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**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA FOUNDATION ACKNOWLEDGES  
LAS VEGAS HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTIONS WITH  
2013 LEGACY OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

*LVHA IS FIRST ASSOCIATION TO RECEIVE THIS RECOGNITION*

**LAS VEGAS** – April 22, 2013 — The College of Southern Nevada (CSN) Foundation will recognize the Las Vegas Hospitality Association (LVHA) for its tremendous scholarship contributions made annually to CSN and other community learning institutions. LVHA president Julie Pazina will accept the award at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Legacy of Achievement Gala on Saturday, April 27 in the Rio Brasilia Ballroom at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino.

The Las Vegas Hospitality Association (LVHA), which just celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is a non-profit state association made up of more than 450 working professionals and 240 businesses in the hospitality industry.

“One of the goals for LVHA is to be a leader offering philanthropic gifts and scholarships to the Southern Nevada community and the hospitality industry,” said Pazina. “LVHA has established scholarships, scholarship programs and endowments and raised more than \$900,000 for scholarships and charities.”

Along with providing essential scholarships, LVHA contributes valuable representation on our CSN Foundation Board,” said Jacque Matthews, Executive Director and Chief Development Officer for the CSN Foundation. “The organization also reaches out and gathers exceptional silent auction items from its membership for the gala each year, which brings in thousands of indispensable dollars for scholarships.”

The LVHA administers the following scholarship programs annually: Child of LVHA for its members' children; LVHA Continuing Education Scholarship for members; CSN endowments and scholarships; Nellis Air Force Base Spouse's Scholarship; and AOHT Scholarship for seniors in the Tour and Travel Program at Valley High School.

The Legacy Gala is a major fundraiser to support student scholarships and programs at CSN. Each year, Southern Nevada businesses and organizations help make this fundraiser a success by purchasing tables, sponsoring the event or donating items for the Silent and Live Auction. CSN student enrollment is approximately 38,000 students each semester and almost 90 percent of CSN students continue to live and work in Southern Nevada after graduation.

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Individual tickets for the gala are \$300 and tables start at \$3,000, call 702-651-7341 or email: [foundation@csn.edu](mailto:foundation@csn.edu). The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction followed by dinner at 7 p.m. with a program and live auction.

*Student requests for financial assistance are at an all-time high.*

**About the CSN Foundation:**

The CSN Foundation is a non-profit organization led by community volunteers. The Foundation is dedicated to providing resources to support students and programs at the College of Southern Nevada. Founded in 1982, the CSN Foundation has provided donations of cash and equipment to build classrooms, laboratories, auditoriums and academic buildings.

**About CSN:**

Founded in 1971 and educating thousands of students a semester, the College of Southern Nevada ([www.csn.edu](http://www.csn.edu)) is the state's largest and most ethnically diverse politically-funded higher education institution. CSN offers more than 200 degree and certificate options in more than 130 areas of study, including 25 degree and certificate programs available entirely online. Students create flexible, personalized schedules including day, evening and weekend classes taught on three main campuses and multiple locations throughout Southern Nevada. CSN — *Touching Tomorrow, Transforming Lives.*

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**PHOTO:** Julie Pazina, Las Vegas Hospitality Association President