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**AGEM Donation Benefits CSN Slot Technology Students**

The College of Southern Nevada's School of Applied and Advanced Technologies recently received the third installment of a \$300,000 commitment from the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers (AGEM), an international non-profit trade organization of global gaming suppliers based in Las Vegas. The final payment was presented to the Foundation Board of Trustees at their July meeting.

The money was dedicated to support the school's slot-technician degree program. "AGEM understands the necessity of training workers to be successful in maintaining and troubleshooting machines which use animation, and high-tech features. The gift represents the largest single contribution to a CSN School of Advanced and Applied Technologies academic program," Robbie Graham, CSN Foundation Chair, stated. "It was a substantial gift, narrowly focused to make a huge difference." Graham credited Neil Friedman, an AGEM Board member and Officer who also serves on the CSN Foundation board, with orchestrating the slot grant.

"AGEM's core mission as an organization covers a wide variety of key issues, but supporting important educational initiatives may ultimately have the most impact," said AGEM Executive Director Marcus Prater. "On behalf of our 93 members from around the world, we're pleased to partner with CSN and AGEM thanks everyone there for creating a curriculum that benefits students, our supplier companies and the industry in general."

The AGEM grant was used to strengthen curriculum, enlarge the gaming lab, add new equipment such as a slot machine simulator, provided funding for a full-time lab technician and paid for supplies. AGEM also funded a slot-technology textbook that encompasses design, theory, operation, maintenance and support of electronic slot machines, slot management systems, player tracking systems, linked machines, as well as local and wide-area progressive systems.

CSN's instructors are now preparing for server-based slots, the next wave in technology that will allow casinos to change games by pushing a few buttons on a back-room computer instead of swapping chips out of individual machines.

**About the College of Southern Nevada Foundation:**

The CSN Foundation mission is to support students and programs at the College of Southern Nevada. Founded in 1982 the CSN Foundation advocates for the College and works with community supporters to secure donations of cash and equipment to build classrooms, laboratories, auditoriums and academic buildings.

**About the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers (AGEM):**

AGEM is an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of electronic gaming devices, systems, table games, key components and support products and services for the gaming industry. AGEM works to further the interests of gaming equipment suppliers throughout the world. Through political action, trade show partnerships, educational alliances, information dissemination and good corporate citizenship, the members of AGEM work together to create benefits for every company within the organization. Together, AGEM has assisted regulatory commissions and participated in the legislative process to solve problems and create a business environment where AGEM members can prosper while providing a strong level of support to education and responsible gaming initiatives. For more information, visit [www.AGEM.org](http://www.AGEM.org).

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