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Important financial aid information

REMINDER

- Financial aid will not be disbursed for courses that are not required/ listed for your program of study outlined in the most recent course catalog. The program of study that will be used to determine course eligibility is the degree/ certificate you have declared with the admissions office.

CLASS SCHEDULE SNAP SHOT

- The Financial Aid Office will be taking a snap shot of all class schedules on Jan. 25, 2013 to process aid for the spring semester. Make sure that your class schedule is finalized by this date (Including 8-week courses). Classes added after Jan. 25, 2013 may not be considered for financial aid purposes.

CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

- Students who are receiving financial assistance from LCC and taking classes at NMHU or any other institution for the 2013 spring semester must file a consortium agreement with the LCC Financial Aid Office by Jan. 25, 2013. Forms are available at the LCC Financial Aid Office.

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Luna Community College Food Services Manager Paul Sandoval (left) and LCC President Dr. Pete Campos share a moment of fun on Tuesday. Both Sandoval and Campos were among several LCC employees that attended a Quality of New Mexico Seminar held at The Rough Rider Grill.

The joy of growing from within

By Dr. Pete Campos

During my closing remarks on Tuesday of last week at our strategic planning session moderated by Retha Shiplet of Quality New Mexico, I asked those present when they got home after work to research the life of a person they considered a role model and reflect upon that person's life to learn from it. Then I asked each person to return to work the next morning and live (practice) what they found important in

that persons' life. For example: Nelson Mandela, served 27 years in prison, then went on to be President of South Africa (1994 to 1999). Through it all he maintained his passion and persistence to bring about South African government constitutional reform. This example reinforced – to me - I can work towards positive change, not give up especially during tough times and experience the positive results of my work. This

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LCC nursing school: An insider's perspective—part 4

The following is a column written by Luna Community College nursing student Inez Bolivar. Bolivar would like to share her opinion with fellow students, staff, faculty and the community of the life of a nursing student. This is the fourth in a series.

During finals week, a test occurred every day of the week for four days. Thank goodness for those valuable moments in between tests to rest, reorganize and change (subject) gears.

Week 12 – Week 15

As the end of the first semester, second year approaches, I prepared myself for finals. My classmates and I are weary, yet these exams must be tenaciously prepared for well in advance. Similarities to a marathon are undeniable; the final stretch in my second to last race for graduation. Time is precious and seems like never quite enough, as I spend hours which feel like minutes, with my nose in my books. The culmination of the time spent learning this year's topics final challenge; did I learn all the material accurately? Now is the time to fully comprehend any misunderstood material and demonstrate intellectual capacity

on my final examinations.

During finals week, a test occurred every day of the week for four days. Thank goodness for those valuable moments in between tests to rest, reorganize and change (subject) gears. Finals mode is in full effect. House work and chores are momentarily halted during finals week. Microwave dinners and relying on family to step in and assume their share of household duties is customary. My family understands the accommodations I require and they must endure during finals week. Irritability and full attention to studies will cease, and a more recognizable person will reemerge, once finals are completed.

After our last test on Thursday, Dec. 6, second year students were scheduled to meet with advisors to discuss grades and plans to continue in the program.

“The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly; who know the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spend themselves in a worthy cause; who at the best know the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat.”

– Theodore Roosevelt.



Inez Bolivar

Professional **Development Opportunity Spring 2013**

The Leadership Challenge

STGS236: Effective Leadership, Fridays, 4-5PM, Tech 102

This course defines leadership as the ability to get things done through people. The course will provide theoretical and practical skills necessary for leadership success in both personal and professional environments. In addition, students will develop an understanding of specific theories and models that make leadership successful.

Register online or at the Office of the Registrar
For additional information contact Dr. Vidal Martinez at
505-670-3305 or vmartinez@luna.edu

The joy of growing...

exercise is important because it brings joy to our lives when we grow from within because of the positive examples in other people's lives that we apply to our own. An unknown author said, "Joy springs from within; no one makes you joyous; you choose joyfulness."

When you feel defeated, find a role model who has overcome defeat and take the best practices from that other person's experiences to change your life from the inside out. When you start to experience the positive change, joy and the optimism that you can begin again grow from within your heart and mind. Torkom Saraydarian, teacher, said, "Joy is a great purifier. It burns away many polluted currents trying to reach us."

If this is a lonely, sad or stressful time for you; phone and talk to a friend that will lift your spirits, think of someone who has had a real tough time this year and go out of your way to give them a gift, and join in on the kitchen clean-up after a family meal.

This leads to the upcoming holidays. I hope you take the time to rest, reflect and reminisce. Let your mind and body relax; think about what you have done and haven't done during the past several months

to prepare for classes or improve your work skills; and, think about past experiences that will make you laugh. Enjoy the company of your families and friends!

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your way to give them a gift, and join in on the kitchen clean-up after a family meal. Use your imagination and bring joy to others. In turn, your joy will grow from within. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

LCC staff and faculty recommend new mission and vision statement

Luna CC Board to vote on measure in January meeting

revised the LCC Mission and Vision Statements for the college as follows:

*Mission Statement:
Creating Opportunities for You!*

Vision Statement: New Mexico's Premiere Community College: Preparing Students for Success.

As a result of the Quality New Mexico Training held on Tuesday, Dec. 11 Luna Community College staff and faculty present have

Official presentation for consideration to the LCC Board of Trustees will take place during the Jan. 17, 2013 Work Session with official action to be requested during the Jan. 24, 2013 Board Meeting.

Financial aid information...

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WORK-STUDY

- The LCC Office of Student Financial Assistance will begin awarding work-study and issuing approval cards for the 2013 spring semester on Monday, Jan. 14, 2013. Stop by to see if you qualify.

STUDENT ID CARDS

- LCC Student ID Cards must be presented to the LCC Fiscal Office to receive any financial aid disbursements and to the bookstore to purchase any books and supplies. The fiscal office has begun issuing ID cards for the 2013 spring semester. If you have not already obtained an ID card, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

LCC Springer Satellite's Christmas Party



Ugly Christmas sweaters!!! Daniel Montoya, Vanessa Rollings and Sarah Rollings.



Cute Christmas sweaters!!! Patricia Kuhlman, Kaye Goodyear, Sherry Goodyear and Louise Portillos



Ornament Exchange!!! Pictured in back row are (l-r): Sarah Rollings, Vanessa Rollings, Carissa Duran, Kaye Goodyear, Sherry Goodyear, Louise Portillos and Patricia Kuhlman. Pictured in the front row are (l-r): Daniel Montoya and Joseph Smith.



Springer's Christmas Party!!!

Springer had its annual Christmas party on at noon on Dec. 12. Over 30 people were in attendance. Not only did they enjoy a potluck meal, they also had an ornament exchange and many of them wore Christmas sweaters. There were two categories for the sweaters; cute and ugly. Each person chose which group they were in, although everyone thought they were all cute! Springer Satellite would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! We hope everyone enjoys their time off!!!



**LCC will be closed from
Thursday, Dec. 20 through Wednesday, Jan. 2
for winter break**



GETTING STARTED AT LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1. HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR ADMISSION? Student Services Building, Office #SS119

Complete the LCC Application for Admission & arrange to have an official transcript(s)/GED sent to LCC.

Transcript Request: High School _____ GED _____ College (if transferring credits) _____

Send to: LCC

Office of Admissions
366 Luna Drive
Las Vegas, NM 87701

Send College Transcript(s) to: LCC

Registrar Office
366 Luna Drive
Las Vegas, NM 87701

Phone: 454-5311, 454-2541, or 454-5312,

2. GET ADVICE!! MEET WITH AN EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR AT THE ACCESS CENTER.

They can assist with several things and guide you in the right direction. They know how to get you where you are going!

Renee Maestas	Student Services Building	Office #SS109	454-5355	Ext. 1216
Melissa Lopez	Student Services Building	Office #SS108	454-5357	Ext. 1217
Janice Medrano	Student Services Building	Office #SS110	454-2546	Ext. 1215

3. COMPASS EVALUATION FOR MATH, READING, AND ENGLISH.

Obtain a referral from one of the educational advisors. Testing will take place at the Testing Lab, Students Services Bldg. #117. (Photo ID Required)

4. ACCESS CENTER (CHOICES CAREER INTEREST INVENTORY)

If you are undecided about a career meet with an educational advisor and take a Free Interest Inventory.

5. SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES/DISABILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES.

Renee Maestas	Student Services Building	Office #SS109	454-5355	Ext. 1216
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6. FINANCIAL AID

FINANCIAL AID TRANSCRIPT

If you attended another post-secondary school, arrange to have a Financial Aid Transcript sent to LCC Office of Financial Assistance.

Michael Montoya	Administration Building	454-2534	Ext. 1034
Amanda Ortiz	Administration Building	454-5324	Ext. 1035
Rochelle Mueller	Administration Building	454-2552	Ext. 1036
Michelle Bencomo	Administration Building	454-2536	Ext. 1037

Spring registration is ongoing; hard-copy schedules now available. Online registration will be operational during LCC's Christmas break.

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Smile if you agree

By Jesse Gallegos
*A Different
Perspective*

Do we smile enough? Some of us probably do. Some of us probably don't.

There are a lot of stresses in life which may prevent us from doing one of the most basic and important things—which is smiling.

I have come up with the conclusion that things are going to happen, and regardless of the outcome, we have to continue to have faith and hope that it is going to get better.

And one of the most simplest things we can do to make a situation better is to smile. So I have a few ideas that I hope will make you do this.

Those of you that know me have realized that I am not brilliant—I am far from it. However, at some point I have probably made each and everyone of you smile and perhaps even laugh.



So here is your objective: Smile if you agree with the following statements. Some of these statements even rhyme.

- Smile if you agree that I am brilliant (just joking, I had to get this column started, somehow).

Smile if you agree that my father tried to teach me what was right and wrong but too many times I chose wine and song.

- Smile if you agree that I still look like this picture (left) (if you do, I have some ocean-front property to sell you in Villanueva, N.M.)
- Smile if you agree that even if the winter weather brings you cold and perhaps frigid temperatures at night, this column and **The Luna Light** brings you some delight.
- Smile if some of you agree that I am poet and most of you didn't know it.
- Smile if you agree that many people wish I would stop writing columns.
- Smile if you agree that most of you are my friend and that you wished you had known me since you were nine or 10.
- Smile if you agree that my father tried to teach me what was right and wrong but too many times I chose wine and song.

- Smile if you think that it's too cold on this December day and that you wish it would be the month of May.
- Smile if some of you can't wait until my next statement.
- Smile if you think someone once told me "I wish you could smile" and I said to them "why don't you sit for a while."
- Smile if you agree that one time when I was doing the tango, I couldn't exchange the flower because I had just ate a mango.
- Smile if you think I just got over the flu, and that I may favorite color is blue.
- Smile if you agree that one of Luna Community College's color is teal, and that you want me to start being real.
- Smile if at one point in your life you wish you were six foot tall, but then you got a phone call.
- Smile if you agree that I once fell in love with a woman that made my heart go flutter, flutter and that the only thing that compared to this was when I ate a jar of peanut butter.
- Smile if you agree that it's important to make this the best Christmas ever, and that it will take you to be very clever.
- Smile if you agree that although this column was silly, you are happy you read it.

Weekly activities

Monday, December 17, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. NM Livestock Board Meeting
(LRC Lecture Hall)

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies
Room 102B)

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

No Events Scheduled

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

No Events Scheduled

Thursday, December 20, 2012

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees Regular
Board Meeting (Student Services Room 102)

Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and community, a Rough Rider Meal Card is now available. The Rough Rider Meal Card can be purchased at the LCC Fiscal Office. For more information, call LCC Food Services Manager Paul Sandoval at 505/454-2581.

The next Luna Light will be published on Monday, January 13.

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Title V Newsletter

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 2 NOVEMBER 2012

“Creating a Pathway to Success in High-Demand Programs”

Distance Learning & Title V Team Up

Distance Learning Services Coordinator Larry Paiz and Simulation Lab Supervisor Susan Olson-Smith have been preparing to record a family nursing lecture. This will allow students to have access to the lecture for review at any time either live or online. The enhanced form of lecture is a method of reinforcement and skills made possible for Luna Community College nursing students with funding from the new Title V grant. Lecture Capture is available to any department who would like to enhance student learning outcomes. Please contact Larry Paiz in the Distance Learning Department for further information.



Thank You!



The Title V staff would like to thank Physical Plant Director Ron Gonzales along with his staff for their expertise, support and quick response during our planning for the renovation of the simulation lab and our future endeavors. It’s been a pleasure working with you and your department.

G.O. Bond Compliments Title V Initiatives



Unfinished Collision Repair

Martinez and the Title V staff to plan the upcoming construction initiatives for the auto collision building during year 2. A poster sized timeline plan was created for all staff to view and determine the outcomes. The grant objectives were also distributed to everyone. The collaboration between the G.O. Bond and the Title V requirements were also discussed. Title V has outlined the perform-

ance objectives for Year 2 and are awaiting completion of the G.O. Bond plan from Gonzales and Martinez to complete the process.



Current shared automotive

Title V Staff

Lorraine Martinez, Director • Veronica Serna, Activity Director • Tiffany Young, Office Manager
Susan Olson-Smith, Sim Lab Supervisor • Larry Paiz, Instructional Designer

Remembering 2012—a snapshot



Remembering 2012—a snapshot





Luna Community College Building Technologies Instructor and Associated General Contractors of America Apprenticeship Instructor Joseph Montoya receives a President's Award for Excellence from AGC Board President Lawrence (Larry) Franken of Franken Construction recently.

The criteria for the nomination includes: Montoya participating in the association and serving as an ambassador who interprets the mission of AGC; defending the AGC when under pressure or represented AGC in their constituencies and communities; challenged the process: introduced new ideas, procedures and or question the current status; inspired a shared vision: initiated new programs and or policies for the association and carried them forward; enabled others to act; brought in new participants; requested the assistance of staff and demonstrated good attendance at various functions; modeled the way and is visible in AGC activities and encouraged others. Montoya teaches his students under these general guidelines which make students more attractive to employers in the building technologies industry.

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GET A QUALITY
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**REGISTRATION FOR 2013 SPRING
CLASSES BEGINS ON NOV. 15**

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Call for information at 505.454.2500 or 1-800.588.7232
REGISTER EARLY!! THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE CLASSES!

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FURNITURE & CABINETMAKING

FCMK 104-Planning, Layout & Design

Jan 15-May 10 Tuesdays 5-9 pm

Location: Main Campus, Woodshop

Instructor: Robert Ortiz

In this course, students will define & apply elements of design, line, shape, mass, color, tone, texture to a small project in accordance with design standards, design acceptance & practical applications. Safety is covered.

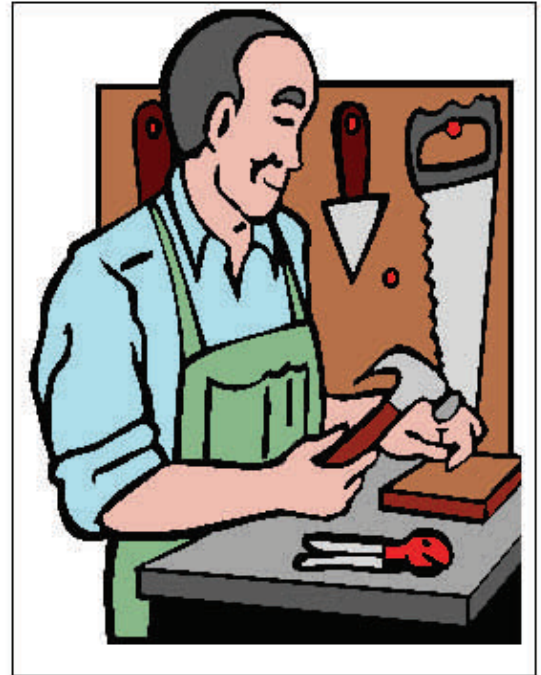
FCMK 130-Advanced Woodworking

Jan 15-May 10 Fridays 4-9 pm

Location: Main Campus, Woodshop

Instructor: Robert Ortiz

This capstone course includes advanced projects in Furniture & Cabinetmaking as approved by the instructor. Safety is covered.



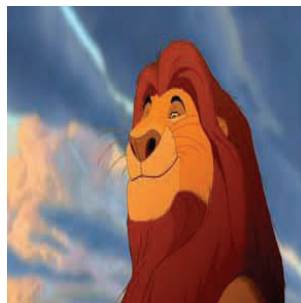
Call LCC @ 454-5311 for registration information. Register early!

Celebrity Look-Alike Contest

We are asking individuals to vote on which picture looks closer to our Luna Community College employee. Please e-mail your vote to jgallegos@luna.edu or by calling extension 1200. Votes will be taken until 3 p.m. on Tuesday. If you would like to volunteer for a look-alike, please call ext. 1200. Remember this is all in fun.



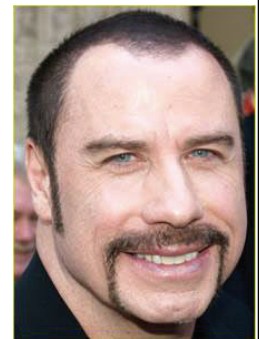
Gilbert
"Guba"
Martinez and
The Lion
King



or



Paul
Sandoval
and
John
Travolta





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Spring 2013 Faculty Orientation

Wednesday
January 9th, 2013
9 am-12 pm
LRC Lecture Hall

Mandatory for all Full-Time Faculty
Every Faculty Member is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Governance

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Maxine Hughes, Allied Health X 1802
Lawrence Martinez, Library X 1150

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Exercise & Wellness

Kickboxing and Step Combo



January 14 -- May 10, 2013 (M-W)
12:00p – 12:50p

- Cardiovascular machines
- Cardio-conditioning equipment
- Free weights
- Boxing equipment
- Exercise balls
- Toning & abdominal equipment
- Wellness staff available

Last day to enroll, January 22nd
(LCC Registrar's Office)

Regular Fees: \$ 41 -- Senior Fees: \$ 28
Approx. \$10/month Approx. \$7/month

Wellness Center 505-425-8767
Registrar's Office 505-454-5314

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Quality New Mexico, quality LCC

By Jesse Gallegos
**A Different
Perspective**

Luna Community College is on a quest for excellence. And I think we are taking the right steps in this direction.

Last Tuesday, we had a training with the Retha Shiplet from Quality New Mexico who did an excellent job explaining to us the basics on what we have done and what we have to do to improve as a college.

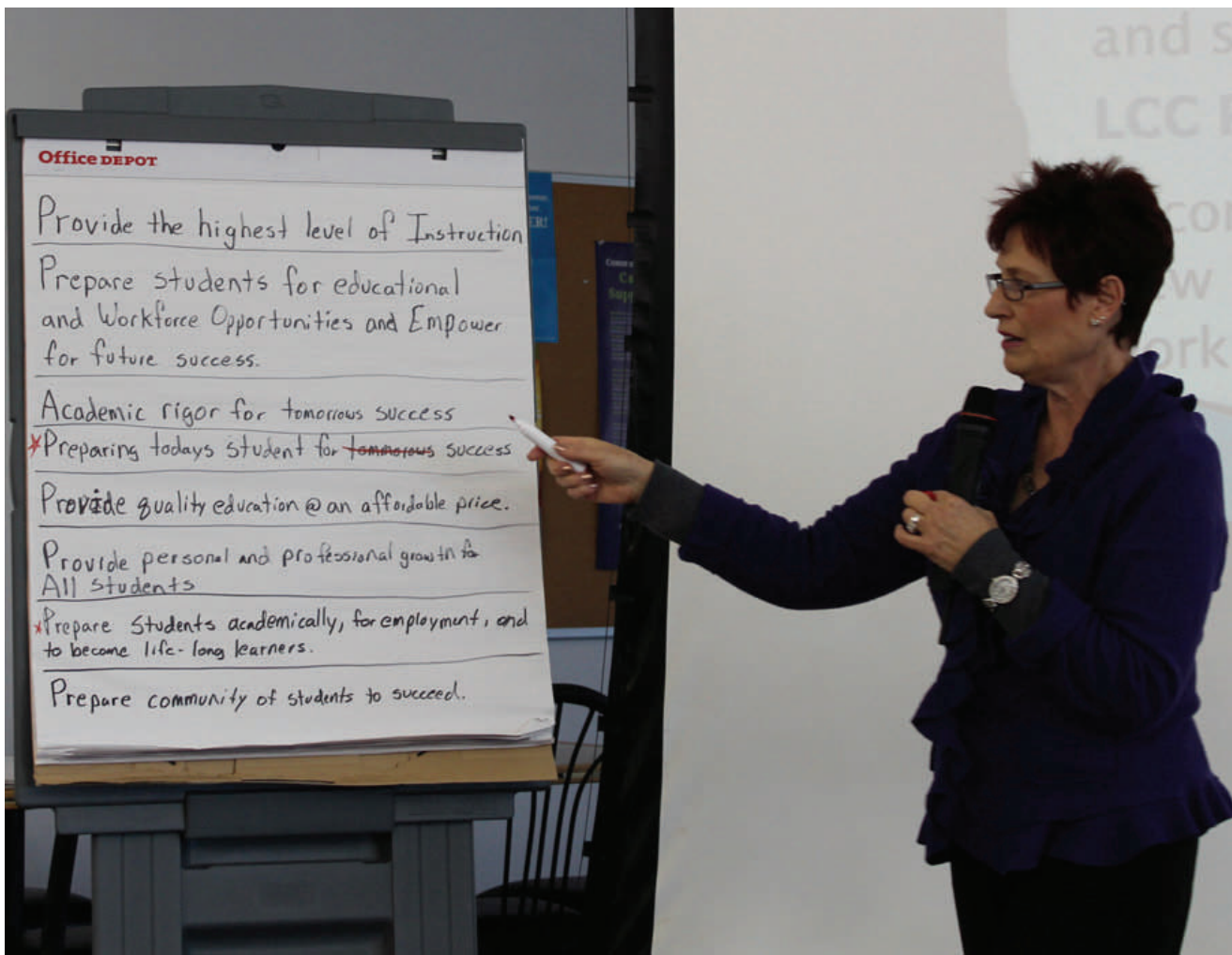
We are utilizing Quality New Mexico in this "excellence journey" which I believe will make us the best rural community college in New Mexico and perhaps one day in the nation. Currently, we are utilizing their assistance to develop our strategic plan. The strategic plan is the foundation and most importance piece of moving forward. It gives us unified direction, and helps us focus on the tasks necessary to improve ourselves for our students.

One of the main reasons for this is to allow them to help us reach consensus on a vision and mission for the school, and to explain how they tie into our strategic plan development. Every object and goal should be designed to support our mission and achieve our vision.

The next step will be that through our institutional research and development and effectiveness director John Tiernan, the college will create a template for developing our departmental goals. Each department will use this template to develop their individual goals, timelines and measures to help the institution support the mission and achieve the vision. Tiernan will compile all of these goals into the strategic plan which will be presented to the board of trustees, and then will become our direction for the next three years.

Let me tell you something, Luna Community College's best days are still ahead. And if I could use a line from my previous column on page 6, please smile if you agree.





Quality New Mexico Chief Operating Officer and Training & Development Director Retha Shippet discusses several options of a mission statement during Tuesday's Quality New Mexico training.

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Luna Community College employees listen to LCC Business and Professional Studies Instructor Harry Anderson (brown shirt) during Tuesday's Quality New Mexico training.

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LCC's Springer Satellite's Quilting Open House



Pictured clockwise are: LCC Springer Satellite Director Louise Portillos; Donation quilt-- Laura Brewer, instructor, Agnes Mares, accounts payable at Colfax Long Term Care, and Liz DeCristino, student; guests at the event in top photos and Louise Portillos, Lisa Wolf, Liz DeCristino, Agnes Mares, Laura Brewer, instructor, Effie Montoya, Judy Phelps, Maria Crosswhite, and Sue Fleming.

Springer quilting class; a success

The Luna Community College Springer Satellite 2013 quick rotary cut quilt class, taught by Laura Brewer, held an open house on Nov. 29. The Open House was held to recognize the work of the students and to provide the community with an opportunity to view a variety of quilts and quilted projects that were made during the fall class. Several students, faculty and community residents, including LCC Springer Satellite Director Louise Portillos, who is also a student of the class, attended the fun event.

During the open house, two lap quilts, which had been finished during the fall 2012 class, were donated to the Colfax General Long Term Care facility in Springer. The quilts were

accepted by Agnes Mares, CGLTC Accounts Payable/student and Liz DeCristino, student. Refreshments were provided by the students and instructor which included the purchase of a scrumptious cake created by the Luna Community College main campus Culinary Arts Department.

During the 2013 Spring Semester, QUIL105 Intro. to Quilting and Sewing and QUIL205 Quilting and Sewing II (which is already full) classes will be offered at the Springer Satellite. If you are interested in attending or for more information call the LCC Springer Satellite at (575)483-5009 or visit the LCC website at www.luna.edu.

**Spring
registration
is ongoing**



We are Luna Community College

We are scholars, builders and innovators, mechanics, athletes, dream seekers and caretakers.
We are a community of possibilities—onsite, online and in touch.

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Luna Community College Vocational Director Gary Martinez (left) talks with LCC Santa Rosa Satellite Director Albert Campos about the improvements that come with the model of Quality New Mexico.

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