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LCC receives \$1.1 million grant

Money to be used for life skills development opportunities for GED students

Luna Community College was awarded a \$1,136,196 YouthBuild Grant, the majority of it from the U.S. Department of Labor. Other entities involved include: The Las Vegas Housing Authority, HELP Office, CYFD, Las Vegas Juvenile Justice Continuum Board and Team Builders. The college was informed of this grant on Thursday afternoon.

The 3-year grant will benefit 54 disadvantaged General Educational Development Diploma (GED) students. The grant is tailored and designed to include two cohorts of 27 students to help them attain their GED as well as a certificate in building technologies. The program is scheduled to start in the spring semester.

“This effort combines necessary education and training so GED students can be prepared to enter the workforce,” said LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. “This grant supports LCC’s mission to prepare students for future employment.”

Students involved in the grant will receive a \$1,000 stipend once they earn their GED and another \$1,000 stipend after

they earn a building technology certificate. All classes will be taught at LCC. Students will build two houses and be supervised by Habitat for Humanity subcontractors. The homes will go back to the city to be rented to low income students with the priority to be homeless students.

The grant will make money available for two instructors. One faculty member will be placed with the GED program, the other in building technologies.

The grant will coordinate with agencies such as Habitat for Humanity, the City Housing Authority, HELP Office, CYFD and Team Builders.

The City Housing Authority has already committed two lots within the city limits at a cost of \$45,000 each.

“I want to thank everyone who was involved in helping with this grant,” said Leroy “Huero” Sanchez and Dr. Gilbert Sena who co-wrote the grant in a joint statement.

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

Manuel Archuleta says that friendships established at LCC important to him

The following is an interview with Manuel Archuleta who worked at the LCC Physical Plant for nearly the last eight years.

When did you begin working at Luna Community College? February, 2005.

What jobs have you held while at LCC? Grounds maintenance, technical maintenance and general maintenance III.

Where are you going to work at? State of New Mexico (CBS).

What is your best memories of LCC? Noche de las Luminarias every December.

What are you not going to miss about LCC? Like in most entities, I would have liked to see more team-



Manuel Archuleta is leaving LCC after working here since 2005.

work and more positive attitudes.

What would you like people to remember you by? My willingness to go above and beyond to help others.
Is there any advice you would like to give to students, faculty, staff or administration? To always think positive.

What one thing would you like to see changed about LCC? I really believe that Luna Community College is ready to have housing facilities on campus. This would be beneficial to first-year students.

To read the full interview, see Monday’s Luna Light.