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## ***Nevada Public Education Foundation Inducts Twelve to Nevada Education Hall of Fame Reception Recognizes Outstanding Educators and Community Partners***

**Carson City, Nev.** –Nevada Public Education Foundation will induct twelve new members to the Nevada Education Hall of Fame at a reception Thursday, March 26, 2009, at the Legislative Building in Carson City. The reception will honor and pay tribute to exceptional individuals and organizations who have made lasting and significant contributions to public education in Nevada.

Also being recognized during the reception is the 2009 Nevada Teacher of the Year, Steve Johnson.

The Nevada Education Hall of Fame recognizes honorees in four categories. Those to be inducted this year include:

**Contributors:** Ann Lynch, Jenny DesVaux Oakes/UnitedHealthcare Nevada (formerly Sierra Health Services)

**Leader:** Dr. James L. Hager, Dr. Dotty Merrill, Assemblywoman Debbie Smith

**Educator:** Dr. Jesse J. Hall, Shirley McLees, Carol Medcalf, John Moddrell

**Unsung Heroes:** Doris J. Arnold, Thomas G. Pfundstein, and Clark County Parks & Recreation Gang Intervention Team

The reception will be attended by an array of dignitaries who are committed to improving public policy in education. Confirmed attendees include members of the Nevada State Legislature, Constitutional Officers, members of the Nevada State Board of Education, School District Superintendents, State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Keith Rheault and a delegation from the Nevada Department of Education, and members of the Nevada Public Education Foundation Board of Directors. Senate Majority Leader Steven Horsford, Senate Minority Leader (and previous inductee to the Nevada Education Hall of Fame) Bill Raggio, Speaker of the House Barbara Buckley and Assembly Minority Leader Heidi Gansert will address the attendees.

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The reception is sponsored by Nevada corporations and organizations who are patrons of education in Nevada. Statuette Sponsor, Ron Krump. Sterling Sponsors include: Meadowood Mall LLC, Nevada Mining Association, NV Energy, Pearson Education, Silver State Schools

Credit Union, and Wells Fargo Bank. Bronze Sponsors include: Lionel Sawyer and Collins and Nevada State Education Association.

**About the Nevada Public Education Foundation**

Known primarily for the establishment of its “Ready for Life” movement, Nevada Public Education Foundation is a statewide organization that leverages resources and partnerships to help Nevada’s youth become “ready for life.” Established in 1991 the organization convenes local, regional and statewide organizations doing similar work to maximize resources and effort; seeks to consistently measure and improve programs and services; and organizes public and private support to sustain the work and ensure that young people receive the education and resources they need to become productive, contributing members of society.

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