



## **Las Vegas Business Academy Accepts Two New University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate Students to Scholarship Program**

*Caitlin Lorelli and Michael Matzke join the prestigious program*

**LAS VEGAS** – The **Las Vegas Business Academy (LVBA)**, founded in 2011 by Rino Armeni, has accepted two new University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) graduate degree scholarship recipients to its highly esteemed program. Both Caitlin Lorelli and Michael Matzke are pursuing a Juris Doctorate at UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law and are expected to graduate in May 2017.

“We set a goal of having 10 scholarship recipients by the end of 2016 and with the addition of Caitlin and Michael, we have met that goal,” said Max Tappeiner, LVBA president. “Each student has the drive to succeed that we look for when accepting new recipients. Their determination, coupled with the training they will receive from our mentor program, will be the key to their success as future Las Vegas business leaders.”

Caitlin Lorelli graduated summa cum laude from UNLV in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a minor in communications. After graduating, Lorelli joined the Clark County School District as a teacher, later going on to work for Caesars Entertainment Corporation, Colliers-International, Atkin Winner & Sherrod Ltd. and the Nevada Supreme Court. In 2016, Lorelli was nominated for Best Oral Advocate at the National Animal Law Competition at Harvard Law School.

Additionally, Michael Matzke graduated cum laude from UNLV in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in U.S. History, with a minor in Spanish. During his undergraduate career, Matzke made the Dean’s List for nine consecutive semesters, participated in Student Government Election’s Board and was the treasurer of UNLV College Republicans from 2010 to 2011. Matzke has experience as a divorce instructor for the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, as a law clerk for De Castroverde Law Group and as a student attorney as part of the Thomas & Mack Legal Clinic.

Lorelli and Matzke join a group of three scholarship recipients; Mackenzie Warren, pursuing a Juris Doctorate; Steven Brody, pursuing a Master of Business Administration; and Hunter Davidson, pursuing a Juris Doctorate and a Master of Business Administration. The LVBA has seen six scholarship recipients graduate from the program since its inception.

The LVBA is a nonprofit organization that offers up to \$75,000 in scholarship funding to eligible recipients with the drive to become the next generation of future leaders of Las Vegas. Each month, the scholarship recipients work directly with the organization’s board members as part of the unparalleled mentorship program to help give them the hands-on experience needed to succeed.

Applications for the scholarship program are currently open. Application details and submission can be found [here](#).

For more information about LVBA and how to get involved, visit [www.lvbanv.org](http://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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