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## **"I will get my Ph.D."** *Rachel Ridgeway honored at Capitol as an all-state academic team member*

Today, a Luna Community College physical science student, tomorrow a P.h.D. candidate.

This is the goal of LCC student Rachel Ridgeway, who along with several other community college students, were honored as All-State Academic team members at the Capitol on Wednesday.

Dr. Dan Lopez, president of New Mexico Tech in Socorro, one of the guest speakers at the event, spoke on the importance of an education. He said that those that attain a doctoral degree will make an average of \$5 million in their lifetime and that the unemployment rate for them is right about two percent.

"I'm getting that Ph.D.," says Ridge-

way, who will get a full-paid tuition scholarship to New Mexico State University in the fall. "It's super-amazing after all the struggles and downfalls that I've had. Maybe one day, I can come back and be president or come back and donate scholarship money for people like me."

The New Mexico All-State Academic Team works in conjunction with Phi Theta Kappa. Ridgeway is LCC's Phi Theta Kappa President.

"I am extremely grateful for the representation by Rachel Ridgeway during this awards assembly," said LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. "Her achievement has brought great recognition to Luna Community College."

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**Rachel Ridgeway with Dr. Pete Campos.**



**The 2013 Luna Community College baseball team. Bottom Row (l-r): Arturo Castro, Jose Ortega, Eddie Pacris, Ronald Asuncion, Elec Esquivel, Allen Casillas and Justin Burkeen. Middle Row (l-r): Jesus Rodriguez, James Edwards, Bryson Aoki, Marcos Gomez, Daniel Garcia, Rafael Rivera, Nicholas Aragon, Joe Acevedo, Jacob Skorka, Lloyd Edwards, Ridge Hoopii-Haslam, Nicasio Gonzalez and Carl Vigil (Coach). Top Row (l-r): Darren Wheat (Coach), Edwin Huez, Jacob Heredia, Rudy Gutierrez, Daniel Huffhines, Eddie Gonzalez, Paydden Khun, Marco Velez, Luis Chavez, Quentin Mansfield, Taylor Uselman, Spencor Hill, Erick Santiago, Roberto Santana, Coleman McKinney and Antonio Siqueiros (head coach).**

# Rachel Ridgeway...

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Ridgeway intends to major in either physics or chemistry while at New Mexico State University.

**“My advice to students at Luna Community College is to get involved,” — Rachel Ridgeway.**

“Rachel is a very intelligent student,” says LCC Phi Theta Kappa Advisor and Humanities Instructor Cindy Armijo. “Rachel demonstrates the will to be a top student; she took the initiative to step up and be our chapter president. She’s doing a great job putting our membership together.”

Ridgeway will represent Luna Community College at the Phi Theta International Convention in San Jose, Calif. in April.

“We push all our children to work hard and get a good education,” says Rachel’s father Anthony. “We want them to have a better life than we had. I am very proud of my daughter.”

Anthony Ridgeway was a student at Luna Community College from 1996 to 2006 earning his associates in fine arts. He was also a Phi Theta Kappa member.

“My advice to students at Luna Community College is to get involved,” says Ridgeway. “There are a lot of good things at this college



**Pictured (l-r): Luna Community College Vice-President for Instruction Dr. Vidal Martinez, Anthony Ridgeway, Rachel Ridgeway, LCC Phi Theta Kappa Advisors and Humanities Instructors Cindy Armijo and Dr. Twyla Quintana.**

that students should be part of.”

Sen. Phil Griego, who was also a guest speaker at the event, said that he will continue to be an advocate for community colleges.

“Community Colleges are important, especially to rural communities,” said Griego. “It

gives a lot of students the opportunity to go to school and be qualified to go into the workforce. It is important that community colleges be treated equally. Community colleges provide a future to a lot of our kids.”

## Weekly activities

Friday, March 1, 2013

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Phi Theta Kappa NM Region Conference*

(Allied Health LO1)

Saturday, March 2, 2013

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

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *NM Game & Fish Hunter Education Class*

(LRC Lecture Hall)

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. *Phi Theta Kappa NM Region Conference*

(Allied Health LO1& Room 9) (IPC Cafeteria)  
(General Studies Rooms 110 & 112)

Sunday, March 3, 2013

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# Luna Community College receives a “clean audit”

Luna Community College received an unqualified opinion by Moss-Adams’ partner Scott Eliason at Wednesday’s board of trustees meeting. The unqualified opinion, is also referred to as “clean”, is the highest opinion possible.

“While it’s highly unlikely there would not be any audit findings on any audit, the college is always taking steps to improve, strengthen practices and correct findings,” said LCC Vice-President of Finance Donna Flores-Medina.

According to the auditor, none of the findings were material to the financial statements and Luna Community College qualified as a “low risk auditee.”

Because the audit focuses primarily on the financial and internal controls of the college, there is a high standard set for the college’s processes and personnel involved. Federal, state and college level laws, rules and regulations are involved. This audit does not assess the in-

struction component of the college.

“Again, we have earned a clean (unqualified) financial audit,” said LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. “I am especially pleased that our operational, management and program funds and human resource procedures and standards are in compliance and focused on optimum student success. We take our fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayer very seriously and work hard to provide the highest level of

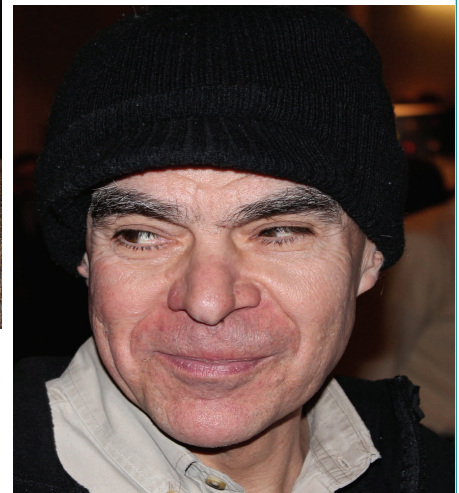
**“I am especially pleased that our operational, management and program funds and human resource procedures and standards are in compliance and focused on optimum student success,”—Dr. Pete Campos**

educational services possible to students through an accessible, equitable and lawful process. I am particularly aware of the importance to accurately report and account for our finances. This audit reveals our financial and human resource operations transparency and is one of many important documents that will be referred to as we go through the reaccreditation process during the next two years.”



**Luna Community College Baseball Antonio Siqueiros is pictured here with his fiancé Iliana Ortiz at Thursday’s Las Vegas Night at the Legislature. Siqueiros and Ortiz were among several hundred people that attended the event. For more photos, see pages 4 through 8.**

# 2013 Las Vegas Night at the Legislature



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# Meet your Rough Riders

**Name:** Yadira Carrasco  
**Nickname:** Yadi  
**Position:** Second Base, Third Base  
**Major:** Sports Performance  
**Classification:** Sophomore  
**Hometown:** Lovington, N.M.  
**High School:** Lovington High  
**Parents and family:** Arturo and Rosario Carrasco, Elly, Pri and Arturo Carrasco  
**Favorite movie, why?:** Bridesmaids, because I love comedies.  
**If you could trade places with someone, who would it be and why?:** Any pro athlete, just so I could know what it's like to play at that level.  
**How important is academics to you?:** Extremely important.  
**Plans after graduation:** Transfer to a four-year college and graduate with a master's in athletic training.  
**What is on your bucket list:** To travel around the world.  
**Favorite food, why?:** Pizza, because it is super good!  
**Favorite athlete:** Derrick Rose  
**What would you like to contribute to society?:** Help athletes get better as quick as possible.  
**Whom do you admire the most and why?** Those people that give back to our society.



**Yadira Carrasco**



**Kayla Roberts**

**Name:** Kayla Roberts  
**Nickname:** K-Rob  
**Position:** Shortstop  
**Major:** Sports performance  
**Classification:** Sophomore  
**Hometown:** Colorado Springs  
**High School:** Mesa Ridge High  
**Parents and family:** Victoria Taylor, Steven Taylor and Clorinda Roberts.  
**Favorite movie and why?:** Hook  
**If you could trade places with someone, who would it be and why?:** Oprah, because she is an amazing person  
**How important is academics to you?:** Extremely important. Student comes first, then the athlete.  
**Plans after graduation:** Continue on to a four-year college and hopefully continue playing ball.  
**What is on your bucket list:** Skydiving and travel around the world.  
**Favorite food, why?:** Avocado, because it is super good!  
**Favorite athlete:** Erick Decker, Joe Mauer—They are both extremely attractive.  
**What would you like to contribute to society?:** A good and positive role model to younger generation.  
**Whom do you admire the most and why?** My mother, because she is the strongest person I know.

## Attention students:

**LCC is continuing to register for late starting courses and 8-week courses that begin the week of March 17**

## Employee winner

*Last week's winner was Joseph Montoya as Carlos Santana.*

### 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](mailto: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.**



**Antonio Siqueiros**

and



**Ray Lewis**

or



**Cory Moore**

and



**Sam Elliott**



**Luna Community College welding student James Valdez works on his skills in preparation to take a test for his American Welding Society certification. Valdez is expected to graduate in May. For more information on the LCC Welding Program, please call 505/454-2530.**

**Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and community, a Rough Rider Meal Card is now available. The Rough Rider Meal Card can be purchased at the LCC Fiscal Office. For more information, call LCC Food Services Manager Paul Sandoval at 505/454-2581.**

## LCC board election set for March 5

*Editor's Note: the following information was obtained from the San Miguel County Clerk's office.*

Four of seven seats on the Luna Board of Trustees are up for election this year. The election is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 5.

The seats that are up for election are District 1, District 3, District 5 and District 7. All are for a six-year term beginning on April 1. District 1 candidates are: Thomas Jerry Maestas and Kenneth C. Medina; District 3 candidates are: Peter A. Martinez, Levi Alcon Jr. and Ernie Chavez; District 5 candidates are: Abelino Montoya Jr. and Anthony D. Marquez; District 7 candidates are: Richard N. Rivera, Daniel J. Romero and Joann Alcon-Ortiz.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., on the day of the election. The polling place for District 1 is Mike Marr Gymnasium; the polling places for District 3 are: David Cargo Library, Holman Elementary School, Buena Vista Fire Department and Mike Mateo Elementary; The polling place for District 5 is Mike Marr Gymnasium and the polling places for District 7 are: Valley Junior High Gymnasium, Bernal Community Center and Mike Marr Gymnasium.

Absentee voting is also an option. Absentee voting is taking at the Mora and San Miguel County Clerk's office until 5 p.m. Friday, March 1.



**Luna Community College criminal justice student Isabella Rivera studies at the Rough Rider Grill recently. Rivera, a native of San Jose, N.M. wants to earn a degree and become a probation officer.**

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# Title V Newsletter

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*"Creating a Pathway to Success in High-Demand Programs"*

## Appointed IET Members Meet for the First Time!



*IET Members appointed by the President*

The Internal Evaluation Team met on January 10, 2013 in the Distance Learning Services Lab for its first meeting. During introductions we had a visit from our special guest, "Mrs. Barker", who talked to everyone about proper procurement and mandated procedures for Federal grants. This special guest was very informative. The Year 1 initiatives were discussed as it related to the SimLab project. Susan Olson-Smith briefly talked about the upcoming SimLab.

Other items discussed were the online candidate module and its impact on students and staff for implementation. The Career Technical Education curricula was also discussed. The quarterly IET meetings will transpire throughout the year, and the next meeting is scheduled for April 2013. We are planning the next meeting to take place at the Title V SimLab located in the Allied Health building, once it is completed.



## AHEC SimLab Presentation

Susan Olson-Smith and Lorraine Martinez attended the AHEC (Area Health Education Committee) meeting on January 18, 2013 with LCC AHEC director Elaine Luna and other health field professionals. Susan Olson-Smith brought with her the Sim Baby "Sammi Jo", one of the simulation mannequins that will be used for patient practice with our students. Susan Olson-Smith presented on the purpose and need for the Title V SimLab, and demonstrated many scenarios that will be used to give our nursing students proper experience.

## SimLab Making Progress

Thank you to the Luna Community College grounds crew for the professional painting they did in the Simulation Lab. Gene Trujillo, Michael Jaramillo, Juan Macias, Leon Roybal, and Reyes Sanchez did an outstanding job!

*Thanks Guys!!*



*SimLab Supervisor Susan Olson-Smith, Title V Director Lorraine Martinez, AHEC Director Elaine Luna, and AHEC Committee Members.*

### Title V Staff

Lorraine Martinez, Director • Veronica Sema, Activity Director • Tiffany Young, Office Manager  
Susan Olson-Smith, Sim Lab Supervisor • Larry Paiz, Instructional Designer

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# 8 WEEK COURSES

Course	Sec	Hours	Title	Days	Dates	Times	Campus	Bldg	Room	Instructor
<a href="#">AH091</a>	01	1.0	TEAS Prep - Science	-M---	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	1:00PM - 2:40PM	Main Campus	AHC	NO10	Gilland, E
<a href="#">AH092</a>	01	1.0	TEAS Prep - Mathematics	-M---	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	3:00PM - 4:40PM	Main Campus	AHC	NO10	{Staff}
<a href="#">AH093</a>	01	1.0	TEAS Prep - English	-M---	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	4:00PM - 5:50PM	Main Campus	AHC	NO9	Ortega, D
<a href="#">AH094</a>	01	1.0	TEAS Prep - Reading	--W-	03/20/13 - 05/10/13	4:00PM - 5:50PM	Main Campus	AHC	NO10	Ortega, D
<a href="#">CSA150</a>	08	3.0	Computer Fundamentals	-T-R-	03/19/13 - 05/10/13	4:00PM - 7:50PM	Main Campus	BUS	103	Gutierrez
<a href="#">CUL107</a>	01	1.0	Current Topics in Food Safety	-T-R-	03/19/13 - 05/10/13	1:00PM - 1:50PM	Main Campus	CAFE		O'Brien, A
<a href="#">CUL115</a>	01	1.0	Serv-Safe Certification	-T-R-	01/15/13 - 03/08/13	1:00PM - 1:50PM	Main Campus	CAFE		O'Brien, A
<a href="#">DENT103</a>	01	5.0	Dental Materials	-T-R-	01/15/13 - 03/08/13	9:00AM - 5:00PM	Main Campus	AHC	DO02	Pacheco, G
<a href="#">DENT170</a>	01	7.0	Clinical Training/Practicum I	-MTWR-	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	8:00AM - 3:50PM	Main Campus	OFFS		Ortega, D
<a href="#">DENT170L</a>	01	0.0	Clincl Trng Practicum I/Seminar	---F-	03/22/13 - 05/10/13	10:00AM - 11:00AM	Main Campus	AHC	DO01	Ortega, D
<a href="#">DENT226</a>	01	1.0	Dental Pharmacology	-M---	01/14/13 - 03/08/13	10:00AM - 11:50AM	Main Campus	AHC	DO10	Ortega, D
<a href="#">DENT233</a>	01	2.0	Laboratory Procedures	-M-W-	01/14/13 - 03/08/13	1:00PM - 4:50PM	Main Campus	AHC	DO10	Ortega, D
<a href="#">FCMK130</a>	20	3.0	Advanced Woodworking Projects	-T-R-	03/19/13 - 05/10/13	1:00PM - 6:50PM	Springer	BTRD		Kuhlman, P
<a href="#">HPS115</a>	01	3.0	First Aid and CPR for Sports	-M-W-	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	5:30PM - 9:20PM	Main Campus	GEN	101	Aragon, M
<a href="#">PE117</a>	02	1.0	Kickboxing and Step Combo	-MTW-	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	1:00PM - 2:10PM	Main Campus	WELL		Marr-Monto
<a href="#">PSYC101E</a>	21	3.0	Introduction to Psychology (DL)	-M-W-	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	4:00PM - 6:50PM	Online Course	SPRG		Harris, R
<a href="#">PSYC242E</a>	02	3.0	Developmental Life Span (DL)	-T-R-	03/19/13 - 05/10/13	12:30PM - 3:20PM	Online Course	MADN		Hughes, R
<a href="#">SOC101E</a>	20	3.0	Introduction to Sociology (DL)	-M-W-	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	7:00PM - 9:50PM	Online Course	SPRG		Harris, R

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## Baseball, softball team lose to Trinidad State

Both the Luna Community College baseball and softball team lost two games to Trinidad State Junior College over the weekend.

The baseball team is now 1-13 on the season, losing 3-2 and 4-1. The softball team dropped to 4-7 after losing 15-0 and 6-5.

The Rough Riders will open their conference season as they travel to Texas on Friday and Saturday to take on El Paso Community College. A doubleheader is scheduled for both days.

"That was by far our worst games we played, but it was a great learning tool for us," said LCC Coach Antonio Siqueiros. "We are excited to open up conference play; we are confident we can compete in our conference. We are having trouble putting teams away. We are going to mix and match against El Paso. The scouting reports indicates

that they are a pitching team. Our record doesn't indicate how good we are. We are going to use our preseason to our advantage."

The Lady Rough Riders begin a home stand on Sunday as they take on Trinidad State. Game times are for noon and 2 p.m.

"The first game definitely got away from us," said LCC Interim Coach Nathan Trujillo. "We struck out 10 times. Your not going to win many times when you strike out that much."

Trujillo expects a better outcome this Sunday.

"I'm excited to get a lot of fans out there," said Trujillo. "I believe our team learned from their mistakes and we will have a better game than we did this weekend."

LCC also hosts Lamar on Tuesday and Wednesday.