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**1999 Spring Distance Learning catalog now on-line**

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More than 200 distance learning courses from seven campuses can now be found on the Internet at <http://www.nevada.edu/disted.html>.

The 1999 Spring Distance Learning catalog features a variety of courses that are available to students in a non-traditional classroom setting. Options for taking courses

include watching the class pre-recorded on videotape or interacting live with an instructor and class at another location through satellite or microwave transmission. Web-based courses are also available.

"Distance learning is a fantastic opportunity for Nevada students of all ages to take the college-level courses they need, when they

need them," said Richard Jarvis, chancellor of the University and Community College System.

"The Board of Regents and the UCCSN have always placed a strong emphasis on improving students' access to higher education. Taking courses through these innovative delivery systems is a highly effective way of meeting student needs," he

added.

The spring catalog is only the second time a comprehensive, system-wide listing of courses has been published. All Nevada public institutions are participating, including: Community College of Southern Nevada; Desert Research Institute; Great Basin College; Truckee Meadows Community College; University of

Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Reno and Western Nevada Community College.

For more information about the UCCSN's Distance Learning program, please contact Dr. Katrina Meyer at (775) 784-4901, ext. 234.

Comprised of two doctoral-granting universities, four comprehensive community

colleges and one environmental research institution, the University and Community College System of Nevada serves the educational and job training needs of the nation's fastest growing state. As Nevada's only system of higher education, the UCCSN provides educational opportunities to more than 82,000 students.

**Wal-Mart offering two \$20,000 scholarships for aspiring collegians**

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UNLV will be awarding two \$20,000 Wal-Mart Competitive Edge Scholarships to incoming freshmen for the 1999-2000 academic year.

The award of these scholarships is based on academic achievement, community service, and leadership. In order to be eligible, students must choose as a major a field related to manufacturing, industry or technology.

Students applying for the scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year must complete and return their applications no later than Feb. 15.

"This will be the sixth year that UNLV has participated in the Wal-Mart Competitive Edge Scholarship program," said Cheryl Dedrickson, UNLV's assistant director for scholarships and special projects. "The Wal-

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Mart scholarships are the largest scholarships we have to offer and already they have made a difference in the lives of nine current UNLV students."

Wal-Mart chose UNLV as one of 138 universities and colleges across the nation to benefit from the scholarship program.

"We didn't approach Wal-Mart; they came to us," Dedrickson said. "We were delighted and honored to be selected.

"With UNLV having such reasonable tuition rates, the \$5,000 a year more than covers the yearly cost of tuition, fees, and books for a student who is a Nevada resident," she said, noting that annual tuition, fees and

book costs for an in-state resident attending school full time is estimated to be \$2,500.

The Wal-Mart Competitive Edge Scholarship already has resulted in awards totaling \$180,000 to UNLV students, she said.

Among the criteria a student must meet to be considered for the scholarship are:

- Having an ACT score of at least 27 or an SAT score of at least 1100.
- Having a high school grade point average of at least 3.5.
- Being ranked in the top 10 percent of one's high school graduating class.
- Demonstrating leadership and

community service.

Additionally, students at all the schools across the nation participating in the Wal-Mart Competitive Edge Scholarship program must declare a major in one of the following fields: computer science, computer information systems and quantitative analysis, industrial and technical education, biological and agricultural engineering, chemical engineering, computer systems engineering, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, food/poultry science, transportation and distribution, or industrial marketing.

Those interested in obtaining more information about the Wal-Mart Competitive Edge Scholarship program are encouraged to contact their high school counselors or call UNLV's scholarship office at 895-3695.

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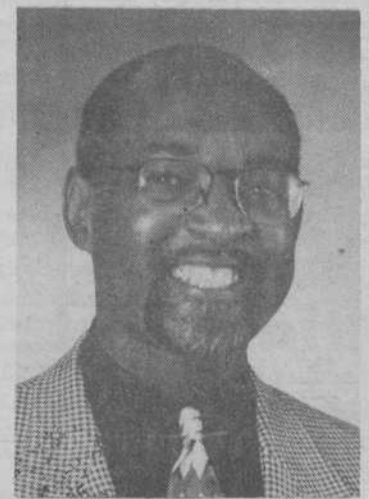
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