

**Open World – Medical Education**  
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**Description Overview of Organizations**

**Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)**

**Description:** A state government unit in Nevada that oversees its public system of colleges and universities. It was formed in 1968 to oversee all state-supported higher education in the state. Two doctoral-granting research universities, one state college, four community colleges and one research institute comprise the system. About 105,000 students attend the degree-granting campuses.

**School:**

**Four-year**

- Nevada State College, founded in 2002, is Nevada's newest four-year public college.
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas was the second four-year university in the state to be founded, initially as **Nevada Southern University** in 1957. Winning its autonomy in 1965, Nevada Southern was renamed **UNLV** in 1969 due to the need for better national recognition and partially for separation from the University of Nevada.<sup>[1]</sup> UNLV is classified by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Learning as an R1 - Very high research activity university.<sup>[2]</sup>
- University of Nevada, Reno is the oldest University in the state, established in 1874 as a land-grant institution. It is the flagship institution of the state and known as the **University of Nevada**. It is one of two Tier 1 universities in Nevada.<sup>[3]</sup>

**Two-year**

- College of Southern Nevada, founded in 1971 as Clark County Community College and later renamed the Community College of Southern Nevada before gaining its current name, is the largest institution of higher education, public or private, in Nevada. It is also the third-largest community college in the United States.
- Great Basin College, previously known as Northern Nevada Community College, is a community college serving northeastern Nevada.
- Truckee Meadows Community College is a community college serving residents of Reno and the surrounding area.
- Western Nevada College, previously known as Western Nevada Community College, is a community college serving northwestern Nevada.
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## **Graduate-only**

- Desert Research Institute is a research institution primarily focusing on environmental sciences; many UNLV and UNR MS and PhD students are advised by Desert Research Institute faculty.

## **CCSD (Clark County School District)**

Description: Established in 1956, the Clark County School District (CCSD) is the number one choice for families and students. We educate 320,000 students – offering a variety of nationally recognized programs, including Magnet Schools, Career and Technical Academies, and Advanced Placement programs. Through these programs – plus our online secondary school and our open enrollment offerings – we offer the best choices to meet individual student needs. As the nation’s fifth-largest school district, we have the ability to provide additional services such as a school police department, adult education courses, and innovative community partnerships with Vegas PBS and The Public Education Foundation. CCSD educates 75 percent of the students in Nevada, and works closely with community partners and business leaders to educate the workers needed to strengthen our economy

Website: [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net)

## **Center of Autism and Behavior Analysis (ABA)**

Description: The Center for Autism & Behavior Analysis is a premier resource in Nevada for providing the most effective, evidence-based treatments for individuals with autism and related conditions. Their primary mission at Center for ABA begins with the belief that human potential is boundless and that given the appropriate tools, guidance and professional competence, all the individuals we treat can progress toward a life of not only exceptional quality, but one in which they thrive socially, emotionally and lead a life free of behaviors and activities that cause injury, pain, or limit opportunities for full community involvement.

Website: [www.centerforaba.org](http://www.centerforaba.org)

## **FEAT (Families for Effective Autism Treatment)**

Description: Families for Effective Autism Treatment, Inc. (FEAT) is a non-profit organization of parents and professionals, designed to help families with children who have received the

diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), including Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD), or Asperger's Syndrome. We offer a support network where families can meet each other and discuss issues surrounding autism and treatment options. FEAT has a Board of Directors that meets monthly to discuss issues, establish priorities, and vote on the direction of the organization. The mission is to provide information on treatment resources for families with children diagnosed with autism, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and related disorders. We provide support, encouragement, and guidance to parents and create an opportunity for them to benefit from contact with other parents with similar needs and concerns.

Website: <https://featsonv.org>

### **Board of Regents**

Description: Much like a corporate board of directors, Nevada's Board of Regents governs the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Elected to serve a six-year term, the 13 Regents set policies and approve budgets for Nevada's entire public system of higher education: four community colleges, one state college, two universities and one research institute.

The eight institutions the Regents govern include: College of Southern Nevada; Desert Research Institute; Great Basin College; Nevada State College; Truckee Meadows Community College; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Reno; and Western Nevada College. NSHE provides educational opportunities to more than 106,000 students.

Website: <https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/board-of-regents/overview/>

### **UNLV Police Services and Safety & Emergency Services (include BeRebelSafe)**

Description: In 1965, Nevada Revised Statute 396.325 became law, giving our Board of Regents the authority to create a police department for the Nevada university system. On June 11, 1965, the Board of Regents created the University of Nevada Police. Since that time, university police officers have served the campus community. In 2019, the Board of Regents consolidated the southern Nevada campus police departments giving University Police Services, Southern Command jurisdiction across College of Southern Nevada (CSN), Desert Research Institute (DRI), Nevada State College (NSC), and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV).

Website: [www.unlv.edu/police](http://www.unlv.edu/police)

Description: The mission of the UNLV Risk Management and Safety Department is to provide assistance and guidance for the development, implementation and monitoring of safety and risk reduction policies and procedures. The goal of the department is to protect the staff, students, visitors and the institution from injury and/or financial loss.

Risk Management and Safety is an integral part of the everyday activities in any program or procedure. The day to day responsibility for these programs rests with those who supervise and/or participate in them.

Website: [www.unlv.edu/safety](http://www.unlv.edu/safety) / <http://rms.unlv.edu/>

### **Walter V Long Elementary School - CCSD**

Walter V Long Elementary School is a public elementary school located in Las Vegas, NV in the Clark County School District. It enrolls 809 students in grades 1st through 12th. Walter V Long Elementary School is the 72nd largest public school in Nevada and the 4,160th largest nationally. It has 18.8 students to every teacher.

Website: <https://www.long-ccsd.net>

### **Variety Special School – CCSD**

Description: It is the mission of Variety School to provide a positive and safe learning community that fosters academic and vocational growth. Our commitment to ensure a least restrictive environment, through campus-wide positive behavioral intervention supports, allows all students the opportunity to be Ready by Exit. It is the goal that all students will be able to transition to post-secondary education, the workforce, and independent living to make each a productive member of society.

Website: <https://variety-school-nv.wixsite.com/variety-school>

### **Howard E. Hollingsworth Elementary School – CCSD**

Description: The staff and administration of Hollingsworth STEAM Academy are committed to preparing our students for the future by improving academic achievement through investigative experiences. Hollingsworth Elementary School is a community of learners who work together to ensure academic excellence and personal responsibility.

Website: <http://hollingsworthsteamacademy.weebly.com>

## Salvation Army

Description: The Impact of The Salvation Army in Southern Nevada

We operate 16 facilities and over 20 programs and services throughout Southern Nevada. The Salvation Army gives a hand up, not a handout and we serve those in need without discrimination or judgment. The Salvation Army offers healing to all who cross a Salvation Army threshold through programs and services for:

- Those who need mental health counsel
- Rescue from human sex trafficking
- Freedom from alcohol, drug and gambling addictions
- Nourishment to the hungry and those in need
- Shelter and support to the homeless and broken
- Care, shelter and meaning for seniors
- Developmentally disabled adults
- Struggling families

Website: <https://www.salvationarmysouthernnevada.org>

## Opportunity Village

Description: Opportunity Village is dedicated to helping adults with disabilities become the very best version of themselves. Through vocational training, community employment, day services, advocacy, arts and social recreation, these individuals are able to find new friends, realize future career paths, seek independence and community integration, and unleash creative passions,

Opportunity Village helps Southern Nevada's most vulnerable citizens develop job skills, obtain long-term work experience, learn marketable job skills, gain independence, and increase self-esteem while broadening their community and social interactions.

Website: <https://www.opportunityvillage.org>

## Sport Social

Description: Sport-Social is a dynamic and vibrant business devoted to building self-confidence, social skills, and positive behaviors among kids of all ages and abilities. From modest beginnings in 2011 as a Las Vegas start-up, we have been steadily expanding our operations. As we grow, our

commitment to the community we serve continues to guide our efforts. We aim to **TEACH** our students the social skills, emotional maturity, and positive behaviors that will equip them to communicate effectively. This self-discovery will enable our students to make new friends, play appropriately with old ones, and interact with adults in their communities. Our program is unique in that students learn and practice these skills while developing their talents in our one-of-a-kind facility while engaging in athletic activities, the arts, computers, and music. We believe that the most effective social and behavioral instruction comes from proactive instructors trained and experienced in the principles of behaviors. Our instructors work with small, flexible, individualized groups with very high or 1:1 instructor-to-student ratios.

Website: <http://www.lvssportsocial.com>

### **UNLV School of Medicine Ackerman Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment Center**

Description: UNLV School of Medicine and the Grant A Gift Autism Foundation have joined forces to open the UNLV Medicine Ackerman Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment Solutions. The new center combines cutting-edge diagnostics, treatment, behavioral / vocational training, support programs, and education for infants to young adults, all in one outpatient setting.

The UNLV Medicine Ackerman Autism Center provides clients with a multidisciplinary team of physicians, psychologists, and speech and behavioral therapists, for a comprehensive diagnosis, treatment plan, follow-up care and support services.

Ensure every infant, child, adolescent and young adult with Autism and neurodevelopmental challenges has access to a medical home that provides high quality, multi-specialty diagnostic, treatment, and intervention services.

Website: <https://www.unlv.edu/medicine/autismcenter>

### **Grant a Gift Autism Foundation**

Description: The mission of Grant a Gift Autism Foundation (GGAF) is to help children, young adults and their families master autism by providing assessment and treatment funding; combined with support services, vocational training and transition planning.

We provide family-centered care through one or more of our programs and services and help prepare individuals with autism to live as independent adults with functioning roles in our community.

We act as a community safety net by filling in treatment and funding gaps not covered by state and federal resources or insurance. Our organization achieves this by collaborating with other organizations, state agencies, or providers to give children with Autism Spectrum Disorder growing up in Nevada a better quality of life and future as they transition into adults.

Website: [www.grantgiftfoundation.org](http://www.grantgiftfoundation.org)

### **Engelstad Family Park and Ball Field**

Description: The Engelstad Family Foundation was created in 2002 by Ralph & Betty Engelstad for the purpose of partnering to create solutions in medical research, improving day to day living for people with disabilities and raising the possibilities for high risk individuals. The foundation is a major donor for the Las Vegas Miracle League.

Website: <http://engelstadfoundation.com>

### **Miracle League of Las Vegas**

Description: The mission of the Miracle League of Las Vegas is to provide children and adults with cognitive and/or physical challenges in the greater Las Vegas community the opportunity to play baseball in a safe and nurturing environment. Our games are played with soft, foam balls and foam or plastic bats, on a soft, spongy playing surface, allowing special needs individuals to enjoy physical and mental stimulation, and build greater self-esteem. We even have misters in the dugouts, for when it gets a bit warm out there. The Miracle League of Las Vegas gives players a sense of team pride and inclusion just like their able-bodied peers that play the game of baseball. Many players in our program have shown improved dexterity, mobility, and verbal and social skills. And after all, everyone deserves a chance to play baseball.

Website: <https://miracleleaguelasvegas.com>

### **Touro University, Nevada and Sharon Sigismund Pierce and Stephen Pierce Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.**

Description: Your child is our priority and we want to ensure they reach their potential. When your child is not meeting the standard developmental milestones, the Sharon Sigismund Pierce and Stephen Pierce Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Touro University Nevada is here to help.

Website: <https://tun.touro.edu/community-health--service/center-for-autism-and-developmental-disabilities/>

### **The Las Vegas Rotary Club**

The Rotary Club of Las Vegas was formed on February 23, 1923 and chartered on April 5, 1923. The founders met in the Chocolate Shop at 203 Fremont, which now is a part of the Golden Nugget. **Their Mission is to** “Teaching Youth to Succeed through Literacy, Education, and Life Skills Development”. Through its membership of professional community leaders, the club participates financially and through hands-on projects in the local and international community.

Website: <https://lasvegasrotary.com/>

### **Vegas PBS**

Description: Vegas PBS will be known as the leading information resource, online education provider and preferred partner for local media content creation and distribution. It uses television and other technologies to educate and empower individuals and to extend and amplify the effectiveness of community organizations. The mission of Southern Nevada Public Television is to secure financial, marketing, legislative and volunteer support for Vegas PBS.

Website: <https://www.vegaspbs.org/about/>

### **Learn with Socrates**

Socrates is a revolutionary learning platform that dynamically adjusts to the individual learning needs of each student across any educational content. Socrates creates individualized learning paths, tracks the progress of each student across thousands of categories at once, and challenges them to meet their maximum potential.

Our lifetime student record moves with the child as they change schools, allowing new teachers to see the details of that child’s abilities and challenges.

Socrates is already deployed in elementary and middle schools. Socrates is directly available to students, teachers, schools, parents/guardians (including for homeschooling) and libraries. Socrates includes Teacher and School Command Center Modules that provide a powerful teacher assistant that lets teachers know when and where each student needs help. The Testing and Benchmarking Module allows teachers to automatically create, administer, grade and compare tests to quickly and with-ease evaluate student progress. The Parent Command Center Module connects the home and classroom.



Best of all, Socrates is fun for the kids, with a growing library of games and engaging gamification. We've seen that the more they play, the more they learn as our active users advance 3x faster than a traditional education path.

Website: <https://www.learnwithsocrates.com>

### **Mission High School – CCSD**

Description: a comprehensive secondary school designed for students in recovery from substance abuse, use and/or dependency.

We have created a challenging and supportive learning environment that offers healthy opportunities and positive expectations while encouraging students as they redefine their lives. We provide a high-quality education coupled with life skills and multi-faceted counseling services to empower students to achieve their goals.

Website: <http://missionhighschool.ccsd.net/>

### **Smith Center Sensor Friendly Programs**

Description: The Smith Center is committed to providing inclusive programs and presentations for people of all ages, perspectives, and abilities. Our sensory friendly opportunities aim to increase access and inclusion for individuals and families impacted by autism spectrum disorders and other intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Website: <https://www.thesmithcenter.com/sensoryfriendly/>

### **Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health**

Description: Cleveland Clinic Nevada is a nonprofit renowned for providing high-quality, collaborative and compassionate care. Our physicians and advanced practice providers work as a team in diagnosing and treating patients. Cleveland Clinic Nevada is your gateway to personalized health care, with patients receiving treatment in the Nevada community and, when beneficial, referrals to local collaborators or to Cleveland Clinic's main campus in Ohio. Thanks to philanthropy, some Cleveland Clinic Nevada services and educational opportunities are available at no cost to patients, their families and the community, regardless of where they receive medical care.

Website: <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/locations/directions/205-cleveland-clinic-lou-ruvo-center-for-brain-health--las-vegas>