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Lack of opportunity for an education—the real silent killer

*By Jesse Gallegos
A Different
Perspective*

I’ve never thought I was the best looking or most educated guy in the room. But I have always thought I could compete in both categories.

There is no way anyone reading this column will ever see me on the cover of GQ Magazine. But there is a slight chance that I can make an impact on education in northern New Mexico.

Those of you that have followed me through the years know that I’m far from being perfect. But one thing for sure, I have always advocated for the opportunity for an education, especially for the poor and underprivileged. Here in northern New Mexico, we really don’t have that

much, but we do have two institutions of higher education that play a major role in our lives. I’m talking about Luna Community College and New Mexico Highlands University.

See, if it wasn’t for either of these schools, northern New Mexico would be in worse shape than it is right now. This last sentence was written with all the respect in mind. For whatever reason, northern New Mexico does not attract many private companies. We don’t have a lot of water, we don’t have CEO’s knocking down at our door asking to move jobs here. Regardless of this, we still survive. Luna Community College and Highlands gives us a chance.

Are either of us Harvard or Yale? No. But I’m telling you this with the utmost confidence, if either school wouldn’t be in existence, many of us would not have had the opportunity to grow educationally, socially and perhaps spiritually.

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Luna Community College student Dominic Mendoza studies a fact of diffusion and osmosis under a microscope during a general biology class taught by Angie Manafy. LCC students took midterm exams last week. The majority of the eight-week courses begin this week with Spring Break beginning next Monday, March 21.





Intern Presentations

**LUNA
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

March 16, 2011

12pm – 1pm

**Technology
Lecture Hall**

Tech—102

Bjorn Boydsten—NM Department of Transportation

Richard Flores— NM State Forestry

Jaime Bryant—Las Vegas / San Miguel Vet Clinic

**George Martinez—Las Vegas Community Water
Board**

Victoria Olguin—Energy Concepts



A closer look at your Rough Riders

This is a continuation in a series of taking a closer look at your Luna Community College softball and baseball players.



Yesenia Hernandez

Name: Yesenia Hernandez
Nickname: Snooks
Position: Outfielder
Major: Sports Performance
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Los Lunas
High School: Valencia High
Parents and family: Isabel Flores, mother and Hector Hernandez, father.
Favorite movie, why? Get Him to the Greek, because it 's funny.
If you could trade places for a day with someone who would it be and why? Victoria Beckham, because her husband is amazing.

How important is academics to you? Very important.

Plans after graduation: Move to Michigan and go fishing every day.

What is on your bucket list? To fly a plane around the world.

Favorite food, why? Mac-n-cheese, because it's so cheesy.

Favorite pro athlete: David Beckham.

What would you like to contribute to society? Anything I can.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My sister, she is so strong and never gives up.

Name: Ian Farris

Nickname: E or Easy

Position: Shortstop

Major: Mass Media Communications

Classification: Sophomore

Hometown: Santa Fe

High School: Santa Fe High

Parents and family: Melvin and Kathy Farris, parents; Dominick Farris, brother; Lorenzo, brother and Hanna Farris, sister.

Favorite movie, why? None

If you could trade places for a day with someone who would it be and why? I wouldn't trade places with anyone but I would like to follow Jeter around for a day.

How important is academics to you?

Very important, it is the foundation for success.



Kim Baros

Name: Kim Baros

Nickname: Lil Timmy/Deuce

Position: Outfielder

Major: Sports performance

Classification: Freshman

Hometown: Pojoaque

High School: Pojoaque High

Parents and family: Dianne Baros, mother; Eloy Baros, father and David Baros, brother.

Favorite movie, why? Love and Basketball

If you could trade places for a day with someone who would it be and why? I would trade places with a pro athlete so I could see what it's like to be their shoes.

How important is academics to you? It's very important in order to go into a four-year college and continue softball and my education.

Plans after graduation: Go to a four-year college.

What is on your bucket list? To go sky diving.

Favorite pro athlete: Derek Jeter

What would you like to contribute to society? I would like to contribute my dedication to help others in any way possible.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My grandparents from my mother's because I look up to them in many ways. There's nothing they can't do.



Ian Farris

Plans after graduation: Move on to play baseball at a four-year school.

Favorite food, why? Mexican food, because it is awesome.

Favorite pro athlete: Derek Jeter and Dustin Pedroia.

What would you like to contribute to society? To be an honest, loving man and to lead by example.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My mom, we never have anything easy but she's always been there to provide for me.



At the LCC work session last week, academic directors were recognized for their educational leadership and outstanding contributions to the 2011 Higher Learning Commission monitoring report. The team has managed to respond to a serious challenge posed in the last Higher Learning staff analysis and has managed to plan, implement and respond in a very effective, detailed and complete assessment program for LCC. The college is now in a strong position with respect to assessment in anticipation of the 2014-2015 comprehensive visit. This progress bespeaks strong leadership at the College and a collaboration and cooperation among the faculty and staff. From left to right, the academic leadership are Renee Garcia, Conni Reichert, Debbie Trujillo, Dr. Andrew Feldman, Rand Kennedy and Dr. Vidal Martinez. Not pictured are Eloy Garcia and Gary Martinez.

Attention Luna Community College students

Students who are interested in attending the summer 2011 semester are encouraged to complete a Summer Interest Form. This form will be used to allocate remaining SSIG/SEOG funds as well as Pell Grant funds.

The forms are available in the Financial Aid Office and must be submitted to our office by May 2 for priority consideration. The financial office is located in the Administration Building.



Luna Community College is offering a noncredit course called "GETTING PAID TO TALK: INTRODUCTION TO VOICE OVERS".

Students will learn the basics of recording voice-overs for TV and radio commercials, cartoons, audio book, documentaries, the Internet and more. Attendees will also have the opportunity to record a mock commercial under the direction of a *VoiceCoaches* producer.

APRIL 5 Tuesday 6:30-9:00pm
 LCC Main Campus, LRC Lecture Hall
 \$20 (\$10 for high school or college students)

For more information, call LCC Community Education at 505-454-5311, or 800-588-7232, ext. 1204



Celebrity Look-Alike Contest

We are asking individuals to vote on which picture looks closer to our Luna Community College employee. Please e-mail your vote to jgallegos@luna.edu or by calling extension 1200. Votes will be taken until 3 p.m. on Tuesday. If you would like to volunteer for a look-alike, please call ext. 1200. Remember this is all in fun. Last week's vote on Henry Sanchez—5 Kirk Douglas and 5 for Underdog.



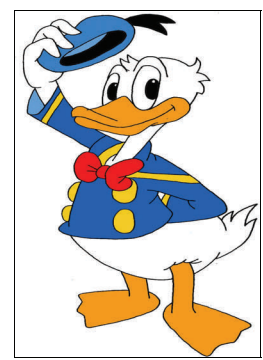
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or



and



Rand Kennedy

John Voight

Rand Kennedy

Donald Duck

Dr. Campos: When I get home

By Dr. Pete Campos

Education is changing in New Mexico. We continue to hear there is a need for more accountability, tougher standards and higher expectations for those persons who educate and those who are being educated. That means we are expected to do our job with the best outcomes in mind for every student who chooses to attend our educational institutions. *That's huge!*

That being said, here are a few things we need to address as a direct result of this 60-day session. 1] our financial belt must be so tight that we must know how and why every penny is spent; 2] Trustees, administration, faculty and support staff must have significant buy-in regarding the services we provide to students and work collaboratively to iron-out any differences that stand in the way of student progress; 3] if there are deficiencies, weaknesses or an obvious lack of commitment in any area of our operations we must address those voids and implement a strategy to improve the areas identified; and, 4] we must fully document our journey, disaggregate the data collected along the way and define the steps necessary to prove to ourselves and others that student success was and is at the forefront of



Sen. John Pinto with a young Sen. Dr. Pete Campos.

our jobs.

The outcomes of our actions should demonstrate: that students are enthused about attending Luna Community College; our academic and vocational programs are making significant headway towards accreditation or certification; and, students and faculty are conversing to improve class and program rigor, student achievement and identifying the individual time frames necessary for students to reach their levels of proficiency so – once a diploma or certificate is earned, every student is ready to enter or continue within the job market making a good salary. *That's our job!*

We can expect a visit from Dr. Jose Garcia, Secretary for the Higher Education Department; we will visit Northern New Mexico Community College to build a community college collaborative; we have been given the challenge to provide more documentation to accurately chart our educational pathway; and, we must prove that we are monitoring individual courses to meet student needs. *Our goal is to ensure that every student is equipped with the tools to achieve their ambitions.*

Luna Community College Student Government President Danyelle Romero is sworn in as an ex-officio member of the LCC Board of Trustees by San Miguel Magistrate Judge Phillip Romero last Wednesday. The college has asked students to have more of a voice.

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

- Adjunct Faculty/Per Course Instructor
- Director, Allied Health Sciences
- Temporary Part-Time Wellness Center Exercise Technician

FOR JOB DESCRIPTION(S) AND/OR CLOSING DATES, CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AT (505) 454-2503 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.LUNA.EDU





Luna Community College Springer Satellite Business Instructor Kaye Goodyear instructs computer fundamentals students utilizing the smart board that Title V installed at the Springer Satellite-Title V Lab in January. Having a smart board for student teaching has been tremendously helpful for the faculty. Pictured are Kaye Goodyear, Sarah Pick and Genevieve Gonzales. (Back, l-r) are Clara Bond, Alisha Frye, and Shauntee Clevenger.

LCC General Biology Instructor Angie Manafy demonstrates diffusion and osmosis passive transfer on cells to students Bryce Burgess, Kayla Young and Mia Manning.



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Luna Community College Science Math, Engineering and Technology Director Dr. Andrew Feldman describes the geologic record of climate and the proxies used to determine past climate as part of an Academic Center for Excellence presentation. For a schedule of presentations, see page 2 .

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Luna Community College Board of Trustees welcome LCC Student Government President Danyelle Romero as an ex-officio member of the board. Pictured (l-r) are Jerry Maestas, president, David Gutierrez, member; Danyelle Romero, ex-officio member; Abelino Montoya, secretary; Frankie Tenorio, member; Phillip Romero, magistrate judge and Dr. Vidal Martinez, LCC Vice-President for Academics.





Dr. Pete Campos, Cheri Lujan and Rebecca Lucero took time from their busy schedule on Saturday to take this photo. A prime focus for the trio this session was higher education. Two higher education institutions directly affected by budget and legislation were New Mexico Highlands University and Luna Community College.



Frank Gutierrez receives a congratulatory certificate from Dr. Pete Campos recently for his service from the State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource Department. Gutierrez, most recently, worked at the Villanueva State Park.

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Weekly Activities

Monday, March 14, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Income Tax Preparation (Springer Site/Forrester Bldg/Rm. 111)

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Disability Awareness Training/ Spons: NM Workforce Solutions (LRC/Lecture Hall)

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Small Business Taxes/Sponsored: SBDC (Stud.Serv./Conf. Rm.)

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

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Skills USA Cosmetology Fifty-Fifty Raffle Drawing (Admn./Rm.112A)

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees “Board Meeting” (Santa Rosa Site)

Thursday, March 17, 2011 (Happy St. Patrick’s Day!)

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority Meeting (Mora Site/Library)

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Noches de Familia Activity (IPC/ Cafeteria)

Friday, March 18, 2011

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, March 19, 2011

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. C.N.A. Testing(Allied Hlth/ Nrsng.Lab#3,Comp.Lab#7,MO-11)

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. NM Tax Help Volunteer Tax Preparation (Bus. Studies/Rm. 107)

The real silent killer...

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I never have compared myself to someone from Salt Lake City, Utah, Richmond, Va. or St. Paul, Minn., partly because I can't. I can't even say I'm from a city. I was raised in a small village called El Barranco. El Barranco is located about 30 miles south of Las Vegas. But I can say that I am a proud graduate of Highlands and a proud employee of Luna Community College. Could I have received a better education at Princeton or Stanford or work for a more prestigious college? Maybe. Then again, maybe not.

See, here in Las Vegas, professors, instructors and administrators understand people like myself. Although America is the land of opportunity, many times people like me are not accepted in what I consider this great country of ours. I was raised as a poor Chicano (a proud one), and in a culture where education wasn't necessarily a priority or at a premium. We have a lot of problems in northern New Mexico. We have problems with

drugs, gambling, alcohol and health issues.

Those of you that are born with silver spoons are fortunate and I'm happy for you. But many of us are lucky enough to be born with a plastic fork.

I've always said that being poor shouldn't be a sin. And being poor shouldn't mean that

I really believe that education should be available not only to Hispanics, but to every human being, regardless of race or culture.

we should have to live in despair. And getting a solid education is a way out. For a lot of us, receiving an education doesn't guarantee us success. But it may well give us the ability to survive. And in these trying times, this is better than the alternative.

The majority of us are Hispanic in northern New Mexico. And this is okay. But we

should not be handicapped with the lack of opportunity. I see commercial after commercial say that the silent killers in America are heart disease and diabetes. This is true. But perhaps the real silent killer may well be the lack of an opportunity for an education.

I've often wondered what I would do if I had a magic wand and could take care of situations that are at the forefront of New Mexico. One of the first things I would do is open up more opportunities to allow people to succeed in the area of education. We can never forget about those people that can't help themselves.

Banks can take my car, nature can take away my good looks, but there is one thing no one can ever take away from me and that is my education.

I want to thank Gov. Martinez and legislators for everything that you have done this legislative session. Don't forget about us here in northern New Mexico.

We need your help.



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos and Highlands University President Dr. Jim Fries are two leaders of higher education in northern New Mexico. Dr. Fries and Highlands recently presented Dr. Campos with a football jersey in appreciation for his work in education, not only in northern New Mexico, but for the entire state.

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Luna CC launches new Website

Calling it “accessible, engaging and user friendly” Luna Community College has launched a new Website.

The last time LCC had done this was about three years ago.

“It’s easier to find what you are looking for,” says LCC Website Developer Adam Caldwell. “We’re constantly improving it with multi-media including photo galleries, videos and live updates.

The college has built a new framework and the computer center will be working through the month of April and May as it adds new and exciting features. An example of this will be a nicer athletic department segment. In addition, much of the application and registration process will be streamlined. *The Luna Light*, the college’s newsletter, will remain in an online archive. New *Luna Light* articles will be

immediately available on the homepage.

“The most important part is that we want it to be accessible and friendly to Luna Community College students and the community,” says Caldwell. “We hope that you find the Website fun, inviting, engaging useful.”

Caldwell said that with the old Website, individuals had a difficult time finding what they needed.

“We have done a good housecleaning on the Website,” said Caldwell. “We’ve done a good job organizing online resources.”

Anyone wishing to make comments or suggestions about the new Website can contact Caldwell via e-mail and acaldwell@luna.edu.

The Website address is www.luna.edu.

Invitation to Bid

Luna Community College (LCC) invites the public to view and bid on lots of outdated, obsolete or otherwise unusable computers, type writers, chairs and other items that are being removed from LCC inventory and are available for public purchase. All items are sold “as is” with no warranties implied or expressed.

Viewing of the items and submission of sealed bids per lot of equipment is open from 8:30 am on Monday, March 28, 2011, through 3:00 pm on Friday, April 1, 2011, at the LCC Purchasing Department Warehouse, 366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas NM, 87701, (505) 454-2516. Point of contact is Eric Cummings.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to **Luna Community College, Attn: Miguel Martinez, Purchasing Director, 366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas NM 87701. The corresponding lot number must be clearly marked on the envelope.** Faxed bids will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened at 3:30 pm on Friday, April 1, 2011, in the Purchasing Department Warehouse. Successful bidders will be contacted via telephone by 5:00 pm on Monday April 4, 2011.

The successful bidder(s) will be required to: 1) pay via cash, credit card, money order or cashier’s check payable to LCC; and 2) remove equipment from LCC premises, at their own expense **no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, April 8, 2011.** Items not paid for or removed by the deadline will be disposed of in accordance with NMSA 1978, 13-6-1 through 13-6-4.

Luna Community College reserves the right to reject any and/or all bid(s) to waive technicalities, and accept the bid(s) it deems to be in the best interest of Luna Community College.

PUB: Las Vegas Optic, 3/14/11, 3/18/11, 3/25/11, 3/28/11 and 3/30/11
Luna Light, 3/14/11, 3/21/11 and 3/28/11

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Course ID	Title	Location	Times	Start Dates	Days
ANTH221E-21	Cultures of the World (DL)	EWEB	2:00pm – 4:50pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	Mon/Wed
CNA100-42	Nursing Assistant Training	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	3/15/11 – 3/22/11	MTWRF
CNA100-43	Nursing Assistant Training	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	4/12/11 – 4/19/11	MTWRF
CNA100-44	Nursing Assistant Training	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	5/11/11 – 5/17/11	MTWRF
CNA100L-42	Nursing Assistant Training Lab	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	3/23/11 – 3/28/11	MWRF
CNA100L-43	Nursing Assistant Training Lab	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	4/20/11 – 4/25/11	MWRF
CNA100L-44	Nursing Assistant Training Lab	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	5/18/11 – 5/23/11	MWRF
CSA101-01	Introduction to the Internet	Main	8:30am – 4:30pm	2/19/11 – 2/26/11	Saturday
CRT115-01	Metal Working	Main	2:30pm – 9:00pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	Mon/Wed
CUL107-01	Current Topics in Food Safety	Main	12:30pm – 2:10pm	3/15/11 – 5/13/11	Tuesday
DTEC118-02	Solid Modeling	Main	2:00pm – 5:50pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	Mon/Wed
ENG115-05	Freshman Composition II	Main	3:00pm – 4:40pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	MTW
FS145-01	Principles of Vehicle Extrication	Main	1:00pm – 3:50pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	Mon/Wed
MATH116-05	Intermediate Algebra	Main	4:00pm – 5:40pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	MTWR
MUS180E-03	Music Appreciation (DL)	EWEB	1:00pm – 3:50-m	3/15/11 – 5/13/11	Tues/Thurs
PE117-02	Kickboxing & Step Combo	Main	1:00pm – 2:10pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	MTW
POLS151E-03	American National Government	EWEB	7:00pm – 9:50pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	Mon/Wed
PSYC101E-20	Introduction to Psychology (DL)	EWEB	6:00pm – 8:50pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	Mon/Wed
PSYC242E-02	Developmental Life Span (DL)	EWEB	9:00am – 11:50am	3/15/11 – 5/13/11	Tues/Friday
PSYC258-01	Abnormal Psychology	Main	11:00am – 1:50pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	Mon/Wed
PE112-02	Physical Fitness	Main	TBA		MTWRF
PE113-02	Weight Training	Main	TBA		MTWRF
WELD104-01	Surface Padding	Main	1:00pm – 5:00pm	3/15/11 – 5/13/11	Tues/Thurs

Note: Reduced tuition rates for Out-of-District and Out-of-State apply only to total enrollment of six (6) credit hours or less. Full rates apply to ALL credit hours once the student enrolls for more than six (6) credit hours with the exception of Senior Citizen rates. Tuition and fee rates are subject to change without notice. Registration and Laboratory fees are not included.

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