

# The Luna Light

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## ACE Lab available to students

**By Monica Rossetti**

The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), commonly called the ACE lab is located in the Tech building on the Luna Community College campus and provides computer access, tutoring for STEM courses, as well as information on internships, scholarships and research opportunities in the sciences. The center is in the heart of the STEM department and casual student-instructor interaction in this environment is frequent and makes for a productive study environment.

We welcome all students of the LCC community; you do not need to be a STEM major to visit the ACE Lab! In addition to traditional access to tutors, the center follows the unique Supplemental Instructor (SI) Model developed by Dr. Deanna Martin in 1973 at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. This model has proven to increase student performance and retention. SI targets traditionally difficult academic courses and provides regularly scheduled, out-of-class, peer facilitated sessions.

The SI sessions are facilitated by Supplemental Instruction Leaders (SILs), who are LCC or NMHU consortium students and have mastered the course, done well, and been identified by faculty as model students to act as SILs. Each SIL sits in a targeted course, take notes and establishes a peer relationship with the students in the classroom. The SIL's participate in scheduled trainings led by the SI supervisor, to increase the quality of the sessions.

SI sessions are regularly scheduled outside the class and held at the ACE lab. They integrate how-to-learn with what-to-learn.

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**Congratulations to the three Luna Community College first level nursing recipients of the Alta Vista Regional Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship: Pictured (l-r) are Kiana Gutierrez, Kimberly Sena and Kacy Cochran. The Alta Vista Women's Auxiliary has provided \$1500 for three semesters of study to generally three candidates since 2002. To date they have donated \$142,500 to Luna nursing students. Allied Health Director Conni Reichert says the department is very thankful for their generosity and support.**

**The LCC Dental Assistant Student Association raised money recently through a bake sale at the Rough Rider Grill.**



# ACE Lab...

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Students who participate in SI sessions discover study strategies, e.g. note taking, graphic organization, questioning techniques, vocabulary acquisition, and test preparation, as they review content material. This spring semester the following STEM courses have SIL's:

MATH 190 Trigonometry/  
Instructor Dr. Rita Surdi/ **SIL- Gabriel Maestas**

Math 180 College Algebra/  
Instructor Betsy Sanchez/ **SIL - Alma Sanchez**

CHEM 112 General Chemistry II/  
Instructor Dr. Elizabeth Juarros/ **SIL- Justin Smith**

BIO 111 General Bio II/  
Instructor Lisa Bentson/ **SIL - Auritha Roybal**

These sessions are open to all students in these subject areas and are attended on a voluntary base. It has been shown that students who participate in SI sessions earn higher subject grades and withdraw less often than non-SI participants.

The ACE lab is here to help students develop critical thinking, engage in teamwork, develop effective study habits and



Luna students busy receiving tutoring and studying at the ACE Lab.

help students set and achieve goals. To learn more see [www.luna.edu](http://www.luna.edu), student resources, or just drop by – we look forward to meeting you!

**ACE Lab Opening Hours:**  
**Spring/Fall Semester**  
Mo – Thurs 8AM – 8PM  
Fri 8AM- 5PM  
**Summer Semester**  
Mo – Fri 8AM – 5PM

## Position Announcements

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

• Instructor-Family Nursing (closes 3-31-14)

• Institutional Research Director/Grant Writer (closes 2-19-14)

• Student Services Advisor (Closes 2-19-14)

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

## “The People’s College”



# Pageant held at Luna CC

Recently, Luna Community College had the privilege of co-hosting the 2014 Miss Las Vegas/San Miguel County & Outstanding Teen Pageant presented by Southwest Capital Bank and directed by LCC's very own Courtney Aragon, the pageant's new executive local director.



**LCC Students: Marla Roybal, Montanna Martinez and Brittany Moya.**

The pageant proved to be a huge success with over 150 attendees, including Miss New Mexico's State Director- Carol Henry, former Miss New Mexico's Outstanding Teen- Natalie Benson, and seven current titleholders. The pageant included special performances by our current Miss New Mexico- Alexis Duprey and Miss New Mexico's Outstanding Teen- Jaden Smith.

LCC was well represented with four LCC students competing: Marla Roybal, Brittany Moya, Liz Herrera- Top Five Placer, and Montanna Martinez who was awarded 2014 Miss Congeniality. Christina Chavez was crowned Miss Las Vegas 2014, Elizabeth Nelson won Miss San Miguel County 2014 and our new 2014 Miss Las Vegas Outstanding Teen is Alicia Aragon. For more information regarding the pageant or becoming involved in future pageants, contact our Executive Local Director at [misslvpagantdirector@hotmail.com](mailto:misslvpagantdirector@hotmail.com).



**Left to right: Director-Courtney Aragon, Judges: Andres Arellanes, Dwight Torres, Freda Webb, Miss New Mexico: Alexis Duprey, Miss San Miguel County: Elizabeth Nelson, Miss Las Vegas: Christina Chavez, Miss Las Vegas Outstanding Teen: Alicia Aragon, Miss New Mexico's Outstanding Teen: Jaden Smith, Judges: Melissa Lopez, Stephanie Gonzales, Troy Dennison, and Coordinator: Stephanie Davy.**



**Left to right: Marla Roybal, Brittany Moya, Gabrielle Montoya-Segura, Montanna Martinez, Elizabeth Nelson, Christina Chavez, Alicia Aragon, Margeaux Greene, Liz Herrera, Karissa Grano, and Krysten Cavazos.**

Anyone interested in sending a column, article, photo or information that they would like to see included in The Luna Light, please e-mail [jgallegos@luna.edu](mailto:jgallegos@luna.edu) or call him at 505/454-2510.

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Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and community, a Rough Rider Meal Card is now available. The Rough Rider Meal Card can be purchased at the LCC Fiscal Office. For more information, call LCC Food Services Manager Paul Sandoval at 505/454-2581.



## Wheelchairs **NOW AVAILABLE** for on-campus use by students in the **ACCESS Center**

**Inquire within or  
by calling  
454-5317 or 454-5357**



### Weekly calendar

#### Monday, February 24, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. YouthBuild OSHA Training (LRC Lecture Hall)

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDD Staff Training (Student Services 102)

#### Tuesday, February 25, 2014

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Las Vegas Land Grant Board Meeting (Student Services 102)

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

#### Wednesday, February 26, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. LCC Auto/ NAPA Genysis Training (LRC Lecture Hall)

#### Thursday, February 27, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SBDC/LV Board of Realtors (Student Services 102)

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. United Blood Services Blood Drive (Allied Health NO-1)

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

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Meeting (IPC Dining Hall)

#### Friday, February 28, 2014

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Viles Scholarship Meeting (Student Services 102)

12:00 p.m. LCC Baseball v. El Paso CC (HOME)

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. LCC Student Government Meeting (MEC Atrium)

#### Saturday, March 1, 2014

12:00 p.m. LCC Baseball v. El Paso CC (HOME)

12:00 p.m., 2:00p.m. LCC Softball v. Trinidad State JC (Trinidad, CO)

### Jesse's quick hits

Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—Jesse

*Knock knock*

*Who's there?*

*Delight.*

*Delight who?*

*Delight on the candle burnt my finger*

*Knock knock.*

*Who's there?*

*Razor*

*Razor who?*

*Razor window and talk with me.*





New Mexico Highlands University and Luna Community College recently got together for a Nursing Education Advisory meeting. It brought many nursing leaders from around northeastern and central New Mexico. Dr. Susan Williams, Director of the NMHU RN-BSN program, is discussing here some of the current issues involving nursing education.



Luna Community College students talk with El Centro Family Health and Area Health Education Center representatives about signing up for health insurance during a recent LCC event.



Jason Maes from Performance Tools and Matrix Paint out of Albuquerque gave a presentation to Luna Community College Auto Collision and Auto Technology students, recently. The presentation was on waterborne paint which is environmentally friendly. It is a state-of-the-art painting process.

Daniel Atencio, Julio Romero and Joseph Smith work on getting the LCC Springer Satellite ready for fiber optic internet upgrade.



**Tip of the week:**  
**Do the best you can with what you have**

# Luna CC improvements over the past few years

Editor's Note: **The Luna Light** will be publishing information on improvements for different departments.

## Culinary Arts Program

- Since 2012, pass rates for ServSafe Certification have been >90 percent.
- Renewed interest in Skills Conference/Competition. Ten LCC culinary students have competed in Baking and Culinary since 2010.
- Lead Culinary Instructor Certified Culinary Educator through the American Culinary Federation in 2011
- Introduction of Restaurant Experience Class in 2012, offering students practical experience in professional restaurant cooking.

## Rough Rider Grill

- All staff at Rough Rider Grill have been certified in ServSafe

## Certification

- The Rough Rider Grill has maintained good customer service and have kept a reasonable price range for students
- The Rough Rider Grill has capitalized on most of the catering across campus
- The Rough Rider Grill has a new stove and grill
- The Rough Rider Grill has maintained a consistent work force
- The Rough Rider Grill has remained open to provide a service for students to eat on campus
- The Rough Rider Grill also has worked well with student government
- Under Food Service Manager Paul Sandoval's leadership, The Rough Rider Grill has maintained an A+ Certificate from the New Mexico Environment Department Health Division

# Rough Riders take 3 from Eastern Utah

Sometimes the formula to winning in sports is simple. And over the weekend, the Luna Community College baseball team found it.

The Rough Riders took three of four games over Eastern Utah State University and improved to 4-11 on the year. Ten of the Rough Riders 11 losses have been to ranked opponents.

"It was a good team effort and our pitching kept us in the game either to maintain our lead or allow us to catch up," said LCC Head Coach Antonio Siqueiros. "They were great victories for our opening home games. When we play as a team we can beat anyone."

Previously the Rough Rider baseball team dropped three straight to fifth ranked Western Oklahoma on the road. The scores were 7-5, 13-1 and 3-2.

The Rough Riders will host El Paso Community College this Friday and Saturday. A noon start is scheduled for both days.

The Luna Community College Lady Rough Riders started off the season 2-0 after beating Lamar Community College 3-2 and 17-9. They lost a nail biter to Lamar 9-8 in the



**Luna Community College's Alex Gutierrez congratulates Paul Canepa and Tyler Higa-Gonsalvez for scoring the winning runs in Friday's first game against Eastern Utah State. Higa-Gonsalvez hit the game-winning home run.**

final game of the series. After winning the first game at the Midland Classic in Texas, the Lady Rough Riders lost their next four.

They beat Coastal Bend 14-5 and lost to Trinidad Junior College 10-1, Eastern Oklaho-

ma 11-0, Vernon College 7-5 and Western Nebraska 8-0. The Lady Rough Riders lost to Otero Junior College 3-0 and 13-5. They are now 3-7 on the season. They play at Trinidad on Saturday.

Pictured in the front page bottom photo are Luna Community College students Chelsea Vissaraga, Brianna Abeyta, Alicia Maldonado, Evette Ulibarri, and Vanessa Lucero.



# MEDICAID IS EXPANDING

## To Cover 150,000 More New Mexicans!

### Will You Qualify for FREE Health Care Coverage?

You may be able to get Medicaid if:

- You are a citizen or lawfully present immigrant, and
- Your household income (before taxes) is under:

Household Size	ADULTS (ages 19-64) with monthly income under:	CHILDREN AGES 0-5 with monthly income under:	CHILDREN AGES 6-18 with monthly income under:
1 person	\$1,321	\$2,873	\$2,298
2 people	\$1,784	\$3,878	\$3,102
3 people	\$2,246	\$4,883	\$3,906
4 people	\$2,708	\$5,888	\$4,710
5 people	\$3,171	\$6,893	\$5,514

If you cannot get Medicaid, **your children may still qualify.** You do not have to give social security numbers or immigration documents for you or family members who are not enrolling. **Pregnant women, seniors, and people with disabilities** may also qualify—check with Medicaid to see if you can get coverage.

### What Health Care is Covered?

Medicaid pays for your care whenever you see a doctor or nurse, go to a clinic or hospital, or visit **any Indian health care provider.** Medicaid covers most services including:

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Routine Checkups           | Transportation to clinics |
| Prescription Drugs         | Hospital Care             |
| Emergency Room Care        | Mental Health Services    |
| Maternity Care             | Family Planning           |
| Children's Dental & Vision | <b>And much more...!!</b> |

**Need Help?** If you have any problems getting Medicaid, call the Center on Law and Poverty at (505) 255-2840, the Southwest Women's Law Center at (505) 244-0502 or HealthAction NM at (505) 867-1095.



### Get Enrolled!

Children can get enrolled now. Adults can apply as soon as **October 1, 2013** for coverage that starts January 1, 2014:

- \* At an ISD office near you
- \* Online from a computer
- \* By phone, fax, or mail
- \* In-person at community agencies, hospitals and clinics across the state

Call Medicaid at 1-855-637-6574 or visit [www.hsd.state.nm.us/isd/apply.html](http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/isd/apply.html).

**Simple and easy!** Medicaid will look for your records from government agencies so you do not need to prove things like citizenship or immigration status unless your records cannot be found. You may have to prove income. If you or your family members cannot get proof of employment, you can sign a statement declaring your income.

**Apply before March 31, 2014.** If you don't qualify for Medicaid, you can apply for financial help to get coverage in a new Health Insurance Exchange, but you must enroll by March 31st!

**Native Americans can apply anytime.**



**Congratulations to LCC's Class of 2014 !!**

**Rehearsal**

Friday, May 9, 2014 at 2 p.m.

**Processional Line-up**

Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 9 a.m.

**Ceremony**

Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 10 a.m.

General Studies (West Lawn) - LCC Main Campus

**Contact**

Office of the Registrar at 505.454.2548

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