

The Luna Light

ACE Lab available to students

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The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), commonly called the ACE lab is located in the Tech building on the Luna Community College campus and provides computer access, tutoring for STEM courses, as well as information on internships, scholarships and research opportunities in the sciences. The center is in the heart of the STEM department and casual student-instructor interaction in this environment is frequent and makes for a productive study environment.

We welcome all students of the LCC community; you do not need to be a STEM major to visit the ACE Lab! In addition to traditional access to tutors, the center follows the unique Supplemental Instructor (SI) Model developed by Dr. Deanna Martin in 1973 at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. This model has proven to increase student performance and retention. SI targets traditionally difficult academic courses and provides regularly scheduled, out-of-class, peer facilitated sessions.

The SI sessions are facilitated by Supplemental Instruction Leaders (SILs), who are LCC or NMHU consortium students and have mastered the course, done well, and been identified by faculty as model students to act as SILs. Each SIL sits in a targeted course, take notes and establishes a peer relationship with the students in the classroom. The SIL's participate in scheduled trainings led by the SI supervisor, to increase the quality of the sessions.

SI sessions are regularly scheduled outside the class and held at the ACE lab. They integrate how-to-learn with what-to-learn.

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Congratulations to the three Luna Community College first level nursing recipients of the Alta Vista Regional Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship. Pictured (l-r) are Kiana Gutierrez, Kimberly Sena and Kacy Cochran. The Alta Vista Women's Auxiliary has provided \$1500 for three semesters of study to generally three candidates since 2002. To date, they have donated \$142,500 to Luna nursing students. Allied Health Director Conni Reichert says the department is very thankful for their generosity and support.

The LCC Dental Assistant Student Association recently raised money through a bake sale at the Rough Rider Grill.

