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Dr. Edward Gomez to be keynote speaker at LCC's Title V Simulation Lab Open House

Dr. Edward Gomez, a vascular surgeon, will be the keynote speaker at Luna Community College's Title V Simulation Lab *Open House* which will take place from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21 at the LCC Allied Health Building.

Dr. Gomez has appeared on CNN, ABC, Nightline, Good Morning America and Sunday Morning CBS News. Dr. Gomez has collaborated with other doctors on over 40 publications and has presented over 100 times worldwide. His medical expertise was immense in the military for over 21 years as he worked at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. where he was the general surgeon for vascular surgery.

Dr. Gomez has conducted over 20 research projects and was an invited presenter to the First Congressional Hearing on "Telemedicine & Advanced Technology". In addition,

Dr. Gomez has been noted as one of the most outstanding surgeons in El Paso.

In his spare time, Dr. Gomez raises registered Black Angus cattle on his family ranch in Mora County. He is married to Beth (Harris). Together they have a son Patrick, who runs the family ranch and a daughter Lacy Houdek, who operates her own practice as a nurse practitioner in Las Vegas.

When asked why his practice is so successful, he cites his success to three things:

- Dedication to his passion which is treating vascular disease
- Unique trainings from a fellowship in vascular disorders
- Experience from his years as an Army surgeon

Luna Community College welcomes Dr. Edward Gomez!



Believe it or not, I'm getting engaged

A few years ago, I wrote a column about the fact that I was one of the few individuals at my age that had yet to be married.

To my surprise, this particular column received a lot of attention. Some of it was good. Some of it was not. Today, I am happy to report that I recently got engaged. In fact, it happened in late April in Albuquerque. And I wanted to share my experience with everyone.

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By Jesse Gallegos
A Different Perspective



Luna Community College Computer Science graduate Brandon Baca is pictured here with LCC Science, Math & Engineering Technology Director Dr. Andrew Feldman during a ceremony held on May 9. For more on the ceremony, see pages 4 and 5.

Engaged...

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Webster's dictionary defines engagement as the act of engaging or the state of being engaged. Today, my role reflects the first portion. Many of you may have thought it was the other type of engagement. Perhaps, the one where you wear a ring around your fourth left finger.

On Monday April 22 and Tuesday April 23, I attended the Quality New Mexico Learning Summit and had the opportunity to listen to many successful CEO's from New Mexico and across the nation. And the No. 1 word they used for their company's success is "engagement".

Let me take one step back. During this summit, Luna Community College received a Piñon Award which essentially shows a step toward wanting to be excellent. Now the college is going after the Road-runner Award, where we have to demonstrate the commitment and implementation of quality principles and show substantive progress in building sound and systematic processes.

Keep in mind that Quality New Mexico is a non-profit organization that engages in activities which seek to educate New Mexicans about quality and encourage and reward quality in business, education and other sectors.

Among the people that I had the privilege to hear speak were: Tommy Gonzales, City Manager of Irving, Texas; David Barger, CEO of JetBlue; Nancy Cole, the Chief Nursing Officer of Lovelace Westside and Don Chalmers of Don Chalmers Ford. The one common denominator was that they got their employees to engage on one mission—which is quality and excellence in service.

By no means did each of them say that everything was picture-perfect. All these sectors have had and continue to have their challenges, just like we do here at Luna Community College.

The following are a combination of ideas that we need to consider undertaking for us to reach that next level of excellence.

- Challenge each other to do well.
- Be inspiring and innovating
- Follow a plan
- Keep in mind that a budget reflects the plan
- When an employee is inspired, the results will be there when they work together
- A mission on a day-to-day basis is founded on a vision of respect
- Establish expectations and explain how each person is significant to the mission
- Employees should be connected
- Always remember that one person can change the fortunes of an organization

- Emphasize that everyone is in it together
- Focus on positive behavior
- Have financial incentives and public recognition
- Increase communication
- Try to avoid layoffs or furloughs
- Care about the culture
- Have relentless focus on people
- Raise the bar as soon as one goal is reached
- Smile, always be friendly

I'm sorry to disappoint people, but no, I am not getting married. I'm still a bachelor. But now I am a bachelor that is engaged—engaged in becoming better one day a time.

- People plus service, plus quality, plus financial stability equals growth
- Learn to listen
- Have no secrecy
- Place people first, remembering that it does have its reward

I wanted to break this up a little bit. Here is a great quote from Thomas Edison: "Vision without execution is hallucination." Let's continue.

- Create a culture of execution
- Remember that the next person may have the same problem that you do
- Eliminate bureaucracy
- Cheer each other on
- Good is the enemy of great
- Don't manage by mood
- Be prepared for failure
- Sometimes giving the answer "I don't know" is good
- Recognize your problem
- See if certain goals are worthwhile
- Be consistent and persistent
- Have passion and fun
- Do what you love and get paid for it
- Learn from your mistakes
- Don't become arrogant
- Know who you are by associating with others

I know first-hand that Luna Community College is a good school and a good place to work at. But like any other organization, we can get better. I'm sorry to disappoint people, but no I am not getting married. I'm still a bachelor. But now I am a bachelor that is engaged—engaged in becoming better one day a time.



Luna Community College Science, Math, & Engineering Technology students graduating in either Dec. 2012, May 2013 or August 2013. Pictured (l-r) are: Brandon Baca, Justin Baca, John Hinkle, Steven Esquibel, Amadeus Boydston, Christopher Cavazos, Eddy Maes, Kodie Martinez, Laura Maestas, Victoria Olguin, and Rachel Ridgeway.

Weekly Activities

Monday, May 20, 2013

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *DWI Class (General Studies 102B)*
 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. *Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)*
 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *DOT Service & Safety Awards (IPC Cafeteria)*

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Title V Simulation Lab Open House (Allied Health SimLab)*

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. *Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)*
 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *OSE Meeting (Technologies 126A, 126B, 130)*

Friday, May 24, 2013

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. *Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)*

Saturday, May 25, 2013

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *CNA Testing (Allied Health NO-7 & MO-11)*

Attention students:

Luna Community College registration for the summer and fall semester is on-going.

You may look at the schedule online at www.luna.edu.

Hard-copy schedules for the summer semester are now available.

Please see the LCC Office of Admissions for schedules.

LCC Science, Math & Engineering Technology reception held on May 9



Justin Baca, computer science – AAS with Dr. Andrew Feldman.



Amadeus Boydston, video game design and development – AAS with Dr. Andrew Feldman.



Steven Esquibel, computer application specialist – certificate with Andrew Dr. Feldman.

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Christopher Cavasos (left), associate of general studies – science concentration with Dr. Andrew Feldman . Pictured (right) is John Hinkle mathematics - AS with Dr. Andrew Feldman.



Eddy Maes, general science - AS with Dr. Andrew Feldman.



Laura Maestas, computer science - AAS with Dr. Andrew Feldman.



Kodie Martinez, life science - AS with Dr. Andrew Feldman.



Victoria Olguin, electronics engineering technology - AAS with Dr. Andrew Feldman.



Rachel Ridgeway, associate of general studies - science concentration with Dr. Andrew Feldman.



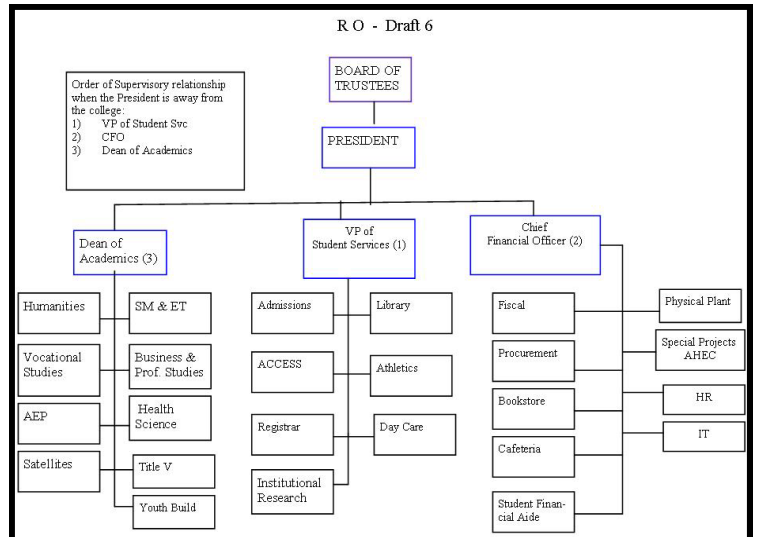
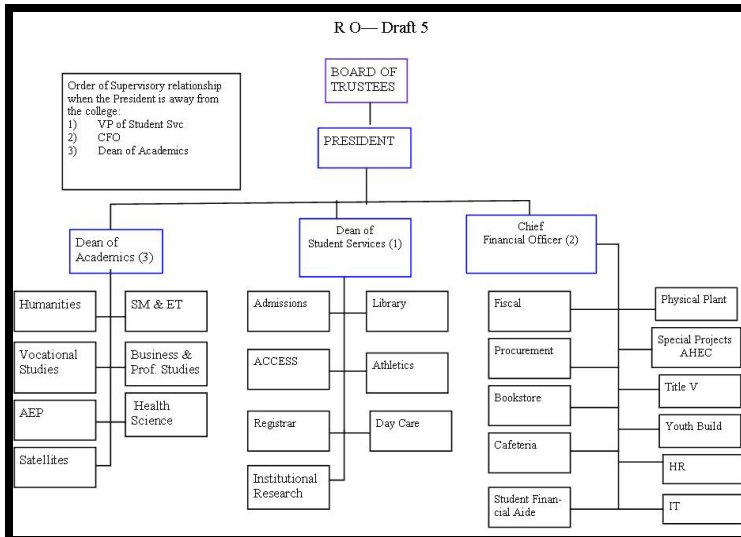
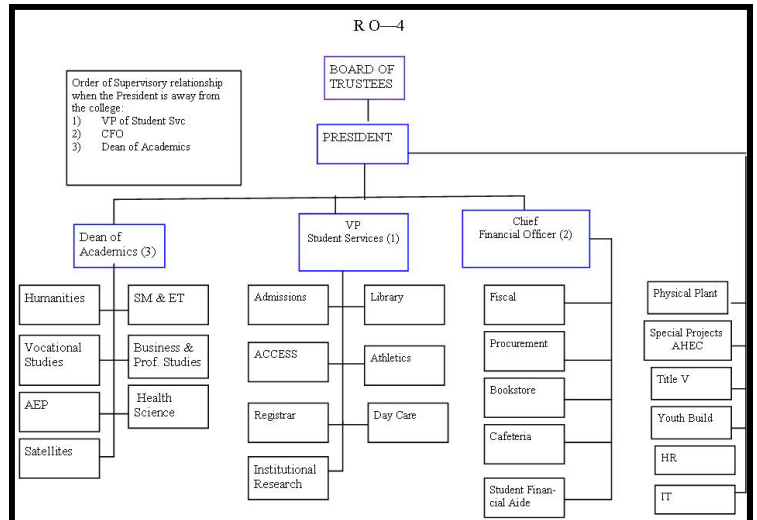
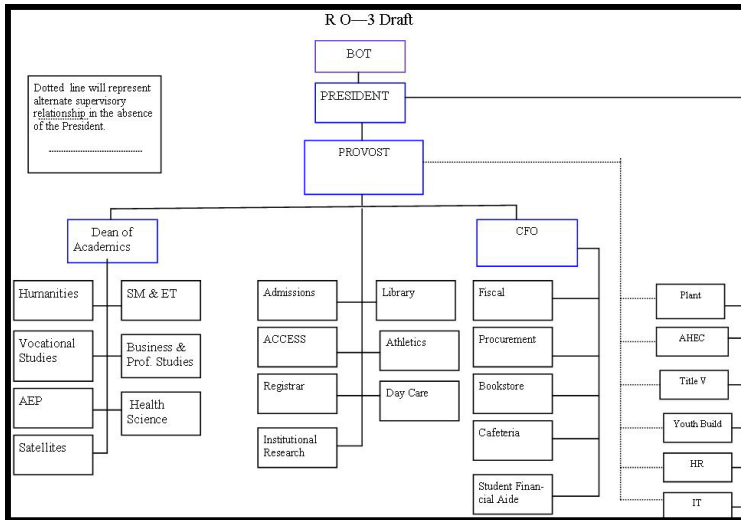
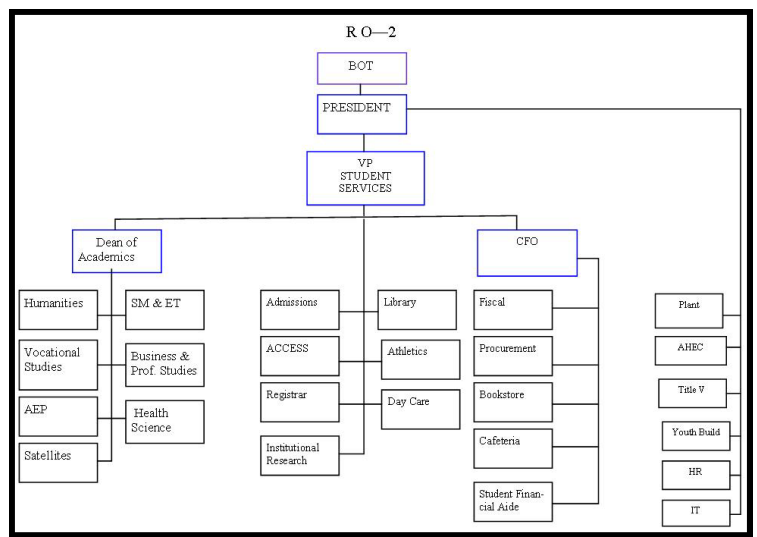
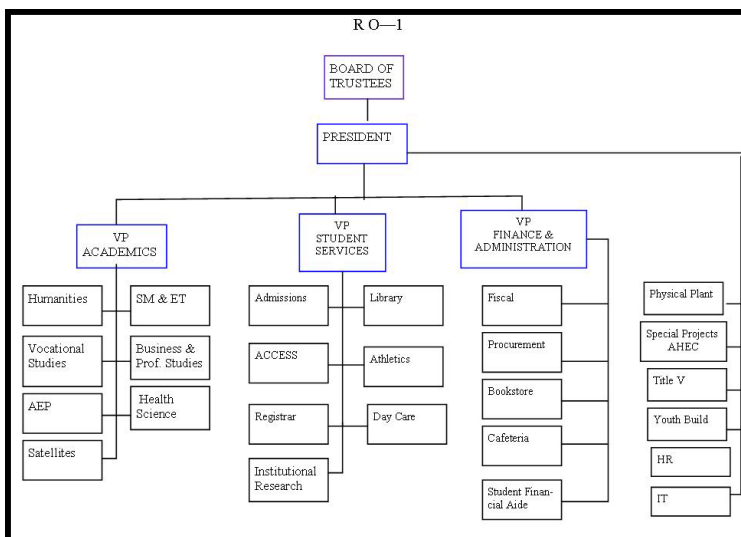
Marco Velez, pre-engineering - AS with Dr. Andrew Feldman.

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SM&ET Faculty Dr. Rita Surdi and Ms. Angie Manafy.



The next *Luna Light* will be published on Friday, May 24. The following *Luna Light* will not be published until Monday, June 10. The college will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.



These are organizational charts given to the Board of Trustees by President Dr. Pete Campos at a board meeting held on May 13. Please see next page for the seventh chart.

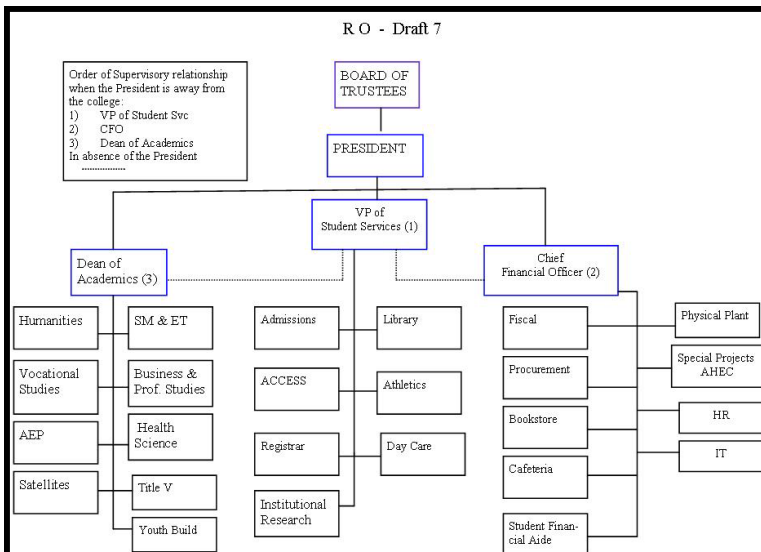
Springer Open House and End-of-the-Year BBQ

During finals week, the Springer Satellite hosted an open house to show what the students made in their quilting, woodworking and welding classes. The quilting class made two lap quilts and donated them to the nursing home in Springer. Over 50 people came out and enjoyed the student's work.

In addition, over 40 people attended Springer's end-of-the-year BBQ. They enjoyed grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. Director Louise Portillos presented the cooks with Luna Mason jars in appreciation for their grill skills. She also presented her instructors with gifts for teacher appreciation week.



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Nursing and Dental Pinning Ceremony held on May 9



Diego Trujillo and his daughter Celina Trujillo.



Stacy Vigil with her mother Fabby Vigil.



Julie Townsend with her daughter, Tigerlily.



Virgilio (Luis) Estupinan.



Estrella Tenorio with her two brothers Enrico and Estevan.



Hannah Grace hugging her father Michael.

The LCC Health Sciences Department had 33 LPN graduates, 27 RN graduates and six dental assisting graduates.

Maile Cobb.



Chelsea Trujillo, Julie Townsend, Estrella Tenorio, Deanna Tapia and Keri Spears-Ulibarri.

