

Welcome to Douglas High School! Our school community takes pride in the achievements of our students and wants all of them to fulfill our mission both during their time at Douglas High and after they graduate: "Douglas High School students will have opportunities to achieve their potential and graduate as competent, life-long learners who will continue to grow as productive citizens." These are not just words; rather, our mission provides the goals and direction we value for all of our students. This is why our school community has worked hard and supported rigorous academic course work, programs and classes in career and technical education such as Project Lead the Way Engineering and Biomedicine, culinary arts, and JROTC, and clubs and co-curricular and extracurricular activities to help our students connect with our school and to pursue and enhance their interests and talents.

In 2015 and 2016, Douglas High School was recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as a Silver Medal School in its "Best High Schools" report. This year, our school is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the state from over 130 high schools that were evaluated. Also, our school was fifth in the Nevada Interscholastic Activity Association's "Awards of Excellence" for Division 1 schools state-wide. This recognition is based upon student athletes' competitive performance, their academic achievement, and the sportsmanship of our student athletes and coaches.

Douglas High has a proud tradition in academic and extracurricular success that we want to ensure continues. But the most important part of what makes our school a great place to be is the students, staff, parents, and school community we have. We are fortunate that our school has strong student leadership that creates a climate and culture of acceptance and support for all students. We have parents who care about their students' achievement and success joined by many wonderful community members, businesses, and agencies who support our mission, the safety and welfare of students, and our students' long-term success. Our school is blessed to have this unparalleled support each day.

I hope that you find ways to get involved in our school community if you desire, and for our new and current students, I know that you will have incredible opportunities to learn and grow at our school, and our staff wants to work with you in order to achieve your goals and to help you to have many opportunities and a bright future after you graduate.