

# Distinguished Nevadan Nomination Form

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**Deadline: December 31**

**Please send all nominations to:**

**Dean J. Gould, Chief of Staff & Special Counsel  
Board of Regents  
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**1. Salutation:**  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms.  Dr.

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

Mr. Kirk and Mrs. Rosemarie (Ro) Hartle \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Nominee's Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Nominee's Phone Number: Work:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**6. Educational Background** *(attach additional material if necessary):*

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**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.)*

See attached.

**8. Other NSHE Awards** *(please list other awards this individual has received):*

**9. Nominated by Regent:** Sam Lieberman

Over the course of their 28 year marriage, Kirk and Rosemarie (Ro) Hartle made the state of Nevada a better place to live and raise children.

While Kirk is a native Las Vegan, born here in 1965, Ro was born in Brooklyn NY and moved to Las Vegas when she was seven years old. Ro attended Chaparral High School and Kirk attended Western. They both graduated in 1983. After graduation, while attending UNLV, the two met and became partners for life. They married in 1989. The couple has two children, Nicholas and Taylor.

Ro attained her Master's Degree in Education from UNLV and spent her career as a school teacher in the Clark County School District. In 2005, she embarked on her most meaningful job as she decided to leave the workforce and spend her time, energy and focus raising her two children. In 2010, Ro was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer which recurred in 2014 and again in 2016. She was the epitome of a warrior dealing with cancer, especially the recurrences. The disease is brutal physically, emotionally, and psychologically. She was a gift and blessing to her family and friends and so many others who have crossed her path. She was loving, fun, sassy and sarcastic (in a fun way), beautiful, powerful, relentless, and inspiring. She will be deeply missed.

Kirk obtained his accounting degree from UNLV and has served in many key financial positions with various organizations. He is currently the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for Ahern Rentals where he has been since February of 2004. From March 2009 to July 2013, during the most tenuous period in the history of Ahern Rentals and the Las Vegas economy, Kirk was their Senior Vice President of Finance and Treasurer. Kirk played a key role in facilitating the successful exit of Ahern Rental from Chapter 11 bankruptcy, thereby saving the jobs of over 1,580 full time employees, the company's estimated annual income of \$585.0 million, and the attendant beneficial financial impact on the Las Vegas economy. During his career, Kirk has held senior management positions with KPMG LLP and Deloitte LLP. Before joining Ahern Rentals, he was chief financial officer for five years with a publicly held golf retail and sports entertainment company.

In addition to his work life, Kirk is a dedicated servant to his University and its Alumni. Kirk served on the Board of Directors for the UNLV Alumni Association for 13 years from 1998-2011. He served in many leadership roles with the Association but his years as President really stand out. Kirk served a rare, three year term so that he could provide steady leadership of the organization through the 50 year anniversary of the University in 2007 as well as providing continuity through the University's "Invent the Future" campaign which raised over \$537,201,478 for the University. This campaign saw most of its individual donations coming from Alumni which is a real tribute to the Alumni Association and the leadership that Kirk was able to provide during a critical time. Kirk also led the reorganization of the Association's finances, instituting an annual external audit in concert with best practices and ensuring the financial stability of the organization.

Upon Rosemarie's passing in October of 2017, the Hartle Family wanted to find a way to allow her loving spirit to live on. They decided to create a Scholarship fund in her honor at UNLV.

Kirk and Ro Hartle are truly distinguished Nevadans.