

# The Luna Light

*"The People's College"*

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Vision Statement: "New Mexico's Premier Community College: Preparing Students for Success"

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## LCC Student Government fills senate positions

The Luna Community College student appointed three vacant senatorial positions on Friday. During elections last month, three of the senatorial positions were not filed for. The new student senators are: Frederick Romero, Dominique Archuleta and Vanessa Lucero

To be considered for these positions, students had to: be enrolled part-time (6 hours); have a declared major and a 2.0 grade point average.

## LCC Haunted House considered one of the best

If people wanted to be scared when they came to last year's Luna Community College Haunted House, they didn't leave disappointed.

"It was a good turnout last year," said LCC SkillsUSA Advisor Gilbert "Guba" Martinez. "The people really enjoyed it. The students and staff that helped put last year's haunted house together did a magnificent job. Many people told us it was the best haunted house in town. We hope to top that this year."

The key to last year's success was unity, according to Martinez.

"It was a good community event," said Martinez.

LCC's Haunted House will be held on Friday and Saturday night.

**LCC Haunted House**  
**Oct. 25-26**  
**\$5 admission,**  
**\$3 with a student ID**



Luna Community College freshmen cosmetology students display their roller set ability on mannequins. Pictured (bottom, l-r): Katrina Gonzales, Lexi Trujillo and Myranda Lopez. Pictured (top, l-r) Clarice Bonney (instructor), Presley Hern, John Lee, Michelle Gonzales and Carlene Salazar. For more information, on the LCC Cosmetology Program, call 505/454-2572.



In the top photo, several Luna Community College SkillsUSA Organizations gather to discuss fundraising earlier this week. They will be sponsoring a Halloween Haunted House on Friday, Oct. 25 and Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Automotive and Technology Building. In the bottom photo, LCC President Dr. Pete Campos points to the LCC Billboard on National Ave.



# Fight the FLU

It starts with you

## FLU SHOT CLINIC

Healthy adults over the age of 18, provided by the LCC Nursing Students in cooperation with the NM Public Health Department, San Miguel County.  
**Location: Allied Health Atrium**  
**Dates and Times: Fri. Oct. 25 from 9am—1pm & Fri. Nov. 1st from 1pm-5pm**



Luna Community College students and staff woke up to a combination of fall and winter on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The campus received about one-eighth of an inch of snow on this day.

## Family-like environment draws students to LCC

By Wanda Martinez/LCC Mora Site Director

Throughout the years, LCC has implemented specific strategies to improve its retention, persistence and completion rates. Most of the strategies are traditional approaches similar to other institutions of higher learning that range from the obvious-classrooms that provide conducive learning environments to tutoring labs as well as college success course offerings.

However, the most proven strategy for student success has been the individuals who implement the plans, who utilize the tools, who know the dynamics of each community in which they serve. It is knowing each student since they are enrolled in dual credit courses and following their progression all the way to their certificate or degree.

**It is the students realizing that having an affordable and quality education, that is conveniently located in their respective community, is a valuable commodity.**

It is the leadership not only at the college, but in the communities; having that positive presence and believing in all we promote. It is the family-like environment that students discuss: small class sizes, approachable instructors, or being more than a just a number. It is about people who actually care about the success of our students and not being an institution pump-

ing out graduates.

It is the students realizing that having an affordable and quality education, that is conveniently located in their respective community, is a valuable commodity. From urban communities to much smaller village-like settings, LCC has become a household name.

### 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)
- Computer Technician (closes 10-24-13)

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

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



Several Luna Community College employees met with Quality New Mexico volunteer evaluators on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Pictured clockwise (starting with the third person) are: Debbie Trujillo, Geraldine Romero, Shirley Marlow, Carolyn Chavez, Francina Martinez and Donna Flores-Medina. Quality New Mexico is non-profit organization that engages in activities which seek to educate New Mexicans about quality and encourage and reward quality in business, education and other sectors.



In the top left photo Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos meets with Quality New Mexico volunteer evaluators. In the top right photo, LCC employee Rick Jaramillo meets with Quality New Mexico volunteer evaluators. In the bottom left photo, LCC Board of Trustees Chairman Abelino Montoya addresses Quality New Mexico evaluators and LCC employees. Since 1994 the New Mexico Performance Excellence Awards Program has recognized businesses and organizations on their "Path to Performance Excellence". The 'Path' is a formal improvement journey for any sector organization. The Program provides New Mexico with three levels of organizational assessment, written feedback with strengths and opportunities for continued improvement, and public recognition.


# N.M. Highlands Homecoming Parade







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**ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE  
WITH THE RIGHT TEAM BEHIND YOU!**



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- Are you a motivated individual between 16 and 24 years of age?
- Would you like to obtain your GED?
- Would you like to receive training in the construction industry?
- If you are a high school or GED graduate, would you also like to receive training in the construction field at no cost to you and make money at the same time?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, then make plans to start "Building Your Future" at Luna Community College's YouthBuild USA Program!

YouthBuild is located in the School of Business on the main campus of Luna Community College in Las Vegas.

LCC YouthBuild is primarily funded by an \$852,920.00 United States Department of Labor YouthBuild Grant (or 75 percent of the total program cost of \$1,136,196.00).



Please let this serve as Luna Community College's letter of introduction for its exciting new program, YouthBuild. YouthBuild offers an "earn while you learn" incentive and a non-traditional classroom setting for participants while they study to obtain their GED. Please be advised that YouthBuild is also available to high school or GED graduates who meet certain eligibility criteria. Twenty-five percent of available slots are reserved for individuals who may have already obtained their high school or GED diploma. These individuals will qualify if proficiency assessments show a deficiency in educational performance levels or upon recommendation from a high school counselor. Trainees will engage in actual home construction and/or renovation, all while earning college credit and nationally-recognized credentials through the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). In addition, they will learn and participate in leadership development skills building. YouthBuild also offers career placement and case management services.

**THE FIVE COMPONENTS OF YOUTHBUILD**

- **EDUCATION:** Adapt to educational levels and learning styles; provide a supportive environment; develop portfolios.
- **CONSTRUCTION:** Construct and/or renovate housing in the community while providing teambuilding opportunities. Participants will be able to see immediate results of their efforts.
- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:** Leadership is woven into all elements of the YouthBuild program which develops leadership competencies.
- **CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT:** The goal of YouthBuild is that 70 percent of its trainees who graduate be placed in a job and/or continue their college enrollment in any field or institution.
- **CASE MANAGEMENT:** Help participants to understand themselves, to understand their impact on others, and to navigate the world.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- 16 to 24 years of age; • Economically disadvantaged; and • Must not have obtained a high school or GED diploma (or be high school or GED graduates, but individuals who test below proficiency or have been recommended by a high school counselor).

Please encourage all interested individuals to apply for YouthBuild. This is a great way to "get back on track." We are requesting that all prospective students submit their applications by or before **Friday, December 20, 2013**. Orientation and classes for our Second-Year YouthBuild Cohort will commence in January 2014.

YouthBuild participants will be enrolled at Luna Community College earning college credits regardless of having obtained their high school or GED diploma or not. Also, applicants who successfully complete their GED with a score of 530 (or higher), automatically qualify for the New Mexico Lottery Scholarship.

Lastly, the mission of Luna Community College's YouthBuild program is to provide opportunity for economically-disadvantaged youth to rebuild their communities and their lives. Together we can help build futures for our community's youth. Participants will be encouraged to not only earn their GED, but also, to receive nationally-recognized NCCER credentialing, secure employment, and/or continue post-secondary education, all under the guidance and direction of and with the unwavering support of our highly-qualified team.

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**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 Fall 2013 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



**Sign up with:**

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**Session #1**

(ITV Hookup Available)  
Monday, Oct. 14  
9 am—10:30 am  
(Columbus Day for High School Instructors)  
Location: STEM 126 B

**Session #2**

Wed., Oct. 30  
2 pm—3:30 pm  
Location: Early Childhood, Room 117

**Session #3**

Friday, Nov. 8  
4 pm—5:30 pm  
Location: Early Childhood, Room 117



**JOIN NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY  
& LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL COLLEGE NIGHT**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013**

**5:00PM TO 8:00PM**

**ABE MONTOYA REC. CENTER**

**This year we will be giving away a Tablet you must RSVP and be present to win.**

**To RSVP call 505-454-3593 or 505-454-2541**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

**Weekly calendar**

Monday, October 21, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Public Speaking Class (LRC Lecture Hall)
- 1:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Polycom/ITV Grant Writing Seminar (Nursing LO-1)
- 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)
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Greater Springer Area Economic Development Corp Meeting (Springer)

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. LAT Meeting (Student Services 102)

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

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

- 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, October 24, 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)
- 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Faculty Senate Film Series (LRC Lecture Hall)

Friday, October 25, 2013

- 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. LCC Student Government Haunted House (Auto Tech)

Saturday, October 26, 2013

- 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. LCC Student Government Haunted House (Auto Tech)



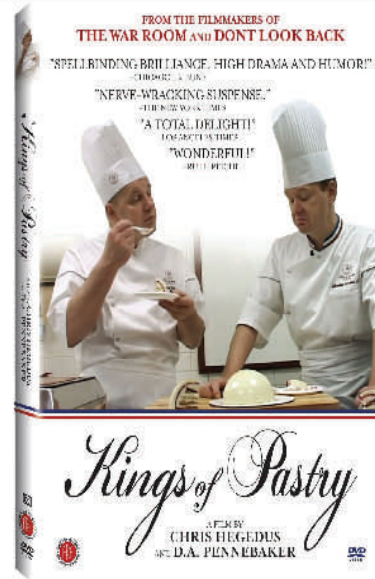


**Culinary arts soon-to-be graduate Jocelyn Sanchez serves peach cobbler at the student-run restaurant *Fridays at the Rough Rider* while student Raquel Lujan rushes to serve a customer. For information on the restaurant, write [Fridays@luna.edu](mailto:Fridays@luna.edu). See a review at bottom of page.**



**Faculty Senate  
Film Series  
October**

**Thursday,  
Oct. 24, 2014  
5 - 7 pm  
LRC Lecture  
Hall  
Free Movie  
Free Popcorn**



**Open to all!**

Discussion afterward:  
*Becoming a craftsman*

Follow a group of world-class pastry chefs as they compete for France's most prestigious craftsmen award: *Meilleur Ouvrier de France*. Witness the sacrifice, devotion and heartbreak on the road to becoming the world's greatest pastry chef.

## Fridays may be the place to eat at on the last day of the week

*The following is a restaurant review by Luna Light editor Jesse Gallegos.*

Minutes after sitting down at my table at Fridays Restaurant last week, I knew that my dining experience would be a good one. Without even eating my first bite, the staff at the restaurant had a pleasant greeting which added to the atmosphere.

Fridays is a student-run restaurant under the supervision of Chef Adrienne O'Brien. The name of the restaurant is cleverly named Fridays simply because it is only open at lunch on Fridays.

The presentation of the food was excellent. I started my dining with a melon and pecan salad. It was just the right portion (keep in mind I had to leave room for the main course and dessert). I made a good choice by ordering the Shish Kabob. The meat was tender and cooked just as I like—medium well. What can I say about the desert (which is always my favorite part of the meal). Don't tell my doctor, but I ordered the peach cobbler with an extra side of whipped cream. Needless to say it was good—really good. I especially enjoyed the flakiness of the cobbler and the whipped

cream wasn't too sweet. It was made with heavy cream. Unfortunately, I left Fridays feeling a little heavy.

The entire dining experience was about 15 dollars, not including the tip. I would suggest that the prices could come down some, however, I'm not to sure who provides the food. The only reason I say this, is so the average student can enjoy this type of dining experience.

Overall, I give Fridays a three star rating. It's my observation that this coming Friday, they may get a larger crowd than last week.

**Tip of the week: Do something kind for someone today**



## Student Veteran Support Group

- Would you like the opportunity to connect with other student veterans?
- Do you sometimes struggle transferring your military leadership skills into the academic setting?
- Would you like a place to go to feel understood as a veteran?
- Are you adjusting from a military lifestyle into civilian life?
- Do you want to improve your stress management and coping skills?

The ACCESS Center is starting a Student Veteran Support Group, with the intent of bring student veterans together to provide support to one another and to share their experiences in a safe and confidential environment. Topics of the group may include: stress management, coping skills, social support, and exploring experiences of leadership. This group aims to be a place to help student veterans feel understood within a supportive environment.

Any student veterans interested in participating in this support group will need to call the ACCESS Center at (505) 454-5357 or (505) 454-5374 to schedule an intake no later than **October 22, 2013**. The anticipated start date of the support group is **October 23, 2013**. The group will meet weekly and will run throughout the academic school year.

**Time:** Every Wednesday from 2:00-3:00 PM

**Location:** Student Services Conference Room

**Call:** (505) 454-5357 or (505) 454-5374



# “College Night”—N.M. MESA students to attend

Two hundred seventy five (Math, Engineering & Science Achievement) MESA students from nine schools from throughout New Mexico will be attending the College Night event at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM on October 22, 2013.

What is NMMESA – NMHU/LCC College Night? The “College Night” is a great opportunity for 275 attendees to visit with staff and faculty at NMHU and Luna Community College and explore the wonderful campus located in Las Vegas, NM. There is time arranged for students to meet with the individual departments and there will be insightful presentations on all things needed to prepare for college. NM MESA has partnered with NMHU to extend an extremely rewarding experience to all NM MESA students.

This partnership with NMHU has been in place for over fifteen years and this event partnership has been in place for over five years. This year it includes high school students from Rio Grande High, Pecos High, Mora High, Cobre High, Bernalillo High, Espanola Valley High, Santa Rosa High, West Las Vegas High, and Springer High.

This outstanding event agenda includes:

1:30 Welcome-NM MESA Staff

2:00 Campus Tour-NMHU Recruitment Ambassadors

3:25 NMHU Department Presentations

- Campus Life
- ARMAS/SASE Program
- Science/Mathematics Departments
- School of Education

4:35 College Information Presentations-Omniac Education

- 9th & 10th Grade-Foundations for College
- 11th Grade-ACT Workshop

• 12th Grade-FAFSA and College Financial Information

5:35 Dinner Reception – Hosted by NM MESA-New Mexico Highlands

6:15 Shuttle/Walk to College Night Las Vegas Recreation Center

6:30 NMHU/LCC College Night Booth Walk Through

7:30 Tablet Raffle and Depart

N.M. MESA is a non-profit educational organization that recruits and motivates students to pursue studies in applied sciences and engineering disciplines. It encourages students to develop career interests in science, technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). NM MESA was named the 2013 Educational Honoree Non-Profit of the Year by *Albuquerque Business First*.

## A week of action; another one to come

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

*This past week was one of action!* On **Tuesday** morning the community of Las Vegas awoke to a Luna Community College billboard on National Avenue. On **Wednesday**, LCC welcomed the visit from seven individuals representing Quality New Mexico who spent the entire day: observing the college’s operations, asking questions of numerous students and staff members, questioning me for three hours and reviewing evidence based documentation to see if our data matched our verbal responses. On **Friday**, LCC Culinary Arts students enthusiastically and professionally guided by Chef Adrienne O’Brien served a delicious lunch to community and LCC family members. On **Saturday**, many LCC students and staff joined together to support New Mexico Highlands University as the institutions 120<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated.

*This week is scheduled to be another one of action!* **Today**, the LCC student senate announced their vote on three senatorial positions that had not been filled. On **Tuesday**, LCC and NMHU will join together to present the Monster Ball College Night. Then, on **Friday** and **Saturday**, the annual LCC Haunted House will take place.

There are many more activities taking place this week (*don’t miss reading about them* – in articles, pictures/captions or promotions - *check*

*them out carefully throughout the Luna Light*). It is important to keep informed of and participate in our activities that interest you. It really is about getting involved, not only in your academics or vocational pathway, but in the LCC activities. Who knows, you may make a new friend, discover a new interest or get a great idea that will inspire your life forever.

**I’ve had students mention, I’d like to meet others. You’ve been heard! We’ll continue to develop activities that will give you the opportunity to do just that, meet other people. All I ask is that you get involved, attend and support the activities sponsored by others and support your college.**

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Here are a couple of ideas: 1] Meet at the Rough Rider Grill for good conversation and a scrumptious great tasting breakfast or lunch or 2] Set-up an appointment at cosmetology to have your hair cut. I hope before the semester ends, we can also invite New Mexico Highlands University students or they invite us, to get together and make even more friends.

College is a time to learn, prepare a road to reach your destiny and make friends that will last a lifetime. When you volunteer your time to serve others, build relationships and learn something new every day, your thirst to make a positive difference in life is quenched.



**Luna Community College Student Government held their regular meeting last Friday. Students are encouraged to attend the meetings and provide input.**



**Legendary NMHU Coach Don Gibson was the Grand Marshall at this year's parade.**



**Luna Community College dual-credit student Julissa Archuleta from Pecos High (left) shows her recent highlights and hair cut given by LCC Cosmetology student Christian Griego last week. Call the cosmetology department at 454-5344 for an appointment.**