done at any time by contacting the Carson City School District Payroll Department.

To make a **one-time donation**, or for more information, please visit [ccschoolsfoundation.org/campaigns/donations/](https://ccschoolsfoundation.org/campaigns/donations/)

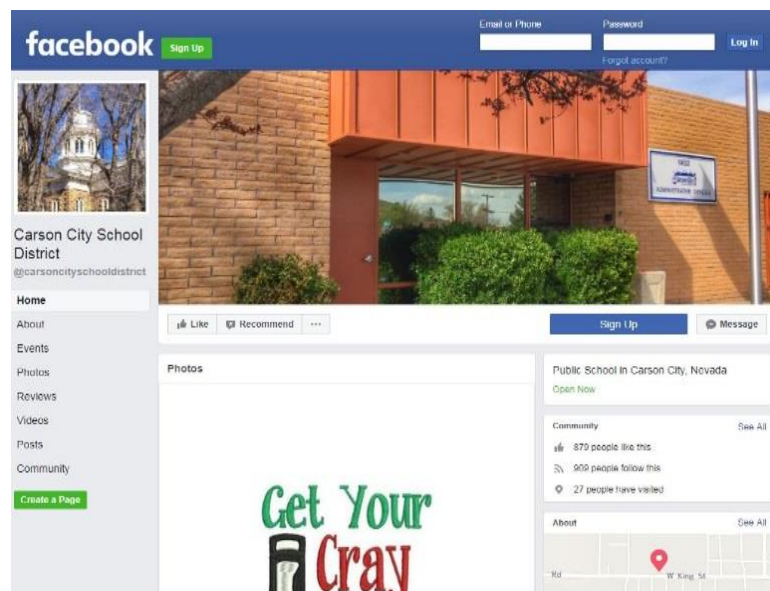


## SUBSCRIBE OR REFER A FRIEND TO OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## CONNECT WITH US!

Be sure to FOLLOW and LIKE [CCSD's Facebook](#): ([facebook.com/carsoncityschoolistrict](https://facebook.com/carsoncityschoolistrict)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/carsonschoools](https://twitter.com/carsonschoools)) pages. Each provide real-time district and school news to the community. The pages are used as a tool to relay information of school closures, emergencies, good news, events, etc.

The pages aim to engage the community about local, state and national education news/topics, report from live board of education meetings and other district meetings and events and post student and staff pictures and achievements.



## SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US!

Have you captured some amazing photos at some of our school sites? Please share your photos with us. Feel free to email our Public Information Officer Dan Davis, [ddavis@carson.k12.nv.us](mailto:ddavis@carson.k12.nv.us), with any shots you'd like to share publicly through our social media. Or tag us [@carsoncityschoolistrict](#) on Facebook or [@carsonschoools](#) on Twitter.



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