

# The Luna Light

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## LCC/Santa Rosa High creating opportunities for students

*Building technology classes going well in early part of semester*

At the end of the fall semester Santa Rosa High student Zeke Sena may be the leading rusher in the state. And by the end of the semester Sena will also have a better understanding of building technology.

The senior is one of several students taking advantage of a partnership between Luna Community College and Santa Rosa High that allows them to take building technology courses.

"I love this class," said Sena last Wednesday. "It gives us hands-on experience. I'm real excited to see what we're going to learn for the rest of the semester. It's a very beneficial class; I've been waiting to take this class for a long time."

In June, the LCC Board of Trustees approved the partnership. The cost to the college is right about \$19,800. Students at Santa Rosa High take this course on a concurrent basis, meaning that credits are counted at both the high school and college level.

"It's providing opportunities for kids," said Santa Rosa High Principal Richard Perea. "In addition for our stu-



**Luna Community College and Santa Rosa High Building Technology Instructor David Flores teaches students the importance of safety when using a table saw last Wednesday. Pictured (l-r): Dante Terillo, Jesus Blancarte, Kyle Tapia, Zeke Sena, Brandon Lucero, Juan Perea, Vincente Cordova and Miranda Tenorio. Safety goggles were distributed for the actual presentation.**

dents learning skills in this area, they are also building relevance and reinforcing their math. By taking this class, students

will use trigonometry, geometry, estimating and construction surveying.

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## What is student government?

**By Dawna Ortega Gallegos/Student Gov. Advisor**

Student Government is the most visible student-run organization on campus and acts to represent the good of the student body. Not all campuses have a student-facilitated governing body, so we are fortunate that our campus empowers the student body.

Student governing bodies have several names that differ campus-to-campus with the most common names being legislature, council, senate, and government. The precise role of the student government differs from campus-to-campus, as does the extent of its influence. Nonetheless, student government is the most powerful student organization on campus and is

viewed by the staff, faculty, and administrators as the voice of the students.

Student government election will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20 The Rough Rider Grill. Elections will be held for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer along with six senators.

Students that want to run can pick up petition forms from LCC Student Government Advisors Amanda Ortiz or Dawna Ortega-Gallegos at the financial aid or allied health departments after Monday, Sept. 9.

The petitions have to be returned by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13.

# Creating opportunities...



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Currently, students are taking classes in the welding shop. Perea said that an exclusive classroom for building trades is currently under renovation and should be ready by the end of October.

David Flores, the instructor of the class, says that early on things are working well.

"It's a very exciting time for Santa Rosa High," said Flores. "It's a good thing for both Luna Community College and the high school bringing back this program. Right now, the students are learning safety in the workshop. It's important to teach them about all the hazards. Many students already have many projects in mind such as tables, rocking chairs and other practical, nice useful things. I believe that as word of these classes gets around, there will be more students interested in taking it."

In addition to three classes taught at the high school, Flores teaches two evening classes for community members.

"Our community is very happy about these courses," said LCC Santa Rosa Satellite Director Albert Campos. "It's a proven fact that there is gainful employment from building technology."

Campos said that building technology courses haven't been offered in Santa Rosa since the late 80s.



Santa Rosa High School students and instructors along with LCC officials on Wednesday.

**Absentee voting for the 2013 Luna Community College Student Government Elections will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18 and Thursday, Sept. 19 at the Admissions Department in the Student Services Building. A Luna Community College ID is required. Regular voting will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20 at the Rough Rider Grill.**



# Deadline for clubs and organizations coming up

As the mission of the Luna Community College Activities Office is to promote social, recreational, and educational co-curricular activities, we highly encourage involvement from staff and faculty through campus clubs/organizations.

Those interested in starting a campus club should complete a charter form no later than Sept. 18.

All existing clubs/organizations are required to re-charter their club no than Sept. 18.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 505.454-5357 or ext. 1217.

Melissa Lopez

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## Luna Community College Faculty Senate September Meeting

**Attention All Faculty Members:  
Monday, September 9, 2013  
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm  
SMET 126 B, Administration Building**



Meeting to discuss important issues at our college:

- Shared Governance
- Student Life
- Excellence in Teaching and Learning

#### **YOUR FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

Adrienne O'Brien, Chair  
Cindy Armijo, Vice Chair  
Chuck Peterson, Immediate Past Chair  
Leslie Joe Dennis, Secretary/ Senator-Humanities, ABE, Ed.  
Joseph Montoya, Senator-Trades  
Maxine Hughes, Senator-Allied Health  
Harry Anderson, Senator-Business, SMET  
Sherry Goodyear, Senator-Satellites  
Vanessa Rollings, Senator-Associate/Adjunct Instructor

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This Meeting's Agenda Available at:  
[https://luna.edu/media/page\\_files/  
Faculty\\_Senate\\_Meeting\\_Agenda\\_9-9-](https://luna.edu/media/page_files/Faculty_Senate_Meeting_Agenda_9-9-)

## Position Announcements

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

- Instructor-Medical Surgical Nursing (closes 9-12-13 or until filled)

- Instructor-Family Nursing (closes 9-12-13 or until filled)
- Allied Health Director (closes 9-30-13 or until filled)
- Student Services Advisor/Counselor (closes 9-13-13)

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](http://WWW.LUNA.EDU)

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL POSITION POSTING FOLLOW

# Student success and integrity

By Dr. Pete Campos

There are many components to student success. As we travel along our reaffirmation of accreditation journey, it is important that we practice our beliefs to ensure that students become more resilient and persistent and we hone our retention and completion strategies.

While the curriculum and instruction we provide students is at the core of their success, motivating them so they overcome life's hurdles is just as important! Bill Cosby said, "In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."

This is what I mean: 1] education is a lifelong process where we learn, ask questions and develop our independent thinking, skills and talents; 2] education is learning how to cope with the ups and downs of each day, use what we have been taught and combine new experiences to think our way through all types of situations we encounter; 3] education is life's treat, the more we understand each other, commit to progress and work together, the more we enjoy our lives; and, 4] education is not criticizing or faulting others, rather it is taking a solutions based approach so our lives are more fulfilling, friendships become stronger and past differences are set aside and new beginnings occur naturally among colleagues. Confucius said,

"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential.....these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."

Some suggestions to move students more effectively through Luna Community College include: A] Explain and regularly promote the

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purpose for the use of our diagnostic assessment tool (COMPASS) so students take it seriously, become more aware of their skill levels in core subject areas, reflect upon their academic challenges, take appropriate level courses, advance in their understanding of subject matter and take satisfaction in their mastery of skills that will benefit them and last a lifetime. B] Improve technology and add certified counselors to create more robust services that include more widespread use of student educational plans. C] Unilaterally communicate and establish structured pathways to help students identify and focus on a program of study and guide them along an educational

roadmap to indicate appropriate courses and available support services. D] Enhance professional development for both faculty and staff, particularly related to all student instructional and support needs. E] Constantly revisit, review and revise (when necessary) to ensure that financial and organizational resources are better aligned with student success. F] Align our college and regional goals with the education and workforce needs of the area. Overall, we must continue to restructure our college system to provide students with more structure and guidance to encourage better career choices and increase their probability of success. John D.

Rockefeller said, "If you want to succeed you should strike out on new paths, rather than travel the worn paths of accepted success."

Now, what does it take for us to prime the pump, progress along life's learning journey and then return our experiences and talents to improve the lives of others? It takes integrity! According to Wikipedia, integrity is a concept of consistency of actions, values, methods, principles, expectations, and outcomes. So, if we combine integrity with our mission to ensure student success, we will look forward to each day of work at Luna Community College. Les Brown said, "Honor your commitments with integrity."

## Weekly calendar

### Monday, September 9, 2013

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. LCC Faculty Senate Meeting (Technologies 126B)

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

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (Business 115)

### Tuesday, September 10, 2013

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Safety Belt Class (General Studies 102B)

### Wednesday, September 11, 2013

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (Business 115)

### Thursday, September 12, 2013

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)

### Friday, September 13, 2013

No Events Scheduled

### Saturday, September 14, 2013

6:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. HELP NM Regional Early Care Education Conference (LRC Lecture Hall)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Class (General Studies 102B)

# LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD!

## Run For Student Government at LCC and Make a Difference!

**Positions Available:**

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Senators - 6

Petitions open Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and can be obtained from Student Government Advisors Amanda Ortiz in Financial Aid or Dawna Ortega-Gallegos in Allied Health and must be returned by 5:00pm Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Elections will be held from 1:00-4:00 on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at The Rough Rider Grill.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

**Executive Committee Must:**

- Have a cumulative GPA of a 2.5 or higher
- Be registered as a full-time student
- Have a declared major
- Obtain a minimum of 25 signatures from currently enrolled students for nomination

**Student Senators Must:**

- Have a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or higher
- Be registered at least ½ time (6 credit hrs.)
- Have a declared major
- Obtain a minimum of 25 signatures from currently enrolled students for nomination

Students elected will receive a Stipend for the 2013-2014 Academic Year!



Luna Community College Zumba Instructor Timothy Martinez leads a class on Thursday evening at the Gerald Ortega Wellness Center. The cost for this community education class is \$25 for a half a semester. For more information, call Martinez at 505/610-9513.



YouthBuild students receive guidance and direction from their Vocational Education Instructor Robert (Louie) Plagge on how to set up elevations to establish where bridges will be built at the Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge.

**Tip of the week**  
**Build a culture of trust**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 21 2013**  
**in Las Vegas New Mexico**

CASA de CULTURA Presents The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Ain't Got No**  
**Frijoles**  
**BLUES**  
**FESTIVAL**

*Raffles, T-Shirts,  
 Local Food Vendors*

**FRI. SEPTEMBER 20** **SAT. SEPTEMBER 21**  
 6-12 am: **Cruise/Dance Party** 12:30-5pm: **FREE CONCERT**  
 Location: Starts at Plaza Park Location: Historic Plaza Park  
 & Dance at Plaza Hotel Ifield Ballroom  
 Performers:  
**Jeff Romero's Rainy Monday BluesBand**  
**The Jake Loggins Band**  
**Hillary Smith and Soul Kitchen,**  
**Kenny Sky Wolf and**  
**The Jake Loggins Band.**  
 Admission: \$10.00 per person

Tickets for Friday Night Cruise and Blues Dance Party available at these locations:  
 Loose Music: loosemusicstore@gmail.com  
 Historic Plaza Hotel: plazahotelnm.com  
 Historic El Field: hoteliefidel.com

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# Title V Newsletter

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

## Online Admissions Test



*Luna's Rough Rider baseball team testing online admissions applications.*

On Saturday, August 24, 2013, the Rough Rider Baseball team were invited to the Title V labs to test out the new online admissions application through Pathways. Their feedback through a survey is a valuable resource for Title V.

**Thank you!**

## HSI Recognizes Title V program at LCC

The U.S. Department of Education recognized the Luna Community College Title V program for the simulation lab and its state-of-art equipment. This lab will accommodate the nursing students in simulation.

The HSI summer newsletter from the office of Postsecondary Education came out in early August and was distributed to all Title V programs nationwide, and the Department of Education. Title V was notified of this honor by two Department of Education Program Officers, Jeffery Hartman and Richard Gaona.

## Laerdal Onsite Training

Laerdal training continues for Title V staff and the LCCNursing Department Faculty. Training consisted of instruction on operation and programming of Simulation Lab mannequins and software. All nursing faculty have participated in these trainings which include Maxine Hughes, Conni Reichert, Jackie Romero, Susan Olson-Smith and Larry Paiz. Laerdal trainer Jason Cunningham conducted a two day training that started on August 13, 2013 to include use of the SimPad and Sim Jr. during simulation.



*Laerdal instructor Jason Cunningham conducts a 2 day training on use of the simulation mannequins.*

### Title V Staff

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

# CENTENNIAL CARE

“NM MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM”

&  
HEALTH INSURANCE

EXCHANGE  
IS COMING

TO INCLUDE MEDICAL HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LONG TERM CARE AND SOME COMMUNITY BENEFITS

NM MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM INCLUDES MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR ADULTS AGES 19-64 AND THOSE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN MEDICAID DO YOU MEET CERTAIN FEDERAL GUIDELINES?

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SIGN UP STARTS OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.

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Household size	Adults ages 19 to 64 may qualify for:		
	MEDICAID - Free healthcare coverage	EXCHANGE- private healthcare coverage	
		With financial assistance	Without financial assistance
	If household income is this much each month:		
1 person	Less than \$1,323	\$1,323-\$3,830	More than \$3,830
2 people	Less than \$1,785	\$1,785-\$5,170	More than \$5,170
3 people	Less than \$2,247	\$2,247-\$6,510	More than \$6,510
4 people	Less than \$2,709	\$2,709-\$7,850	More than \$7,850
5 people	Less than \$3,172	\$3,172-\$9,190	More than \$9,190
6 people	Less than \$3,634	\$3,634-\$10,530	More than \$10,530

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Luna Community College students Courtney Aragon (left) and Marissa Chavez along with LCC Gerald Ortega Wellness Center employee Paul Aragon all placed at the OCB Arizona Natural Physique Competition on Aug. 24 in Mesa, Ariz. Courtney Aragon placed second overall, and was awarded Best Presentation in the Bikini Division. Paul Aragon placed fifth in his class (Men's Bodybuilding). Chavez finished eighth in her class (Women's Figure). All three are members of the High Desert Physique Team which was founded and is coached by Paul Aragon. They would like to thank their sponsors: Southwest Capitol Bank, Vida Encantada Nursing Home, Razor's Custom Tattoos, Parson's Landscaping, and Meadow City's Family Clinic. For more information about the LCC Wellness Center, you may call 505/425-8767.

