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Nine LCC students graduate from Dental Assistant Program

Nine Luna Community College dental assistant students took the Dental Assistants Pledge at a recent pinning ceremony in their honor.

Brianna Abeyta, Dominique Archuleta, Gilbert Garcia, Sonya Gonzales, Vanessa Lucero, Alicia Maldonado, April Noche, Evette Ulibarri and Chelsea Visarraga are the official dental assisting graduating class of 2014.

"Dental assistants are the backbone in any dental office," said LCC Dental Assistant Program Administrator Gloria Pacheco. "They provide a service that allows the dentist to focus on high-productivity procedures."

Friends, family and well wishers attended the pinning ceremony. This is the first time that dental students had a private ceremony. In year's past, the event included both dental and nursing students.

"We wanted something that would allow us to focus on dental assisting," said Pacheco who just completed her 12th year at LCC. "We wanted our students to have something memorable as they exited the program."

The dental program consists of fall, spring and summer.

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Students right to left April Noche, Alecia Maldonado and Vanessa Lucero share the flame to light their candles before they take the dental assistant pledge.

**Fall classes
begin on
Monday,
Aug. 18.
The last day to
add classes is
Friday, Aug. 25.**



LCC student Victor Ramirez and Amberlynn Sena are pictured here with LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. The trio made a radio commercial at KNMX Studios.



Luna Community College's Courtney Aragon became 2014 Fitness New Mexico Champion May 31 at the Fitness New Mexico Championships in Albuquerque. Aragon is a member of High Desert Physique—Las Vegas' competitive fitness team coached and founded by Paul Aragon. The team trains out of LCC's Wellness Center under direction of Paul Aragon, LCC's performance specialist/HITT class instructor/personal trainer/veteran student advisor. Additional to winning the title, Aragon also won her pro card in the Fitness Universe Federation, and became one of only two professional fitness competitors for this federation in the entire state and currently one of 24 in the entire country. She will continue her training and plans to compete representing High Desert Physique at the Fitness America/Worlds Championships in the pro division this November in Las Vegas, Nev.

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Sharing a compliment

In today's fast-paced world, oftentimes we don't take time to appreciate one another. The Luna Light is beginning a segment where people can share compliments. What is interesting about this segment is that the individual that shares the compliment will not have their name published. Anyone wishing to share a compliment about someone can e-mail their quote to jgallegos@luna.edu. We hope to publish this segment on a regular basis.

Francina Martinez

Francina A. Martinez, for the past two years, has willingly undertaken the additional task of ensuring that student persistence, retention, and completion funds allocated by the New Mexico Legislature and signed into law by the governor are spent prudently, efficiently, effectively, and reap optimum benefits for student success and their program completion. The funds have now reached over \$1,158,000.

Francina works enthusiastically and tirelessly, asks the tough questions of everyone (all receive equal treatment) to ensure full accountability, and focuses on student success with every public (taxpayer) penny allocated to our college and spent on behalf of students. You'll not find another person who isn't as honest, transparent, accountable, and results-oriented as Francina.

Francina asks full-blown questions, expects proposal results, and wants the students of Luna Community College to benefit from the dedication set forth by the employees of the college. She combines her experience, dedication, and straightforward commitment to help students reach their educational goals, life dreams, and career aspirations.

Francina is devoted to student success at Luna Community College. Thank you Francina! You have earned your pay and more, and our students are better because of your dedication to better their future.



In the top left photo, the Luna Community College Board of Trustees met Friday evening in a retreat at Iselta. In the bottom left photo, LCC Board of Trustees Chairman Abelino Montoya Jr. (middle) and LCC Board Secretary Dan Romero (right) talk with Alan Varela of Quality New Mexico. In the bottom right photo, LCC Board of Trustees Tony Valdez (left) and Frankie Tenorio (right) talk with New Mexico Independent Community Colleges Executive Director Clayton Abbey. The board met for 10 and half hours Friday evening and Saturday. Among the items discussed were the BOT's strategic planning and goal setting.



In an effort to improve our readership, we are asking employees and students to submit e-mail addresses of anyone interested in receiving The Luna Light to jgallegos@luna.edu. Thank you.

Be Part of the Team!



LCC Fire Science Program

Fall 2014 Course Offerings

- FS118: Principles of Emergency Services
- FS205E: Firefighter Strategy/Tactics (DL)
- FS214: Fire Protection Systems

Weekly Activities

- Tuesday, August 5, 2014**
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Wilson & Company Conference (Student Services 102)
- Saturday, August 9, 2014**
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CNA Testing (Allied Health NO-7 & MO-11)
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Class (General Studies 102B)

Fall class schedules are available and can be picked up at local businesses and throughout the LCC service area.

Dental assisting...

“The majority of our students are hired at their clinicals,” said Pacheco. “The jobs for dental assistants are in high-demand. I still get calls from dentist’s office asking for dental assistants.”

As part of the ceremony, LCC Vice-President for Instruction Dr. Vidal Martinez along with former LCC Dental student Candace Gonzales spoke.

Gonzales recently earned her dental hygienist certificate.

“We advocate to our students to go on with school and aspire to be a dentist or dental hygienist,” said Pacheco. “Candace is a good role model for our students.”



Gloria Pacheco

Gonzales talked to the 2014 graduating class privately emphasizing to reach high with goals and to never give up on them.

The graduates were greeted on stage by family members and friends. A video with pictures of their progress during the school year was also shown.

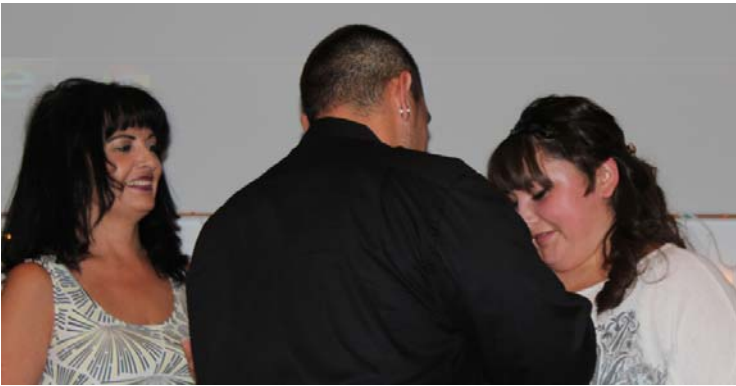
“I’m very happy with the success of the program and our goal is to get better,” said Pacheco.

In 2011, the Luna Community College Dental Assisting Program received national accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).



Candace Gonzales was a guest speaker at the LCC Dental Assistant Pinning Ceremony. Gonzales graduated from the LCC Dental Assistant Program in 2008. She is a recent dental hygiene graduate from Pima College and passed her state board exam. In the second photo, confetti is thrown in the air as a final farewell to dental assistants of 2014.

**Congratulations to 2014
Luna Community College Dental Assistant
graduates and to former LCC
dental assistant student Candace Gonzales.**



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Pictured clockwise are: Brianna Abeyta and her mother Annie Abeyta; Alecia Maldonado, her mother Tina Romero and Jacob Sanchez; students take their oath as dental assistants (Chelsea Visarraga, Evette Ulibarri, April Noche, Alecia Maldonado, Vanessa Lucero, Gilbert Garcia, Dominique Archuleta and Brianna Abeyta); Chelsea Visarraga with parents Herbert and Valerie Visarraga; Gilbert Garcia and father Leon Garcia ; Evette Ulibarri with mother Ernestine Ulibarri; Dominique Archuleta with her mother Karen; April Noch and LCC Instructor Dawna Ortega and Vanessa Lucero and her mother Christine Pacheco.

SPRINGER SPOTLIGHT



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos met with LCC-Springer Satellite faculty, staff, and Board of Trustee David Gutierrez to discuss ideas and suggestions for the \$300,000 appropriated to the college for the facility upgrade.



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CHARLE ENLOE



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VOC ED STUDENT:
DOROTHY LUJAN-VALDEZ

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**Education is the key to unlock
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George Washington Carver

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“ Computers are incredibly fast, accurate and stupid; humans are incredibly slow, inaccurate and brilliant; together they are powerful beyond imagination”

~Albert Einstein~



LCC Computer Science Program Fall 2014 Course Offerings:

CS105 Introduction to Computer Science

****CS112** Introduction to Operating Systems

****CS220 A+** Essentials w/ Practical Applications

CS140 Computer Science I

****CS261** Network Concepts I

VGD106 Script Writing and Storyboarding

****** Prepares students for Certification

School of Business

Fall 2014

Web Design

Desktop Publishing

Classes start August 18, 2014

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Fall 2014 Online Courses

ACCT 200E	4	Accounting Principles I	M-W	5:30-7:10	D. Gutierrez
ACCT 201E	4	Accounting Principles II	T-R	1:00-2:50	D. Gutierrez
BUS 105E	3	Introduction to Business	T	5:30-8:20	E. Ortega
CSA 150E	1	Computer Fundamentals	S	5:30-9:20	B. Lobato
CSA 150E	2	Computer Fundamentals	R	5:30-0:20	D. Gutierrez
CSA 150E	2	Computer Fundamentals	T	5:30-0:20	D. Gutierrez
MGMT 207E	1	Principles of Management	W	5:30-8:20	E. Ortega
MKT 201E	1	Principles of Marketing	R	5:30-8:20	E. Ortega

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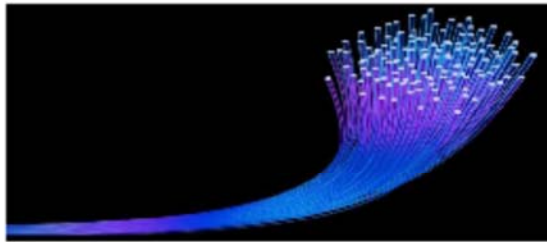


Entry Deadline is Monday August 4, 2014

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Electronics Engineering Technology Program



Fall 2014 Course Offerings

ELEC101 Electronics Circuits/DC

ELEC202 Telecommunications Electronics

SMET101 Introduction to Science, Math & Engineering Technology

SMET105 Computer Use for Technology

SMET117 Introduction to Engineering

ACBSP awards accreditation to 31 institutions

**Submitted by Amanda Lucero
LCC School of Business Office Manager**

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) announced that 31 of the association's member institutions, including five community colleges were awarded accreditation for their business school or programs at the 2014 ACBSP Annual Conference in Chicago on June 29.

Douglas G. Viehland, executive director of ACBSP, said: "These institutions have shown their commitment to teaching excellence by their participation in the accreditation process and their achievement of accreditation. ACBSP is proud to assist these schools and programs in their commitment to quality business programs. We recognize their educational practices that contribute to the continuous improvement of business education."

Colleges that have been accredited this year are listed below along with the president, chief academic officer, and the head of the business unit:

Associate Degree-Granting Institutions

Gateway Technical College (Wisconsin)

Dr. Bryan D. Albrecht, President & Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Zina Haywood, Executive Vice President & Provost
Mr. Ray Koukari Jr., Dean, Business & Information Technology

Hennepin Technical College (Minnesota)

Dr. Cecilia Cervantes, President
Dr. Marilyn Krasowski, Interim VP of Academic and Student Affairs

Ms. Therese Salber, Dean of Business, Media & Information Technology

Luna Community College (New Mexico)

Dr. Pete Campos, President
Dr. Vidal Martinez, Vice President
Ms. Amanda Lucero, Office Manager

Nashua Community College (New Hampshire)

Ms. Lucille Jordan, President
Dr. William McIntyre, Interim Vice President, Academic Affairs

Mr. John J. Carlisle, Chair, Department of Business & Technology

Zane State College (Ohio)

Dr. Paul Brown, President
Dr. Chad Brown, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mr. George Hicks, Dean of Business & Engineering Technology

About ACBSP

ACBSP's mission is to promote continuous improvement and recognize excellence in the accreditation of business education programs around the world. ACBSP, www.acbsp.org, is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as a specialized accreditation agency for business education. ACBSP currently has 1,233 member campuses, 195 of which are located outside of the U.S. Of those campuses, 923 have achieved accreditation and more than 210 are in candidacy for accreditation. Individual members on these campuses now exceed 11,000. FAQs / Accreditation FAQs.



This picturesque view from Luna Community College was taken last week by LCC Vice-President for Finance & Administration Donna Flores-Medina. Las Vegas, as well as most of New Mexico got plenty of much-needed rain over the course of the last several weeks. Luna Community College's location provides a great view of Las Vegas.