

# 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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Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos met with staff early Thursday morning to talk about duties during Ron Gonzales' absence. Antonio Siqueiros will be interim athletic director, Norman Sena will be interim physical plant director, Carl Vigil will assume duties as student coordinator specialist for athletics, Nazario Maestas will continue as interim general maintenance III supervisor, Andrew Duran will continue as life safety coordinator with additional duties as lead security, John Concha will continue as security and Matthew Cordova will continue as office manager for the physical plant. All will coordinate directly through Dr. Campos and LCC Executive Office Manager for the President Maria Paiz.



Luna Community College SkillsUSA participants assisted in a Clean-up Day at Storrie Lake Park on Wednesday. Pictured (l-r) are: Chris Castellano, Santiago Sena, Domonic Lopez, Grant Baker, Jesse Keller and Victor Abeyta. The state SkillsUSA competition is set for April 2-5 in Albuquerque. See page 5 for automotive technology students that will be participating in the state SkillsUSA competition.

## Gonzales takes leave

Luna Community College Physical Plant and Athletic Director  
Ron



**Ron Gonzales**

Gonzales will be taking a leave of absence due to health issues.

"He's dedicated, devoted and always there on behalf of the institution," said LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. "He continues to express his concern for the college. He is leaving it in good hands."

Gonzales has worked at Luna Community College for 21 years.

See photo at left for assignments during Gonzales' absence.

Summer registration will begin April 1 and fall registration begins on April 15



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH (STEM)  
SUMMER 2014 COURSE OFFERINGS  
MAIN CAMPUS

Intro. To Computer Science	MTWR	8:00 – 9:40
Security +	MTWR	10:00 – 11:40
General Math	MTW	3:00 – 5:50
College Algebra	MTWR	10:00 – 11:50
Intermediate Algebra	MTWR	1:00 – 2:50
Algebra with Applications	MTWR	8:00 – 9:50
Survey of Earth Science	MTW	10:00 – 11:40
Survey of Earth Science Lab	R	8:00 – 12:00
Environmental Science	MTW	1:00 – 2:40
Environmental Science Lab	R	1:00 – 4:50

**Jesse's  
quick hits**

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

*Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Pest.  
Pest who?  
Pest the dessert please.*

*Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Phillip.  
Phillip who?  
Phillip your piggy bank with money.*

# REGISTRATION ROUND-UP!!



**TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2014**

**10:00AM -3:00PM**

**TECHNOLOGY COURTYARD**

**FOOD, FUN, & ADVISEMENT!!**

**LEARN ABOUT:**

**ADMISSIONS**

**REGISTRATION**

**FINANCIAL AID/FISCAL**

**ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT**

**&**

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

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# Rough Rider week planned

By Amanda Ortiz  
Student Government Advisor

Hello everyone. As a student government initiative, we are in the process of gathering information to start the first ever homecoming for Luna Community College!

We are very excited at the prospect of beginning a tradition at Luna to honor our baseball and softball players and their hard-work and dedication. Because this is such a big venture, we would like to form a committee of volunteers comprised of staff, faculty, and students. Our goal is to have a homecoming in place for the 2014-2015 academic year. Your feedback, input, suggestions, advice, etc. is crucial and appreciated!! We will send out e-mails as to when we will begin meeting (most likely by the end of the semester), so please feel free to contact myself, Dawna Ortega, or a member of the student government if you would like to be involved in this exciting process!

In the meantime, we are organizing a Rough Rider week for this semester that will take place the week of April 14- April 18. This will be the first time all season that the baseball and softball will have home games together.

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*Mr. & Miss Rough Rider*  
2014

Luna Community College

**WANTED!!**  
**ROUGH RIDER ROYALTY**  
NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING  
MARCH 24TH THROUGH APRIL 2ND.

**CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES:**  
MUST BE A FULL-TIME LCC STUDENT, HAVE A 2.0  
CUMULATIVE GPA, PROVIDE A BRIEF BIO, AND OBTAIN 25  
SIGNATURES FROM CURRENT STUDENTS AT LCC.

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 14TH-16TH.  
CORONATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE THURSDAY,  
APRIL 17TH AT THE ROUGH RIDER GAMES.

**GO ROUGH RIDERS!!**

NOMINATION FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM JOYCE GARCIA,  
RECEPTION, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOYER, MAR. 24TH.

## Weekly calendar

### Tuesday, March 25, 2014

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

### Thursday, March 27, 2014

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

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa New Member Meeting (Gen. Studies 104)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Meeting (IPC Dining Hall)

### Friday, March 28, 2014

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Dept. of Humanities APA Format Seminar

12:00 p.m. LCC Baseball v. Frank Phillips College (HOME)

12:00 p.m., 2:00p.m. LCC Softball v. Frank Phillips College (Borger, TX)

### Saturday, March 29, 2014

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

12:00 p.m. LCC Baseball v. Frank Phillips College (HOME)

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. LCC Softball v. Frank Phillips College (Borger, TX)

Luna Community College Automotive Technology students and advisors will be attending the New Mexico SkillsUSA Conference in Albuquerque early next month. Pictured (kneeling, l-r) are: Chris Castellano, courtesy corp and Grant Baker, automotive service technology. (second row, l-r) are: Gene Sandoval, SkillsUSA automotive advisor; Dawna Ortega, SkillsUSA state board member; Amberlyn Sena, extemporaneous speaking; Domonic Lopez, automotive service technology and Jesse Keller, secretary for automotive technology SkillsUSA Club. (top row, l-r) are: Fredrick Romero, student senator; Anthony Baca, SkillsUSA state board member and Santiago Sena, action skills. Not pictured are: Victor Abeyta, action skills; Joseph Mares, collision repair and Joseph Esquibel, courtesy corp.



**Tip of  
the week:  
Take care of one another**



**Community Education Course**

## Zumbini

April 7-May 30

Mon-Fri 6:00pm-6:45pm

Location: Luna Community College- Santa Rosa

Certified Instructor: Elizabeth \*Lisa\* Montano

Cost: \$50.00 Tuition for parent and child (20.00 extra for additional child)

+ \$36.00 Zumbini Bundle

Let the journey to an active, healthy life begin! Designed to let adults and their little ones 0 to 3 years old wiggle, sing and learn together, the Zumbini™ program is where the science of child development meets the magic of Zumba® – for the ultimate bonding experience! Classes feature cool Zumba® music packed with world rhythms and catchy, kid-friendly tunes created just for this program.

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Santa Rosa, NM 88435





# Rough Rider activities...

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We would like to show our team spirit this week by having a few activities including the crowning of our first Mr. & Miss Rough Rider. Prizes for Mr. and Miss Rough Rider will be determined. Here is a **tentative** schedule of events:

- March 24 - April 2 - Nominations can be submitted (candidates will be required to have at least 25 students sign a petition to be on ballot) Criteria will be announced.
- April 7 -11 - Candidates may begin campaigning and departments may begin decorating for contest (see below)  
**ROUGH RIDER WEEK BEGINS!!**
- Monday, April 14 - Door/Department Decorating Contest (judging will take place between Monday and Wednesday.) Voting begins for our candidates!
- Tuesday, April 15, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Advisement Day/ Registration Round-Up/End -of -Year BBQ

- Wednesday, April 16 - Luna Spirit Day! Strut your stuff in your favorite Luna apparel. Go Rough Riders!! Voting ends at 4:00 pm for candidates. College Night at JC's Pizza begins at 7:00 pm until 11:00pm.

- Thursday, April 17 - Baseball and softball games begin at noon and end roughly around 5:00 pm. Coronation ceremony for Mr. & Miss Rough Rider will begin promptly at the end of the games as well as the announcement of the Door/Department. Decorating Contest. Giveaways, popcorn, sno-cones, etc. throughout the game.

- Friday, April 18th - GOOD FRIDAY. Luna will be closed, however the guys and girls will continue to play from noon until 5:00. Come support our athletes!!

The baseball team will face-off against the Howard College Hawks and the Ladies will face-off against the Tejanos of El Paso CC. (In case this helps with your decorating ideas! ;)

We hope that this will prove to be an awesome week! Have fun! Go Rough Riders!!

## LCC Lady Rough Riders 7-1 in conference

The Luna Community College Lady Rough Rider softball team continues to impress in conference play as they took three of four games from Clarendon Junior College over the weekend.

After dropping the first game 7-2, the Lady Rough Riders bounced back to win 13-8, 16-4 and 18-10.

Earlier in the week, LCC lost to Adams State JV 6-4 and 15-5.

They are now 11-12 overall and more importantly, 7-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

"Being 7-1 in conference is a great start for the year; there is still a lot of work to do, however," said LCC Head Coach Nathan Trujillo. "We are starting to come together as a team. It's nice to see that they are playing the way we knew they could play. The team is understanding what we are trying to do here."

West Las Vegas graduate Larissa Gallegos hit two home runs for LCC. Alexis Murillo got five hits for the Lady Rough Riders on Saturday, two of them home runs. Marissa Valencia got six hits on seven at bats on Saturday.

"We had a 3-5 start in conference a year ago, so this is much better," said Trujillo. "We have 20 more games in conference."

LCC will travel to Borger, Texas to take on Frank Phillips College this Friday and Sat-



**Luna Community College catcher Montanna Martinez blocks the plate against a Clarendon player during first-game action on Friday.**

urday.

The baseball team (9-18, overall and 5-7 in conference plays at Otero Jr. College on

Monday and are home against Frank Phillips College on Friday and Saturday. Game time is noon for each day.

# One-on-one with LCC's Joseph Montoya

*The following is a one-on-one interview with LCC Building Technologies Instructor Joseph Montoya.*

## **Tell us about your professional experience and educational background.**

I have 27 years of work experience in the construction industry as a business owner and journeyman. I am owner of Safety Zone Credentialing LLC, an educational training provider for the state of New Mexico, providing safety training state wide and nationally. I am also a nationally certified instructor in apprenticeship training through the department of labor, following the *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 29:29 and CFR 29:30* for the following disciplines.

- Certification, Core Curricula Instructor, NCCER.
- Certification, Carpentry Instructor, NCCER.
- Certification, Concrete Finishing Instructor, NCCER
- Certification, Weatherization Fundamentals Instructor, NCCER.
- NCCER Master Trainer.
- NCCER Construction Site Safety Master Trainer.
- NCCER Construction Site Safety Supervisor Trainer
- OSHA Authorized Construction Outreach Trainer; 10 and 30 Hour Safety Courses, United States Department of Labor.
- Building Analyst and Envelope Professional Instructor, Building Performance Institute (BPI) .
- Green Advantage Certified Practitioner, Green Advantage.
- Thermal Bypass and Advanced Framing Techniques Instructor, Santa Fe Community College.
- Certified Journeyman Carpenter.
- Certified Journeyman Concrete Finisher.
- Erosion Control Supervisor Trainer, Department of Transportation

## **Describe your teaching style or teaching philosophy.**

Learning is how we acquire information and use the knowledge that we have gained from that information. Students fall into three general styles of learning: Visual, auditory, and tactile or hands on. That is why my teaching style incorporates a mix of modalities and methods of learning to meet the needs of students. I try to facilitate their learning by showing them the significance of the subject being taught is relevant to their work lives. Students want to learn information that is practical rather than abstract and prefer doing types of learning to telling.

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

The favorite part of my current job is when students gain the confidence and mastery of newly acquired skills. Students want application for their learning and learn best when they realize how the learning can be used to make them more competent and improve



LCC students Jonathan Chavez, Jonathan Roybal, James Leger and LCC Building Technologies Instructor Joseph Montoya are installing a metal roofing system on a building technologies teaching module at the college.

their professional skills.

## **What are one or two of your proudest professional accomplishments?**

One of my proudest professional accomplishments is attaining national certification as an authorized OSHA outreach trainer for the United States Department of Labor. The next in line would be becoming a Master Trainer and Construction Site Safety Master Trainer through the National Center for Construction Education (NCCER).

## **How does your background and experiences strengthen academics at LCC?**

My background and experience strengthen academics at LCC by improving standardized training for the industry in practical applications and curricula. This initiative opens standardized training to meet the challenge of an impending labor shortage crisis. By focusing on the skills needed to get the job done, standardized training programs are setting the craft-training standards for quality and economy.

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# Congressman Ben Ray Lujan visits LCC

## Congressman to LCC students: “Finish strong”

Congressman Ben Ray Lujan was at Luna Community College on Tuesday visiting the college’s YouthBuild Program. And his message to the students was short and simple.

“Do well in this program; your performance opens doors for someone else,” Lujan said. “Your success will determine the success of future programs.”

Lujan said he will take what he learned here on Tuesday back to Washington D.C. and share it with the president and the secretary of labor.

“This is an important program that is creating opportunities across America,” said Lujan. “This is changing lives in communities.”

Lujan said that one of the aspects he is taking back to Washington D.C. is the difference between larger communities and smaller areas such as Las Vegas.

“From a grant perspective, I’m an advocate for more rural programs,” said Lujan.

YouthBuild, is an alternative education program that assists local area youth ages 16-24 obtain their GED and pursue post-secondary education.

“We succeed on how we work with each other,” said Lujan.

Lujan asked the students to share their ideas on the program.

“Your time is valuable,” Lujan told the students. “Thank you for what you are doing; it takes a lot of work. I encourage you to have a conversation with the leadership team. Graduate from this program and someday you can buy a home and raise a family.”

Up to this point, 10 program participants have passed their high school diploma equivalency assessments.

“On behalf of the administration, staff and students of YouthBuild, I express our sincere appreciation to Congressman Lujan for taking time out of his busy schedule to hear our stories about our genuine care and commitment to our program,” said LCC YouthBuild Program Director Eddie King. “Additionally, we appreciate the Congressman’s support of YouthBuild and his acknowledgment of the countless possibilities of success all within our students’ reach.”



In the top photo, U.S. Congressman Ben Ray Lujan visits with Luna Community College YouthBuild program participants (l-r) Alexis Vigil, Jennifer Rue, and Donovan Palmer Tuesday at the college. In the bottom photo, Lujan talks with LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. Also in pictured are Lujan's Constituent Liaison Manager Pamela Garcia and LCC YouthBuild Director Eddie King. Lujan was at Luna Community College to talk to students, staff, faculty and administrators about the college's YouthBuild Program. YouthBuild, is an alternative education program that assists local area youth ages 16-24 obtain their GED and pursue post-secondary education.

## LCC: “The People’s College”



# There is no place like home

**By Dr. Pete Campos  
LCC President**

Luna Community College is the place to be! We're accredited, we deliver academic rigor and provide students with a quality education. You can't beat that! Students from around the world and locally who choose us as their provider of on-line, hybrid and in-class educational services, regardless where they live, tremendously benefit because of our dedication to their future. We want those we educate to enter the work force highly prepared, confident and self-motivated to make a positive difference for their employers or if they choose to establish their own business to be highly successful!

Now, as we enter the beginning of an economic recovery, it is imperative we make smart choices and take full advantage of the resources necessary to keep our students motivated to stay in college, finish their certifications and degrees, and move forward in the world of work to land good paying jobs so they can support their families. It will happen!

We are convincingly and holistically supportive of every student. We, as during March Madness, go all out to support the advancement and well-being of each student who chooses to study at LCC. We will not let any student down, but they must make every full-fledged attempt to help themselves. You see, we care about our students, but they must bring their best game with them to learn and apply a full-court press to confidently remain in control of their academic, athletic and extra-curricular endeavors. This effective strategy ensures their intellectual growth and allows their lifelong experiences to be applied to the formula that supports their efforts to earn a top-notch position within their chosen career.

The give and take (interaction) we encounter between personnel and students within our college provides the pipeline and outputs that ultimately best serve our students. While we are a humble

population by nature; we know our role in society, are highly intelligent and creative and can compete with the best of humankind across the nation to contribute to public service and business success.

Now is the time for area students to recommit their hope and stay at or come to Luna Community College for the best education they can receive at the best affordable cost. Our Board of Trustees advocate for success of every student! They do not want to hear of excuses that students cannot afford an education. Instead, they expect every student to set their schedule of classes, seek and secure a sound financial aid package that will fit their needs and complete the certification or degree of their choosing. They want academic quality, credentials, and fortitude to guide every student towards their ultimate goal of making a good living and enjoying a quality of life for themselves and their families.

The bar must be continuously raised to the level that every student is challenged and their personal intellectual capacity is expanded. It will happen! We will make a positive difference in the lives of every student who choose Luna Community College. When a student receives a certificate or degree from our reputable college, they will move forward!

The Wizard of Oz said, "Why, anybody can have a brain. That's a very mediocre commodity. Every pusillanimous creature that crawls on the earth or slinks through slimy seas has a brain. Back where I came from, we have universities, seats of great learning, where men (women) go to become great thinkers. And when they come out, they think deep thoughts and with no more brains that you have. But they have one thing you haven't got: a diploma." Students of LCC, earn your certificate or diploma and work to attain the next level in your life whether it is another degree or securing a good paying job!



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by calling  
454-5317 or 454-5357**



**The Luna Community  
College Board  
of Trustees will be  
having a Work Session at  
5:30 p.m. on Tuesday,  
April 1 at the  
Jesse Griego  
Gymnasium at Valley  
Junior High in  
El Pueblo. The public is  
invited to attend.**



**Student Learning Outcomes Assessment (SLOA) Training**

***Creating Opportunities for You!***

The LCC Faculty Senate is offering training opportunities for faculty members who will be giving SLOA presentations during the Spring 2014 semester. If you need help preparing your presentation, you can attend one of our three training sessions to get individual help. These sessions are meant to help you:

- Collect and Analyze Your Data
- Reflect on Your Results
- Organize Your Presentation and Written Report



**Sign up with:**

Adrienne O’Brien, Chair  
LCC Faculty Senate  
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**Session #1**  
(ITV Hookup Available)  
Friday, April 11  
9 am—10:30 am  
Location: Early Childhood, Room 117

**Session #2**  
Monday, April 14  
2 pm—3:30 pm  
Location: Early Childhood, Room 117

**Session #3**  
Tuesday April 22  
11 am—12:30 pm  
Location: IPC—Culinary Arts Classroom