

The Luna Light



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Luna keeps its accreditation

College placed on probation and is working on being “Better Than Ever”

Luna Community College received great news from the Higher Learning Commission recently—it’s keeping its accreditation.

In a letter sent to the College, the Higher Learning Commission removed the Show-Cause Order for Luna and placed the College on

Probation. Probation is a sanction meaning that an accredited institution is no longer in compliance with one or more of the Higher Learning Commission’s criteria for accreditation. While on Probation, the College remains accredited, and it has the opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the sanction. The period of probation is not more than two years. In taking this action, the Board considered materials from the recent Show-Cause Evaluation, including, but not limited to the Show-Cause Report, the report of the visiting team, the Board Committee Hearing transcript, and the



This file photo shows Luna Community College students Iliana Garcia, Jovanna Gastelum, Savannah Ruiz, Chavela Colio and Dontae Robertson sporting 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. The College began this campaign in December.

institution’s responses to these reports.

Luna was placed on a Show-Cause Order in November 2017.

“From the beginning, being placed on Show-Cause has been a blessing and opportunity for Luna to get better,” said Luna Interim President Ricky Serna. “We embraced it and have come out a highly-functional and quality institution. We are truly better than ever and can’t wait to show the residents of northeastern New Mexico what we have to offer. The ongoing monitoring that will come with probation

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Luna's PTK Beta Mu Nu Chapter had impressive school year

Luna Community College's Phi Theta Kappa Beta Mu Nu Chapter earned several state, regional and international individual and chapter awards for the recently completed school year.

The following is a list of the awards.

2018 New Mexico Regional Chapter Awards

- Most Distinguished Chapter – Highest Combined Score between the HIA Project and College Project
- Most Distinguished College Project Award – Project Title, “LCC Leadership Academy”
- Distinguished Honors in Action Theme Award – Theme 5: Beauty and Vulgarly
- Distinguished Honors in Action Project – “How The World Works: Global Perspectives”
- Five Star Chapter – Five Star Chapter Development Plan (chapters rank from one star to five star status)
- Zia Award of Excellence – For Being a Five Star Chapter for more than five consecutive years
- Most Distinguished Chapter Officer Team Award – Gisela Acosta, Harain Aldama, Bethany Brafford and Jessey Martinez
- Most Distinguished Chapter Advisor Team Award – Cindy Armijo and Dr. Twila Quintana
- Spirit Award – For Continuous Participation in Regional and International Programming



Luna's Beta Mu Nu Chapter presented their 2017-18 success to Board of Trustees, recently. Pictured with Regional and International Awards and recognitions are Dominique Maes, Chapter Advisor Dr. Twila Quintana, Jessey Martinez, Jessica Aldama, Harain Aldama, Cindy Armijo and Bethany Brafford. The Beta Mu Nu Chapter was established in 2003.

- Shining Star Award – For Demonstrating Excellence in the College Project and Honors in Action Project
- Certificate of Meritorious Distinction – For Participation in the C4 Community College Completion Corp. Initiative – “Commit to Complete”

Individual Awards

- Continued Excellence Award for Advisors – Dr. Twila Quintana
- Horizon Award – Cindy Armijo – For Contributing Excellence to Regional and

International Programming

- Elected 2018-19 New Mexico Regional President – Jessey Martinez
- Elected New Mexico Regional Northern District Vice President – Jessica Aldama Murillo
- All-New Mexico Academic Team – Jessey Martinez. Martinez is receiving a 2-year full tuition scholarship to New Mexico Highlands University.
- Outgoing New Mexico Regional President – Bethany Brafford
- Outgoing Northern District/Secretary – Harain Aldama

2018 International Chapter Awards

- Distinguished College Project Award – Project Title, “LCC Leadership Academy”

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- Distinguished Chapter Advisor Team Award – Dr. Twila Quintana and Cindy Armijo

Individual Awards and Recognition

- Continued Excellence Award for Advisors – Dr. Twila Quintana
- Job Interview Competition – Bethany Brafford, 2nd Place – Jessey Martinez, Participant
- 2017 Honors Scholars – Dr. Twila Quintana, Gisela Acosta, Harain

Aldama, Cindy Armijo and Bethany Brafford

Awards to the New Mexico Region

- Regional Award for Excellence in SCHOLARSHIP – New Mexico Regional Coordinator Dr. Twila Quintana, New Mexico Regional Coordinator Emeritus Cindy Armijo, Regional President Bethany Brafford, Regional Secretary Harain Aldama
- Five Star Region Plan – One Star Level (New Mexico Region)
- Human Foosball Tournament – 3rd Place out of 30 Teams (LCC Participants: Harain Aldama,

Jessica Aldama, Cindy Armijo, Bethany Brafford, Jessey Martinez and Dr. Twila Quintana)

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

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#LCC matters



Congratulations to 2018 Luna Community College nursing graduates. Pictured bottom row (l-r) to right Kendra Montoya, Kaitlyn Romero, Kayla CdeBaca, Dennika Gomez, Megan Salgado and Shauntae Rivera. Middle row (l-r) Marie Trigg, Mattie Martinez, Michelle Valdez, Jessica Martinez, Christina Benavidez and Danielle Gurule. Top row (l-r) Andre Shenk, Michael Padilla, Jose Estrada, Corey Muniz and Mandi Ann Casados.

Vice-President's Honor Roll

Luna Community College Vice-President's Honor Roll students for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018.

Inclusion on the Vice-President's Honor Roll requires that a student successfully complete a minimum of twelve (12) graded credit hours with a minimum 3.66 grade point average or higher without incomplete grades. Graded credit hours do not include S/U graded courses, audits, or credit by exam.

Fall 2017

Archuleta, Marissa
Arguello, Emile
Baca, Maryann
Belichick, Hattie
Benavidez, Jessica

Brafford, Bethany
Campbell, Caitlin
Clifton, Lori Ann
DeHerrera, Felicia
Esquibel, Adell
Gard, Ariel
Gonzales, Michael-Ray
Gutierrez, Yvonne
Juarez-Lucero, Desirae
Kelly, Robert
Lemasters, Raymond
Lucero, Olivia
Maestas, Christopher
Maldonado, Adam
Mares, Brittney
Martinez, Jessey
Medina, Michael
Montano, Robert
Nelson, Amanda
Nieto, Andria
Olguin, Julianna
Ortega, Carmen
Rains, Jack
Romero, Martin
Roybal, Eloy
Sanchez, Sarah

Sileliano, Elysia
Smith, Keith
Torrez, Charles
Trujillo, Christopher
Trujillo, JaMarcus
Valencia, Donaciano
Velasquez, Darren

Spring 2018

Apodaca, Rachael
Aragon, Alex
Archuleta, Arturo
Baca, Alysha
Baca, Travis
Campos, Cynthia
Campos, Melissa
Carrera, Senaida
Clifton, Lori Ann
Crisostomo, Dominique
Crisostomo, Maria
Deherrera, Alicia
Encinias, Ashley
Gallegos, Gary
Garcia, Alisha
Garcia, Megan
Herrera, Desirre

Howell, Amy
Kelly, Robert
Klosterman, Madison
Kuiper, Taylor
Lopez, Lucia
Maestas, Nicholas
Martinez, Richard
Martinez, Saige
Medina, Michael
Montano, Mercedes,
Mora, Alyssa
Pacheco, Shanaya
Padilla, Estella
Padilla, Jerry
People, Emma
Quintana, Dominick
Romero, Cathleen
Romero, ShaDonna
Sandoval, Havenlee
Sandoval, Laura
Sante, Bonaventure
Sedillo, Andrea
Thomas, Briana
Villa, Sara
Weber, Jessica



Luna Community College had a great showing at the Fourth of July Fiestas Parade in Las Vegas. Luna employees and their family members took part walking in the parade. The College had a float and gave out nearly 5,000 popsicles. This picture was taken minutes before the start of the parade.

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Luna keeps its accreditation...

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The College is required to provide evidence that it has addressed the issues that led to the sanction, no later than March 1, 2019 in preparation for the Higher Learning Commission's on-site evaluation, which will take place no later than May 2019. In November 2019, the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees will determine whether the institution has demonstrated that it is in compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation and whether Probation can be removed.

The Higher Learning Commission is one of several regional accreditors that accredit colleges and universities. Its mission is "serving the common good by assuring and advancing the quality of higher learning." The Higher Learning Commission accredits colleges and universities in a 19-state region of the United States, including New Mexico.

Among the things the College has done over the last several months is prepare a report in response to the Show-Cause Order that was due on Feb. 1. That was followed by an on-campus Show-Cause Evaluation Visit conducted by Higher Learning Commission Peer Reviewers in March. Most recently, six Luna employees along with one member of the

board of trustees represented the college at a Higher Learning Commission Hearing in late May.

Detailed documents related to the Higher Learning Commission's Board's decision, as transmitted to Luna Community College, as well as more information about the Probation Order can be accessed by clicking on the Higher Learning Commission's Mark of Affiliation at the bottom of the college's main landing page at www.luna.edu and following the hyperlinks to the College's profile on the Higher Learning Commission's website, or by searching for Luna Community College's profile directly on the Higher Learning Commission's website at www.hlcommission.org.



Visiting author and native New Mexican Val Day-Sanchez gave a presentation on racism, genderism, and self-publishing to Luna students enrolled in the English Department's 2018 "Bridge to Success" Summer Program" on Monday, July 16.

Luna students earn Kappa Beta Delta International Honor Society honors

Several Luna Community College students earned Kappa Beta Delta International Society honors.

To be eligible, a student had to meet the following criteria: must rank in the upper 20 percent of students pursuing business degrees at the time of invitation to membership; must have completed a minimum of 15 semester hours of credit, of which a minimum of six are in business subjects toward the degree program and must have a minimum grade point of average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The students are: Sunshine C. Zamora, Caitlin H. Campbell, Adelita A. Encinias, Melissa R. Herrera, Alicia D. DeHerrera, Maryann Lujan Baca, Emily Geneva Ulibarri, Brandon C. Douglas,

Charles G. Torrez, Cathleen Romero, Jolie ShiAnne Herrera, Arturo D. Archuleta, Jesus Blancarte, Stephanie Ruby Madrid, Jasmine Gonzales, Hannah L. Maldonado.

Andria Nieto, Albrey S. Vigil, Barbara Ann Plummer, Renee N. Urioste, Gertrude Herrera, Eric Fernando Alvarado, Michelle J. Blancarte, Luke Joseph Fin, LeAnn R. Tapia, Dominick F. Quintana, Justin Alan Miller, Ambrosio S. Olivas and Celeste N. Ybarra.

Kappa Beta Delta members are genuine and are to be held in high esteem for both their accomplishments as well as their trustworthiness. KBD also provides scholarship opportunities.

For more information, please call School of Business Director Lita Bernal at 505-454-5337.



The Staff Advisory Senate welcomes individuals to attend the next regular meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24 in the Student Services Board Room. Agenda highlights include: Employee Recognition Committee update, Employee BBQ/Picnic Committee update, Welcoming Committee update and the Growth, Unity, and Morale Survey update. Staff Advisory Senate members pictured (front to back are): Amanda Ortiz, Evelyn Montoya, Gabrielle Griego, Manuel Valdez, Cindy Branch, Orlando LeFebre and Francina Martinez. Not pictured: Karen Wezwick. See what SAS can do for you!



LCC STEM AND CAMPUS CELEBRATION DAY



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