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**THE INAUGURAL NEVADA WOMEN'S SUMMIT:**  
*The Pandemic & the Path Forward*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022**  
**UNLV STUDENT UNION BALLROOM**  
**9:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

The event is **free** and **lunch is provided**.  
Attendees **must RSVP** to [bit.ly/2022wrinwomensummit](https://bit.ly/2022wrinwomensummit) by 2/14/22.

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## February 2022

Improving the Lives of Women through Research and Education

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### **Director's Message**



### **Black History Month Honors...**

by Tsion Mekonnen, WRIN Intern

After two years of juggling remote work and loss of daily contact, we are happy to be back in our offices with a busy spring schedule ahead. On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we will host the **Inaugural Women's Summit: The Pandemic & the Path Forward** in the Student Union's Ballroom. This event is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited and you must RSVP to attend. [RSVP: bit.ly/2022wrinwomensummit](https://bit.ly/2022wrinwomensummit). This one-day summit overviewing Nevada women's well-being will feature three panels: Women in the Workforce, Health and Wellness, and Educational Policy & Advocacy. Our Honorary Board member, Jan Jones Blackhurst will be featured as our Luncheon Keynote Speaker addressing "Embracing Women's Leadership in Gaming and Technology." We are also pleased that Chancellor Melody Rose will join us with closing remarks for the day. This event has been generously underwritten by the Eleanor Kagi Foundation. We are grateful for their vision and commitment to supporting our institutional mission.

**Dr. Caryl Batt Dziedzic, Director**



## Alum Spotlight

**Lauren Lian Lee (NEWL Class of 2019)**



Our February Alum Spotlight for NEWL is our beloved **Lauren Lian Lee**! She joined NEWL

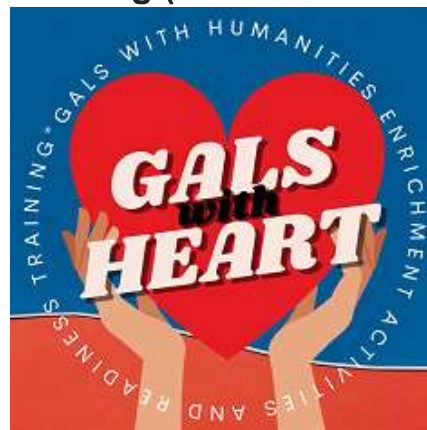


**Mabel Welch Hoggard** for her role as Las Vegas' Black school teacher. Born in Colorado in 1905 and raised in Iowa, Mabel headed off to college at the age of seventeen. She decided to attend Teachers College in Nashville, TN. Here she experienced the cruelty of Southern racism when she was harshly rebuked to move to the back of a public bus. The memory of this indignity would fuel her commitment to community activism. Mabel completed her college degree at Bluefield State Teachers' College in West Virginia graduating *cum laude*. She then worked as a school principal in West Virginia before taking a position in the local Public Housing Office.

After the end of World War II, Mabel stopped at Las Vegas to visit family while on her way to accept a governmental position in California. Family and friends persuaded her to stay in Las Vegas and in 1946 Mabel became Las Vegas' first Black teacher at the city's all-black Westside School. Mabel is recognized for her educational leadership and role in uplifting the underserved children of the Westside School. Her educational service and community activism garnered high praise from many esteemed organizations, including the NAACP, American Red Cross, Zion Methodist Church, and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The University of Nevada Las Vegas honored her lifetime achievements with the Distinguished Nevadan Award.

For more information, see the **MAKERS: Women in Nevada History:** <http://makersteachingmodules.sites.unlv.edu/exhibits/show/education/mabel-welch-hoggard>

## Girls Athletic Leadership School's Humanities Educational and Readiness Training (GALS with HEART) Program



back in May of 2019 in hopes of better developing her leadership skills and self-confidence. After engaging in self-exploration during college, Lauren Lian Lee developed a passion to serve the Las Vegas community from a government position. **Lauren is a UNLV graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Human Services and Urban Studies as Summa Cum Laude. She completed a Master of Arts in Urban Leadership with a 4.0 GPA in December 2021 and currently serves as a Disability Adjudicator for the State of Nevada.** She is the first college graduate of her parents' five children and is a testament to her siblings that hard work, a reliable support network, and education are integral to success. Lauren is a lifelong Nevadan and strives to contribute to Nevadans' well-being. Lauren aspires to benefit the community from a leadership position due to her belief that positive change occurs when people can set aside their differences to work toward a common goal. She also values personal connections and was involved in establishing networks for Human Services and Urban Studies students at UNLV by serving as president of Tau Upsilon Alpha and an officer of the Urban Studies Student Association, respectively. After NEWL, Lauren states that she found herself closer to her goals and passion for helping those in need.

## Community Advisory Board Spotlight

**Dr. Roberta Sabbath**



Congratulations to long-time WRIN Community Advisory Board Member, Dr. Roberta Sabbath for her outstanding contributions as an English professor and Religious Studies Coordinator. Read more about Dr. Sabbath's work here:

<https://www.unlv.edu/news/article/interview-roberta-sabbath>

## Clothing Drive Recap

by Tsion Mekonnen, WRIN Intern



As we entered the holiday season, we gathered gently used clothing donations for our January Clothing Drive to support the Girls Athletic Leadership (GALS) Cha Middle School of Las Vegas. We had an amazing turnout! **We want to thank everyone who contributed to this activity supporting our middle school girls. This furthers our mission of providing educational enrichment for the GALS with HEART programming.** This was a great start to our Spring 2022 program with the school.

## WRIN Welcomes New Administrative Assistant IV

**Pam Costello**



In December 2021, we welcomed Pam Costello as the newest member of the WRIN Team. Pam's position is a dual role, managing our office and also serving as the Administrative Assistant for the Women's Council on campus. Needless to say, Pam is supremely organized, as she seamlessly navigates through various

activities for both units while managing to keep a smile on her face. Welcome, Pam!

## UNLV American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) Premedical Branch is Thriving!



**2019 NEW Leadership graduate**, Emily Carter plans to pursue a career as a physician. As an undergraduate at UNLV, Emily felt that more support was needed to guide undergraduate premedical students as they navigated through courses while pursuing graduation and acceptance into medical school. In 2019 she established the AMWA Premedical Branch at UNLV as a Registered Student Organization to assist premedical students. WRIN Director, Caryll Batt Dziedziak and NEW Leadership Coordinator Jean Munson signed on as the organization's faculty advisors. The organization has grown quickly, and today's membership has reached 170 members.

They recently established mentorships between UNLV medical students and undergraduate premedical students for advice making the best choices to reach medical school. We're so proud of Emily taking on this initiative and congratulate the current officers of this exciting club! For more information, please email current AMWA Premedical Branch President, **Miah Strellnauer** at: [amwa.premed@unlv.edu](mailto:amwa.premed@unlv.edu).



## NEW Leadership Empowerment Scholarship

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The Women's Research Institute of Nevada (WRIN) and Consolidated Students of UNLV (CSUN) have teamed up to provide (8) \$2,000 scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year to recognize UNLV undergraduate students who work to create and/or support initiatives that empower women.

The application is simple and online.  
You can apply yourself or nominate a friend.

**APPLICATION DUE DATE:3/31/22**



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