

# The Luna Light



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Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America*

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## LCC Foundation Scholarship Golf Classic set for Aug. 18 in Pendaries

The 2012 Luna Community College Foundation Scholarship Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Pendaries Golf Course in Rociada. A shotgun start is scheduled at 9 a.m.

A four-person team sponsor is \$1,000. A hole sponsorship is \$250. The entry fee covers green fees, a cart, a famous prime rib dinner and fabulous prizes. All money raised will be used for scholarships.

Prizes will be given for longest drive (men & women's division) and closest to the pin



**Luna Community College Foundation Chair Ernesto Salazar tees off in last year's tournament.**

(men & women's division). A hole-in-one for a vehicle will also take place. Team prizes will be awarded for first through third place plus a first place gross score in a four-person scramble format. For more information, call Sarah Flores at 505/454-5367 or 505/429-7371, Ernesto Salazar at 505-920-3696 or Phil Wolff at 505/425-2080. The Pendaries Golf Course is located about 30 minutes north of Las Vegas and is known for its stunning views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

**Luna Community College Mass Media Communication student Jimmy John Maldonado takes a recording during the LCC 8th Annual Car Show on Saturday. This year it featured 99 vehicles and nearly 1,000 people attended the event. For more photos, see pages 4 and 5.**



**Fall classes begin on Monday, Aug. 20  
For more information, call 505/454-2500**

# LCC Nursing Program

By Conni Reichert

Greetings to all. I am Conni Reichert RN, MSN Assistant Director of Allied Health Sciences and would like to share with the community some of the facts that arise in nursing education. Associate Degree Programs of Nursing (ADN), like the Luna Community College Nursing Program, around the nation are very rigorous programs. From the 1952 inception of two year nursing core programs in post WWII America (Whitehead, Weiss & Tappen, 2007), the content for nursing programs has been condensed into two years from three and then from five semesters to four. This paradigm was to help eliminate the nursing shortage and produce licensed nurses in shorter periods of time. This new model also pressured nursing schools to be innovative in covering needed content in condensed time periods. Couple this with the knowledge explosion revolving around health care such as, "The class of 2011-2012 will be exposed to more information in one year than their grandparents encountered in their lifetime" (Thompson, 2012). It is therefore easy to understand the responsibility of nursing faculty to adequately cover required curricular concepts.

According to the Fraher, E, Belsky, D, Gaul K and Carpenter J article (2008), *Factors Affecting Practical Nursing Student Attrition in North Carolina*, it is written, "Only 58% of students entering ADN programs complete the degree." We will be the first to admit at Luna as well as around the nation, that there is too high of attrition rates in nursing. We want successful students and we want quality education. Many factors enter into this reality. Our mission is to produce licensed nurses to meet the needs of the community and our regulatory body (the New Mexico State Board of Nursing) and our national accrediting

body (National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission) require that we meet at least an 80% passing benchmark for first time RN National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX) takers in order to be a viable school of nursing in the state. That means to have our school stay open and serve the community.

Another factor to consider in this mix is that every three years the acuity of the national licensing exam increases. We therefore have to meet higher levels of student performance to attain higher benchmarks. We do this with conscious attention to wanting to help our students succeed. We have implemented tutoring, student success classes, using a retention specialist, paying for NCLEX comprehensive reviews etc. to meet this end. Unfortunately, not everyone meets the requirements for passing our rigorous program.

It is also important to note that the increased knowledge demanded of our students is to allow the nursing community to be able to take care of you and your loved ones who present in hospital and health care facilities with very complex health needs. We at Luna Community College in the Nursing Department are here to serve you.

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## Weekly activities

### Monday, June 18, 2012

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

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Fire Fighter Course/San Miguel County (Student Srvs./Conf.Rm)*

### Tuesday, June 19, 2012

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Prevention Arts Programs for Community Families*

Sponsored: LCC's Noches de Familia (IPC/Cafe)

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Fire Fighter Course/San Miguel County (Student Srvs./Conf.Rm)*

### Wednesday, June 20, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Fire Fighter Course/San Miguel County (Student Srvs./Conf.Rm)*

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *LCC Board of Trustees Board Meeting (LCC Santa Rosa Satellite)*

### Thursday, June 21, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. *Monthly State Transportation Commission Meeting (LRC/Faculty Conf. Room - 104)*

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Monthly State Transportation Commission Meeting (Student Services/Conf. Room)*

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Prevention Arts Programs for Community Families*  
Sponsored: Noches de Familia (IPC/Cafe)

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Fire Fighter Course/San Miguel County (Allied Health/LO-1)*

6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. *Monthly Water Board Meeting (Technologies/Room 126-B)*

### Friday, June 22, 2012

5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. *Emergency Medical Tech First Responder Course*

Sponsored: San Miguel County–Gallinas Fire (Allied Health/LO-1)

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Fire Fighter Course/San Miguel County (Student Srvs./Conf.Rm)*

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *LCC Employee Recognition Event (IPC/Cafeteria)*

### Saturday, June 23, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Emergency Medical Tech First Responder Course*

Sponsored: San Miguel County–Gallinas Fire (Allied Health/LO-1)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Fire Fighter Course/San Miguel County (Student Srvs./Conf.Rm)*

### Sunday, June 24, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Emergency Medical Tech First Responder Course*

Sponsored: San Miguel County–Gallinas Fire (Allied Health/LO-1)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Fire Fighter Course/San Miguel County (Student Srvs./Conf.Rm)*



# LCC David Gonzales AWS certified

Luna Community College student David Gonzales recently passed his AWS Certification.

He is now a certified welder and plans to put his Certification to use very soon. He is currently enrolled at LCC and plans to finish the program to and earn his certificate from LCC. The LCC Trades Department has worked hard to become a testing site for AWS Certification and has had four other students test and pass.

Currently LCC Vocational Education Director Gary Martinez, has redesigned the Welding Program in levels, following the NCCER Curriculum (National

Center for Construction Education and Research) and is going through the accreditation process.

NCCER is a national accrediting body that allows our instructors to proctor NCCER testing that will gain journeymen levels of endorsement to work in the industry. The LCC Building Technologies is currently recognized and has full endorsement through NCCER, and the LCC Electricity Program is also in the process of going through the same accreditation.

David is one more student that can gain employment above the competition as a certified welder, thanks to the LCC Welding Program.



David Gonzales

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## Strategic Market Research

free

June 26, 2012  
NMHU Kennedy Hall  
(7:30 am - 9:30 am)

This session is designed to introduce a wide variety of businesses to the basics of marketing and market research. We will discuss understanding customer needs, how to differentiate your product or service, and tips for promoting your business.

Examples will be given and questions are encouraged!

Presenter: Grace Brill of Northern NM Connect

Sign up early as seating is limited!

Workshop brought to you by the Small Business Development Center at Luna Community College, Las Vegas First Independent Business Alliance, City of Las Vegas, NMHU Foundation, Las Vegas/San Miguel Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation, and San Miguel County.

Register by:  
Web: [www.nmsbdc.org/lasvegas](http://www.nmsbdc.org/lasvegas)  
E-mail: [tromero@luna.edu](mailto:tromero@luna.edu)  
Phone: (505) 454-2582

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# Kiwanis

## ANNUAL Pancake & SAUSAGE, COFFEE, TEA, OR MILK DAY!



\$8

JUNE  
20

Breakfast: 7 - 9  
Lunch: 11 - 1:30  
Dinner: 4:30 - 7

To support  
Kiwanis  
local  
youth  
programs





# LCC Car Show highlights







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**St. Mike's graduate Adrienne Chavez signs a national letter of intent to play softball at Luna Community next season. Pictured with her are her mom Sheila Chavez and LCC Coach Meredith Gilpin.**

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

- Adjunct Faculty/Per Course Instructor
- Temporary Part-Time Substitute Teacher/Caretakers
- SMET Adjunct Faculty
- Drafting and AutoCAD
- Basic Electronics
- Introductory Physics
- Introductory Computer Science
- Introductory Computer Systems (hardware/software basics and troubleshooting)

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**FOR JOB DESCRIPTION(S) AND/OR CLOSING DATES, CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AT (505) 454-2574 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.**



**Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos participated in a luncheon at the LCC Preschool sponsored by Noches De Familia. Families get together once a month to share in prevention information and participate in fun activities with their children. President Campos is engaged in deep conversation with a 3-year old child who has a lot of worldly advice to offer.**



**KRQE News Anchor Diane Anderson is pictured here with LCC Public Information Coordinator Jesse Gallegos. KRQE has invited LCC Mass Communication students to visit its station.**

# Hey Students!

SCAVENGER HUNT and  
**FREE LUNCH !**  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 20

Scavenger Hunt begins at 8 a.m.— look for the information table in SM&ET department lobby. Prizes for students with most items collected—work in teams of three (3). Ends at 12:45 p.m. (not your average Scavenger Hunt...)

Lunch is from 11 a.m.—1 p.m.in the Technologies Building courtyard.

FREE LUNCH includes hamburgers, chips, watermelon, soda...

OPEN TO ALL SUMMER SESSION STUDENTS







## Foundation SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC

**Played at the beautiful Pendaries Golf Course**  
*On Saturday August 18, 2012*  
*Shotgun: 9:00am*



### ENTRY FEE: \$1,000 a team

INCLUDES GREEN FEES & CART, FAMOUS PRIME RIB DINNER AND FABULOUS PRIZES  
(FEES MUST BE PAID BY JULY 30, 2012)

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## Sanchez dedication to take place on Oct. 4



Former Luna Community College sports performance instructor Henry Sanchez will officially be honored at Highlands University. A formal ceremony naming the John A. Wilson Complex Gym floor in Sanchez' honor will take place at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4. Sanchez is a former Highlands University Men's Basketball Coach. Sanchez spent 13 years leading the Cowboys basketball team. Aside from the countless victories Sanchez had, Sanchez was also known as a great humanitarian. Sanchez passed away last October. He was the vice-president of the H-Club. "This is one of the biggest and most deserving honors ever given to a former coach," said longtime friend Jesse Gallegos. "Coach Sanchez is one of the finest individuals I've ever come across."



### LCC MEAL CARD

\$50



### Rough Rider Grill

Buy it at the Fiscal Office Today!