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LCC state champ Santiago Sena headed to nationals in Kansas City

*He says instructor Carol Romero
inspired him to continue education*



Carol Romero
*Influenced Sena to
continue his education*

There was a time in Santiago Sena's life that he wasn't sure if education was a priority. Today, Sena will be the lone Luna Community College student representative at the National SkillsUSA Competition in Kansas City.

Sena will be competing in the Action Skills category. Essentially, Action Skills is where you do a demonstration in the trade that you are studying.

"I really appreciate Luna Community College," says Sena. "I started off with earning my GED here and one of the teachers Carol Romero influenced me to continue my education. She is probably the reason I came back to Luna Community College to take more classes. She is a great teacher."

Skills USA is a national nonprofit organization serving students from both the college and high school level who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations including health occupations. This year's national competition runs from June 21 through June 28.

"SkillsUSA has allowed me to have new experiences," said Sena who admittedly is shy. "I get real nervous when I'm in front of people. It's a big accomplishment for me to just give a presentation. I have learned a lot of people skills through SkillsUSA."

Romero is not surprised with Sena's success in his post-secondary education.

"When he was in my class, he took initiative to learn," recalls Romero.

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Santiago Sena
*Representing LCC and
New Mexico at nationals*

**Life is
life:
seek
awareness**

**By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President**

Have you recently stopped to think for a few moments where your life is going? Have you reflected upon what has influenced your thoughts and actions? Has your life been affected by: the way you were raised, your current family or financial circumstances, the attitude you have developed towards others because things have or haven't gone your way, the feelings you have let evolve towards your job without taking time to adjust and stay on a positive track, or possibly, letting the influence of someone else guide you?

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Life is life ...

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Regardless, it is important to stop, find a quiet place, think, and seek awareness of who you have become, are becoming, or would like to become. Barbara Marciniak, author, said, "Everything changes when you start to emit your own frequency rather than absorbing the frequencies around you, when you start imprinting your intent on the universe rather than receiving an imprint from existence."

If you looked at yourself in the mirror, would you like what you see? If you asked someone, what do you think of me, would you like what they said? If you wanted to be remembered for one thing, what would it be?

Would it be you were: loving, forgiving, honest, generous, kind, helpful, hardworking, by-the-book, educated, honorable, or smart? Better yet, you fill in the blank _____. Benjamin Disraeli, British Prime Minister, said, "The greatest good you can do for other persons is not just to share your riches with them but to reveal to them their own."

Do you wonder what makes you different from everyone else? Not one of us has the same spiral of DNA, fingerprints, or talents as another. Just as no two snowflakes are alike, you are like no one else. That's phenomenal! Robin Williams, actor, said, "I used to think the worst thing in life was to end up all alone. It's not. The worst thing in life is to end up with people that make you feel all alone."

If we are all different, then what makes us the same? Don't

we all want to be happy? Sure we do! Then, what does it take for us to be happy? Is it: 1] loving family members and friends; 2] undertaking projects that take up our time knowing when the projects are finished we accomplished something important; 3] looking forward to exciting experiences like watching a baseball game or going dancing; 4] fixing our home, car, or motorcycle; 5] visiting places like a beautiful basilica or Disneyland; 6] rising to the occasion to help solve challenges in our lives or the lives of others;

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or, 7] staring at that family heirloom and letting tears of joy run down our cheeks as we remember sitting on our grandma's lap holding that homemade toy she gave us. Whatever brings joy to our lives is sparked by our uniqueness and similarities. We are all different but we all want the same thing; to love, be loved, and make a contribution in life. "Happiness will never come to those who fail to appreciate what they already have,"

author unknown. To fulfill our unique role in life and reach the common goal of leaving a legacy remembered by others, it is crucial we interact with them. Respecting each other, being a team player, combining talents to complete a task, complimenting each other for our unique talents, genuinely sharing credit, and in the end, celebrating accomplishments together leaves a pathway of contributions we've made in life for others to follow. Robert Frost, American Poet, said, "In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life. It goes on."

Weekly Activities

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Community 1st Bank Meeting (Student Services 102)

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

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. BA/MD Summer Practicum Student Presentations

Thursday, June 26, 2014

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

Friday, June 27, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. NE NM Housing Task Force Workshop (Springer)

Saturday, June 28, 2014

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

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UNM combined BA/MD students participate in summer practicum in LV

Baillie Kujath, Yalda Barlas and Myra Murillo, UNM BA/MD students participated in a rural practicum this summer in Las Vegas, New Mexico. The students shadowed local rural physicians: Dr. David Elliott, Dr. Thomas Strain and Dr. L. David Young and participated in weekly tutorial sessions at Luna Community College with UNM faculty member Sally Bacher and community coordinator Elaine Luna. The following story was submitted by Baillie Kujath on behalf of the BA/MD students

The BA/MD program at the University of New Mexico is a program designed to cater to the physician shortage in New Mexico by pulling from the population itself. The program takes a diverse body of students through a rigorous pre-medicine curriculum in order to prepare them for medical school. Though the curriculum is weighted heavily in the physical sciences, it also allows students to engage with what it means to be a physician in New Mexico in particular. This means taking a look at what New Mexico lacks in health care and the ways in which it is changing to better attend to the underserved population.

About five months ago, our program told the three of us that we would be spending the month of June in Las Vegas, New Mexico for the BA/MD summer practicum, which all students in the program complete after their sophomore year. Students spend a month shadowing in local clinics and carrying out a community engagement activity in a rural New Mexico community. No one in our group had ever even been to Las Vegas, besides maybe a pit stop during a road trip to



University of New Mexico BA/MD students Yalda Barlas, Baillie Kujath and Myra Murillo with Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos.

Colorado, so we really had no idea what to expect. Our first impression of Las Vegas was that everyone was incredibly kind. It seemed like we couldn't get through a store without someone stopping us just to give a compliment. The community seems to thrive off of its familial temperament, making the transition to this new town very easy. We each began shadowing in the rural clinics we were assigned. We had the privilege of each being able to shadow in clinics that served very different populations. Dr. David Young practices in the Pecos Valley Medical Clinic, which is federally funded and a very comprehensive facility that serves a 500 square mile radius around the Pecos valley. Dr. Dr. Thomas Strain works in El Centro Family Health Center, which is a clinic whose focus is on trying to provide care that is affordable, and Dr. David Elliot has his own private practice that also serves Las Vegas. After comparing our shadowing experiences, we have found that each of the clinics seem to serve very different populations and purposes. We have noticed that our experiences have been completely different and that treatment and care must be diverse depending on the specific people that the clinic is seeing. Access to resources is huge. In a clinic like the Pecos with an in-house pharmacy, it may be easier for someone without a car to have access to prescriptions than another who may be seen in another clinic with the same problem. Differences in access in a myriad of cases can be seen when comparing the clinics, yet all are serving the San Miguel county population.

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LCC state champ...



Santiago Sena is pictured right before entering the state competition back in April. Pictured in the second photo is LCC Automotive Technology Instructor Gene Sandoval. Sandoval is encouraging more students and instructors to participate in SkillsUSA.

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“He was just an awesome, respectful student with a lot of leadership skills. I know he can be a future leader.”

Only the first-place winner of each category goes on the national competition.

“I remember I was a little nervous in front of the judges,” says Sena. “I’m a little more nervous for this one. I didn’t expect to make it this far; all I can do is do the best I can.”

For the national competition Sena intends to get pieces of tire and show different wear patterns and accidents it causes. Sena is working on an automotive technology certificate.

“I hope to get a job and hopefully own a business and partner with Dominic Lopez (fellow student and brother-in-law),” said Sena.

Sena says that more students and instructors should get involved in SkillsUSA.

“It’s a good experience if you’re serious about it,” says Sena.

His mentor and LCC Automotive Technology Instructor Gene Sandoval agrees.

“I encourage other students and instructors to join and promote SkillsUSA,” says Sandoval who will be accompanying Sena to Kansas City. “It is a good way to get Luna Community College’s name out there. The college would benefit from it.”

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Summer 2014

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Presenters

Karen Sickler

Angelo Archuleta

Daniel Twitchel

Gene Sandoval

Elisa Flores

Rosanne Despain

Susan Olson Smith

Jeanette Nolan

Chuck Peterson

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2014

LRC LECTURE HALL

8:30AM — 12:00 NOON





Wagon Mound Public Schools Superintendent Albert Martinez (left) is pictured here with Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos. Martinez has agreed to place a Luna Community College banner in the high school gym. Martinez also said that he will retire after the 2014-15 school year after nearly 35 years in the educational field.



Luna Community College recently placed an informational billboard at KFUN Hill located near mile marker 345. Luna Community College Building Technology Instructor Joseph Montoya and former student Nathaniel Montoya installed the billboard.

Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and community, a Rough Rider Meal Card is 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.

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BA/MD students...

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For our community engagement activity, we decided to take a broader route. We decided that our theme would be general well being rather than just physical health. We partnered with the 21st Century Summer Learning Program through the West Las Vegas School District and worked with incoming sixth graders for two weeks. During week one, we focused mainly on their health with activities that revolved around anatomy, exercise, and nutrition, as well as a couple activities promoting healthy relationships. During week two, we focused on health and science related careers. As prospective doctors, we wanted to talk to the kids about some careers that we have found to be particularly interesting to us. As mentioned earlier, New Mexico has a physician shortage that will only get worse as more people are insured. Inspiring future healthcare professionals is something we wanted to do because we all agreed that we were so grateful that someone encouraged us. We presented on different specialties as well as emphasized the importance of public health, scientists, and other professionals that are all working together to improve the health status of the community.

Our main take away from the time spent in the community would have to be that everything is interconnected.

While in town, we also had the opportunity to meet with various community leaders and research demographics, specifically housing, education, and neighborhood safety. After meeting with President Pete Campos at Luna Community College, we were inspired to think about our futures as physicians and the utilization of our resources.

Our main take away from the time spent in the community would have to be that everything is interconnected. Healthcare cannot be addressed without

looking at housing. Housing cannot be addressed without looking at economic development. Economic development cannot be addressed without looking at education and so on. In order to tackle big issues in the community, there has to be tremendous collaboration from those in all fields. All must be working together toward a common goal: *a physically, socially, and economically healthy community.*

We would like to give a special thank you to all who have helped us during our time in Las Vegas and allowed us to feel like we are part of the community: Elaine Luna, John Duran, David Luna, Pamela Marrujo, and of course Traveler's Cafe for caffeinating us and introducing us to coffee cubes. Those are fantastic!

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.

Paul Sandoval

People need to eat. It's just something that human beings do to keep up their strength and nutrition. Here on campus, we often go eat at The Rough Rider Grill. And I can't think of a better person to run it than Paul Sandoval. Not only is he professional, efficient and clean in his day-to-day operations, more importantly, Sandoval is kind and compassionate with students.

I have never seen Sandoval deny a

student food, whether or not they have money on hand.

Sure they eventually pay The Rough Rider Grill back but what makes him stand out is that he treats students with the dignity they deserve during their time of hardship.

To Paul Sandoval: Although most of us see you only a few minutes a week, we are aware of your kindness toward students. Please never change your attitude with them. Kindness is essential.

Position Announcement

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

- Instructor-Family Nursing (until filled)
- Full-Time Instructor-Technology (STEM Dept)(closes 6-30-14)

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