

The Luna Light



“The People’s College”

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Luna Community College Dental Assistant students are excited about finishing the program this summer. These students completed their last course, dental office management, with instructor Gloria Pacheco last Wednesday. Pictured (back row, l-r) are: Justine Garcia, Jacqueline Trambley, April Griego, Valerie Tenorio, Jessica Sanchez, Eliza Cordova and Martina Gallegos (Bottom row, l-r) are: Laura Armijo, Christina Castillo and Randee Crespin. Look at article below for these students’ plans and aspirations.

LCC Dental Assisting students looking forward to bright future

Several Luna Community College Dental Assisting students recently completed the coursework for their certification. The recent graduates told **The Luna Light** about their future plans.

Randee Crespin
Cuba, N.M.

“I got offered a part-time job with Dr. Ebell, but I am applying at several offices.”

Eliza Cordova
Las Vegas, N.M.

“My plans are to apply with ACC Health and I would have the opportunity to travel to different military bases and work with soldiers.”

Valerie Tenorio
Tecolotito, N.M.

“I will be working with Highlands Family Dental, which I hope to start in two weeks. I met some of the greatest peo-

ple ever here at Luna Community College. I will never forget the friendships I made here.”

Martina Gonzales
Las Vegas, N.M.

“I want to further my education; I will be entering the dental hygienist program at UNM. I will be taking a couple of biology classes at Highlands that I need for the program.”

April Griego
Las Vegas, N.M.

“I will work for a while and then attend UNM. I will see where my education takes me; education is in my future.”

Christina Castillo
Las Vegas, N.M.

“I will be getting a job in the dental assisting field. I’ve already applied in a couple of offices. I will also be taking classes at Highlands; I want to be a translator in Spanish

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Bright future...

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And sign language.

Laura Armijo
Las Vegas, N.M.

"I will be working for an orthodontist in Santa Fe; I prefer to work with an orthodontist. I learned something new every day at Luna Community College."

Jacqueline Trambley Mora, N.M.

"I will be a dental assistant for Dr. Daniel Borerro, a pedodontist. Luna Community College was close to home and my schedule worked around the classes offered here. I will miss coming to school here."

Justine Garcia
Denver



LCC Dental Assisting student Valerie Tenorio along with her classmates and instructors celebrate after learning they had completed the program.

"I am working for Dr. Randall Garcia; I like working there. For the most part I'm doing everything by myself. I like Luna Community College and I recommend it to anyone."

Jessica Sanchez Ribera, N.M.

"I will either be looking for a job here in Las Vegas or Santa Fe. I learned a lot here; it was a good experience for me."

Gloria Pacheco, an instructor in the dental assisting program said:

"I am very confident in these students; they were such an excellent class. They worked really hard and I am very proud of them."

Jesse's quick hits

Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—Jesse

What kind of TV programs do ducks watch?

Duckumentaries.

What's a duck's favorite food?

Cheese and quackers.

What happens when ducks tell jokes?

They quack up.

Student retention and successful program completion

By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President

Student enrollment numbers (volume) in our institutions of higher learning throughout New Mexico once told the story of our success. Now the winds have shifted and that will; *soon - no longer be the case*. In fact, our success at Luna Community College will be measured by our retention and the successful completion of the students' chosen program of study. It makes sense; it behooves us and it is imperative that we concentrate our efforts on the success of students!

Elaine Maxwell said: "Whether I fail or succeed shall be no person's doing but my own. I am the force: I can clear any obstacle before me or I can be lost in the maze. My choice; my responsibility; win or lose, only I hold the key to my destiny." Colin Powell said: "Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work and persistence." John Keats said: "Failure is, in a sense, the highway to success, inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true, and every fresh experience points out some form of error which

we shall afterwards carefully avoid." Bill Cosby said: "I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

To me, student success means helping them (every LCC student) acquire and master basic and essential skills, allowing them time to experience success and failure, and giving them space (freedom and opportunity) to gain confidence in what they do and fully identify themselves. For some it may take a few years or longer; others know what they want almost immediately.

The key as Luna Family members is to have the professional drive, heartfelt passion, extra-fortitude, patience, love, understanding, knowledge and maturity to assist every student reach a level of proficiency and true understanding of their chosen field of study. By genuinely working together, using our gifts and talents to guide and nurture students and aim our efforts towards their retention and successful completion of their coursework or educational journey at Luna - *then the future of our existence will remain vibrant and students will be the benefactors of our unselfishness.*

New Student Orientation - August 4, 2011

AGENDA

Time	Student Athletes – Red Team	Blue Team	Yellow Team	Parents – Green Team
07:30-07:55	Refreshments <i>Rough Rider Grill</i>			
07:55-08:00	Introduction - Melissa Lopez, MC <i>Rough Rider Grill</i>			
08:00-09:00	College Advantage - Presentation <i>Rough Rider Grill</i>			
09:00-09:10	Welcome - Dr. Pete Campos, LCC President <i>Rough Rider Grill</i>			
09:10-09:20	Athletics - Elisha Montoya <i>Rough Rider Grill</i>	Move to Nursing Auditorium	Move to SMET Auditorium	Move to LRC Auditorium
09:20-09:30		Keeping Students Healthy	Financial Aid/Scholarships – <i>Financial Aid Office</i>	ACCESS Center Overview - <i>Renee Maestas</i>
09:30-09:40		Student Counseling - <i>Cindy Armijo</i>	Payments – <i>Business Office</i>	Financial Aid - <i>Financial Aid Office</i>
09:40-09:50		Faculty Expectations - <i>Cindy Armijo</i>	Online Classes – <i>Larry Paiz</i>	Security - <i>Andrew Duran</i>
09:50-10:00		Advisement and ACCESS Center Overview – <i>Renee Maestas</i>	Pathways Website – <i>John Tiernan</i>	Payments- <i>Business Office</i>
10:00-10:10	Move to Nursing Auditorium	Move to SMET Auditorium	Move to Nursing Auditorium	Scavenger Hunt
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10:50-11:00	Move to SMET Auditorium	Campus Tour		
11:00-11:10	Financial Aid/Scholarships – <i>Financial Aid Office</i>			
11:10-11:20	Payments – <i>Business Office</i>			
11:20-11:30	Online Classes – <i>Larry Paiz</i>			
11:30-11:40	Pathways Website – <i>John Tiernan</i>			
11:40-12:00	Visit information tables regarding Human Services' programs, Financial Institutions, Housing, etc..... <i>Administration Building</i>			
12:00-01:00	BBQ - Enjoy lunch and meet LCC staff and students			
01:00- 05:00	Student Registration – <i>COMPASS Testing & Registration</i>			

New student orientation

New student orientation is designed to help students make the transition into college as smooth as possible. During orientation, students will receive information that will not only assist in preparing them for their first day of class but also equip them with the tools necessary to complete their journey.

- **Orientation is a time to learn-**to learn about the re-

sources that LCC has to offer

- **Orientation is a time to experience-**to experience the registration process
- **Orientation is a time to meet-** to meet faculty, staff, administrators and other students
- **Orientation is for new students and parents-**whether you have been on campus or not, there is always something exciting to learn, something new to experience and someone new to meet

Note: All administrators, directors, faculty and staff are urged to participate in student orientation on Thursday, Aug. 4.

ON-LINE COURSES FAST FACTS:

LCC is currently offering approximately Sixty (60) On-line courses during the Fall 2011 Semester

Don't Be Left Behind!
Register Now for Best Selection
Classes start August 22, 2011

Registration Options:
Main Campus, Las Vegas, NM
Santa Rosa Satellite, Santa Rosa, NM
Springer Satellite, Springer, NM
Mora — Course Location, Mora, NM
On-line — www.luna.edu

On-line Courses:

Accounting	Freshman Comp I & II
Intro to Anthropology	Business Ethics
Cultures of the World	Art History
Medical Terminology	Nutrition
Intro to Business	Microsoft Access
Computer Fundamentals	Equine Genetics
Principles of Finance	College Algebra
Prin of Macroeconomics	Microsoft Excel
Curriculum Development I	American History I
American Literature I	Western Civilization I
New Mexico History	General Mathematics
Algebra with Applications	Intermediate Algebra
Principles of Marketing	Family Nursing II
Mental Health Nursing	Adult Nursing I
Business Writing	Human Sexuality
Intro to Philosophy	Intro to Psychology
American Nat'l Government	State & Local Gov't
Developmental Life Span	Abnormal Psychology
Developmental Reading	Intro to Sociology
Beginning Spanish I	World Religions
Interpersonal Communications	
Intro to Agriculture Economics & Business	
Child Growth and Development	
Military Professionalism	
Intro to Military Literature	
Military Leadership Theory & Practice	
Pharmacotherapeutic Interventions III	

Visit the website for a complete listing of times and dates of courses offerings



Cost:
Distance Learning Fee: —
\$25 per course
Tuition Fees (per credit hour):
\$35 in-district
\$48 out of district
\$91 out of state
\$23 Registration Fee



Annabelle Martinez from New Mexico Tax and Revenue instructs a class of approximately 20 participants on reporting gross receipts tax Thursday at Luna Community College. The class was put together by the Small Business Development Center at Luna Community College. For more on the LCC SBDC, please call Melissa Gold, business specialist at (505)454-5349 or (800)588-7232 ext.1758

Weekly Activities

Monday, July 25, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Semillas de Salud Training (LCC Springer Site/Forrester Bldg.)*

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program General Studies/102B)*

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

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program (General Studies/102B)*

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. *Final Exam (LRC/Lecture Hall)*

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program (General Studies/102B)*

Thursday, July 28, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program (General Studies/102B)*

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Healing with Gemstones/Community Ed. Course (IPC/Cafe)*

Friday, July 29, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program (General Studies/102B)*

Saturday, July 30, 2011

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

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program (General Studies/102B)*

Attention Academic Directors

Don't forget that SLOA presentations will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3. You are required to attend. Keep in mind that these presentations are: 1) an educational experience 2) improve student learning, and 3) HLC requirement—

Dr. Vidal Martinez, Vice President for instruction and student services

Employee orientation set for Aug. 16

Fall 2011 Employee Orientation

To: All Luna CC employees

Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Rough Rider Grill

Please make arrangements to attend. Also, adjunct faculty members are invited to join us. Should you have any questions, comments or need further information, please feel free to contact Kayleen Encinias at 505/454-2567.



Luna Community College Future Leaders student Karley Marie Ortiz gives a talk to Student Academic Advancement Institute and Future Leaders Program students last Friday at its annual luncheon. Ortiz, a former Robertson student, is now attending New Mexico Military Institute. LouElla Marr Montoya (middle photo) coordinator of the Future Leaders Program and Dr. Andrew Feldman, LCC director of the science, math and engineering technology program also gave talks to students and their parents.



A few of the LCC Future Leaders Summer Program participants take a break from classes and pose for a picture. Forty eight high school students and 2011 graduating seniors are currently participating in the program which promotes leadership, science math, and engineering technology. Students are enrolled in college courses in the fields of math, science and technology and participate in various leadership and college success seminars. Students have also had the opportunity to visit Intel Corporation and Sandia National Laboratories for on-site tours, presentations and demonstrations. LouElla Marr-Montoya is coordinating the summer program which is under the Math, Science and Engineering Technology Department which is under the direction Dr. Andrew Feldman. Pictured are (front row, l-r): Tyler Pina, Nalley Martinez, Victoria Gomez, Jonathan Maestas and Fransisco Duran. (Second row, l-r): Karley Marie Ortiz, Naquita Montoya, Jane Montano, Sonya Lane, Victoria Gomez, Jonathan Martinez, and Ashley Lovato. (Last row, l-r) Ashley Jaramillo, Miguel Serna and Jesus Caro.

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Luna Community College student Orlando Lopez avoids a puddle on Friday on the campus. The photo of left depicts water flowing during a steady rainfall. Las Vegas was fortunate to receive a couple of rain showers late in the week. Lopez, a native of Las Vegas, is taking classes at LCC that will enable him to go into the medical field.

Flores enjoyed her time at LCC

The following is farewell letter sent by Victoria Flores, who worked as a student coordinator specialist at the LCC Santa Rosa Satellite.

What a bitter-sweet day. Thank you to everyone who has helped me do my job successfully. This has been an amazing five and a half years. Luna Community College has been a great growing experience and I am truly going to miss every one.

A special thank you goes out to the director here in Santa Rosa...thank you so much for everything Albert (Albert Campos, Santa Rosa Satellite Director). I know I can always count on you if I need anything. Keep on rocking LCC! Until next time.

Victoria Elaine Flores



Victoria Flores

Cater with the Rough Rider Grill

The Rough Rider Grill is open for breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday and breakfast on Friday. It is fully equipped to handle all your catering needs including graduation parties, weddings or private events.

For more information call LCC Food Service manager Paul Sandoval at 505/454-2581.

The Rough Rider Grill is located right next to Health Sciences Building.



WLV Class of 1986 to host reunion

The West Las Vegas Class of 1986 will be having its 25th Year Reunion on Friday, Sept. 23 and Saturday, Sept. 24. Classes from 1987, 1988 and 1989 are also invited to participate. Please RSVP by Aug. 31. You can Facebook West Las Vegas Class of 1986. For more information call Dawna Ortega Gallegos at 505/718-8774, Gary Gold at 505/718-2300 or Lori Trujillo Gonzales at 505/718-9640.

Meet your faculty

Andrew Feldman, Ph.D.

Academic Director/Instructor -- Geology, Alternative Energy, Physics & Mathematics

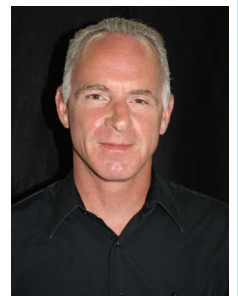
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LCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

(Over \$50,000 raised for Title V in 2010)

Played at the beautiful Pendaries Golf Course
On August 27, 2011

LCC Foundation provides scholarships for financial assistance to more than 300 deserving and successful students, receiving generous donations for fundraising efforts that support the future of Luna Community College students. We are a non-profit organization that has a board of trustees that consists of 9 members. These members are dedicated to the students at LCC by organizing fundraisers such as our annual golf tournament, to assist the students with the financial assistance that they need.



ENTRY FEE: \$1,000 a team

INCLUDES GREEN FEES & CART, FAMOUS PRIME RIB DINNER AND FABULOUS PRIZES

For sponsor or registration request please contact:

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