

The Luna Light



“The People’s College”

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The 2013 Luna Community College Softball Team opened up this season this week. Pictured are: (bottom, l-r) Celeste Paez, Kari Mays, Alexis Murillo and Marquita Zamora; (middle row, l-r) Veronica Holloman, Marissa Valencia, Shannon Taraddei, Kayla Roberts, Renee Roybal, Denise Otero, Ashton Borunda and Savannah Miller. (Top row, l-r) Montana Martinez, Mary Medina, Kaitlyn Gross, Larissa Gallegos, Mercediz Bileen, Stephanie Rose, Gabriella Negeiros, Amber Harding, Yadira Carrasco, Krynisha Betoni, Jasmine Hernandez and Adrienne Chavez.

YouthBuild at LCC to build youth

Luna Community College’s exciting new program, YouthBuild, is a highly successful alternative education program that will assist local area youth ages 16-24 obtain their GED and pursue post-secondary education. Likewise, program participants will earn construction industry-related job skills by renovating or building affordable housing in our community.

YouthBuild students will participate in leadership development activities, all while earning college credit and nationally-recognized credentials through the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). Additionally, YouthBuild will provide career

placement opportunities and case management services to its participants.

Participants will also receive monetary incentives totaling \$2,000.

All costs incurred for college tuition, lab fees, textbooks, and tools of the trade will be paid for by YouthBuild. Participants will also receive monetary incentives totaling \$2,000. Specifically, a \$1,000 stipend will be given for completing either a renovation or construction project and a \$1,000 graduation stipend will also be awarded. Moreover, stu-

dents who successfully pass their GED with a score of 530 (or higher) automatically qualify for the New Mexico Lottery Scholarship.

The LCC YouthBuild program has two local operational partners. The City of Las Vegas and Habitat for Humanity will be directly involved in the actual renovation or construction phases of the program. Additionally, Luna has referring partners and supportive partners who will continuously provide services to YouthBuild and its participants.

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