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Fall 2012 Luna Community College Dental Assisting students are currently preparing for the New Mexico State Board exam in radiation health and safety. Pictured (l-r) are Julie Silva, Leah Ortiz, Monica Garcia, Maria Chavez, Devinn Martinez and Rachel Trujillo.

SM&ET Department receives \$50,000 grant

The Luna Community College SM&ET Department received a NM EPSCoR grant for \$50,000.

LCC adjunct faculty member Richard McNeill and Department Director Dr. Andrew Feldman were notified on Aug. 29 that LCC will be receiving an EPSCoR seed grant for \$50,000. EPSCoR, which stands for Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, called for seed grant proposals several months ago and Mr. McNeill, a botany instructor, submitted a proposal. The proposal is titled “Building the Capacity to Monitor Climate Change and Manage Lands to Minimize Climate Impacts in New Mexico.”

The money from the grant will mainly go for equipment for student use in the biology lab area and out in the field. Students will be able to participate in faculty guided research projects monitoring local vegetation for effects from climate change.

Since LCC is a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), this grant works to provide opportunities for students that are under-represented in the sciences. Students who do participate will present their research at the annual EPSCoR student research conference.

Keep an eye out for announcements around the department of Science, Math, and Engineering Technology as they begin the grant.

LCC’s Montoya earns certification



Joseph Montoya

Luna Community College Building Technologies Instructor Joseph Montoya recently received an international certification as a master trainer in accordance with the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), and is now authorized to train and certify instructors.

While in New Orleans for the Master Trainer Instructor Certification Training Program (MTICTP), Montoya also received certification as a Construction Site Safety Master (CSSM) instructor, which is the highest level of recognition within the NCCER safety system.

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