



## **U.S. Navy Veteran Zachary Laney Awarded Inaugural Las Vegas Business Academy & UNLV College of Engineering Fellowship**

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**LAS VEGAS (Aug. 30, 2017)** — United States Navy veteran Zachary Laney was awarded Las Vegas Business Academy’s prestigious UNLV Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering fellowship Wednesday at a special ceremony. Laney says he plans to use his experience as a Navy cryptologist to help improve our community’s cyber security systems.

UNLV President Len Jessup, MGM Grand president and COO Scott Sibella and Bob Morse, Caesars Entertainment’s president of hospitality, gave keynote speeches, discussing the importance of mentoring the next generation of Las Vegas entrepreneurs.

“Thanks to the Las Vegas Business Academy, I now have the opportunity to pursue my career choice,” Laney said. “I am excited to work with the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering faculty. I am going to get out there and learn as much as I can about this city and use what I learn during this fellowship to help make Las Vegas a better place.”

“Zachary is a brilliant young man who exemplifies everything we look for in a fellowship candidate,” said Amy Lee, Las Vegas Business Academy’s executive director. “He is passionate about his chosen profession and the City of Las Vegas.”

Laney is on track to receive a Master of Science in computer science in the spring of 2019, and as part of his fellowship agreement, he has committed to living and working in Las Vegas for at least three years following graduation.

The fellowship represents Las Vegas Business Academy's pledge to offer scholarships and fellowship opportunities to students across a full suite of study areas. Established in 2011, the nonprofit organization provides select UNLV master's students with scholarship and fellowships, in addition to mentorship and externship opportunities with the city's leading business and education minds.

For more information about the Las Vegas Business Academy, visit [www.lvbanv.org](http://www.lvbanv.org) or follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

**Photo Captions:**

**LVBA Fellowship 1:** LVBA Founder and Chairman of the Board Rino Armeni

**LVBA Fellowship 2:** Caesar's Entertainment President of Hospitality Bob Morse

**LVBA Fellowship 3:** LVBA Fellowship recipient Zachary Laney addresses crowd

**LVBA Fellowship 4:** LVBA Fellowship recipient Zachary Laney

**LVBA Fellowship 5:** (L to R) Zachary Laney signs fellowship agreement as UNLV President Len Jessup looks on

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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 master's degree at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). LVBA's program offers selected graduate students educational enrichment, professional development, financial support and unparalleled externship and 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.

**About UNLV:**

UNLV is a doctoral-degree-granting institution of approximately 29,000 students and more than 3,000 faculty and staff that is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a research university with high research activity. UNLV offers a broad range of respected academic programs and is on a path to join the top tier of national public research universities. The university is committed to recruiting and retaining top students and faculty, educating the region's diversifying population and workforce, driving economic activity through increased research and community partnerships, and creating an academic health center for Southern Nevada that includes the launch of a new School of Medicine. UNLV is located on a 332-acre main campus and two satellite campuses in Southern Nevada. Learn more at [UNLV.edu](http://UNLV.edu).

