

The Luna Light



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Varela wants another shot at nationals *LCC student restores Mustang Convertible*

Earl Varela has a lot of patience. Back in 1995 after he graduated from high school Varela came across a 1988 Ford Mustang Convertible GT. It had one major problem—no motor. Perhaps two major problems—the body of the car needed work.

Last Thursday Varela, a second-year Luna Community College Auto Collision student, culminated his 16-year project. He restored it to almost-mint condition which included a new motor, transmission, an upgraded rear-end an outstanding electric blue paint job covered by candy oriental blue with a blue pearl.

“I love it,” says Varela. “I am a car enthusiast. Whether it be an old car or a new car, I love working on vehicles.”

Varela first attended Luna Community College last year after finding out that New Mexico Law was leaning toward mandating that collision companies have certified technicians before releasing insurance premiums on cars that needed repair work.

“It’s something I’ve always liked to do,” said Varela. “I’ve learned a lot here at Luna. There is not one day I don’t learn something new. Someone always has a different method of doing something.”

Varela is looking forward to winning back-to-back SkillsUSA championship at the state level in hopes to qualifying again to nationals in Kansas City where he finished a disappointing 19th in auto refinishing.

“I know I could have done a lot better,” says Varela. “If I get another opportunity I know what to expect now. I know I can do better.”

Varela is preparing a little different. “This year I know what the judges are looking for,” says Varela.

As far as his refinished car, Varela intends to put a new interior and a convertible top.

“My intentions are to give it to my son,” says Varela. “His only 10 years old now, but he knows it’s his.”



Luna Community College Auto Collision student Earl Varela shows his newly restored 1988 Ford Mustang Convertible GT. Varela says he intends to give it his son.

Luna Community College has new financial aid staff

In an effort to expedite the financial aid processes, Luna Community College has hired consultant Vikki Goeke. Goeke will serve as interim financial aid director. Goeke will also assist the college in finding a permanent financial aid director. Goeke has over 32 years of financial aid experience, which includes 18 years at the community college level.

Michael Montoya was named interim coordinator on Monday.

Luna Community College is working diligently to make sure that financial aid awards are packaged and disbursed in a timely manner.

The college expects the second fall disbursements to be ready by **Friday, Oct. 28**. Students are encouraged to look for updates on their e-mail or on Friday’s special edition of **The Luna Light**.

Students are also encouraged to see the ACCESS staff on possible alternatives for financial help during this time.

The college will also provide an update on its weekly radio show which airs at 1 p.m. on Wednesday on KNMX.

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Tuesday October 25th
12:00-2:30pm
Business & Professional Studies Building lobby**

**Appointments available by request
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project for television operations class**

Health Sciences Director Susan Grohman says she has enjoyed working with her colleagues



Susan Grohman says that Luna Community College has welcomed her with open arms.

Name: Susan Grohman

Position: Director of Allied Health Sciences

How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? I started my position in August 2011

What plans do you have for the Health Sciences Department? I want to do away with paper waste. Our department is purchasing a scantron for more effective test taking and reliability. I would like to see centralized computer access – a large computer lab here in the AHS area. Our students complete their career path by taking their certification exam or nursing boards via computer. I would like to prepare our students accordingly.

How have you liked your first couple of months as the new director?

I have enjoyed meeting and working with my new co-workers. This new position gives me the opportunity to take a new nursing path. I also teach which I feel keeps me grounded and in touch with the students.

Favorite food and why? Anything with green chili – the hotter the better. Especially love to order my enchiladas at Christmas (red/green).

Favorite hobby and why? I am a major baseball fan. My mother greatly influenced my love for baseball. I have been to approximately 15 major league and AA baseball parks and plan to see them all. GO D'BACKS!

Favorite TV show and why? I am not much of a TV watcher but if I had to watch NCIS with Mark Harmon every night I would not complain.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? I hope I am still here if everyone can tolerate me. I would hope I would continue making changes to better the education of students here at LCC.

What do you like best about LCC? The people – I know everyone says that but everyone at LCC has welcomed me with open arms. I have never felt like the new person in a meeting or in the classroom. I really appreciate that.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? I sometimes feel LCC does not offer all the technical support we can for our students. I would like to see that change as I mentioned before. I would like to see more computers with easier access for test taking and research for students.

What is your greatest strength? I like change and I love technology. I am trying to incorporate more into the classroom and department.

What special quality do you add to LCC? I am adaptive. I can change to meet the needs of my department and I hope I can help our students succeed in their chosen career paths.

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Jesse’s
quick
hits

Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—Jesse

Where do frogs cash checks?
At the riverbank.

What games do you frogs play?
Leap frog and croak-quet.

What’s a toad’s favorite movie?
Star Wars.

Several 8-Week Courses offered at LCC

CRS NO	Description	Sec	HRS	Days	Dates	Times	Campus	Instructor
ART 106	Introduction to Drawing	41	3	-M-W---	10/17-12/09	5:30PM - 9:20PM	Off Site	"Bauer, A"
ENG 115	Freshman Composition II	01	3	-MTW---	10/17-12/09	3:00PM - 4:40PM	Main Campus	"Hoppe, B"
HIST 101	Western Civilization I	03	3	-M-W---	10/17-12/09	12:00PM - 2:50PM	Main Campus	"Gonzales,L"
HIST 101E	Western Civilization I (DL)	21	3	--T-R--	10/18-12/09	3:00PM - 5:50PM	Online Course	"Beil, J."
MS 130E	Intro - Military Literature (DL)	01	3	-MTW---	10/17-12/09	10:00AM - 11:40AM	Online Course	"Muniz, D"
MS 215E	American Military History (DL)	01	3	-MTW---	10/17-12/09	12:00PM - 1:40PM	Online Course	"Lopez, V"
PE 117	Kickboxing and Step Combo	02	1	-MTW---	10/17-12/09	1:00PM - 2:15PM	Main Campus	Marr-Monto
PSYC 101E	Introduction to Psychology (DL)	20	3	--T-R--	10/18-12/09	9:00AM - 11:50AM	Online Course	"Harris, R"
PSYC 242E	Developmental Life Span (DL)	02	3	----F-	10/20-12/09	9:00AM - 3:00PM	Online Course	"Hughes, R"
SOC101	Introduction to Sociology	02	3	-M-W---	10/17-12/09	3:00PM - 5:50PM	Main Campus	Armijo C
SOC101E	Introduction to Sociology (DL)	20	3	--T-R--	10/18-12/09	1:00PM - 3:50PM	Online Course	"Harris, R"
STVE219	Restaurant Experience	01	3	----F-	10/21-12/09	8:00AM - 6:00PM	Main Campus	"O'Brien, A"
THTR110	Introduction to Theater	41	3	-M-W---	10/17-12/09	5:30PM - 8:20PM	Off Site	"Dix-Wil, G"

LCC SMET students attend research conference

A group of SMET students recently attended The New Mexico AMP (Alliance of Minority Participation) 2011 Student Research Conference from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

Felipe Garcia presented on his research of a mechanized green chile destemming machine. Garcia attended a Summer Community College Opportunity Research Experience (SCCORE) program at NMSU this past summer where he performed the research for the green chile destemming machine.

Sean Conway, a former New Mexico AMP student, presented on his own personal experience with New Mexico AMP and the role it played in his success as a student at LCC and NMSU.

In attendance were:

George Martinez (Mathematics); Justin Smith (Electronics Engineering Technology); Victoria Olguin (Alternative and Sustainable Energy); Richard Flores (Life Science); Dr. Elizabeth Juarros Ph.D. (LCC NM AMP Coordinator and SMET Faculty) and Sean Conway (BCS / ACE Project Specialist).



Pictured clockwise are: Felipe Garcia presenting his research mechanized green chile destemming machine; (Bottom, l-r) Richard Flores and George Martinez ; Top row, l-r) Sean Conway, BCS Program Specialist; Justin Smith; Felipe Garcia; Victoria Olguin and Dr. Elizabeth Juarros and Conway presenting on his own experience with New Mexico AMP.



Grant Writing



Day 1 – Finding a potential funding source/RFP

Learning Objectives

1. Participants will demonstrate knowledge of methods of searching for potential funding.
2. Participants will identify their needs and locate compatible invitational priorities.
3. Participants will understand how to interpret and RFP.

Day 2 – Developing the proposal

Learning Objectives

1. Participants will demonstrate knowledge of the component parts of a proposal.
2. Participants will be able to clearly articulate project activities to address the goals/objectives as stated.
3. Participants will develop a cohesive rough draft of a proposal in their stated area of interest.

RSVP: LCC SBDC (505) 454-2582

or (800) 588-7232 x1759

or www.nmsbdc.org/lasvegas

\$150 Fee

Limited Seating

Please pay fee at the door. Must have correct amount in cash or a check payable to "Merqinq Traffic"

Instructors: Sandra Coca and Diane Contreras

November 10 & 11

8:00am—5:00pm both days!



LCC Student Services Conference Room

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LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANT JOB POSITIONS:

- Adjunct Faculty/Per Course Instructor
- Full-Time Faculty-Medical Surgical Nursing
- Financial Assistance Director

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Weekly Activities

Monday, October 17, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *DWI Class (General Studies/102B)*

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *DWI Class (General Studies/102B)*

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *LCC Board of Trustees “Board Meeting” (Stud.Srv/Cnf.Rm)*

Thursday, October 20, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *New Mexico 2011*

Electrical Code Update(LRC/Lecture Hall) 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Annual

Switch Enrollment Meeting (Allied Health/LO-1)10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority Mtg. (Mora Site/Library)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Stop Smoking Class/ Community Ed. (IPC/Cafeteria)*

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. *Monthly Water Board of Director’s Meeting (Techn./126-B)*

Friday, October 21, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *State Mandated Training/ Sponsored: Citizens for Developmentally Disabled (LRC/Lecture Hall)*

Saturday, October 22, 2011

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *C.N.A. Testing (Allied HlthNrsng.Lab#3,Comp.Lab#7, MO-11)9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDSMP Community Workshop (Student Serv./ Conf. Room)*

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Luna CC Dual Credit high school student count for fall 2011 semester

The following is the Luna Community College Dual Credit student headcount for the fall semester. This information was taken from Sept. 2. Below is the breakdown by school district.

Cimarron	13
Cuba	19
Home School	3
LVCA	1
Maxwell	1

Mora	38
Pecos	62
Quemado	2
Raton	62
Robertson	80
Springer	24
Santa Rosa	47
Wagon Mound	8
WLVS	83
WLVFP	19

Luna Community College public speaking instructor Dorothy Simpson prepares for one of her classes recently. Simpson has been teaching since 1965. Simpson’s total years of teaching is 45. Simpson took one year off when her daughter was born. Look for a feature on Simpson in a future edition of The Luna Light.





Looking Beyond Our Own Pathway

By Dr. Pete Campos

I took a lot of time this weekend to attend funerals and several masses and listen intently to the homilies of priests from Santa Rosa, to Las Vegas to Albuquerque. The messages came from in-depth wisdom based on life's experiences and the spirit of love, faith and hope.

One message described the many humanitarian deeds accomplished in a long life well lived, another indicated that no one person is better than another and still another message laid out the justice we must practice to serve our maker and one another. If I were to encapsulate my thoughts of these profound messages into one sentence it would be: Our jobs here at Luna Community College are not about me – or you – but about us as the Luna Family serving our students. It is important that our focus be centered around students and the processes involved in helping them mature, learn, thirst for lifelong knowledge and gain the necessary confidence to make real life changing adult decisions.

We don't have to be in conflict with one another or harm the reputation of another by our assumptions or cruel words; instead, as we all make daily decisions and expect others to agree with or feel sympathetic towards us and yet, express disfavor at the decision making of others – we can keep an open mind and work with one another to better understand why decisions are made. We all have deeply spiritual traits and it would make our relationships with each other better if we lived what we believed. In spite of propaganda – it behooves us to practice respect for each other - this behavior would be for the greater good of society. At his Stanford University commencement speech in 2005, Steve Jobs (2-24-1955 – 10-5-2011), CEO and co-founder of Apple and Pixar, urged us to pursue our dreams and see the opportunities in life's setbacks – including death itself.

We are truthful, passionate, energetic and transparent in our quest to make Luna a much better college that serves the educational “job preparing” needs of students. We experience setbacks but we are here to stay the course and make Luna Community College better. *We are family and we stand together as family with the courage to identify what is wrong and work together to make it right.*

This photo is an indication that winter is right around the corner. Many weather services are reporting that temperatures are scheduled to drop this week.





Ms. Carol Romero's GED students shared their presentations with their classmates and staff on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Their presentations were on notable, historical events, places, or people from Las Vegas. The presenters and subject areas were as follows: Ernest Torres and Cida Stephens, Billy the Kid; Patricia Gallegos and Junior John; Montezuma Castle; Celine Garcia, Vicente Silva; Michael Baca and Jocelyn Romero, Daisy Rice; Shannon Daughety and Leroy Jimenez, Red Dawn/ Patrick Swayze; Veronica Jaramillo, Hoodoo Brown; Sharon J. Montoya Ponce and Crystal Cordova, Cowboys and Cowgirls Reunion in Las Vegas, N.M.



Sharon J. Montoya Ponce, a GED student, works on her visual aid as she prepares for her presentation.

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