



Huskie Trails

Reno High School Alumni Association – 4th Quarter 2025

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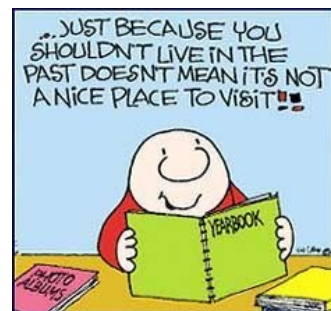
RHSAA Annual Meeting
December 4, 2025 @ 5:00
Alumni Center
395A Booth Street

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ALL-CLASS REUNION

The Triennial All-Class Reunion Celebration was held in the cafeteria and back quad area of Reno High School on September 7, 2025. The festivities began with the JROTC presentation of the colors. The cheerleaders sold raffle tickets and also performed to the crowd of 200-300 Alumni. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time reminiscing with friends, touring the school and museum, participating in the raffle, and enjoying the food trucks. All enjoyed listening to music provided by Aldi (class of 1975).

The classes of '75 and '85 were in well attendance as they were celebrating their 50th and 40th reunion weekends. Also, the 1960's decade had a great showing. Finally, the RHS Jazz Band performed before cutting into the celebration cakes, honoring the Alumni Association (30 years), the Alumni Building (25 years) and the Triennial Reunion (10 years). The Alumni Association increased its membership by about 25%. Memberships and fundraisers support scholarships and keep YOUR museum open. If you missed it, please stop in and visit and/or join the RHSAA. Center hours are Mondays, 2-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-2pm.





From the Principal's Desk

Mike Nakashima



Class Days at the Alumni Center

Thank you to Reno High School alumni for leading the tours as organized by Mr. Kivi for our Freshman Seminar classes. Freshmen were challenged to answer questions about Reno High School while rotating through the Alumni Center. 11th graders spent time identifying state historical figures in Nevada history by choosing memorials within the area and reporting back with cited evidence.

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Over 1.32 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the PSAT, and Semifinalists represent less than one percent of high school seniors. To become a Finalist, these seniors will work to complete an application and submit additional records of their outstanding academic achievement, commitment to the school and contribution to the community.

Congratulations the following seniors for their demonstration of academic excellence!



✧ Lee Hill ✧ Ronan Lewis ✧ Owen Pioreschi ✧ Mahika Ram ✧ Claire Song

History of the HUSKIES Mascot

According to the Red and Blue newspaper dated December 20, 1928, a search for a nickname for RHS's football and basketball teams was underway. They were asking for students to submit suggestions for a name that symbolized the fighting spirit and clean sportsmanship of the school. Several suggestions included Prowlers, Eagles, Huskies, Cyclones, Cossacks, Ramblers, and the Great Red Machine. The press referred to the Reno football team as the "Eagles". However, Coach Herb Foster thought "Huskies" best represented the qualities of Reno High's athletic teams.



February 22, 1929 is the first time officials used the nickname "Huskies", when Reno played Sparks in boys' basketball. When "Huskies" was selected it made Reno High the first high school in the state to adopt a nickname, showing strength, spirit, and the all-conquering power of RHS teams. The first time "Huskies" was featured in the RE-WA-NE yearbook was 1934.



The Huskie leaning on the Block R is known as "Old Huskie" and is printed on the gym floor. There is also a photo-op version leading into the RHS cafeteria.

At the Alumni Center and Museum you can have your photo taken with "King Huskie" like one of the Founding Fathers of the RHSAA, Joe Granada, did recently (pictured left). This Huskie was part of the 1981 Home Coming game halftime competition between the classes. The Seniors won with a float that warned the Hug Hawks, the opponent that day, that RHS was on the way to Las Vegas for the State Championship game. (pictured above)

Did you know...

- The RHS Alumni Center/Museum funds six scholarships for each class of graduating seniors.
- Each scholarship is for \$1,000. Five of the six are awarded to students attending four year colleges. The other is awarded to a graduating RHS senior headed to a vocational/trade school.
- The scholarships are funded, in part, through YOUR RHS Alumni memberships!
- The students apply via the RHS General Scholarship Application (one application that puts you in the running for over 50 different scholarships). Remind any RHS seniors in your life to apply now!
- The recipients are selected by the RHS Scholarship Committee which is comprised of a select group RHS teachers representing various subject areas.
- The RHS Alumni Association's Scholarship Program began in 1999 when the Class of 1943 made a \$1,000 donation. Similar donations have been made by individual classes since then.

Did you know...

- The RHS Alumni Center/Museum facilitates a \$30,000 scholarship (\$7,500 per year renewable for four years) to an RHS student, annually, who has overcome significant obstacles and has a goal of pursuing a college degree.
- This scholarship was created by Ethelmae Westover -the youngest of four children- to honor her mother Pauline. It was Ethelmae's wish that the estate's remaining assets in her trust be set up to award a deserving RHS student.
- The Westover family has deep ties to Reno with two of the four children graduating from RHS in the early 1900's and, subsequently, from University of Nevada.
- Aiden Goss, RHS Class of 2025, was our 18th student to receive this scholarship.

RHSAA SWAG



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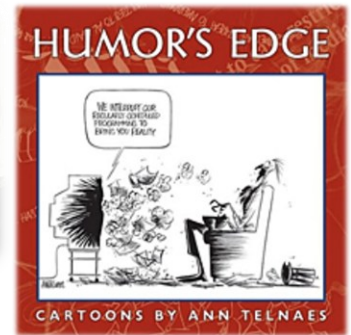


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Reno High Graduate Wins Second Pulitzer Prize



Ann Telnaes was born in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1960. She graduated from Reno High School in 1979. She became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1973 and a former citizen of Norway. Telnaes earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the California Institute of the Arts in 1985, focusing on character animation. In 2020, she taught the course “Commentary Through Cartoons” as a visiting faculty member at CalArts.

Before becoming an editorial cartoonist, she worked in the animation field and also as a show designer for Walt Disney Imagineering. She contributed to such films as *The Brave Little Toaster* and *The Chipmunk Adventure*. As her views became more politicized, her political cartoons were published regularly in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Washington Post* and other prominent newspapers. In 1993 she relocated to Washington, D.C.

Most of her cartoons are considered liberal with emphasis on women’s issues including abortion rights, burkas and third-world pregnancy. Her cartoons are syndicated by Tribune Media Services in the U.S.; she is one of the six female contributors to *Six Chix* and she provides a “commentoon” in *Women’s eNews* weekly.

Telnaes lives in Washington, D.C. She is married to David Lloyd. The Carnegie Corporation of New York honored her with their Great Immigrants Award in 2015. The program honors naturalized U.S. citizens who have made significant contributions to American society, democracy, and cultures. Telnaes is the second female cartoonist and one of the few freelancers to win the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning. She was the first woman to receive both the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning and the Reuben Award. Ann’s awards include the following:



1996

- Best Cartoonist, The Population Institute XVII Global Media Awards
- Best Editorial Cartoonist, Sixth Annual Environmental Media Awards
- Reuben Award (National Cartoonists Society), finalist

1997 - National Headliner Award for Editorial Cartoons

2001 - Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning

2002 - Maggie Award for Editorial Cartoons

2003 - Clifford K. and James T. Berryman Award (National Press Foundation)

2011 - Herblock Prize, finalist

2015 - Great Immigrants Award from Carnegie Corporation of New York

2016 - Reuben Award, winner

2021 - EWK Prize, winner

2022 - Pulitzer Prize for Illustrated Reporting and Commentary, finalist

2023 - Herblock Prize, winner

2025 - Pulitzer Prize for Illustrated Reporting and Commentary





MEMBERSHIP & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

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