



RICHARD H. BRYAN (Class of 1955)

Richard H. Bryan is a native Nevadan. After graduating from Las Vegas High, he received a B.A. degree from the University of Nevada in 1959. He received his law degree from the University of California, Hastings Law School in 1963.

Richard began his legal career in 1964 as a Deputy District Attorney in Las Vegas. Two years later he was named Clark County's first Public Defender. In 1968 he was elected to the Nevada State Assembly. He was re-elected in 1970. In 1972 he was elected to the Nevada State Senate and was re-elected in 1976. He won his first statewide election as Nevada's Attorney General where he played a major role in successfully defending Nevada's gaming regulatory structure in the Federal Courts. In 1982 he was elected to the first of two terms as Governor of Nevada. In 1988 he was elected to the first of two terms in the U.S. Senate.

Richard was the only Senate member to simultaneously serve on three U.S. Senate committees: Finance; Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Banks, Housing and Urban Affairs.

Richard is currently a Director of the Fennemore Craig law firm. His practice focuses on government relations at the federal, state and local levels, particularly in the areas of mining and public land use issues. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance and is also on the Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and is Chairman of the Board for Preserve Nevada, a group who priority is to preserve historical buildings, places and artifacts in the State of Nevada. He is also a board member of the Great Basin National Park Foundation, a member of the Las Vegas Centennial Committee, and on the Board of Directors for the Las Vegas Mob Museum.

Richard was responsible for getting the Las Vegas High School 7th Street campus put on the National Register of Historic Buildings. He was successful in raising funds and purchasing display cases to house all of the original trophies from the LVHS 7th Street campus. The trophies were found in various locations, including the attic over the gymnasium and in classroom closets. They depict the rich history of state championships and achievements all the way back to 1927. These trophies and plaques are housed in more than twenty 5-foot tall mirrored display cases, for all to appreciate, in the cafeteria of the new LVHS Campus on East Sahara.

The Richard H. Bryan Elementary School in Las Vegas is named in Senator Bryan's honor.

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