Statement regarding the University of Nevada, Reno's Living Learning Communities March 31, 2021

Thank you for your inquiry. Living Learning Communities (LLCs) are a national best practice in university residential life and housing communities. These communities have been defined as high-impact best practice in higher education by the <u>Association of American Colleges and Universities</u>. The headline listed in the Young American's Foundation story is inaccurate. University administration never stated that white students could not participate in our LLCs – they are not called "minority-dorm communities."

Our Executive Director of Residential Life, Housing and Food Services Dean Kennedy misspoke in giving his statement. These LLCs provide a sense of community and belonging, especially at research-intensive institutions. The University of Nevada, Reno's 15 LLCs are open to any and all students living on campus.

All communities are required to take courses specific to their LLC. These courses are offered as part of the general course catalog and any students can take the classes.

The community design concept supports the **University's mission**.

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