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## Going for the gold medal *Monica Garcia preparing herself to do well at SkillsUSA in Kansas City*

Monica Garcia says that the first thing she notices when she meets someone is their smile. It's only right that Garcia will be competing in dental assisting at the SkillsUSA competition in Kansas City from June 23-29. She is the lone student representing Luna Community College.

"I like smiles," says Garcia a Mora High School graduate. "It makes me feel good that I help people improve their smiles. A smile can say a lot about a person."

Garcia is a 2013 Luna Community College graduate.

She won the New Mexico Skill-sUSA competition back in April and now she will be facing the nation's best.

"I plan on taking first," says Garcia. "I'm expecting to do my best. I'm nervous, but I feel I'm ready."



**Monica Garcia will represent Luna Community College in Kansas City from June 23-29.**

Garcia has been working diligently this summer with her instructors to try to gain as much knowledge as she can as she enters the competition.

"It's exciting to try something new," says Garcia. "It's going to be a good opportunity to meet new people from different parts of the country."

Although no one knows exactly what will be part of the competition, Garcia is preparing with both hands-on and textbook material. Impressively, Garcia is multitasking by taking summer courses and doing clinicals.

"I'm very comfortable with this type of work," says Garcia. "It's fun being a dental assistant. You get to do different things every day."

*To read the full column see Monday's Luna Light.*

## Four LCC student-athletes named to all-conference team

Four Luna Community College student-athletes have been recognized by the Western Junior College Athletic Conference—three in baseball and one in softball.

Ridge Hoopii-Haslam was named first-team all-WJCAC as an infielder. Hoopii-Haslam batted .404, had 69 hits, 15 doubles, eight triples and eight home runs. He also added 33 RBI and scored 42 runs.

Erick Santiago and Rudy Gutierrez were named honorable mention WJCAC. Santiago had a .367 batting average. He also had 65 hits, seven doubles and one triple. Santiago also had 20 RBI.

Gutierrez had an ERA of 5.12 to go along with 53 strikeouts in only 45.2 innings pitched. Gutierrez was 2-3 on the year.

Amber Harding was named honorable mention WJCAC. She finished with a .389 batting average to go with two home runs, eight doubles and two triples. She also had 31 RBI and 16 walks.

Former LCC baseball player Will Mathis was drafted in the 25th round and was the No. 747 pick overall. Mathis was drafted out of UNM, and played for the Rough Riders in 2011.