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## Students and staff can receive weather delay information in several ways

As northern New Mexico braces for what meteorologists are calling "a harsh winter," Luna Community College employees are also gearing up ways to provide information on those days when school is either cancelled or delayed.

The Luna Community College Inclement Weather Committee met recently and came out with a plan they hope will provide both students and employees access to information. They include radio, television, Rave, LCC Website, phone system, phone tree and Facebook.

The college is pushing for students and staff to sign up for Rave. It is the quickest way for everyone to be provided information. Rave is under the direction of Luna Community College Life/Safety Coordinator Andrew Duran.

Rave is a broadcast alerting service for sending timely information to students, faculty, staff, and other members of the campus community. Using Rave Alert, supplied by Rave Wireless ([ravewireless.com](http://ravewireless.com)), Luna Com-

munity College can disseminate timely notifications to thousands of users via multiple communication channels including mobile text alerts. The system can distribute an alert to the entire campus community in the case of an emergency, or a targeted group, such as baseball/softball players, and more. All students, faculty and staff should register for the service at [www.getrave.com/login/luna](http://www.getrave.com/login/luna).

"Our students today are living an unprecedented mobile lifestyle," says Duran "Rave Alert puts us in the best possible position to send emergency communications to as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, regardless of where everyone is at the time. Text, email alerting represent just a portion of our emergency communications procedure but we expect it will be an important part. I strongly encourage every member of the campus community to take a brief moment to register their mobile phone number for the emergency alert service."

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John Fields and Tiffany Willacker of Caterpillar Corporation out of Santa Fe presented a company profile and employment opportunities to LCC vocational education students and community members, recently. LCC students were happy to hear that there are jobs available in their fields of study.



The spring schedule of classes is now available online at [www.luna.edu](http://www.luna.edu). Registration will begin on Monday, Nov. 17.

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# SPRINGER SPOTLIGHT



**Famous Quote**  
Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.  
**Albert Einstein**

## Springer 2014 Homecoming



# Information...

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It's easy to register for emergency alerts from Luna Community College. To sign-up, any member of the LCC community should go to [www.getrave.com/login/luna](http://www.getrave.com/login/luna) and follow the simple instructions. The only cost to registrants is the standard text messaging costs in accordance with their chosen carrier's calling plan.

John Fields and Tiffany Willacker of Caterpillar Corporation had a packed house when they gave their presentation to Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and community members.



On Monday, Oct. 20, 2014, Humanities English Faculty Professor Leslie Jae Dennis offered an APA Documentation Format Seminar at the LRC Lecture Hall. The seminar was open to all students who have not taken Freshman Comp II but have to write an APA paper for another class, students who needed a refresher, Freshman Comp II students, or anyone else interested in using APA scholarly formats. Attendees were introduced to all facets of the APA documentation including the APA references page, in-text parentheticals, abstract, sub-headings and cover page. Students were provided a handout on the main types of sources most often documented and a link to the online PowerPoint used in the presentation. The seminar was well attended, with more than 40 students benefiting from the information shared. Additionally, two faculty members showed their support by attending the presentation. The seminar was co-sponsored by the Humanities Department and LCC Faculty Senate as a part of the "Off the Hook" series of activities.

# Maria H. Paiz Administration Building formally dedicated on Oct. 31, 2014

Maria H. Paiz' favorite holiday was Halloween and on Friday Oct. 31, 2014, Luna Community College formally dedicated the administration building in her honor.

Paiz, who was the executive office manager for the president's office, passed away in April. She worked at Luna Community College for 13 years.

"I'm proud and humble," said Maria's father Ray Flores. "I know Maria is telling me not to make such a big to-do about it. 'She's saying 'you're too much dad.' She did not like praise. She never bragged about her accomplishments."

Although Paiz did not like the spotlight, it was all hers on Friday. Known for her professional, organizational, loyal, articulate and dedicated ways, over 100 students, employees and community members attended her dedication.

"One individual related to me that they found Maria to be a people-person," said Flores.

Flores said that she did many good things without telling anyone. One instance, was that Paiz consistently visited a young boy with cancer, providing the child with hope and joy.

"She was the love of my life," said Maria's husband Larry Paiz who is the instructional designer for Title V and distance learning coordinator at Luna Community College.

Larry Paiz echoed his father-in-law saying that Maria did not like recognition.



**Maria Paiz' family is pictured unveiling the dedication of her name. Pictured are her brother Jesus, her mom Helen, her dad Ray and her husband Larry Paiz. Thirteen balloons were let up in the air for the years she spent as an LCC employee.**

"I apologize to my wife Maria," said Larry Paiz. "She is mad at me right now. I want to give appreciation to everyone who helped me with this, what you've done is appreciated."

Elaine Luna, who served on the Maria H. Paiz Committee said that "today is a celebration for Maria."

"Maria is happy today," said Luna.

Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos talked about Maria's journey.

"What Maria lived for is not finished," said Dr. Campos. "We can pull together and serve as examples."

Luna Community College Board of Trustees Chairman Abelino Montoya Jr. said Paiz was genuine.

"Maria always had things before you asked for it," said Montoya Jr. "She was someone you could turn for advice at all times. She was concerned about the fact that we all need to work together. When you see her name on this building it is a testament that we all need to work together and not lose faith and sight."

At the end of the ceremony 13 balloons were let up in the air for the years she spent as an employee.

Sarah Flores, the executive director of the Luna Community College Foundation said that a scholarship in Paiz' name is being set up. Dr. Campos has donated \$500 toward the scholarship.



# Images of the formal dedication ceremony honoring Maria H. Paiz



Pictured clockwise are Ray Flores; Larry Paiz; Dr. Pete Campos and Jesus Flores, Helen Flores, Ray Flores, Larry Paiz, Abelino Montoya Jr., Dan Romero and Frankie Tenorio.

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# Campus safety tips

By Florine Church

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If you're heading to college to get your degree, you've got to take care of yourself. College campus crime is real and varied, from petty theft to sexual assault to drunk driving. Always conduct yourself with respect, and always be mindful of your surroundings. We've also got seven other must-read [campus safety tips](#) to keep you safe, not sorry.

## Stay alert

When you're out and about, make sure you're aware of your surroundings. It may sound elementary, but many a police report has started with "I just didn't know what I was getting myself into." Be responsible for yourself, and respect yourself enough to stay away from clearly dangerous situations.

## Go toward the light

College campuses look academic and sleepy, but they are often hotbeds of criminal activity. Don't let that scare you; just be mindful. Stay away from dark or sparsely populated areas. If you have to go for a run at night, hit the gym or take a buddy.

## Have an accountability partner

If you went missing, how long would it take for someone to notice? While everyone's parents would begin to get worried after several days, make sure you have an on-campus friend or roommate that knows what you're doing. If you don't have any friends, feel free to constantly post your whereabouts to Facebook. It will be annoying, but at least someone will suspect a problem if you don't

check in every few hours.

## Lock, take, hide

For safety when driving around campus, remember the annoying red signs: *Lock* your car. *Take* your keys. *Hide* your belongings. If you have children, pets, or maybe even a frat brother in the car, don't forget to take them too.

## Bottle the buds

If you're walking around and it's not broad daylight, ditch the earbuds, if you can. Part of campus safety is being responsible for yourself, and it's your job to be able to hear footsteps behind you or a "Heads up!" when you're walking through the disc golf course.

## Program your phone

Do this especially if you live on a residential campus. "Mom" can remain your #1 speed dial. Your roommate, best friend on campus, and campus security should also be on the list. One-touch dialing makes it easier to report a problem, and you always want to be able to call someone in close proximity. Having campus security on speed dial? Well, that's just smart.

## No paper, just plastic

ATMs are notorious in and around college campuses for being a hotspot for crimes. If safety is a concern, try not to carry or extract cash obviously or unsafely. The buddy system is always good if you do have to hit a sketchy ATM spot, especially at night. It might be more difficult to budget with plastic, but safety trumps money every time.



Four individuals participated in the 2014 Luna Community College Student Government Halloween Contest. Winning the contest was Nichole Collins (far right) as Memaw Fairy; taking second was Zachary Archuleta (far left) as The Winter Soldier; taking third place was Geraldine Barreras as Zombie Wonder Woman and taking fourth was Sequoia Romero as Poseidon. All four received prizes which included a free oil change from Big O to a gift certificate from State Employees Credit Union. There was also a gift certificate to El Sombro Restaurant to a free tire rotations from the LCC SkillsUSA Automotive Technology Club.





# Title V Newsletter

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*“Creating a Pathway to Success in High-Demand Programs”*

## Luna Community College Accreditation Visit with Title V

On October 13 - 15 2014, the Higher Learning Commission visited the college for its 10 year accreditation. Ms. Carolyn Kinyon, HLC team member, met with the Title V Internal Evaluation Team (IET) to go over the role and function of the advisory group. Ms. Kinyon also had many questions of the group regarding data implementation, best practices and learning outcomes of what Title V has accomplished for the previous and current grant. A PowerPoint presentation on surveys, graphs, and outcomes was discussed with everyone present, including some community members who also gave their input. Overall, the meeting with everyone was very informative.



*Pictured above: Lorraine Martinez, Carolyn Kinyon, Gary Martinez, Diane Moore, Rick Jaramillo, Abelino Montoya Jr., David Muniz, and Debbie Trujillo*

## Auto Collision Renovation



The auto collision construction has started with Franken Construction taking the lead in all components of the electrical, plumbing and drywall components. The construction process for the building will take about 90 days for completion. The contractors will improve energy efficiency and provide space for required equipment that has already been purchased. With the newly renovated facility, students will be able to achieve required competencies to obtain NATEF accreditation.



### Title V Staff

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



The Luna Community College baseball team dressed up for a special Halloween practice last Friday. Coaches and players got together and decided to build team chemistry and unity through a fun day of practice.

## Lasting strength

**By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President**

What really makes a student successful? Is it their will, interests or ambition? It is a combination of many qualities that are unique to each individual. A student may enjoy participating in conditioning exercises like skipping rope or lifting weights; checking out face book and finding out what others are doing; or, attending class and making every effort to understand the purpose of the subject matter being taught. Regardless, there is a lasting strength that every person travels a journey that fits them. That lasting strength consists of different attributes within every student. To one person it may be: I want to make a positive change in the world, so I must learn how to do that; I know my strengths and opportunities for growth and I must decide what I am good at and sharpen my skills to build a good career for myself; or, I just can't get the hang of it, but I can't stop trying and I must have the confidence to eventually figure it out and be good at what I have chosen to do.

Let's face it! Every student has a chance to make something good of themselves. It really takes that student wanting to succeed. I have watched a former student with special needs grow to become a successful and well-to-do cattle rancher; I have seen a former student with an average level Intelligence Quotient (IQ) take charge of a public agency budget process; and, I have observed a former student who attained good grades and a high ACT score be accepted into and sail through a top quality engineering program and start his own technology engineering firm and build a successful reputation in more than one state. One of these three former students has passed and died working hard; another has retired; and, the third is doing well contributing to worthy causes and making a positive difference as a businessperson and philanthropist.

All three persons that I have referred to in the preceding examples have or had lasting strength of some kind or at some degree. I believe one similar trait these persons have or had was they listened to the advice of others who were sincere in offering them guidance. While their aptitudes and career paths were different, they wanted to be successful and absorbed and took seriously, the life options others shared with

them.

I wish to emphasize to students that it is imperative to keep what makes your lasting strength to succeed strong. It may be the love shared by family, it may be the individual motivation developed because of the voids seen in society that you want to fill, it may be the gumption formed to do well because others have discounted your potential or involvement, or it may be the fortitude you have honed because of numerous obstacles in your way to reach what you have hoped to accomplish. Students will succeed when they reflect upon what they have experienced, learned from the disappointments they encounter, which often sticks like Velcro, and grow from their good experiences to enjoy careers worth pursuing.

When persons are not in tune with themselves, they are hurtful, negative and talk about how things won't work instead of serving and listening to others and being content with their own lives. I don't want students to end up as unhappy employees. I want them to remain happy, healthy and positive throughout their lives. Positive persons make a significant difference to customers, their boss, fellow employees and most importantly, their families. When a promising career ends up as an unsatisfying and unhealthy life, everyone suffers. I encourage all of us to work to be the best, most cooperative and proactive examples we can be so students see the leadership, at all levels, that truly guides and cares for them. Dale Carnegie said, "Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain but it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving."

Actions speak louder than words! Let's help students feel strong, happy, peaceful, and loved. By doing so, our society will become more positive and productive. Remember, lasting strength comes from the teachings, nurturing and encouragement we provide our students. Our future will become better by the positive interaction we have with students. Our future is theirs to lead! Let us never lose our drive to serve students and support their lasting strength.