Program

4:30 p.m.   Tours

5 p.m.   Program
Philip M. Ringle, Ph.D., TMCC president
Stavros Anthony, chair, UCCSN Board of Regents
Joel Gutierrez, ASTM president
V. James Eardley, first TMCC president and honoree

5:30 p.m.   Refreshments and Tours

New Center Information

Academic Programs:
Expanded culinary and arts programs, classrooms, physical education facility, the Source (former Learning Hub)

Student Services:
Advisement, bookstore, cafeteria, career services, disability resources, Starting Point (information center) and testing

Square Footage:
45,000 square feet new construction
65,000 square feet renovated

I wanted to... I hoped for... I dreamed of... They're our goals, too.

V. James Eardley
First TMCC president
1979 - 1986

When he moved his family to the Reno/Sparks area, Eardley was an athletic coach and teacher at Reno High School. Next he was assistant director of adult education and the first director of summer schools for Washoe County School District. In 1967, he served as the first director of WCSD adult and vocational education and first supervisor of all federal manpower training programs.

Five years later, Eardley joined Nevada's newest higher education institution, Western Nevada Community College. He first served as dean of community services, moving the adult education programs from WCSD to WNCC "north campus," where classes were held in former U.S. Air Force buildings at Stead. Eardley became the founding president of TMCC in 1979.

As Eardley worked his way up through the ranks—dean of instruction, executive dean, vice president and executive vice president, then finally president from 1979 through 1986—his mission was to develop a positive attitude about community colleges.

Eardley's commitment to education did not end after his 1986 retirement from TMCC. He was elected to the University and Community College System of Nevada's Board of Regents, where he continued in his role as advocate for community colleges. He served the UCCSN for 12 more years as a board member before retiring.

Active in local, regional and national adult education organizations, Eardley has also been involved in a wide variety of service clubs and civic organizations.