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LCC students sponsoring "LCC Cares Coat Drive"

Luna Community College students led by both student government and the student nurses association are currently conducting an "LCC Cares Coat Drive." Although the emphasis will be on coats, any type or article of cold weather clothing such as hats, gloves, and scarves are welcome.

Items will be distributed on Saturday, Nov. 23. The last day to donate a coat and other items will be Friday, Nov. 22.

"With the winter quickly approaching, and our hard economic times, people are forced to make hard choices," said LCC Student Government President Victor Ramirez.

"Those choices being—buying warm clothing, or providing basic needs such as putting food on the table, heating your home, or paying your rent on time. Our goal is to give those that have to make that decision one less thing to worry about. Also, our homeless population will throw the warm clothing they have in the summer months and are not prepared for the cold weather."

Ramirez said that items collected will be made available to anyone who expresses a need. All they have to do is show up when the distribution takes place.

"It doesn't matter who they are or what walk of life they come from, if someone needs a coat to stay warm, then they

should get one," said Ramirez.

Statistics researched by Ramirez shows that in the last United States Census figures, approximately 7300 people in San Miguel County live below the poverty level.

"Ideally, I would like to get a coat for each and every one of them. If we collect a hundred coats, that still only comes to about 1.4 percent of that population," says Ramirez.

"However, that is 102 people that we have helped stay warm for the winter.

Although the LCC Student Nurses Association and LCC Student Government are sponsoring the coat drive, Ramirez says it is a school effort.

"We all have unwanted clothing that is buried somewhere in our closets," says Ramirez. "If each student, faculty and staff member would bring one coat, the number of coats collected would increase dramatically. I would like to challenge the students and employees to fill up our office with coats and winter clothing. If we are unable to distribute it all on the distribution date, I would not mind keeping the coats in the office for when someone needs one. So instead of that 1.4 percent, let's go for 10 percent."

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Dr. Elizabeth Juarros' active learning based general physics I class launched their rocket to gather data from the altimeter that was mounted inside, recently. Luna Community College students will compare the altimeter readings with their numerical calculations of the maximum height of the rocket. For more information on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program, call 505/454-5370.



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Right now, people can take their items to the LCC Allied Health building or El Sombrero Restaurant. Ideally, students are looking at placing a collection box in several other departments. Items will be collected once a week and taken to the student government office.

“As I have learned from my mom, giving back to the

community is one of the biggest things any one can do,” says Ramirez “If we take a good hard look, we are nothing without the support of the community. What we have to remember

is that we don’t do this for recognition. We do it because we care. That’s what makes Las Ve-

ing, not because it make them look good, because again, that’s not what it is about. It is

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what’s in our hearts.”

Currently, the LCC Student Government is looking into some other community projects. In November, the LCC Student Government will begin a faculty/staff member of the month. Names should be submitted via email

gas a great town to live in and Luna Community College a great institution to be a part of. I know a lot of people here who would give the coat off their back to someone who was freez-

to studentgovernment@luna.edu. A student of the month initiative is already under way.

Consumed by the “Dead”

The following article was written by Veronica Holloman, a Composition I student in Leslie Dennis’ class.

The air was thick with humidity as Amberly and Susan climbed one of the many hills that rose and fell throughout the Sanderville Cemetery. Although her body was slicked with sweat, Amberly was constantly getting chills running up and down her spine as if someone was gently gliding a feather just enough to set off the many nerve endings that were prickling to life. “Do not worry,” reassured Susan, “I come this way ALL the time when I know I am pulling it too close to curfew. We will be there in half the time.” Susan was Amberly’s best friend for as long as she could remember and was the kind of girl who, if she said something, everyone would do it. Though she trusted Susan whole-heartedly, she couldn’t shake the feeling that something felt off tonight.

Being in a cemetery was creepy enough during the day, and this was her first time through one at night. The periodic standing water, that she always failed to see, and the dirt all throughout the cemetery had made her feet into mud pies. As the two girls were making their way through the continuous maze of headstones, which seemed to pop-up out of nowhere, Amberly realized that her surroundings were getting more and more familiar due to the fact that they had been going around in circles. As the girls stopped to gain a sense of direction, Susan started to recount all the tales of people who had previously cut through the cemetery and had been swallowed into the graves of restless souls or how they had gone missing and then come back as a completely different person. Amberly brushed off the stories as myths to convince herself nothing like that could ever happen. Susan checked her phone to find there was no service when a twig snapped not too far from where they were standing. Without thinking, Amberly took off without looking to see if Susan was following. The minute she turned

to look behind her, there was a crack and the earth vanished beneath her feet, and then she was falling into a chasm of darkness. When she finally hit the ground, arms that had long since had flesh attached to the bones embraced her, and had her believing that she would never get out alive.

Finally clambering out of the hole, she looked down to see what it was she had fallen into. After having seen enough of the grave, she began stepping back away from the pit and nearly backed into Susan. Susan explained how she had tripped while running after Amberly and when she got up she couldn’t find her until she saw her head poke out of the ground. Relieved, Amberly went to go hug her best friend, but before she could wrap her arms around the girl’s body, she was struck on the back of the head by a large, solid object.

Upon awakening, Amberly found she was bound from head to toe in an upright coffin, and was surrounded by hooded figures. As one figure stepped towards her, she immediately recognized her as Susan. Amberly was beyond bewildered as to what was going on, but Susan soon explained how she was part of a secret society that was taking over the city and she wanted her to join with everyone else. As Susan had been explaining, the hooded figures had revealed themselves one by one. Amberly was shocked to see all of her family and friends. At the end of her speech, Susan made sure to emphasize that EVERYONE was doing it and that she would be sacrificed if she didn’t join. As Amberly was waging a mental battle within herself, she couldn’t help but think how alike this sounded to regular society. Everyone wants or does something just so they can fit in with everyone else, or else they would be cut out of everything. Amberly finally caved to the pressure, and thought she was better off following the crowd than losing out on life so, she said yes. Just like everybody else, she said yes.

A united approach

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

The Luna Community College family experienced a Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013 that was filled with proactive, positive and united messages. In other words, those on the agenda who presented were motivated by the great things being done for students, faculty and LCC overall. There was no stopping the uplifting momentum exuded by visitors, students, employees and Board of Trustees.

Two examples: Trustee Tony Valdez said, "During the recent ACCT Conference I attended, I learned a lot and asked many questions about post-secondary education best practices, the reaffirmation of accreditation process and a college's stability" and Trustee Dan Romero said, "Our past is water under the bridge, we must move forward together and focus on what is best for our students."

The future is bright for LCC because of the united approach talked about, relayed to the general public and committed to by Board of Trustees. I believe this is a huge step that will go a long way to strengthen our reaffirmation of accreditation, financial requests from the N.M. State Legislature and commitment to Quality New Mexico as we pursue excellence in education.

Some have said, the proof is in the pudding or we'll have to wait and see if actions speak louder than words. My sentiment and sixth sense is we are stronger than before as a collective body and by committing to work together on behalf of students, we'll make great strides by securing funds to improve our educational programs and facilities, develop an institutional self-study filled with evidence based data that exemplifies our quality in education and work together for the common good of the northeastern part of New Mexico. Overall, our students will be the benefactors of our cohesive movement forward.

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I have always believed we are headed in the right direction; faculty, staff and student morale is moving upward; and, our academic, athletic and extra-curricular approach is rigorous, competitive and exhilarating. We are meeting the global demands of a quality education for students, hiring properly credentialed personnel and following an up-to-date policy for a best practices operation.

All Board of Trustees wholeheartedly support our efforts to advance in the process of striving for and seeking the Roadrunner award of excellence bestowed upon qualifying institutions by Quality New Mexico; align and effectively articulate our evidenced based pathway to present a highly effective presentation to the Higher Learning

Commission regarding our college's process to provide all students with a solid education; and, expand our strategies to improve our student educational delivery and seek additional funding for program, facility and equipment improvements.

There is no looking back! We are moving forward and intensely preparing to meet the growing demands of this academic year. We want our students to strengthen their persistence to ultimately succeed. We are committed to do our best to assist all students so they are inspired to remain in college and complete their courses, certificates and degrees.

The Luna Light provides weekly proof of our college life. If we combine the positive statements made by our Board of Trustees, the proactive actions of our instructors and the leadership of our administration, we'll succeed at all levels. Because our Luna Community College Family is working together, we will create a progressive pathway of teaching and learning that will make us all better contributors to a life worth living.

Position Announcements

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

- Instructor-Medical Surgical Nursing (closes 11-12-13 or until filled)
- Instructor-Family Nursing (closes 11-12-13 or until filled)
- Allied Health Director (closes 11-30-13 or until filled)
- Student Services Specialist I (closes 10-30-13)

- General Maintenance I (closes 11-1-13)

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

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Springer High homecoming parade



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Rake Up these classes before they are full

Spring 2014 Early Registration
November 15th — January 10th



Public Speaking

Nursing

Computer Fundamentals

Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II



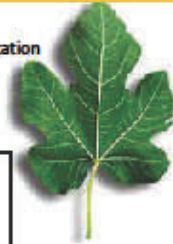
Introduction to Sociology

Introduction to Algebra

Dental

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Teacher Education



Freshmen Comp I & II

Intermediate Algebra

Automotive Technology

Fire Science

Accounting

Introduction to Psychology

College Algebra

Biology

Criminal Justice



Culinary



Auto Collision



Spanish

History of New Mexico



Cosmetology

Welding

Weekly calendar

Monday, November 4, 2013

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. LCC Faculty Senate Meeting (Technologies 126B)
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies 102B)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (Business 115)

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Safety Belt Class (General Studies 102B)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Public Speaking Class (LRC Lecture Hall)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (Business 115)

Thursday, November 7, 2013

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. VA Group Counseling (Student Services 102)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (IPC Dining Hall)

Friday, November 8, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Public Speaking Class (LRC Lecture Hall)
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. SLOA Training (Education 117)
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. LCC Student Government Meeting (MEC Atrium)

Saturday, November 9, 2013

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CNA Testing (Allied Health NO-7 & MO-11)
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Class (General Studies 102B)



Luna Community College cosmetology and barber students participated in a Specialty Icon Shear class conducted by educator Steve Cochran last Tuesday. For more information on the cosmetology or barbering program, please call 505/454-5344.



LCC Springer Satellite Halloween Costume winners are: Kaye Goodyear (right photo) as The Grinch and Carissa Duran (bottom photo) as The Wicked Witch of the West.



Winners of the 2013 Luna Community College Halloween Costume Contest are (l-r): Lorenza Marcais as Bollywood (first place); Sherleen Lobdell as zombie queen (second place) and Jalynn Roybal and Ariana Nunez as baby bunny and baby bat (tied for third place).

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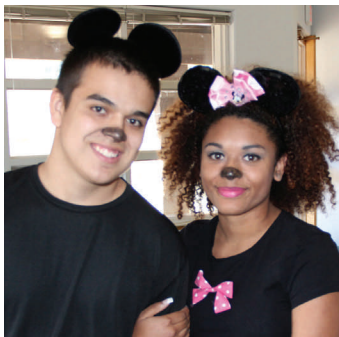


Tip of the week:
Turn a negative thought into a happy one

Halloween at Luna CC



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Walking through a cemetery

The following article was written by Brittany Moya, a Composition I student in Leslie Dennis' class.

Not having a car in high school and hanging out with my friends is never easy, especially when I have to walk home. I live two miles from my best friend's house, one and a half if you cut through the sinister Calvary Cemetery. We love to stay up late on Friday nights playing video games. On a particular Friday night last week I stayed out until eleven thirty, and due to the murkiness of the season I wanted to get home as quickly as possible. Usually I take the long route to avoid being haunted by rumors of the Calvary Cemetery, but despite my gut feeling I built up the courage to move through the grid of dead bodies.

I came to the fork where to the right the streetlights continued on and to the left was an immediate dive into the dark unknown. The direction of the breeze tempted me in the direction of my doom, so I went. The light that I had to survive with was that of my cell phone, which only made it harder to see what was around me and easier for what was surrounding to see me. I began on my hasty journey;

the blood in my veins was colder but flowing as fast as I would like my journey to be. The breeze was a little stronger now, and I could hear the footsteps of skeletons sneaking up behind me. How are my parents going to react if I never make it home? I picked up my pace quickly until I was in a full on sprint and then all of a sudden stumbled over a fenced-off headstone that read "R.I.P Mr. Johnson." Helplessly on the ground, my hands discovered that the footsteps of the skeletons were only leaves being blown by the breeze. But now I was sure the dead were coming for me because I disturbed their resting place.

I reset the light to illuminate the few steps in front of me and continued on with a hurry. A few moments later I calmed down from fear of the footsteps of the skeletons. Then all of a sudden the shadows of their hands popped out of the ground and were on a hunt for my feet to pull me down under. There were so many of them it was inescapable; I was going down... are people going to come looking for me? One hand stood above the rest and had its target set on me; I attempted to shine my light to scare it away. I was going to have to surrender until I stumbled backwards in attempt to

avoid the grasp of the skeleton hands and snapped a bush stub in half. Then I realized that the leaves of the bushes had been stripped by the season of fall. It turns out the boney hands of the dead souls below were merely bare bush branches.

The journey was almost at its end until I heard the screeching of the dead saying my name; they were calling for me. The voices crept closer and closer over my shoulder as if they were whispering right into my ear. The clench of a boney hand landed on my right shoulder and immediately I got out of there. When I made the attempt to escape, I was yanked back and my jacket caught on the lowest branch of a tree. Although I realized that it wasn't skeletons, I went on full speed ahead until I was safe in the brightness of my room.

As I walked past the Calvary Cemetery the next day I heard the same sounds I had heard the night before. A little embarrassed now, I confirmed that the living dead were in my imagination. If anyone asks I lived to see the next day after entering the sinister Calvary Cemetery and anyone else would even though I would prefer not to do it again.



The Luna Community College Foundation received a \$12,000 donation from three generous donors. The Eagles Lodge donated \$6,000 and Southwest Capital Bank and Community First Bank donated \$3,000 each. Pictured (front row, l-r) are: Southwest Capital Bank Regional Vice-President Mike Melton, Eagles representative Larry Paiz, Eagles representative Rick Jaramillo, LCC Executive Foundation Director Sarah Flores, Community First Bank Employee and LCC Foundation Treasurer Inca Garduño, LCC Foundation Chairman Chris Cavazos and LCC Student Government President Victor Ramirez. (Back row, l-r): LCC Board Secretary Dan Romero, LCC Board Vice-President Kenneth Medina, LCC Board Member David Gutierrez, LCC Board Member Ernie Chavez, Southwest Capital Bank Vice-President Emilio Vallejos, LCC Board Chair Abelino Montoya and LCC Foundation Member Martin Dominguez.