

The Luna Light



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Luna Community College Vice-President of Instruction Dr. Sharon Lalla signs a banner in support of the College on Tuesday, March 13. All stakeholders are encouraged to sign the banner which is located across the Human Resource Office.

Luna students, employees share their views on HLC visit

The Luna Light had the opportunity to interview several Luna Community College students and employees on their views of the Higher Learning Commission visit to the College. HLC Peer Reviewers visited Luna from Monday, March 19-Wednesday, March 21.

Harain Aldama: I like that they allowed us to put our voice out there—not just the bad things, but the good things as well. There is a lot of good stuff about Luna; opportunity is basically what Luna is.

Sandra Rivera: I think it went well. I think they were as positive as we were to move forward.

Henrietta Maestas: I think the HLC visit went very well. We showed them what Luna is made of now—and it's all the good changes.

We still have a way to go and we're ready.

Evelyn Montoya: I think it went well. When we met with them regarding shared governance, we got positive feedback from them.

Francisco Apodaca: I'm going to remain cautiously optimistic. I think we had a good showing; everyone worked hard. Again, I remain cautiously optimistic.

Donny Trujillo: I thought the HLC Committee did a very good job listening.

Nathan Baker: I felt they were positive to our responses as were ready with solutions and the responses to our solutions were positive.

Janice Medrano: Overall it went pretty well, from my observation.

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Renee Maestas: Everyone was well-prepared in the fact that people worked hard. It feels good that everyone came together for a common good.

Rochelle Mueller: I went to the Community Forum and all those people there showed that the community cares about Luna. It's nice to see people passionate about their views.

Nash Segura: I was not directly involved, but our staff was extremely knowledgeable and helpful. They had their act together.

Karen Wezwick: I thought the HLC Peer Reviewers were appropriately curious. They didn't ask anything that was out of line. They were open to all input.

Damian Lucero: I just hope that Luna doesn't lose its accreditation. I don't want to go to another college. It would cost me double.

Gene Sandoval: I hope the outcome will be a good one.

Jasmine Gallegos: I have high hopes that we will keep our accreditation and that I can continue my education here.

John Johnsen: I came to Luna in 1979 and earned a nursing certificate. I came back here almost 40 years later. It's always been a good school and I would hate to see us lose our accreditation.

Susan Grohman: I think it went fantastic. I was in five interviews with them. I love the community support.

Vanetia Gonzales: It went well. I hope the school remains open. I think the community involvement was great.

Victoria Sanchez-Cordova: Students spoke their minds which was a good thing.

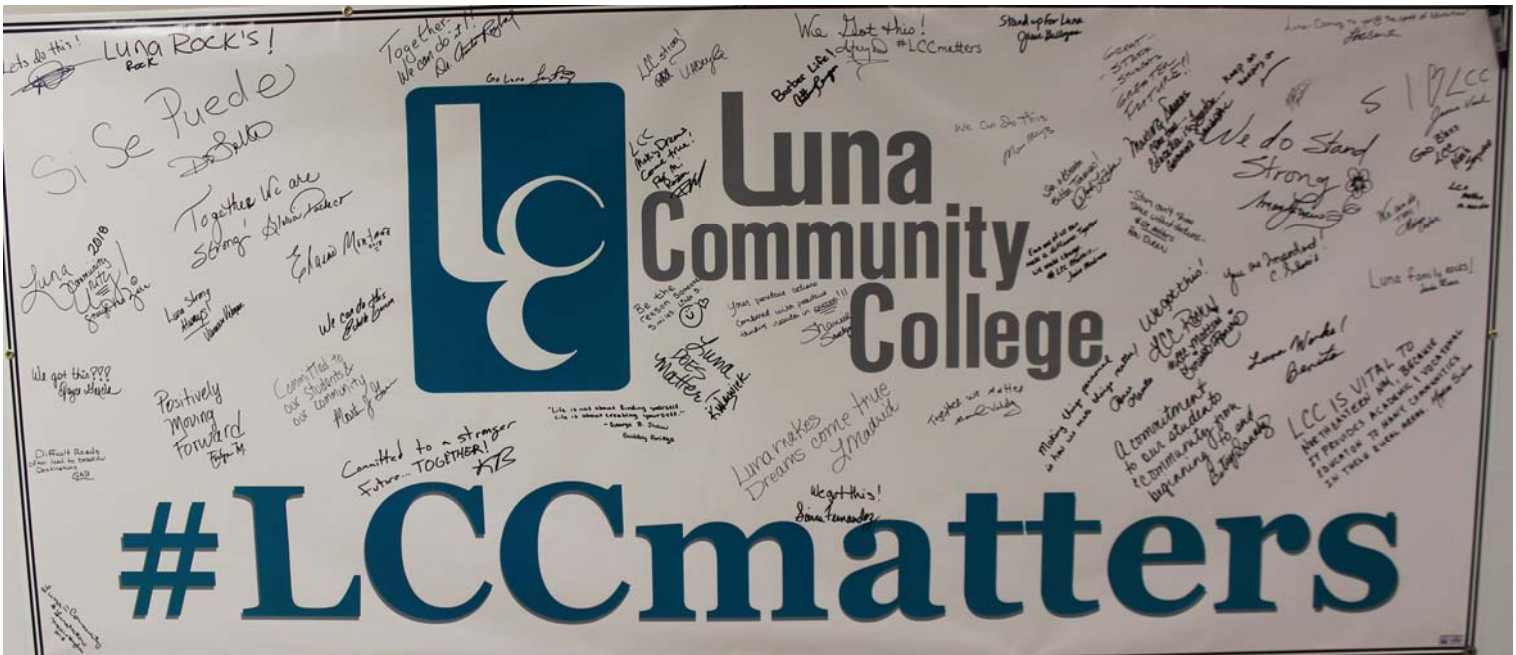
Frances Armijo: I heard meetings went really well. From what's been said, it was a pretty positive outcome.

Gloria Pacheco: I witnessed the team of Luna Community College coming together working toward a common goal to show HLC Peer Reviewers that even within the limited amount of time Luna pulled together demonstrating positive changes not just for now, but for the future. Our Interim President Ricky Serna did a remarkable job of leading us.

Marvin Maestas: I think it went well. It was a good thing that we went through this. I hope everything works out.

Dr. Anita Roybal: I thought it was a very good three days. They asked some pertinent questions as they wanted answers with evidence. I feel very optimistic.

Jessica Weber: Although I was disappointed with the amount of negative comments at the Student Forum, I was very optimistic after hearing the Community Forum. I met with the HLC as part of the Shared Governance Council and they thanked us for being honest and candid. The overall energy of that meeting left me with a feeling of hope.



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Learning at Luna



Luna Community College Auto Collision Repair Technology students have been learning every day. Pictured clockwise are: Travis Baca learning how to replace rocker and corner panels on his truck; Kenneth Romero learning the art of airbrushing; Gary Gallegos learning the art of paintless dent repair and John Gutierrez working on his 1952 Chevy restoration project. The Auto Collision Repair Technology Program is a nationally Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and National Automotive Technician Educational Foundation Certified Program. A student in this program will learn the basics of the collision repair industry from non-structural to structural repair, refinishing, metalworking, shop management, estimating and automotive restoration. Students keep a portfolio of all their work completed while in the program.



“I chose Luna!”

Kimberley Padilla wants to earn several certificates while in college

Kimberley Padilla loves Luna Community College. And she wants everyone to know it.

A native of Mora, Padilla is expected to graduate in fall 2018 with a certificate in Automotive Collision Repair Technology. This, however, is only one of three others she wants to pursue. Padilla is interested in earning a business management, culinary arts and cosmetology certificate.

“I love Luna,” says Padilla. “I’m a jack-of-all-trades type of person. Automotive Collision repair, by far, is one of the most challenging majors at Luna Community College. It involves many exciting activities. Painting a vehicle is one my biggest challenges, but when it is done there is no comparable feeling than to know you have accomplished such a big, awesome project.”

Padilla’s father Frank George Padilla worked in the auto body and mechanic industry and it interested her to go in that route at a young age.

“He was a big inspiration to me,” said Padilla. “He had his own shop in Mora and I would help him sand and put putty on the dents.”

Padilla loves the artistic side to the auto body industry.

“I love learning new things and I love that Luna



Kimberley Padilla, a native of Mora, measures metal on a metal shrinker stretcher machine in a recent class.

provides me the opportunity to express my personal creativity.”

Padilla’s Auto Body Technology Instructor Anthony Baca, a veteran of over 25 years at Luna, says Padilla is on the right path to success.

“Kimberley is a very artistic student that is very determined and goal-oriented,” says Baca. “She’s not afraid to try to challenge herself with different techniques.”

As part of the program, Padilla is learning the mechanical, auto body, air painting and metal working aspects. At some point, Padilla would like to get a job as a metal worker or a service writer.

“Students are missing out on this program,” says Padilla. “Students, at the very least, should come and see this program. There is a lot of money to be made in this industry.”

Baca said there is more to his program than cars.

“I would like to see this program have more career-oriented students,” said Baca. “Collision repair is needed for boats, trains and airplanes.”

Padilla has some great advice for potential students.

“This industry is not just for male students,” says Padilla. “I’m proud of Luna for having such an awesome program. I hope it keeps its accreditation. I would hate for it to ever close.”

HLC forums well attended

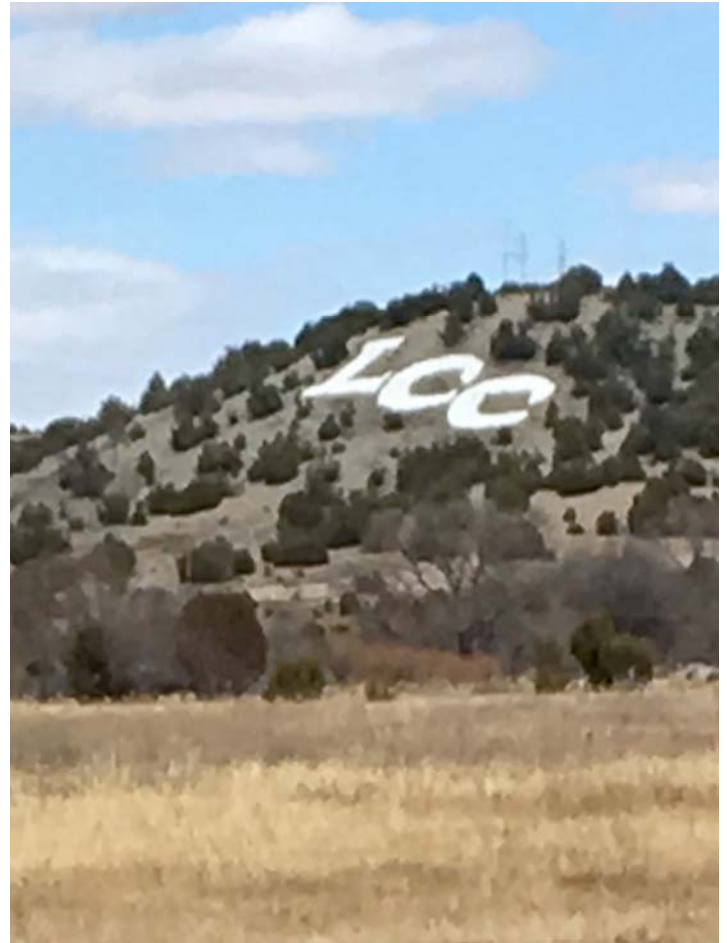


Higher Learning Commission Peer Reviewers held both a Student and Public Forum at the Nursing Auditorium on Monday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 20, respectively. Over 100 students attended their forum and nearly 200 people attended the Community Forum.





Several Luna Community College employees assisted in preparing and painting the LCC Signature rocks on I-25 on Friday, March 9.



The LCC Signature Rocks can be seen near mile marker 344 on I-25. This is the finished version. (Photo courtesy of Michael Jaramillo)

Higher Learning Commission Peer Reviewers met with Luna Community College Board of Trustees on Monday, March 19. The HLC Peer Reviewers met with students, administrators, faculty, staff and community members during their visit. The HLC Peer Reviewers will submit their report on Luna Community College to the Higher Learning Commission on or before Wednesday, April 18.





Luna Community College Interim President Ricky Serna held public forums in Las Vegas and Springer on February 27 and March 1, respectively. Seventeen people attended the Las Vegas Forum while 30 people attended the Springer Forum. Other forums were held in Mora and Santa Rosa.

Softball and baseball updates

Softball 7-23 overall, 0-8 in WJCAC

March 16	Howard College	L	14-0
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March 17	Howard College	L	18-1
March 17	Howard College	L	11-0

Baseball 6-20 overall, 0-8 in WJCAC

March 16	Frank Phillips College	L	12-3
March 16	Frank Phillips College	L	22-12
March 17	Frank Phillips College	L	11-1
March 17	Frank Phillips College	L	13-5

Upcoming home baseball schedule

March 23	Midland College (2 games)	Noon
March 24	Midland College (2 games)	Noon

Upcoming home softball schedule

March 30	Odessa College (2 games)	1 p.m.
March 31	Odessa College (2 games)	1 p.m.
April 6	Frank Phillips College (2)	1 p.m.
April 7	Frank Phillips College (2)	1 p.m.



Luna Lights available across campus

Several Luna Light Newsletter stands have been placed around campus. They are located in the Maria H. Paiz Administration Building, Allied Health Building, Humanities Building, Coffee Shop, Student Services Building, Building Trades, and the Gerald Ortega Wellness Center.

We would like to thank Rick Baca, Robert Ortiz and Robert Plagge for providing the stands. The Luna Light is a bi-weekly newsletter that provides information on students, faculty, staff and administration. The Luna Light is also available on our Website and is sent to anyone who has an active Luna e-mail. We want to thank everyone for their continued support.