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## Secretary of Education challenges LCC, northern N.M.



**New Mexico Higher Education Secretary of Education Dr. Jose Garcia spoke on the importance of a strong educational system.**

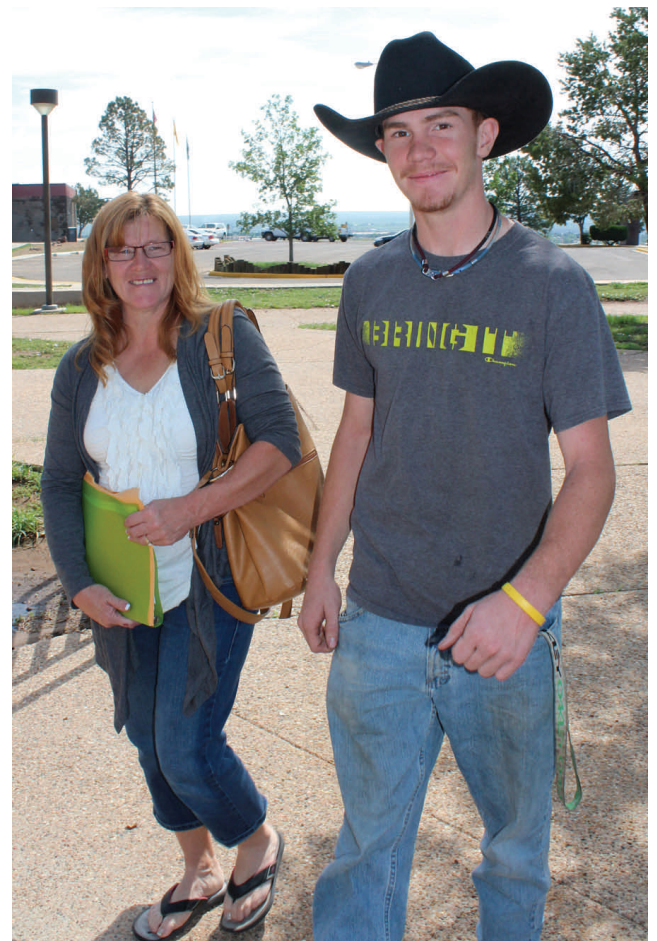
New Mexico Higher Education Secretary Dr. Jose Garcia says that glaring statistics on graduation rates are keeping him up at night.

"In New Mexico, the older generation is better educated than the younger generation," Dr. Garcia told Luna Community College Board of Trustees and a full board room on Wednesday. "We need to try and reverse this statistic. We need to work harder and really start educating our people."

Dr. Garcia said that the bottom line is that New Mexico has been slipping down in performance compared to other states over the course of the last 20 years.

"New Mexico needs to double in college graduates to be globally competitive," said Dr. Garcia. "For the rest of this century we have major challenges that can only be addressed

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**Highland High graduate and incoming Luna Community College freshman Brett Howell and his mom Rose were on campus on Friday to register for the fall semester. Classes for the fall semester begin on Monday, Aug. 19 and the last day to register is Monday, Aug. 26.**

## LCC receives national recognition on fire science program

**By Vidal Martinez/Vice-President for Instruction**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security – FEMA, has recognized Luna Community College for its commitment to standardize education for the fire and emergency services by adopting the National Fire Academy's model fire science curriculum. LCC is the second school in New Mexico to obtain

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# Challenges...

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through education. Imagine all of us better educated. We need to get our act together in higher education now, not tomorrow.”

Garcia emphasized that colleges, including LCC need to graduate more students with either degrees or certifications. He also said that LCC plays a vital role in helping out students that are at high risk. LCC, like other colleges, will receive initiatives by getting these students to earn a degree.

Dr. Garcia said that closing the achievement gap is essential.

“One of the challenges is to take these at-risk students and get them to college level so they can be successful,” said Dr. Garcia. “To do this will take a lot of work.”

Dr. Garcia said that he believes Luna Community College and other two-year colleges have not received its fair share of funding.

“I think two-year colleges play a major role (in higher education),” said Dr. Garcia.

He also said that Luna Community College among other institutions of higher learning need to graduate more students with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills. Colleges and universities will receive initiatives when they do this. In addition to STEM skills, Dr. Garcia said that students with healthcare skills is also vital.

“Employers want this,” he said.

Among some of the other statistics Dr. Garcia talked about were:

- New Mexico has slipped to 47th, eight places since 1990 in individuals between the ages of 25-34 that have a high school diploma (84.1 percent).
- New Mexico ranks 48th in individuals ages 25 to 34 that have an associate’s or higher (30.4 percent).



**New Mexico Higher Education Secretary of Education Dr. Jose Garcia said that for New Mexico to compete globally it needs a strong education and economic system.**

- New Mexico also ranks 48th in individuals ages 25-34 that have a BA or higher (21 percent). New Mexico has slipped five places since 1990.
- New Mexico’s two year public institutions rank 38th in freshmen retention at 49.4 percent, down from 29 in 2004.

“There is nothing wrong with northern New Mexico that a good economy could not help,” said Dr. Garcia. “Our feeling is that we

need to establish stronger partnerships between institutions of higher learning and employers. I have a very warm spot in my heart for northern New Mexico.”

Dr. Garcia said that it is important for Luna Community College to provide students a good job if they get a degree or certificate.

“Students need to be shown what kind of pathway they need to take to get a good job,” said Dr. Garcia.

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# LCC joining social media

By Joyce Garcia

Social media has become the most popular communication tool and is the fastest way to get the word out about anything and everything. Things such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are some of the most common among many others.

Luna Community College's communication through the years has been through the newspaper, the LCC Radio program, our very own publication "The Luna Light" and just last year a TV commercial which was broadcast statewide. Now LCC will be joining the social media venture. A Facebook page has been established and we need to get the word out about our wonderful school so that our current students, their families and friends, future and potential students and the community of Las Vegas can see what's going on at LCC.

It will be an informational page about our fields of study, athletics, our students, current and future events, important dates, our newsletter links, photos and other things. Let's do what we can to promote the school and our page because together we can make it happen and make Luna Community College great. Check out our LCC facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LunaCommunityCollege> and like us!

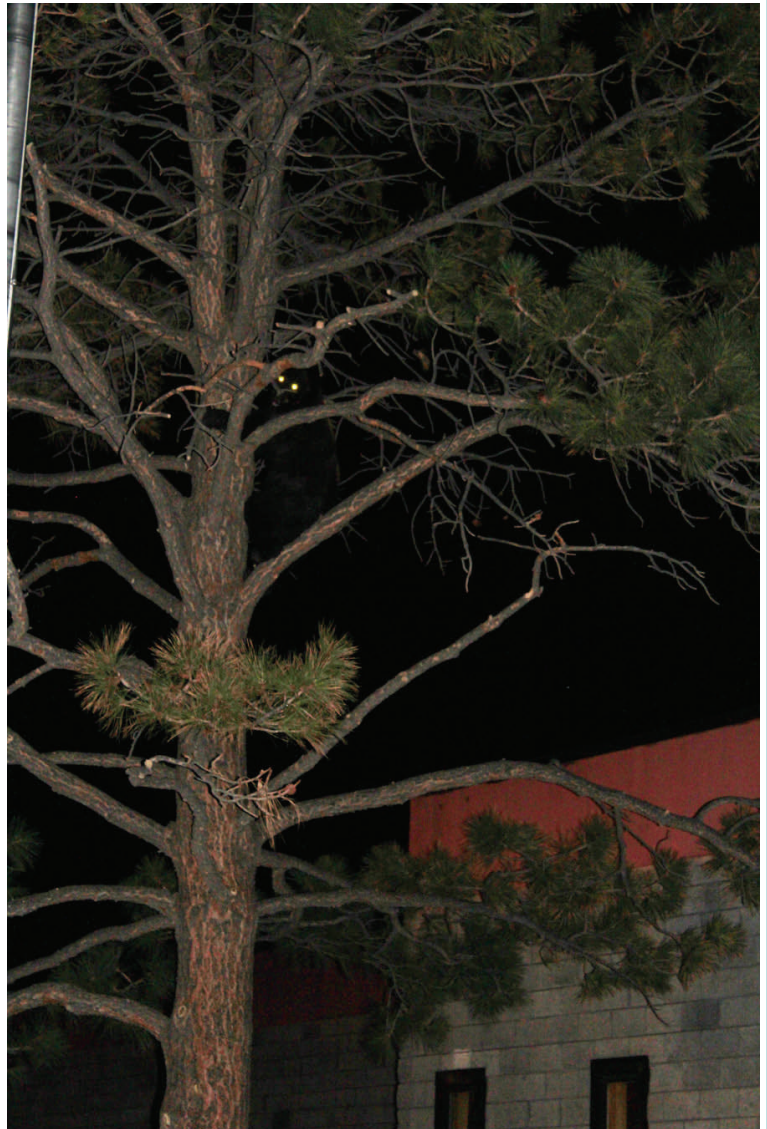
## Black bear sighted at Luna CC

At approximately 10 p.m. on Wednesday a black bear was sighted on campus. The bear was not aggressive and may have been looking for food and water. In coordination with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish we acted accordingly and carried out the instructions provided by the Game and Fish Officer.

It is the goal of the Game and Fish Department to help keep New Mexico's black bears alive. Generally, black bears will avoid human contact unless they become accustomed to eating human food. Chances are the bear is just as afraid of you as you might be of it. Last night's bear appeared to be more afraid of us than we appeared to be of it.

Bears often sleep through the day and search for food at night. We will continue to work at eliminating possible food sources by disposing of outside trash receptacles regularly. We will provide updates if the situation changes.

**Andrew J. Duran**—Life/Safety Coordinator  
Lead Security Supervisor—Luna Community College  
(505) 454-5334 or 1-800-588-7232 ext. 1109  
[aduran@luna.edu](mailto:aduran@luna.edu)



**A black bear was on campus on Wednesday night. The bear climbed up this pine tree in front of the administration building. This photo, taken at 11:10 p.m., depicts the flash bouncing off the bear's eyes. For more information on safety with bears, please call LCC Life/Safety Coordinator Andrew Duran at 505/454-5334 or e-mail him at [aduran@luna.edu](mailto:aduran@luna.edu).**

## Attention students:

**Luna Community College registration for the fall semester is ongoing.**

**You may look at the schedule online at [www.luna.edu](http://www.luna.edu). You may also pick up a hard-copy schedule on campus or in several businesses across the LCC service area.**

# Fire science program...

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national recognition which allows students enrolled in specific fire science courses to obtain National Fire Academy (NFA) certificates. Not only will students earn college credit toward their degree, but they will earn certificates in specific fire related fields, such as fire prevention, investigations, fire behavior, building construction and principles of emergency services.

LCC is proud to be part of the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) network of educational providers, and it is the goal of LCC to promote higher education for individuals serving in the profession and as a preparatory program for individuals seeking a career in the fire service. Students enrolled in the AAS program will receive a well-rounded general college education with a strong foundation in fire science. In addition, LCC has demonstrated its commitment to the FESHE cur-

riculum and the criteria for professional development by offering a certificate option in fire science, encouraging fire science graduates to further their education at a four-year university, and providing internship opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience in emergency services.

and non-core courses ([http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/higher\\_ed/feshe/feshe\\_model.shtm#associate](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/higher_ed/feshe/feshe_model.shtm#associate)). The intent of the curriculum is to bridge the gap between training, certification, and experience with post-secondary education. During the last semester of course work, graduating students must enroll in a research methods course to demonstrate proficiency in program outcomes. The outcomes cover specific fire and emergency services topics, and include:

- Illustrate the history of the fire service; describe the components and development of the fire and emergency services; recognize careers in fire and emergency services.
- Identify various classifications of building construction; understand theoretical concepts of how fire impacts major types of building construction.

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<a href="#">FS230</a>	01	3.0	Fire & Emergency Services Admntrtn	----R--	08/22/13 - 12/06/13	5:15PM - 8:05PM	Main Campus	TECH	126B	Martinez,V
<a href="#">FS250</a>	01	3.0	Research Methods in Fire Science	U-----	08/18/13 - 12/06/13	1:00PM - 4:00PM	Main Campus	TECH	126B	Martinez,V
<a href="#">FS281</a>	01	3.0	Firefighter Internship	MTWRF	08/19/13 - 12/06/13	TBA	Main Campus			Martinez,V

riculum and the criteria for professional development by offering a certificate option in fire science, encouraging fire science graduates to further their education at a four-year university, and providing internship opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience in emergency services.

For the fall 2013 semester, LCC will offer the following FESHE courses. **FS160: Fire Investigations** is a course intended to provide the student with the fundamentals and technical knowledge needed for proper fire scene investigations, including recognizing and conducting origin and cause, preservation of evidence and documentation, scene security, motives of the fire setter, and types of fire causes. **FS205E: Firefighter Strategy and Tactics** is an online course that provides the principles of fire ground control through utilization of personnel, equipment, and extinguishment agents. Topics include: fire behavior, pre-fire planning, building construction, size-up, fire ground communications, command and ICS/NIMS. **FS230: Fire and Emergency Services Administration** is a course that introduces the student to the organization and management of a fire and emergency services department and the relationship of government agencies to the fire service. Emphasis is placed on fire and emergency service, ethics, and leadership from the perspective of the company officer. The following is a complete list of fire science courses for the fall.

LCC's Fire Science program is dedicated to excellence by providing an academically-based curriculum of higher education based on FESHE core

• Identify laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations as they relate to fire prevention; understand code enforcement as it impacts life and property loss.

• Identify the fundamental theories of fire behavior and combustion; differentiate the various types of extinguishment agents.

• Identify and describe various types and uses of fire protection systems; describe the basic elements of a public water supply system as it relates to fire protection.

Identify and explain the 16 life safety initiatives; understand the concepts of risk management and mitigation as it pertains to emergency services.

Now that LCC has received national recognition for its fire science program, the next step is to incorporate more technological tools in curriculum delivery and teaching methods. Currently, several fire science courses utilize web enhanced tools such as the National Fire Academy's online career enhanced training courses and YouTube instructional videos. Overall, LCC will continue to improve educational quality and provide opportunities for students. For additional information on LCC's Fire Science Program, please visit our web site at [http://www.luna.edu/fire\\_science/](http://www.luna.edu/fire_science/) or email [vmartinez@luna.edu](mailto:vmartinez@luna.edu), or 505-670-3305.

## Weekly calendar

### Wednesday, July 31, 2013

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Comida de los Niños Training for Daycare Providers (Education 101)

### Thursday, August 1, 2013

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. LCC Athletics Orientation (Allied Health LO-1)

### Friday, August 2, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. LCC New Student Orientation (Allied Health LO-1)

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa Regional Officer Training Retreat (General Studies 104 & 112)

### Saturday, August 3, 2013

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

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa Regional Officer Training Retreat (General Studies 104 & 112)

### Sunday, August 4, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa Regional Officer Training Retreat (General Studies 104 & 112)



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos talks to New Mexico Public Schools Insurance College Attorney Frank Coppler (middle) and Greg Ramirez, claims supervisor after Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting. Coppler had this advice for the LCC Family: "Learn the art of disagreement without being disagreeable. The art of civil discourse is absolutely essential to any community, especially in a democracy. It does not mean to shirk debate or avoid hard issues. Universities and colleges are about debate, but learn to do it without losing respect for one another. You don't have to respect opinions, but you have to respect each other as individuals."

## Luna Community College Student Orientation

has been scheduled for Friday, Aug. 2.

For more information, please contact

Janice Medrano at 505/454-2546 or Melissa Lopez at 505/454-5357.

## Position Announcements

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

- Instructor-Medical Surgical Nursing (closes 8-12-13)
- Instructor-Family Nursing (closes 8-12-13)
- Vice President for Student Services (closes 8-15-13)
- Instructor-SMET Dept.- Math and Technology (closes 9-2-13)
- Temporary Part-time Assistant Softball Coach (closes 7-2-13)

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.



## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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**When:**  
Friday, August 2, 2013  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Where:**  
Nursing Auditorium  
Luna Community College  
Main Campus—Las Vegas, NM

8:00-8:30 AM	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> Nursing Auditorium	10:15-10:30 AM	<b>Student Web Mail</b> Distance Learning Courses Larry Paiz
8:30-8:45 AM	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Nursing Auditorium President, Dr. Pete Campos	10:30-10:45 AM	<b>Security</b> Andrew Duran
8:45-9:15 AM	<b>Ice-Breaker Activity</b> <b>C4 Commit to Complete</b> PHI THETA KAPPA Advisor Cindy Armijo	10:45-11:00 AM	<b>DWI Presentation</b>
9:15-9:45 AM	<b>Motivational Speaker</b> Torres Leyba Former New Mexico Regional President PHI THETA KAPPA	11:00-11:30 AM	<b>Financial Responsibility</b>
9:45 -10:00 AM	<b>Support Services</b> ACCESS Center Director Renee Maestas * Tutorial Services * Early Alert Referrals * Career Services Placement * Services for students with disabilities	11:30-12:00 PM	<b>Campus Tour</b>
10:00-10:15 AM	<b>Financial Assistance</b> * Important things to know * Types of financial aid available * Financial aid deadlines * Delayed financial aid * Receiving assistance with FAFSA	12:00-1:00 PM	<b>BBQ &amp; Signing Banner for C4 Commit to Complete</b> Rough Rider Grill patio
		1:00-5:00PM	<b>Student Registration</b> Student Services Building ACCESS Center & Board Room

# The right direction: Transforming student lives

By Dr. Pete Campos  
LCC President

Our progress made over the past five years has proven to be priceless. We're going in the right direction by transforming student lives! Luna Family members positively affect the lives of students. Our graduates are working, pursuing advanced degrees, entering the military and being recognized for their academic and athletic achievements. To some students it's all in a day's work. To others, it is a major milestone. Regardless, student's lives have positively changed because they are committed to preparing for their future and we care! Paulo Freire - author of *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* - said, Education either functions as an instrument which is used to facilitate integration of the younger generation into the logic of the present system and bring about conformity or it becomes the practice of freedom, the means by which men and women deal critically and creatively with reality and discover how to participate in the transformation of the world." We have chosen to follow the latter part of this quote.

*I have and always will - with all my heart, mind and soul - believe in every student!* I think of ways to better our services to students at work, at home, in meetings and all the time. I want students to be successful and to always go forward in their learning and career. I offer this simple advice to students, regardless of age, gender, physical or mental health level, economic status, aptitude or ambition: a) take any job even if it is just for a short time; b) learn from others; c) work hard; d) never stop bettering yourself or get discouraged even if your career does not progress as you would like it to; e) keep a positive can-do attitude every day; f) love what you do; g) stick with it; and, h) you'll surprise yourself where your career will end up!

Potential students, the following are good reasons to choose Luna Community College for your education. 1] Most of our instructors are Ph.D., Ed.D and Masters credentialed; 2] We have a good student to instructor ratio which leads to better student participation, comprehension and learning; 3] Our advisors provide guidance that leads students to finish their certification or degree coursework within a reasonable

time frame; 4] Most students qualify for the lottery scholarship, financial aid and scholarships and if they are careful with their money need very little, if any, additional finances to pay for their tuition, fees and books; 5] A lot of quality time is spent by students with hands-on activities, studying and better understanding of subject matter; and, 6] Two years of study at Luna Community College can lead to good paying jobs. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Parents, guardians, grandparents, spouses and friends of potential students, know that Luna Community College is a good college and we will do everything possible to ensure that every person who enrolls will be guided towards completion of a certificate or degree.

**Luna has been the stepping stone for many graduates to land good paying jobs in health care, technology and the trades. Many of those jobs, after a few years of experience, are paying upwards of \$50,000 a year.**

The quality of the education we provide is second-to-none. The cost of tuition is among the lowest in the country. We provide quality education at a cost our students and their families can afford. *Our graduates are working, earning a living and moving forward by establishing their careers and supporting their families.* Annie Besant, British women's rights activist, said, "I will suggest that the great aim of our education is to bring out of the child who comes into our hands every faculty that he brings with him, and then to try to win that child to turn his abilities, his powers, his capacities, to the helping and serving of the community which is a part."

Luna has been the stepping stone for many graduates to land good paying jobs in health care, technology and the trades. Many of those jobs, after a few years of experience, are paying upwards of \$50,000 a year. All a person needs is the desire to enroll, the discipline to study and the persistence to finish a certification or degree. Once the certification or degree is earned, the drive in a person must never stop! Life's success will be measured from where you started, how you've continued and where you end up. Daniel Akaka, former U.S. Senator from Hawaii, said, "I have witnessed how education opens doors and I know when sound instruction takes place, students experience the joys of new-found knowledge and the ability to excel." *Luna is a great place to start!*

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