



University of Nevada, Reno

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President Brian Sandoval Biography

Brian Sandoval serves as the 17th President of the University of Nevada, Reno. He is the first alumnus to serve as president and is the first president of Hispanic origin in University history.

Since his appointment in September 2020, Sandoval has launched several key initiatives stressing a long-term collaborative commitment to meet the ever-changing needs of Nevada.

Sandoval is a 1986 graduate of the University with a degree in English and earned his Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University Moritz School of Law in 1989.

As Nevada's 29th Governor from 2011-2019, Sandoval worked to reconstruct Nevada's approach to economic development, expanded health care coverage and led efforts in the modernization of Nevada's public education system.

Prior to becoming Governor, Sandoval was appointed United States District Judge for the District of Nevada. He also was elected Nevada's Attorney General and served two terms as an assemblyman in the Nevada State Legislature.

Sandoval is married to Lauralyn McCarthy Sandoval, and has three children, James, Maddy and Marisa.