

The Luna Light



"The People's College"
Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America

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28 LCC students, employees attending SkillsUSA competition

Taking it's largest group ever, 28 Luna Community College students and staff members will be taking their talents to the state SkillsUSA competition from Thursday, March 7 to Saturday March 9 in Albuquerque.

"I predict that Luna Community College will have at least three state champions," said LCC Collision Repair Instructor Anthony Baca. "We have a good caliber of students."

Baca, earlier this year, was elected to the board of directors for SkillsUSA.

Representing LCC are: Gabriel Aldana, auto service tech; Carla Aragon, delegate; Anthony Baca, Skills USA Chapter Advisor/state board member; Antoinette Baca, nail care model/delegate; Kimberly Baca, cosmetology; Max Bustamante, delegate; Chris Castellano, delegate; Shane Coca, culinary arts; Catherine Gallegos, cosmetology; Gary Gamertsfelder, job interview/state officer; Marcia Garcia, nail care; Roxanne Garcia, cosmetology; Lawrence Gomez, collision

repair tech; Celine Kramer, cosmetology; Crystal Raye Martinez, nail care; Gilbert Martinez, collision repair advisor.

Tom Nitzcnski, automotive advisor/leadership advisor; Adrienne O'Brien, culinary arts advisor; Connie Ortiz, cosmetology advisor; Victoria Perea, nail care model; Gene Sandoval, automotive advisor; Rayna Tafoya, cosmetology; Ken Ulibarri, extemporaneous speaking; Phillip Ulibarri, collision repair tech; Earl Varela, collision repair tech; Edwin Varela, automotive service tech; Aliana White, extemporaneous speaking and Anne Wu, culinary arts.

"As a board director, I am proud that these students are going the extra mile to compete in this leadership program," said Baca. "These students will represent Luna Community College very well."

Gilbert Martinez, the advisor for auto collision, echoes Baca's sentiment.

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Luna Community College Film Program Coordinator Kenneth Bachicha trains West Las Vegas Middle School Business Professionals of America students last week. These students will be competing at the national level in April in Washington D.C. Pictured (l-r) are Destiny Downs, Leigh Baca, Eric Martinez, Chris Lujan and Bachicha. Bachicha was recently appointed to the Las Vegas Film Commission.

SkillsUSA competition...

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"I feel fortunate to be a SkillsUSA advisor," he said. "Once again, I feel these students will put Luna Community College on the map. We mean business; we're there to compete."

O'Brien has two competitors from culinary arts.

"Anne is going for the second year and I expect her to place," said O'Brien. "It takes a special person to put themselves in a competition like this one."

Connie Ortiz' cosmetology students also expect to do well.

"I feel the students have worked very hard preparing themselves," says Ortiz. "They're going to bring home the gold or silver in speech, nails and hair. They're excited about going. Overall, it's a wonderful program."

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers along with high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations including health occupations.

Last year Gary Gamertsfelder took first in the collision repair category. He went on to finish 8th at the national level.



Pictured are several LCC students and staff that will be attending the state SkillsUSA competition. Top photo (bottom row, l-r) are: Crystal Rae Martinez, Desiree Griego, Antoinette Baca and Kim Baca. (Top row, l-r) are: Roxanne Baca, Victoria Perea; Alaina White, Celine Kramer, Catherine Gallegos, Marcia Garcia and Connie Ortiz. Bottom photo (bottom row, l-r) Phillip Ulibarri, Gilbert Martinez, Gary Gamertsfelder, Antony Baca. (Top row, l-r) Earl Varela, Lawrence Gomez, Edwin Varela, Carlos Salvador, Gabe Aldana, Chris Castellano and Max Bustamante.

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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.



Ashton Martinez

Name: Ashton Martinez
Nickname: Ash
Position: Center Fielder
Major: Sports Performance
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Farmington
High School: Farmington High
Parents and family: Donna, mother; Michael, father; Candace, sister and Michael, brother.
Favorite movie, why? Pineapple Express, because it's funny.
If you could trade places for a day with someone who would it be and why? Bob Marley, because he lived a very stress-free life.
How important is academics to you? Very important; it helps you succeed in life.

Plans after graduation: Get a good job and live it up.

What is on your bucket list? To travel the world. Spaghetti, because it is the bomb.

Favorite pro athlete: A-Rod.

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

Whom do you admire the most and why? My sister, because she has a good heart.

Name: Dominic Mendoza

Nickname: Dom

Position: Utility

Major: Sports Performance

Classification: Sophomore

Hometown: Gallup

High School: Gallup High

Parents and family: Angela Mendoza, mother.

Favorite movie, why? Sandlot, because I remember the days when I was young and baseball was just like that.

If you could trade places for a day with someone who would it be and why? My dad, so I can have a talk with the man upstairs.

How important is academics to you? Very important.



Rebecca Rae Marrujo

Name: Rebecca Rae Marrujo
Nickname: Mama Bec/Becca
Position: Right Fielder
Major: Secondary education
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Roswell
High School: Roswell High
Parents and family: Valerie Marrujo, mother; Carlos Marrujo, father and Carlitos Marrujo, brother.
Favorite movie, why? Despicable Me, because I have unicorns.
If you could trade places for a day with someone who would it be and why? Cesar the Dog Whisperer, because I think it would be cool to talk to dogs.

How important is academics to you? Very important, without it I can't get the job I want in the future.

Plans after graduation: Go to a four-year college, play two more years of softball and get my bachelor's degree in education.

What is on your bucket list? To travel and see the world.

Favorite food, why? Cheetos, because they're puffy.

Favorite pro athlete: Albert Pujols.

What would you like to contribute to society? A lot of happiness.

Whom do you admire the most and why? God, because without him I would not be blessed with the abilities that I am blessed with. Also, my family, because without their support, I wouldn't be who I am today.



Dominic Mendoza

Plans after graduation: Either pursue a career in athletic training or massage therapy. Maybe even music.

Favorite food, why? Green chili chicken enchiladas casserole, because there is nothing like mom's cooking.

Favorite pro athlete: Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez.

What would you like to contribute to society? To help people that are less fortunate.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My mother, because I don't know where I would be without her. Thanks mom!

Coming Soon!

*College Learning Opportunities for
High School Students
during the Summer
at Luna Community College*

- Student Academic Advancement Institute (SAAI)

For more information regarding the SAAI Institute contact Patricia Romero @454-5377 or Janice Encinias @454-5374 in the LCC Dual Credit Office





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

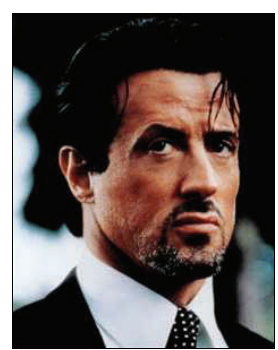


Celebrity Look-Alike Contest

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 Rand Kennedy—4 John Voight and 4 for Donald Duck.



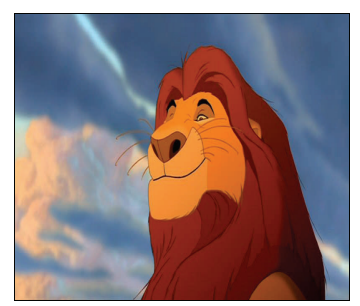
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and



Gilbert Martinez

Sylvester Stallone

Gilbert Martinez

The Lion King



Raton High School "Healthcare Career Pathway" students are pictured here taking an online introduction to psychology dual-credit course at Raton High. This course is part of the two-year healthcare program where students have an opportunity to receive dual-credit along with preparing them for a career in the medical field. Luna Community College is providing online course delivery which consists of the pre-requisites for nursing. Students received dual-credit in BIO102 medical terminology during the 2010 fall and are presently taking PSYC101 introduction to psychology. Miners Colfax Medical Center is providing the clinical aspect of the two-year program where students received hands on experience which allows them to work side-by-side with a mentoring healthcare team.



The LCC Ski and Snowboard Club had their first outing at Sipapu Resort on March 12 in warm and mashed potato conditions. Pictured (l-r) are Felipe Garcia, Joelynn Sanchez, Kenneth Ulibarri, Dr. Andrew Feldman, and Andrew Romero. If you are interested in participating next year, contact Dr. Feldman in the SM&ET Department or club president Joelynn Sanchez.

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

Follow your inspiration

Pursue your interests

Start something new

LCC is a place where you can be yourself
Luna Community College currently offers:

Offers 43 combined AA/AAS/AS
Degrees and Certificates

Athletics:
Baseball
Softball

Distance Learning:
LCC provides a wide range of courses

Financial Assistance:
FAFSA
Foundation Assistance
Scholarships
Work-study
Loans

Student Life:
Student Government
Variety of clubs
Phi Theta Kappa

See LCC for yourself. A campus visit is by far the best way to experience LCC. We'd love to show you around our campus and have our faculty talk to you. Please contact Tom Herrera at 505.454.5311 or Cindy Branch at 505.454.2533 to set up a tour.



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LCC's Lewis, Rivas, Romigh and Riley participate in community theatre



Maggie Romigh

Luna Community College student Ty Lewis and LCC humanities professors Maggie Romigh and Cynthia Riley participated in the Nat Gold Players Las Vegas Community Theatre Production recently by The Laramie Project by Moises Kauffman and members of the Tectonic Theatre Group.

The production was in Artesia from March 10-13 as part of Theatre New Mexico and American Association of Community Theatre's Festival (Acctfest) 2011. Six Community Theatres from New Mexico participated in the festival which was adjudicated by qualified individuals who work either in community theatre or educational theatre. The adjudicators are brought in from out of state.

The cast of the Laramie project won best ensemble. Karyl Lyne who directed the play won best director, four cast members won all-



Pictured (l-r) are Justina Rivas, Cynthia Riley and Ty Lewis

star cast awards including Riley.

Romigh placed first in the monologue contest.

The Laramie Project performed locally on March 19 and March 20 at the Kluge auditorium on the campus of the United World College. This performance included three short original plays by local authors.

LCC Justina Rivas, performed a short play "Waiting on Harry."

Riley, an adjunct professor at Luna, is president of the Board of The Nat Gold Players, Las Vegas Community Theatre.

"We very much want to include all of the

Las Vegas community in our productions," said Riley. "We are very excited that people who are part of the Luna community are joining the Nat Gold Players. We already have a relationship with NMHU and UWC and now we can officially include Luna. We like the idea of all of these institutions collaborating with community members to create compelling, and in this case, award-winning theatre."

The group will be competing with eight other theatre companies and the other four states are Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas and the competition will be held in Lewisville, Texas.

RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES (and other events)

WEEK OF March 21 thru March 26

Monday, March 21— Spring Break Week; post-College Night meeting, NMHU 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Mar 22- KFUN Radio, promoting Voice Act-

ing class

Wednesday, Mar 23 – KNMX Radio, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Mar 24- no activities planned

Friday, Mar 25- no activities planned

Saturday, Mar 26 – no activities planned



LCC student Victoria Olguin, an alternative and sustainable energy major, presents a slide show during the second lecture of a series of six sponsored by the BCS-ACE program. Olguin is a student intern with Energy Concepts, through the program. Olguin, along with George Martinez (Las Vegas Water Board), Richard Flores (New Mexico State Forestry), Jamie Bryant (Las Vegas San Miguel Veterinary Clinic) and Bjorn Boydston (New Mexico Department of Transportation) discussed the benefits of working in an area of their declared program.

The LCC Foundation received over \$3,000 in scholarships from the Blu Arc Management Group LLC, Aragonne Wind, Asset Manager—Darren DuVall and the LCC Small Business Development Center. The scholarship will be awarded to Santa Rosa students in the fall. Pictured (l-r) are: Member- Dante Vigil, Secretary- Darlene Baca, Chairman- Ernesto Salazar, Don Bustos, director of the Small Business Development Center, Vice Chairman-Matt Martinez, Member-Phil Wolff, Treasurer- Emilio Vallejos, and Executive Director Sarah Flores.



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Bag Lady Betsy Lives Wrong (played by Conni Reichert) questions HUM110 class about health issues. HUM110 is taught by Linda Tapia (pictured far left). Students pictured are Ashley Olivas, Todd Regensberg and Danelle Romero.

Weekly Activities

Monday, March 21, 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 22, 2011

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, March 24, 2011

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, March 25, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *El Centro "Health Promotion Training" (LRC/Lecture Hall)*

Saturday, March 26, 2011

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

Sunday, March 27, 2011

No Activities Scheduled

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 IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL POSITION POSTING FOLLOW THE LCC AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.

**The Luna Community College
Summer Class Schedule
is available to view online at
www.luna.edu.
Hard copy schedules
will be available in April.**



Congratulations goes out to the Robertson High baseball team that recently won the St. Mike's Tournament in Santa Fe.

A Shotgun Start

By Dr. Pete Campos

Spring is here, the weather is changing, trees and flowers are blooming, we are getting anxious to spend time outdoors and graduation is less than two months away. To finish out the semester strong – we are reminded that a shotgun start in golf puts us on equal footing to start making our way to the 18th hole. The middle of March is a time of change, hope and motivation to push through the next 60 days with energy, a positive attitude and the appreciation that we can help students reach their goals by encouraging and assisting them to complete the classes they are taking this semester, then in many cases have the necessary class requirements to receive a certificate or a diploma.

To get us to this point in Luna's history it has taken the work of many unsung heroes. People like *Ralph Sierra*, who has devoted his life to Luna Community College; *Silviano "Silver" Gomez*, who has worked on several

construction projects here on campus and always has a "we'll get it done" attitude; *Reyes Sanchez* who has devoted his life to serving others as a deacon and maintenance worker; and, *Jesse Gallegos* who has been caring for his parents and recently waiting for the ambulance at 5 a.m. at the Sunshine turnoff to guide it to his home in the valley to pick-up his mother and take her to the hospital, then go to work to finish the weekly *Luna Light*.

While a shotgun start is referred to usually when a golf scramble tournament is held, it is significant because it gives participants an equal opportunity to also finish together. The other thing about a scramble golf tournament is that the best ball is played after each golfer has a chance to hit a shot. What it all means is: every person has the opportunity to do their best, contribute and in the end be recognized for contributing to the success of the team or in our case Luna Community College. *We all are given an opportunity to give it our best*



Luna Community College employee Reyes Sanchez (left) gave the opening thought for the senate last week. This is the third consecutive year Sanchez has done this. He is pictured here with Dr. Pete Campos.

shot and in the end – our contributions are counted as part of our success. Thank you Luna Family members for what you do for students, our service area and our college!

Title III Recognition Award

A certificate of recognition for the Valley Elementary for outstanding programs serving the needs of ELL students was presented on February 18, 2011 during the Bilingual Day at the New Mexico State Legislature.



Pictured Left to Right: Mrs. Prescilla Sena - Teacher, Ms. Becky Gallegos - Valley Elementary Principal, New Mexico State Senator Phil Griego, & New Mexico State Representative Richard Vigil.



Above Left: Presentation of awards to all WLVS schools at the Roundhouse.
Above Right: The Valley Elementary grades Kindergarten through 5th.



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