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Carolyn Yucha is Dean of the School of Nursing and Acting Vice President for Research and Economic Development at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Dr. Yucha earned her academic credentials from the State University of New York system: her BS in Nursing from the University at Albany, her MS in Nursing from the University at Buffalo, and her PhD in Physiology from Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse NY. She worked at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and the University of Florida before moving to Las Vegas. Dr. Yucha has received research funding from the National Institutes of Health, has published numerous articles, and is editor of a scientific journal, *Biological Research for Journal*.

Under her leadership, the UNLV School of Nursing has grown remarkably. She was instrumental in creating the original concept of the Clinical Simulation Center of Las Vegas, worked with architects to design the space and worked closely with other Deans to develop the curriculum, staffing, and financial model to sustain the center. The first time pass rate on the NCLEX is consistently above 95% and the school is ranked in the top 20% of online graduate programs by US News & World Report.