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Match Day

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The most exciting -- and possibly the most nerve-wracking-- day in the life of a medical student is on Wednesday, March 17, the day when all graduating medical students in the nation learn where they will be spending the next three to six years of their lives as they pursue advance training in the medical field of their choice.

Fourth-year medical students at the University of Nevada School of Medicine will learn of their matches precisely at **9 a.m.** Those students who are doing rotations in the northern part of the state will gather in the school's **Savitt Atrium** on the Reno campus.

The "Match" is a unique part of the medical education. The successful completion of a residency program in a medical specialty is a requirement in most states before a physician can become licensed to practice medicine. During their fourth year at the medical school, students visit residency programs throughout the country that offer training in the field they have chosen. Students list their preferences, programs list their choices of students, and just before Match Day,

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those preference are fed into a computer at the National Residency Match Program, and the matches are made.

Match Day is a festive celebration which is shared by the faculty and staff of the medical school, as well as by the family and friends of the graduating seniors, and always involves colorful decorations and imaginative ways of delivering the matches to the students.

Media representatives: If you would like to attend Match Day, please contact Lynne Williams at 784-8059 in Reno, or Sandy Allen in Las Vegas at 671-2210.