

Distinguished Nevadan Nomination Form

Deadline: December 31

Please send all nominations to:

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1. **Salutation:** Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr.

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

Monte L. Miller and Susan J. Miller

3. **Nominee's Mailing Address:** _____

4. **Nominee's Phone Number:** **Work:** _____

5. **Employment History** (*Attach additional material if necessary.*):

Please see biographical information (attached).

6. **Educational Background** (*Attach additional material if necessary.*)

Please see biographical information (attached).

7. **Reasons for Nomination** (*Please include outstanding accomplishments, achievements, and contributions to Nevada and its people. Please be specific and provide considerable detail. You may attach additional pages if necessary.*):

Please see biographical information (attached).

8. **Other NSHE Awards** *(Please list other awards this individual has received.)* ;

9. **Nominated by***: Regent Ron Knecht (District 9)

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

Monte L. and Susan J. Miller

Monte and Susan grew up in Reno, met in high school (Susan attended Wooster, and Monte at Reno HS) and both attended University of Nevada Reno and University of Nevada Las Vegas. Monte received a B.S. in Business Administration from UNR and a M.A. in Economics from UNLV. They have been married for 45 years and have two sons, Joshua and Nicholas, and a 3-year old grandson, Caden.

Monte has spent forty years in banking and began his career at First National Bank of Nevada in Reno as part of its management training program and in 1975 moved to Las Vegas to join Valley Bank of Nevada (now Bank of America) managing the investment department and subsequently served as Senior Vice President and Trust Division Manager. In 1989, Monte left Valley Bank of Nevada and founded The KeyState Companies, with offices in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Wilmington, Delaware, where he serves as Executive Chairman.

Monte currently serves on the Executive Committee for Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance, and is on the Board of Trustees of University of Nevada Reno Foundation, the boards of Keystone Corporation and Nevada Policy Research Institute. Monte has also served on the boards of Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, College of Southern Nevada Foundation, Nevada Community Foundation, Nevada Commission for Economic Development, and on the P-16 Education Council for the State of Nevada.

Susan owned and operated Para-Legal Services, Inc. for 25 years. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Spread the Word Nevada, Nevada's largest non-profit children's literacy program, and previously served as its Chairman. Spread the Word Nevada has distributed more than 2.5 million books to over 325,000 children and their families, serving 28 at-risk schools in Southern Nevada by providing books to build home libraries, providing one-on-one mentoring opportunities through its Books and Buddies Program, and encouraging family literacy with its Breakfast with Books Program. Susan has also served as a mentor for over 15 years for the Stay in School Mentoring Project through CCSD's Partnership Program, for middle school children; and Foothill High School's YES, Inc. business and leadership program, preparing junior and senior high school students for future success within the business area, providing mentoring, job shadows, mock job interviews, and developing opportunities for YES students to experience the satisfaction of giving back to their community by participating with Spread the Word Nevada.