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"The People's College"

Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America



Patricio Padilla is studying drafting at Luna Community College. The 2012 Robertson graduate, intends to earn his drafting technology degree by 2014 and transfer to UNM and eventually become an architect.

Should I earn a business degree?

By Vidal Martinez

LCC Vice-President for Instruction

A business degree can be applied toward general occupational fields or specialized within a specific area. To name a few, a business degree may lead to a career in entrepreneurship, management, accounting or marketing. The degree can also be applied to many different professions and business principles that have wide applications, to include private businesses or government jobs. For example, with a business degree, an accountant can be a chief financial officer, a computer technician can be director of Information Technology (IT), a mechanic can become a supervisor, and a teacher can be an administrator. At LCC, a student can select from a variety of majors ranging from general business, accounting, business administration or office administration. The following is a description of each degree.

ACCOUNTING

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Accounting is designed to teach students accounting principles and practices. The purpose of the degree is to provide students entry-level accounting skills for employment opportunities or as a preparatory program for students who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in accounting or related field.

To read the full article, see Monday's Luna Light

LCC student pleased with education

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Dear Sir:

Please let this serve as my "letter of introduction" highlighting my experience in construction technology and education at Luna Community College.

I have a bachelor's degree in political science from New Mexico Highlands University, and am working on obtaining a master's degree. I am also a licensed real estate agent. Additionally, I am OSHA 30 certified and also nationally certified through The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) as a journeyman carpenter. In addition, I have completed my Associates in Vocational Studies in construction technology from Luna Community College and intend to continue my education and receive my bachelors' degree in construction management. I served in the United States Air Force and received an honorable discharge. Currently, I am a business owner as a home inspector for the major insurance carriers and also act in the capacity as a paralegal for Nancy Richards, Attorney.

My experiences, in my life, have been varied and extensive, leading me to believe that construction workers were simply hard workers. However, what I have discovered through my education at Luna Community College is that the construction industry is a noble and rewarding field. I now know the difference between individuals that nail boards together and a craftsman. I now know that this is not a field left to those that have no other options or lack an education, as is sometimes a common misconception. This is a field that requires not only brawn but also brains. I already had an education but now I have not only furthered my education but also acquired a skill that makes me proud. At this point in my career, I hope to use my experience, knowledge and encouraging attitude to make a difference in the lives of others and my community.

My resume, which is enclosed, contains additional information on my education, experience and skills.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Roderick Lujan