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LCC’s Krause representing New Mexico as New Century Scholar

Jackson, Miss.— Luna Community College criminal justice student Shannon Krause is one of 50 community college students from the United States, Canada and Guam named 2012 New Century Scholars – receiving a total of \$100,000 in scholarships. The New Century Scholars Program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa, and American Association of Community Colleges.

The New Century Scholars program and All-USA Community College Academic Team, which is presented by USA TODAY and Phi Theta Kappa and sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group, share a common application and together recognize outstanding community college students. More than 1,700 students were nominated from more than 800 community colleges for recognition. Judges consider grades, leadership, activities and most importantly, how students extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom.

New Century Scholars are the highest scoring students in each state, plus one student from Canada and one additional student chosen from among one



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of the remaining seven sovereign nations where Phi Theta Kappa is represented internationally. Each scholar will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and plaque, and will be recognized in the April 23, 2012 edition of USA TODAY.

“We appreciate the support of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and The Coca-Cola Foundation to recognize the outstanding academic achievement and leadership accomplishments of these outstanding community college students,” said Phi Theta Kappa’s Executive Director, Dr. Rod Risley. “These scholarships provided by organizations like Coca-Cola make the goal of college completion possible – especially during these challenging economic times.”

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1,280 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, Peru, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. More than 2.5 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 135,000 students inducted annually.

Article by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.



Luna Community College Third Baseman Mike Valois gets ready on defense (left photo) and then tags out a New Mexico Military Institute player Monday at home. The two teams split a doubleheader. The Rough Riders host Trinidad State in a doubleheader beginning at noon today. The two teams also play on Saturday in a one nine inning game starting at noon.