



# **GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEVADA**

## **FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER**

*(Fall, 2025)*

*Greetings, and welcome to the inaugural issue of the GSN Foundation Newsletter! For many years we have occupied a space in the regular monthly GSN Newsletter, but recently the Foundation Board of Directors decided that we would like to expand our messaging to the membership and provide more information about what the Foundation does, our projects, fundraising efforts and more. Our aim is to publish this newsletter on a quarterly basis.*

*As we hope you already know, the GSN Foundation is the philanthropic arm of GSN and is a 501(c)(3) organization as defined by the IRS, which means all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible! The Foundation was formed in 2000, and over our first 25 years has raised \$367,747 at our annual holiday party and fundraiser and we have also raised a significant amount from generous membership donations throughout the years. These funds are professionally managed and closely monitored by the Investment Committee on the Foundation Board and has seen significant growth over the first 25-year period.*



*Our annual fundraising has been on a consistently upward trajectory and so has our giving, in fact in 2025 we have budgeted to give away nearly \$100,000 which is our largest amount to date! This is all thanks to our generous and loyal membership. In 2025, we have the following programs in place:*

### ➤ **Scholarships**

- *Great Basin Scholarship (\$20,000): Supports fundamental geologic studies in the Great Basin*
- *D.D La Pointe Scholarship (\$12,000): Supports UNR students studying to be in the minerals field*
- *Brian Morris Scholarship (\$7,500): Supports students committed to exploration in Nevada*
- *Chuck Thorman Scholarship (\$4,000): Supports students whose research has a major component of geologic mapping*
- *UNR Scholarship (\$3,000): To UNR Foundation to support undergrad. earth science majors*
- *UNLV Scholarship (\$3,000): To UNLV Foundation to support undergrad. earth science majors*
- *Elko Scholarship (\$3,000): Funds to match Elko Chapter scholarship awards*
- *Dave Knight Scholarship (\$1,000): Great Basin Community College*

- *UNR Field Camp Grants (\$15,000): UNR undergraduates attending field camp*
- *Earth Science Education Grants (\$11,000): Supports earth science field trips and classroom teaching materials, targeted to K-12, community colleges and youth organizations.*
- *NBMG Mapping grants (\$5,000): Contributing to the cost of publication of Nevada 7.5 minute quadrangle geologic maps*
- *NV Teachers Workshops (\$5,000): Held twice per year (one in northern and one in southern Nevada) and organized by NV Mining Association and NV Division of Minerals. Instructing teachers about earth science and providing materials to help them in their classrooms*
- *UNR GeoSymposium (\$3,000): Presenting student earth science research projects*
- *UNLV GeoSymposium (\$3,000): Presenting student earth science research projects*
- *Reno GSN student poster night (\$1,500): Funding awards for best posters, judged by volunteer GSN members*

*As you can see from the above, we are quite busy supporting earth science education on many fronts, supporting GSN's mission "to promote the advancement of geological sciences, especially as they relate to Nevada". We just completed our annual review of scholarship applications and are pleased to announce the successful recipients for 2025:*

*Brian Morris Scholarship: Andrea Buian and Dalton Pell*

*D.D. LaPointe Scholarship: Alyssa Lindsey and Travis Fisher*

*Great Basin Scholarship: Desiree Guzman and Terry Lee*

*Chuck Thorman Scholarship: Ryan Parkyn*

*Elko Chapter Scholarship: Amber Prevallet, Jose Carbajal Ronces and Joseph Rosal*

*We hope you found this expanded Foundation newsletter informative and useful. Once again, we thank all the generous member donors for making all this possible.*



**REMINDER: THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AND FUNDRAISER WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT THE ATLANTIS. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**

### **RECENT FIELD TRIPS FUNDED BY THE GSN FOUNDATION**



**Girl Scouts collecting garnets at Garnet Hill near Ely, NV**



**Girl Scouts visiting geothermal springs at Lassen Volcanic National Park, CA**