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Governor Brian Sandoval visited Sierra Sage Academy in order to experience first-hand the gender-specific programming offered to at-risk and vulnerable young women. Governor Sandoval was "incredibly impressed" by the program, which received a CARF accreditation last month, houses 36 at-risk youth, provides the young women with a normalized high school experience while offering treatment services.

Sierra Sage welcomed its honored guests in a spirited award ceremony with a focus on "Women and Education." Guests included the Governor, the University of Nevada, Reno Cheer squad and mascots Wolfie and Wolfie Jr as well as several state officials. In his speech, the Governor assured SSA students that "...you inspire me to do my absolute best effort to make sure all of your dreams come true." The Governor emphasized his commitment to the Millennium Scholarship (for which all high school graduates from Sierra Sage Academy would be eligible) and his newest initiative, "Teach Nevada Scholarship" which will offer financial support to those who pursue an advanced degree-and a career-in education in Nevada.

UNR Cheerleaders and UNR mascots Wolfie and Wolfie Junior joined the Ram mascot to celebrate the many achievements of Sierra Sage Academy before the Lady Ram Volleyball team left for a match against nearby Smith Valley High School. Governor Sandoval, who gave a warm and heartfelt speech, extended a gift of a Governor's Coin to each student as "...a constant reminder that we are proud of you and behind you every step of the way."