

**Distinguished Nevadan
Nomination Form**

Deadline: December 31

Please send all nominations to:

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1. Salutation: Mr. and Mrs.

2. Nominee's Name (*Please ensure correct spelling.*):

Richard "Dick" and Fran Trachok

3. Nominee's Mailing Address:

4. Nominee's Phone Number:

5. Employment History:

Dick Trachok: United States Air Corps – 1943 - 1946
 Head Coach, Reno High School – 1949-1958
 Mathematics teacher Reno High School – 1949 -1958
 Head Coach, University of Nevada, Reno – 1959-1968
 Athletic Director, University of Nevada, Reno – 1969-1986

6. Educational Background:

Dick Trachok: University of Nevada, Reno (B.S) – 1949
 University of Nevada, Reno (ME.D)

Fran Sumner Trachok: University of Nevada, Reno (B.A.) – 1947

7. Reasons for Nomination:

Over the course of their 64 year marriage, Dick and Fran Trachok have significantly contributed to the University of Nevada, Reno and the state of Nevada.

After graduating from UNR, Coach Trachok took a teaching and coaching position at Reno High School (1949-1958). The Deseret News described him as "one of Nevada's most successful high school gridiron coaches." During his tenure, Coach Trachok led Reno High to six state championships.

In over fifty years at UNR, Coach Trachok was an honor student, graduate, star athlete in both track and football, head football coach, athletic director, and the school's volunteer sports historian.

As athletic director Coach Trachok laid the foundation for a highly successful athletics program. In 1976 he was able to hire his protégé and former quarterback Chris Ault as head football coach. Among his many achievements, Coach Trachok was instrumental in starting and serving as chairman of Nevada's Hall of Fame. In addition to his responsibilities and commitment to the University of Nevada, Reno, Coach Trachok served on City of Reno Parks Commission, the YMCA's board of directors and helped with the local Little League baseball teams. Coach Trachok along with the late Senator Raggio and then Governor Laxalt developed the idea of the now 44-year tradition of the annual Governor's dinner fundraiser. To this day Coach Trachok keeps an office at the athletic department providing guidance to young coaches.

Early on in their marriage, Mrs. Trachok taught at Reno's Northside Junior High School, Central Junior High School and Clayton Junior High School. She taught speed-reading at the National Judicial College for a number of years as well as at TMCC. Her civic involvement includes St. Mary's Hospital Guild, St. Thomas Aquinas Women's Guild, and the Nevada Museum of Art. Mrs. Trachok was appointed by late Governor Mike O'Callaghan to serve on the Nevada State Council of the Arts and did so for eight years. She also served on the auxiliary board for Casa de Vida.

The Trachok's are longtime donors who continue to support the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, Our Lady of the Snows school and other church-affiliated programs.

8. Other NSHE Awards:

Dick Trachok: Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame – 1975

Athletic Director Emeritus, University of Nevada, Reno – 1986

9. Nominated by*: Full Membership of the Board of Regents _____

* Candidates for the Distinguished Nevadan Award may only be nominated by a current member of the Nevada Board of Regents. (Added 6/05)