

# COMMUNITIES NOW IN SCHOOLS

## **Quarterly Newsletter**

June 2014

## Greetings!

As the school year comes to a close, I'm happy to report that Communities In Schools continues to strengthen and grow our presence in Nevada and nationwide. On a national level, CIS launched an exciting new branding initiative, designed to raise awareness of our status as the nation's most effective dropout prevention program. Please take a look at the "Change the Picture" campaign on our national site.

I am also pleased to announce that CIS of Nevada will be expanding our reach in Nevada in the coming school year, and am sharing the details

We are incredibly proud of the work that our site coordinators, managers and directors have done this year, and are thrilled to recognize the dedication and perseverance of our students as we wrap up graduation week.

As supporters of CIS of Nevada, I hope you will feel that same sense of pride as our students advance to the next grade, or cross the stage to receive their high school diploma. If not for your generous support, they could be facing a very different future.

Thank you, and best wishes for a safe and happy summer break.

Sincerely,

Diane Fearon CEO Communities In Schools of Nevada

## Class of 2014

We are thrilled to congratulate all of our CIS graduating seniors, known to those active in social media as the #ClassofChange. These students have shown determination in the face of tremendous obstacles. As a national initiative, CIS programs across the country are encouraging their graduates to participate in The World's Biggest Graduation Processional.

Take a look at the inspiring photos from Communities In Schools graduates



# White House Advisor visits CIS Program



CIS of Nevada was honored to host Valerie Jarret, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement and United States Representative Steven Horsford at Martinez Elementary School. Ms. Jarret and Representative Horsford both spent time with CIS Site Coordinator, Ines Rosas, along with students and parents. Ms. Jarrett stated that she was pleased to see a program in action that is truly making a difference for at-risk students and their families.

# CIS of Nevada Expansion

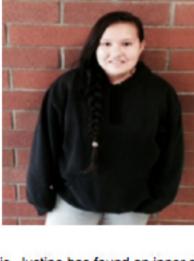
CIS of Nevada will be expanding our reach in the 2014-2015 school year, with programs on 34 school campuses in the Clark County School District. We will also launch programs in 3 Washoe County schools for the first time.

Jane Holman has joined CIS of Nevada as the Executive Director of the new Western Nevada affiliate. Jane brings a lifetime of marketing, communications, business development and stakeholder engagement experience to the challenge, including more than 12 years in financial services marketing and another 17 years of public relations and marketing consulting.



We look forward to creating change in all of our new and returning school sites in the upcoming year.

# Success Story - Overcoming Absences



Justine is in the CIS Freshmen Academy Class at Spring Creek High School in Elko. For the first time in two years, Justine is passing all of her classes and excelling in several. "It feels so amazing! I'm just so happy about everything!"

Justine has come a long way since the beginning of the school year. She missed a great deal of school last year and first semester this year because of health problems; she then did not want to come to school because she was so far behind. Her attendance this

semester is near perfect. Through all of this, Justine has found an inner strength and determination that have greatly

Recently she and another student worked together on their science fair project, sometimes during lunch and many days after school. It was not an easy task, but they stuck to it and completed the project. Justine's goals now are to finish her community service hours, do well in school, and have more balance in her life. She looks forward to getting a job to be able to pay for her own things and ultimately would like to be a wedding planner. Congratulations to Justine for all of her hard work!

#### Donate a Vehicle CIS of Nevada is now accepting tax

deductible donations of cars, boats, motorcycles and other vehicles. If you have a vehicle you don't need

anymore or are thinking of buying a new car, why not donate your existing car instead of trading it in?

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will go to supporting CIS programs in Nevada schools. Call 877-484-3247 or click here to donate today.

## CIS of Nevada at Las Vegas 51s

Bring the family out for exciting AAA baseball and support CIS of Nevada.



Saturday, August 9, 2014 More information & Ticket purchase

## A Nite at the Races



This year's evening of horse races, food and fun supporting CIS of Northeastern Nevada will be held on Friday, August 8, 2014 at GBC Amphitheater in Elko. For ticket purchase and more information, please click here.

## Get Ready for Fill the Bus



Believe it or not, before our next newsletter comes out, we'll be gathering school supplies at our 2nd Annual Fill The Bus supply drive! This year's event, sponsored by KSNV Channel 3, Lotus Broadcasting, and Sam's Club will be held on Friday, August 22nd & Saturday, August 23rd. Saturday will have added family-friendly games and activities, so bring the whole family!

For more information, click here.

#### Cards Creating Change

This new FREE app allows you to create and mail beautiful photo cards to anyone, and supports CIS of Nevada.



Download the app for iPhone or Android and enter CISnevada for the organization ID, and we'll receive a portion of the proceeds.

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# Save the Date



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Look for more information on our website soon.

### Power Within Powered by Cox Communications



Honoree, Tivonia Gardner, accepts her award. Click here to view all of our student success story videos.

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