



Las Vegas Business Academy Honors Jan Jones Blackhurst with Griffin Award at Fifth Annual Fundraiser

LVBA's Fifth Annual Fundraiser hosts "Square Dancing on the Strip" with Las Vegas' top chefs on Friday, Oct. 21 at T-Mobile Arena

LAS VEGAS – Las Vegas Business Academy (LVBA), founded in 2011 by Rino Armeni, celebrates its fifth annual fundraiser, "Square Dancing on the Strip," with a grand culinary affair on Friday, Oct. 21. In addition, LVBA will honor **Jan Jones Blackhurst**, executive vice president of government relations and corporate responsibility for Caesars Entertainment Corporation, with the Griffin Award.

"Jan Jones Blackhurst is an exceptional example of someone who fully embodies what the Griffin Award is about," said **Rino Armeni**, chairman and founder of LVBA. "The award is given to those who possess an outstanding work ethic while serving as inspiration to our young leaders. Her tenure at Caesars Entertainment, influence on our program and leadership in our community is a consistent example of the kind of professional we hope all of our scholarship recipients will be."

Prior to joining Caesars Entertainment Corporation in 1999, Blackhurst served two terms as mayor of Las Vegas. During her time in office, Las Vegas was voted the fastest growing city in America and was named the number one city in the nation for entrepreneurs by Inc. magazine.

The LVBA's fifth annual fundraiser offers guests an evening they will never forget, all in an effort to raise scholarship funds for **University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)** students pursuing a law degree or masters degree in hospitality, engineering or business. The fifth annual fundraiser will be a night filled with local cuisine from some of Las Vegas' most revered chefs and a celebration for all that LVBA has accomplished. Restaurants participating in this year's fundraiser include **Bouchon, Briggs Oyster Co., Capital Grille, Hakkasan, Herringbone, Kona Grill, Milos, Old Homestead, Rao's, Scarpetta, Stripsteak, Tacos & Tequila, T-Bones, Veranda** and more. In addition to enjoying each delectable dish, table purchasers will receive tickets to T-Mobile Arena's Keith Urban concert immediately following the fundraiser.

If you would like to donate to LVBA's scholarship fund, please visit their website [here](#). For sponsorship opportunities and to participate in the fifth annual fundraiser, please contact Brittany Espinoza at brittany@lvbanv.org.

For more information about LVBA and how to get involved, visit www.lvbanv.org or follow LVBA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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About Las Vegas Business Academy:

Founded in 2011 by Rino Armeni, Las Vegas Business Academy (LVBA) is a nonprofit organization devoted to providing scholarship funds for students pursuing a law degree or master's degree in business or hospitality management at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). LVBA's program offers selected college students educational enrichment, professional development, financial aid and unparalleled mentoring resources with top-tier industry leaders in an effort to establish Nevada's next generation of leaders. For more information, visit Las Vegas Business Academy's [website](#) or call 702.998.2138.

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