

The Luna Light

"The People's College"

Mission Statement: "Creating Opportunities for You!"

Vision Statement: "New Mexico's Premier Community College: Preparing Students for Success"

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Several Luna Community College students were recognized recently at a LCC Humanities Ceremony. Among the students recognized were (l-r) Krysta Gonzales-Drye, Shyann Vigil, Montanna Martinez, Lauren Sandoval, Alexis CdeBaca, Julissa Archuleta, Mariah Romero, Graciela Valencia, Jason Eichwald, Deanna Maestas and Richard Gonzales. Pictured at right is LCC student Ben Martinez who performed at the ceremony.

Commitment to students

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

The Board of Trustees and administration of Luna Community College are wholly committed to the success of all students. Evidence supports our efforts to improve nursing student persistence, retention, and completion rates.

Nursing students and faculty are provided:

- Qualified (MSN's) faculty for instruction
- Individualized student access to faculty
- Faculty accessibility to and collaboration with administration
- Adequate classroom space
- Online nurse and health care-related resources
- Faculty and student governance organizations
- Program policies annually updated with student and faculty input
- A state-of-the-art simulation lab to provide more clinical experience
- A strong faculty/student instructional relationship
- ACCESS Center provided tutoring
- Adequate student financial aid

Strategies have been initiated to improve the services to nursing students.



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Commitment ...

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They are:

- To hire a Nursing Program Director who will dedicate 100 percent administrative time to nursing
- To hire an Allied Health Director
- To hire an assistant director of nursing
- To hire additional nursing teaching faculty
- To hire a nursing student success coach
- To encourage and support nursing instructors to prepare for and master instructional change
- To focus on and strengthen curriculum planning and mapping
- To improve remediation and progression policies
- To establish an early referral policy
- To focus on a smaller admission class to improve student persistence, retention and completion
- To improve student completion rates

The Luna Community College Nursing Program is important to all New Mexicans and in particular, the residents of northeastern New Mexico. We are committed to keep this program current, rigorous, and reputable. Our goal is to assist all our students so they will successfully complete the nursing program and NCLEX exam also known as the National Council Licensure Examination.



Luna Community College recognized three individuals with the Automotive Icon Award. The awards were presented at the 10th Annual LCC Car Show on Saturday, June 7. The individuals are John Gonzales (second from left); Benny Gallegos (middle) and Lavern Lovato (second from right). These awards were presented by LCC Board Chair Abelino Montoya Jr. (far left) and LCC Car Show Coordinator Anthony Baca (far right). To see photos on the car show, see pages six through 11. The LCC Automotive Icon Award are given to individuals that have supported and are instrumental in the automotive community.



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos along with LCC Board Chair Abelino Montoya Jr. are pictured with Alta Vista Regional Hospital's Interim Chief Nursing Officer Rhonda Clark, Interim MedSurg/ICU Director JoAnn Campbell and Chief Executive Officer R. Chris Wolf. LCC presented AVRH with a Quality New Mexico Compañero Award for its continued mentoring and hands-on education that it provides to the college's nursing students. New Mexico's quality initiative started in 1991 and the quality awards program has been ongoing for over 20 years. Quality New Mexico's mission is to drive performance excellence in New Mexico organizations by providing role models, tools, knowledge, learning experiences and best practices.

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Strengthen relationships, focus on challenges

The economic downturn during the past six years has caused the Luna Community College Board of Trustees to rethink how they will meet their responsibilities to serve students, faculty, staff, and their designated service area in the future. Financial clowbacks, decline in regional population, growing violent campus security situations across the country, change in educational expectations and direction by national and state accrediting entities, the need to provide the citizens of northeastern New Mexico with essential post-secondary education opportunities, and a growing demand for online education are a few reasons it would behoove the LCC Board of Trustees to meet away from campus to continue building unity and communication.

Research indicates, boards that regularly engage in forward retreats know that the time spent away from the pressing daily responsibilities and tasks can allow the board to challenge assumptions and rethink systems, improve the institutions strategic planning process, address difficult issues, forge camaraderie, and enhance productivity. The effectiveness of such meetings is causing many boards to reengineer their regular meeting schedules and formats to mirror the qualities of a *forward retreat*, which:

- Sets future goals and objectives;
 - Addresses meaningful topics;
 - Engages the participation and input of all board members;
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West Las Vegas Pre-K Program



**Applications for the
2014-2015**

School Year

Are NOW Being Accepted

Your child MUST be 4 years old BEFORE
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**Applications & Information
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**Luis E. Armijo Elementary School
(505) 426-2661**

**Please bring Birth Certificate and Proof of Income
(Income does NOT determine eligibility)**



Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools Superintendent Richard Perea (far right) holds a Luna Community information banner that will be displayed at the high school gymnasium. Pictured with Perea are Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools Director of Programs Danielle Esquibel and LCC Santa Rosa Satellite Director Albert Campos. LCC intends to meet with area school administrators throughout the summer to ask them to display its banner at their high school.

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For more information, visit www.luna.edu/student_government/ or contact SG Advisors, Dawna Ortega-Gallegos & Amanda Ortiz at studentgovernment@luna.edu.



Title V Newsletter

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

Construction set to begin soon!

The Luna Community College Auto Collision Building has been the main focus for Year 2 and many meetings have transpired in the past five months with the architect to plan the construction. The plan is to finish out the roughed-in “shell” of the auto collision building and move the program into that facility by the 2014-15 academic school year. The plan will bring the existing automotive building up to code, improve energy efficiency, and provide space for required equipment that has been ordered and is currently in storage at the warehouse. The other piece of the auto collision initiative is to update the curricula to incorporate equipment required for students to achieve required competencies. This will enable the program to obtain national NATEF accreditation.



Internal meetings have also taken place with the Title V staff and LCC Vocational Director Gary Martinez to collaboratively order auto repair equipment, shadow boards, tools, a paint booth and a prep station. These items will enhance the Auto Collision Department in providing state-of-art equipment for students enrolled in all classes. Together with the Title V and G.O. Bond monies, the Auto Collision Program will be a great program at Luna Community College.

Title V Staff

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

10th Annual LCC Car Show



Photos by Moses Marquez







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ATTENTION: Military Female Veterans and Female Family Members of Vets:

In 2010 nearly **15%** of the military was composed of **women**, yet historically benefits and services for women have been underrepresented.

The Ride To Pride *Equine Assisted Therapy* in Las Vegas, NM is interested in creating an alternative **female-only** program dedicated to those brave women who served, as well as the women and girls who supported military families back home.

We are interested in **building a community** that allows input, program development, and feedback to support individuality, age, race, and culture in a safe environment.



First Annual Women's Retreat



- **Where:** "Ride To Pride" 47 Alameda Rd. Las Vegas, NM 87701
- **When:** July 19th, 2014
- **Time:** 2pm-6pm
- **What to Bring:** Yourself, Ideas, Stories, and an open mind
- **What to Expect:** Refreshments, Guest Speakers, Socializing, Sharing, Brainstorming, Programming, and Information About *Free* Equine Assisted Therapy.

For more information feel free to call or email: **Lorraine Esquibel** at ridetopride@zialink.com or (505)454-9738 OR **Nicole Olonovich** at Nicole.Olonovich@state.nm.us or (505)454-2681.



Luna Community College's Santa Rosa Campus would like to welcome Emily Ulibarri to the Luna Community College "TEAM". Ulibarri has been hired as interim office manager. She brings seven years of experience in working with the Santa Rosa Consolidated School system in the areas of, guidance and counseling, ITV coordinator/proctor and classroom monitor. Ulibarri says: "I enjoy working with students and helping to assure their success in obtaining the best education possible."

Strengthen...

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- Tailors topics and activities relevant to what the trustees and college are currently experiencing;
- Is flexible and allows conversation for trustees to explore ideas that arise unexpectedly during the forward retreat;
- Makes the forward retreat enjoyable for everyone involved, provides opportunities for participants to strengthen their relationships with one another; and,
- Considers board forward retreats as special meetings organized around issues too significant to be handled properly within a normal meeting agenda, or an opportunity for trustees to communicate in a setting other than a board room.

The LCC BOT forward retreat (special meeting) is scheduled for June 20 and 21, 2014. It will begin at 6 p.m. Friday evening with supper and a guest presenter and continue on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. until noon. **No official Board of Trustee action will be**

taken.

Tentative topics for presentation and discussion will include: 1] Transparency, the media, the New Mexico open meetings act and building board member trust and public confidence; 2] College campus security; 3] Quality New Mexico, applying the Baldrige model to improve board goal setting, strategic planning, and institutional governance; 4] The Board of Trustees Code of Ethics update; and, 5] College issues update; Reaffirmation of Accreditation, Allied Health and Nursing Initiatives, Capital Projects, and Legislative Finance Committee August interim meeting to be held at Luna Community College and New Mexico Highlands University.

The forward retreat expected outcomes are to continue to **strengthen trustee relationships and responsibilities and to continue to focus on Luna Community College's opportunities for program development for students, faculty, staff and community members within our service area and globally.**

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9th Annual



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Weekly Activities

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Safety Belt Class (General Studies 102B)

Saturday, June 21, 2014

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CNA Testing (Allied Health NO-7 & MO-11)

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.

Joseph Montoya

It is often those who quietly go about their daily business, live life with integrity, model a can-do attitude, and lend a helping hand to others that change the world around them. Joseph Montoya does just that! As a teacher; he walks-the-walk, has earned impressive credentials, and helps others to do the same. He has taught others and showed them by example that here are no short-cuts to a good education and a job well done.

He has prepared his life to do his best and willingly offers his skills, talents, and time to champion the causes he believes in!

Joseph, thank you for volunteering your expertise and time off from work to coordinate and help mount the Luna Community College billboard at Las Vegas exit 345. You are a man of fine character and a positive role model for our students from whom to learn.



Patricia Gallegos of the Department of Health talks with New Mexico Highlands University graduate student Nicole Olonovich before Monday's Luna Community College Educational Hour Radio Show at KFUN. Olonovich has helped organize the First Annual Women's Retreat for female veterans and female family members of veterans. The retreat will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 19 at Ride to Pride located on 47 Alameda Rd. in Las Vegas. Also pictured (l-r) are LCC Baseball Coach Antonio Siqueiros, LCC Auto Collision Instructor Anthony Baca and LCC President Dr. Pete Campos.