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IRENE AND DUNCAN LEE PARTNER WITH THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA AND CSN FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE $125,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Las Vegas, Nevada – October 23, 2026 –Irene and Duncan Lee have partnered with the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) and the CSN Foundation (Foundation) to provide $125,000 in scholarships, $25,000 annually over the next five academic years, from 2027 to 2031. The "Irene and Duncan Lee Education Scholarship Fund" will provide the much needed scholarships, for students pursuing Certificate of Achievement, and Associate and Bachelor Degrees programs.

"In light of the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence, Duncan and I firmly advocate for increased investment in vocational education and skilled trades training," said Irene Lee. "Through the establishment of our scholarship, we seek to encourage a greater number of students to pursue vocational pathways in lieu of the traditional four-year college education. This initiative is intended to support the development of a workforce equipped with practical, in-demand skills, thereby enabling individuals to pursue stable and meaningful careers within an evolving labor market increasingly influenced by artificial intelligence and its effects on employment structures."

"It's scholarships such as the Irene and Duncan Lee Education Scholarship Fund that truly change the trajectory of a student's life and provide an opportunity to enter a career as a highly skilled and respected professional," said Danita Simons, Executive Director of the CSN Foundation. "We are honored to partner with Irene and Duncan Lee and look forward to celebrating the success of our students, together."

The College of Southern Nevada Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, founded in 1982 to provide monetary support to the college, its students, and programs. These contributions help create scholarships, develop programs, build infrastructure, and create a campus community where students, faculty and staff can achieve, succeed, and prosper.

The CSN Foundation stands with the College of Southern Nevada, the state's largest community college, to provide scholarships that support students focusing on graduating, completing, transferring, and prospering.

CSN is the premiere College of our Las Vegas community and has been serving the Southern Nevada communities by enhancing the workforce, providing local residents with easy access to higher education opportunities, and preparing students for highly skilled, technical professions. The College of Southern Nevada maintains three campuses and seven centers, which includes comprehensive online courses and programs around the Las Vegas valley – a metropolitan area with a population of over two million people.

About The CSN Foundation

The mission of the College of Southern Nevada Foundation is to foster the academic success of our students through community engagement and philanthropic efforts. For more information about the CSN Foundation, go to https://csnfoundation.org/.

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