

The Luna Light



"Creating Opportunities for You!"

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#LCCmatters



Luna Community College students Iliana Garcia, Jovanna Gastelum, Savannah Ruiz, Chavela Colio and Dontae Robertson sport Luna Community College t-shirts with a tagline #LCCmatters. The idea behind the #LCCmatters campaign is to reinforce and strengthen all stakeholders belief that Luna Community College is important.



Luna Community College students Isaiah Gallegos, Jasmine Gallegos and Johnny Pino recently earned Snap-on certification on the car brake lathe. They are certified to use pro-cut on the car brake lathe which will allow the trio to resurface the brake rotors while being on the vehicle without having to remove them. LCC Automotive Instructor Gene Sandoval said these students will be the first of many that will get certified in the future.

LCC HLC committees at work

Several committees have been working diligently as part of the strategy for preparing a Show-Cause Report to the Higher Learning Commission by Feb. 1. Committees are comprised of students, faculty, staff, administrators and community members. Five committees are tasked with addressing each of the criterion for accreditation. Additional committees have been chartered to

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LCC Welding Program gets boost from Title V initiative

The Luna Community College Welding Program has helped produce many students become job-ready. After an investment of \$613, 912 from the Luna Community College Title V Department which included new equipment, tools, supplies, renovation of the facility and a stipend for training faculty to incorporate technology into the curriculum, the welding program is now ready to reach new heights.

“We now have one of the best programs in New Mexico,” said Luna Community College Welding Instructor Donnie Adkins. “I’ve been told this by a senior welding inspector from the American Welding Society (AWS).”

Adkins says that the new equipment includes welders, filtered welding tables, plasma cutters, welding simulators and metal working equipment.

“This was a major upgrade that had not been done in a long time,” said Adkins. “Now a student can come to Luna Community College, get fully trained and develop the skills necessary to get a job. Students have a choice of working for several business manufactures that are waiting for skilled welders.”

According to a report from CBS News they did in October after Hurricane Harvey devastated the city of Houston, there was not enough skilled workers to hire including certified welders. According to Skills Trades in Demand, there are 403,100 jobs available for welding, soldering and brazing workers.

“Title V is very excited to have been a part of enhancing vocational programs at Luna Community



Luna Community College student Raul Ramirez, age 27 of Las Vegas, NM stands next to welding simulators purchased by Title V.

College,” said Luna Community College Title V Director Veronica Serna. “It’s become evident that the trend shows there is a demand for skilled labor. Over the past few years, jobs are becoming more available as companies are losing their employees to retirement leaving opportunities for the younger generation.”

Five welding simulators that were recently purchased are very popular with Luna Community College students. This piece of equipment simulates arc and mig welding as well as practice welding

positions.

“It’s awesome,” said Luna Community College student Raul Ramirez, age 27 of Las Vegas, NM. “It’s a great opportunity to learn this trade. One of my friends recommended me to attend Luna Community College and I recommend this school to all my friends.”

Adkins says that when Luna Community College student passes earns their AWS credentials, their names are entered into a national database so employees can look them up as certified welders. Since fall 2013, 129 Luna Community College students taught by Adkins, have passed their American Welding Society certification.

For more information on the Luna Community College Welding Program call Adkins at 505/454-2589.



Luna Community employees took part in the #LCCmatters campaign recently. Luna Community College students, employees and community members are assisting the college prepare a report in response in to the Show-Cause Order issued by the Higher Learning Commission.



Several Luna Community students recently took and passed the American Welding Society certification. Pictured (l-r) are Mathew Martinez, Devon Maes, Lee Johnson, Andres Gonzales, Jadan Hern, Miguel Serna, Ivan Molinar, Jose Lopez, Gary Martinez (Mora High School teacher), Michael Thomas (AWS Senior Certified Welding Inspector), Javier Branch, Julio Serna, Jerome Pacheco, Jason Griego, Julio Valencia, Joe Maestas and Donnie Adkins (Luna Community College Welding Instructor). Since September 2013, 129 Luna Community College students have passed their AWS Certification.

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Phi Theta Kappa welcomes 13 Luna CC students



Congratulations to Jessica G. Aldama Murillo, Marissa Teach Archuleta, Jose Luis Castillo-Tovar, Ashley T. Chavez, Justin J. Chavez, Elizabeth C. Conner, Erik Benigno Hidalgo, Madison Marissa Klosterman, Tabitha M. Leyba, Abie E. Maez, Jessey R. Martinez, Richard B. Trujillo and Tyler N. Trujillo.



Phi Theta Kappa International Society serves to recognize and encourage academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming.



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Luna Community College's Phi Theta Kappa Beta Mu Nu Chapter has inducted over 500 students since 2003.



Luna Community College Students

Are you planning to graduate in May 2018?

**Advisors from all
departments will be on
hand to help you
finalize your spring
semester schedules.**

When

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monday Jan. 8, 10 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday Jan. 10, Noon - 2 p.m.

Where

Student Success Center, Room 111



For more information, contact Student Success Center Manager Renee Maestas
at 454-5355 or via e-mail at rmaestas@luna.edu.

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Committees at work...

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tackle complex issues within the criterion, for example, shared governance and transparency. Below is a summary of the criterion and other committees.

Criterion 1. Mission - The institution's mission is clear and articulated publicly; it guides the institution's operations.

Criterion 2. Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct - The institution acts with integrity; its conduct is ethical and responsible.

Criterion 3. Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support - The institution provides high quality education, wherever and however its

offerings are delivered.

Criterion 4. Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement - The institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs, learning environments, and support services, and it evaluates their effectiveness for student learning through processes designed to promote continuous improvement.

Criterion 5. Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness - The institution's resources, structures, and processes are sufficient to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its educational offerings, and respond to

future challenges and opportunities. The institution plans for the future.

The Shared Governance Committee is responsible for proposing policies and governance structures that allow for the inclusion of faculty, staff and students when setting institutional direction and approving College policies.

A committee has been established to establish a Staff Advisory Senate at the College. The Senate will serve as a source of input regarding issues, policies, and decisions of the College as they relate to the staff.

The Communications Committee has also been created to ensure accurate updates to stakeholders throughout the process was also set up.

LCC hosts Leadership New Mexico dinner



Luna Community College culinary arts students Racheal Apodaca from Villanueva along with Zachary Lujan of Las Vegas assisted in making and serving dinner for Leadership New Mexico guests.

Luna Community College hosted a Leadership New Mexico Dinner recently at its media arts and theater building. Over 50 leaders representing 19 cities from throughout New Mexico were in attendance.

"We think Las Vegas has a fantastic and enormous history," said Leadership New Mexico President Patty Komko. "It's rich in history. We really like it here and we want to come back next year. It's

progressive to experience people to other parts of the state. Luna Community College is the crown jewel of the community."

Leadership New Mexico was founded in 1995 to identify current and emerging leaders throughout New Mexico, enhance their leadership skills and deepen their knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing the state. Leadership New Mexico is dedicated to the development of informed leaders who understand issues, define problems, develop solutions and achieve positions of higher responsibility in New Mexico.

"Leadership New Mexico carries a valuable mission and purpose," said Luna Community College Interim President Ricky Serna who addressed the attendees. "Your work with Connect New Mexico is especially near and dear to me, a relatively young administrator that has been blessed with many opportunities to learn from some of New Mexico's finest influential leaders."

Serna, at age 24, was appointed by then Gov. Bill Richardson to serve on the NMHU Board of Regents.

"As leaders, we share a responsibility not only to give back to

our communities, but also to serve those who aspire to navigate the rugged terrain that comes with administration and public service," said Serna. "Every day we're committed to developing our students to become adaptable contributors to our local and national economy. Your presence and support can only strengthen our ability to prepare them for their place among this table."

LCC Board member Michael Adams, who assisted in bringing Leadership New Mexico to Las Vegas, said it was great to have leaders from around the state see Luna Community College.

"They got to enjoy our beautiful college," said Adams. "We have a beautiful campus; it's incredible. They saw our media arts and theater building which will be state-of-the-art once it is completed. It will be an asset to all of northern New Mexico."

Luna Community College Culinary Arts Instructor Jessica McGee and several of her students prepared a dinner. Luna Community College Board of Trustees Abelino Montoya and David Gutierrez attended the event as did New Mexico Highlands University Regent Louella Marr-Montoya.

Luna Community College: a big part of community

Students from Springer, Maxwell and Wagon Mound High School participated in the Luna Community College Springer Satellite Trades and Career Day recently. Several Luna Community College vocational and academic directors along with faculty were on hand to provide information and answer questions on a one-to-one basis. Over sixty students and community members signed in for the event. Luna Community College Springer Satellite Coordinator Tina Gallegos says she would like to make this an annual event. For more information on the Luna Community College Springer Satellite, contact Gallegos at 575-483-5009 or via e-mail at tgallegos@luna.edu.



The Luna Community College STEM and Culinary Arts Club, along with the Early Childhood and Teacher Education Department provided 27 Thanksgiving Day Meals to Luna Community College students. They thank everyone who helped with the food drive.



Luna Community College Dual Credit students and staff from Pecos High School took part in the Luminaria Drive. Pictured (l-r) are Keith Flores, Fatima Hermoso-Gonzalez, Marina Bond, Cassandra Muller, Kyanna Pacheco, Angelo Aragon, Kaitlyn Maes, Berna Baca and Ernest Borrego.

Veterans Karl Sena and David "Morgan" Montano raise the United States Flag during a Veterans Day Ceremony at Luna Community College. Over 50 people attended the event.



Justine Crespín, a certified Google coach, provided a Google Suite Training for the LCC Humanities Department recently. Future trainings will take place.





Luna Community College employees gather to show their holiday spirit during an Ugly Sweater Luncheon held at the college late last semester. First day of classes for the spring semester begins on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The last day to register is Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Register For **SPRING 2018** Classes

Register online* at: <https://pathways.luna.edu>

*Advisor approval needed to register for online classes.

In-person Spring Registration Welcomed

Classes begin on Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Last day to register for classes is Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

View Spring 2018 classes at luna.edu or call 505/454-2500

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In the top photo, Luna Community College Interim President Ricky Serna addresses a student forum regarding the HLC action in November. In the photo at right, Maxine Salas addresses staff on the formation of a Staff Senate.

