

The Luna Light

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Luna Community College senior cosmetology student Lucy Tafoya (top) does a blunt hair cut on Luna Community College Professor Dr. Rita Surdi. In the side photo, senior cosmetology student Cheyanne Cunico does corn rolls on future LCC student Joseph Crespin. Anyone that wishes to set up an appointment can call 505/454-5344.



Luna Community College culinary arts majors Terri Stafford and Stormi Miller will be representing Luna in the Baking competition to be held next month at the SkillsUSA Conference in Albuquerque. Skills USA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers along with high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations including health occupations.



Luna Community College cosmetology students will be participating and competing at SkillsUSA in Albuquerque next month. Pictured (l-r) are: Carlene Salazar, LCC Cosmetology Instructor Clarice Bonney, Katrina Gonzales, Raquel Gallegos, Presley Hern and Alexandra Trujillo.



Luna Community College students Miranda Benally (far left), from Farmington and Lisa Cox from Albuquerque, wait for some popcorn from ACCESS Center Tutor Rachel Debuque during a Meet-N-Greet activity at the Student Services Building recently. The ACCESS Center's objective of this activity is for students to better identify who their tutors are. Also in photo are LCC Admission and Recruiting Director Moses Marquez and LCC Vice-President for Instruction Dr. Vidal Martinez.



Luna Light pivotal to our future success

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

Last Monday and Tuesday we were visited by an accreditation team evaluating our business department. Their substantiation of our self-study (our story), analysis, review, findings and closing remarks indicate we are headed in the right direction, on the right track and focused on serving the educational needs of students. Wow! This is another sign that Luna Community College is preparing itself to be a tough competitor in providing a quality and affordable education to local, regional and global students. We can compete and provide students with a strong core to get a good paying job.

During the LCC School of Business accreditation site visit, the evaluators paid particular attention to and highly commended the work being done by Mr. Jesse Gallegos, and Dr. Pete Campos for *The Luna Light*. In fact, they will be taking the template and best practices exuded to produce *The Luna Light* to share it with other school of businesses and colleges across the country. Can you imagine the hard work, experience, creativity and consistency put forth by Mr. Jesse Gallegos will be shared with others across the country! Soud Qbeilat, an artist, said, "When there is no freedom, there is no creativity."

LCC is no longer a gem in the rough thanks to Jesse and *The Luna Light*. We are now a gem well cut, ready to be brilliantly displayed, admired and valued. He has highlighted our accomplishments, always behind the camera and computer, so that the work of our faculty, staff, community and most importantly, students would shine. His dedication, due diligence, creativity, factual reporting and long hours (including weekends) when no one else was around has paid off. *The Luna Light* has now been recognized as the document of record that captures our weekly progress. That is not heard of at this qual-

ity at many colleges, according to evaluators. To top that off, what other institution produces a Friday teaser and a top-quality, full color, fun, interesting and factual news document? No other matches the quality, yet others have tried to replicate our approach.

The ace to our success lies in the credentials, experience and fascinating talents of Mr. Jesse Gallegos. He has served in numerous media capacities in Las Vegas. Those posts have included, but are not limited to: editor of the *Las Vegas Daily Optic* and sports information director and editorial assistant at New Mexico Highlands University.

John Pilger, Australian Journalist, said, "It is not enough for journalists to see themselves as mere messengers without understanding the hidden agendas of the message and the myths that surround it."

Jesse, a humble, respectable and approachable one-man operation, has proven himself to be unselfish, caring and devoted to focusing on the daily happenings of Luna Community College. We are the beneficiaries of his talents, professional persistence and high quality publications. He wants dignity and positive recognition for everyone who appears in the *LCC Luna Light*, a top-notch publication! Whether those in the photos are young or young-at-heart, Jesse ensures their best side is photographed and the articles that accompany those photos depict the actual and factual events. We are definitely fortunate to have someone who really cares about the way our message gets out to the public and is not hesitant to tell our transparent story.

Helen Thomas, American author and news service reporter, said, "I don't think a tough question is disrespectful." Thank you Jesse, you ask the tough questions and you are truly a man of the people and author of the term "The People's College."

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Jesse Gallegos is pictured here with former KRQE News Anchor Diane Anderson.



Luna Community College Baseball Coach Antonio Siqueiros talks with players Raulier Martinez Hayden Mauch at a game recently.

Baseball team takes one, softball team to play at home

The Luna Community College baseball team took one game from Odessa College on the road this past weekend. They beat Odessa 4-0 in the third game of the series. They lost the other games 4-2, 12-7 and 4-2. They take on Clarendon College on the road this Friday and Saturday. They are now 7-16 overall and 3-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

The Lady Rough Riders will play at home on Wednesday against Otero Junior College. Game time is at noon. They will also play Western Texas College on Friday and Saturday at home in their conference opener. These games were originally scheduled for last week. The Lady Rough Riders are 4-7 on the year.

Weekly calendar

Monday, March 10, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Audit Rule 2014 Presentation (Allied Health LO-1)
 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Training (LRC Lecture Hall)
 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees Regular Work Session (Student Services 102)

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. NMDOT Training (IPC Dining Hall)
 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Training (LRC Lecture Hall)
 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Safety Belt Class (General Studies 102B)
 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Training (LRC Lecture Hall)
 12:00 p.m., 2:00p.m. LCC Softball v. Otero Junior College (HOME)

Thursday, March 13, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Training (LRC Lecture Hall)
 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, March 14, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Training (LRC Lecture Hall)
 12:00 p.m. LCC Baseball v. Clarendon College (Clarendon, TX)
 12:00 p.m., 2:00p.m. LCC Softball v. Western Texas College (HOME)

Saturday, March 15, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Training (LRC Lecture Hall)
 12:00 p.m. LCC Baseball v. Clarendon College (Clarendon, TX)
 12:00 p.m., 2:00p.m. LCC Softball v. Western Texas College (HOME)

Tip of the week:

Be a contender, not a pretender

Jesse's quick hits

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

*Knock knock
 Who's there?
 Ozzie.
 Ozzie who?
 Ozzie you later, alligator.*

*Knock knock.
 Who's there?
 Owl.
 Owl who?
 Owl be seeing you later.*

One-on-one with LCC's Betsy Sanchez

The following is an interview with Luna Community College instructor Betsy Sanchez.

Tell us about your professional experience and educational background.

I am a proud alumni from Luna Community College, where I received my associate's degree in office administration. This allowed me to work at New Mexico Highlands University as an administrative assistant in the financial aid office where I enjoyed helping students. I then completed my bachelor's degree in education where I could be able to teach in the public school system. I enjoyed teaching at West Las Vegas Middle School with teenagers; it was a challenge. This made me like teaching even more. I then applied to teach a few classes here at LCC in the STEM Department. The students here motivated me to continue my education to earn my master's degree in instruction and curriculum in mathematics.

Describe your teaching style or teaching philosophy.

My style of teaching is student-centered. I believe that we need to meet the needs of our students learning styles. Each student has a different way of learning and the class has to incorporate all of their learning styles. I try to make math enjoyable because there are some students who have had a bad experience with an instructor whether it be in public school or college which cause the student to build a wall to prevent the learning process.

What is your favorite part of your current job and why is it your favorite part?

My favorite part are the students. I love coming to work and interacting with the students in class or a quick chat passing in the hall. My day could start off bad, but once I walk into the technology building and see the students my whole attitude changes to a positive one. They are my motivation to get up in the morning to come to work. It's like I tell my students what I do is not a job because I love teaching and sharing my knowledge with them.

What are one or two of your proudest professional accomplishments?

The first of my proudest professional moments was earning my master's degree. My other proudest moments have been watching my three oldest children and our students walk the line for graduation and knowing that I helped them achieve a one of hopefully many of their educational goals in their life.

How does your background and experiences strengthen academics at LCC?

I was a non-traditional student myself when I returned to college. I

found it challenging to manage a family and work full-time while taking a full load of classes. I understand what some of our students go through today. They want to be able to meet their educational goals but yet also meet their financial responsibilities for their family. This experience has helped me be able to meet the needs of students in my classes, and yet they meet our educational goals of obtaining a strong understanding of the material I teach.



Betsy Sanchez teaches pre-engineering and math classes at Luna Community College.

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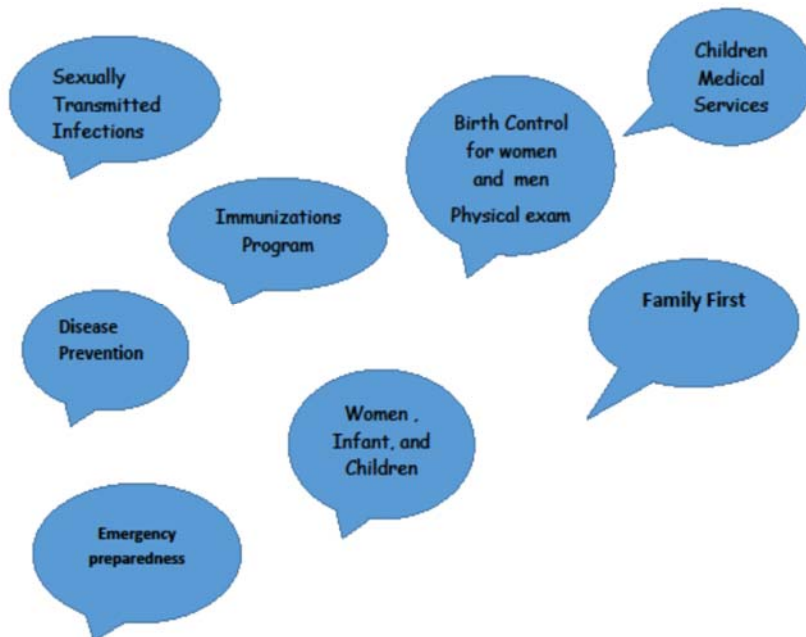


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LCC STUDENTS: FIND OUT WHAT YOUR SAN MIGUEL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS TO OFFER YOU!!!

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

March 31st at 2pm Nursing Auditorium



This leprechaun can be seen at the LCC Library. It is being drawn by LCC employee June Lopez in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day. The painting, in its entirety, should be finished soon.

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 or call him at 505/454-2510.

Position Announcements

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

- Instructor-Family Nursing (closes 5-30-14)

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 IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL POSITION POSTING FOLLOW THE LCC AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.



Luna Community College students Monica Lopez, Amberlynn Sena and Chris Castellano recently helped raise money for the SkillsUSA competition that will be held in Albuquerque next month. Currently, SkillsUSA members are selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts. They are taking orders until March 21. The price is \$10 per dozen. The doughnuts are either glazed or chocolate. Their goal is to sell 400 dozen. If you would like to place an order contact the cosmetology or automotive technology department.



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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

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