

The Luna Light

"The People's College"

Mission Statement: "Creating Opportunities for You!"

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Luna Community College participates in STEM Transfer Coalition

This project is a consortium of six minority-serving colleges in New Mexico formed to increase the number of associates and baccalaureate degrees granted in STEM fields. The consortium is led by New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (New Mexico Tech), a state science and engineering institution, and includes four community colleges in rural northern New Mexico, and Northern New Mexico College - an institution that is currently in transition from being a community college to a four-year degree granting institution.

The consortium has a cultural affinity because the participating colleges are small, enrolling less than 3,000 students each, and located in rural areas with high percentages of Hispanic, Native American, low-income, and first-generation college students. The program of work is based upon institutional self-study that has identified the major systemic and institutional obstacles to students completing STEM degrees.

Project activities include:

1. Creating and implementing fully developed 2+2 or 2+3 degree plans and reverse transfer opportunities.
2. Enhancing advisement, student development, and undergraduate research opportunities to improve 2-year and 4-year graduation rates and to facilitate the transfer of 2-year students into baccalaureate programs.
3. Establishing paid research opportunities to provide STEM students with income while attending school, foster their interest in STEM careers, and develop student-employer relationships prior to graduation.
4. Developing and improving pre-engineering and science programs to establish consistent, high-standard programs at the 2-year colleges in the consortium.

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Mora High School will be offering fundamentals of vocational education in the spring as both a dual-credit course for high school students as well as to the community in the evenings. Pictured (l-r) are: Joshua Romero, Anthony Heredia, Isaac Archuleta, Hank Laumbach (teacher), Robert Vigil, Gary Martinez (LCC Vocational Director), Quinton Dobbs and Manuel Ray Benavidez.

**Halloween Costume Contest from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31
at the Rough Rider Grill.
Prizes awarded for first, second and third place.**

STEM Transfer Coalition...

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5. Building Northern New Mexico College's capacity to offer high quality four-year STEM degrees.

Over the five-year grant period, the project is projected to double the number of STEM Associate of Science degrees awarded at the 2-year colleges, triple the number of transfers to New Mexico Tech and Northern New Mexico College, and increase their graduation rates at both schools. Overall the project plans to serve 610 students. <http://stepcentral.net/projects/242>

Two more LCC YouthBuild students earn GEDs

Luna Community College YouthBuild students Samuel Váldez and Tracy Lucero are the second and third program participants who have successfully passed their GED test within the last couple of months.

Váldez and Lucero join fellow classmate Taylor Luján who made program history recently by becoming LCC YouthBuild's first GED graduate.

Please see photos in right-hand side of page.

ACCESS tutoring information

Luna Community College students are asked to view ACCESS Center tutoring information on the LCC Website which has been revamped. The information is located under Counseling & Advisement-Tutoring Services.



LCC YouthBuild personnel pictured with Tracy Lucero (top photo) and Samuel Váldez (bottom photo) are: (bottom, l-r) Kelley Fahey Alcón, administrative assistant and Brendaleigh Lobato, GED instructor. (top, l-r): Eddie King, director; and Robert (Louie) Plagge, VOC instructor. Not pictured is Roderick Luján, case manager/transition coordinator.

Fun with faculty senate

By Leslie Dennis/LCC Department of Humanities

The importance of having a voice is not news to any scholar currently teaching or studying at the college level. It is what we preach to our students; it is what we preach to our friends and family. History, psychology, business, science, art, and so on, all have one thing in common. What they share is the very real fact that one must first step up to be heard. We will only remember the message of those who claimed their voice. Part of the American Dream is the Bill of Rights that grants the freedoms it takes to speak. Martin Luther King, Jr., Cesar Chavez, and Gloria Steinem are all models of those rights in action, and change followed. Yes, they lead, but it was because others added their voices too that those in a position of power could not drown them all out.

At LCC, students are using their voice through the Student Government who also has a seat at the Board of Trustee's meetings. When the elected members of Student Government use their voice they too can create change. Two years ago, Student Government President, Joanna Tsyitee, and her Board used their voices to change and improve student life including the purchase of two new gorgeous travel buses for the athletes. You can bet our current Student Government Board will further use their platform to positively transform the student experience as well. Meanwhile, unlike most colleges in the US, we had no faculty governance. According to the American Association of University Professors in a discussion of sound faculty governance, "In general, the faculty should have a meaningful role in decision-making in those areas that have a significant impact on the educational and scholarly enterprise."

Two years ago, inspired by these students and the greater need for a faculty voice, a group of faculty members spoke of creating a Faculty Senate. This fall we have welcomed our second elected Faculty Senate Board chosen by those faculty members who chose to use their voice too. Elected Senators represent groups designated by groups of departments and groups of instructors. To make sure we were being all inclusive, part-time adjuncts, who provide the majority of instruction, actually have two representatives in the Senate. Although equally distributed, one seat is for those who have taught less, and one is for

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those who have taught more. The satellite campuses also have a Senator. All Senators are just waiting to hear the voices of faculty concerns in each area. Everyone is invited to the meetings. Since we of the LCC Faculty Senate understand that it can be difficult to make the monthly meetings, we have worked to make information about the meeting outcomes more accessible for all instructors. In the navigation bar on the left of the Luna web site, you will find a button for Faculty Senate. There you will find information, meeting agendas and meeting minutes. Furthermore, your Faculty Senate has also decided to run an informational article every month in *The Luna Light*.

With this in mind, the Faculty Senate has met twice this semester to discuss some ideas from last year, and to examine some new concerns of this year. Currently, the issue of class size and collective bargaining (i.e. getting 51 percent of faculty to

participate in a faculty union) continue to be hot topics along with the anxiety felt concerning these issues amongst faculty. Faculty should be seeing a direct opportunity to weigh in on these issues with their representative in the Senate. We do not just focus on issues of the day, but we also consider interaction with the community and improving the LCC reputation as top priorities as well. The student community is ultimately our base of operation too, and so we have begun holding a film night once a month to bring students and faculty together for fun and open discussion. Last month we screened *Iron-Jawed Angels* on Constitution Day, and this month we will show *Kings of Pastry* about taking pride in one's craftsmanship. Other plans in the works include collaboration with the Las Vegas museum and a bi-weekly radio show on KNMX to talk about our events and our goals.

The Faculty Senate was created to give faculty a voice and to further support academic freedoms. It is essential that faculty members have the academic freedom to express their professional opinions without fear of reprisal. The AAUP contends in their *Statement on Government* that "the educational effectiveness of the institution' is the greater the more firmly the institution is able to protect this allocation of authority against pressures from outside the institution. Like we tell our students, using that voice is a choice that should be considered if you do not want others deciding your fate for you.

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

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

2013 College Night





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Rake Up these classes before they are full

Spring 2014 Early Registration
November 15th — January 10th



Nursing

Public Speaking

Computer Fundamentals

Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II



Introduction to Sociology

Introduction to Algebra

Dental

Freshmen Comp I & II



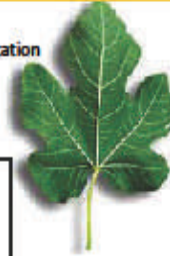
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Intermediate Algebra

Automotive Technology

Fire Science

Teacher Education



Accounting

Introduction to Psychology

College Algebra

Biology

Criminal Justice

Culinary



Auto Collision



Spanish

History of New Mexico



Cosmetology

Welding



Don't be left waiting
Register Now

Weekly calendar

Monday, October 28, 2013

8:00 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)

Tuesday, October 29, 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 30, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Public Speaking Class (LRC Lecture Hall)

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. SLOA Training (Education 117)

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting (Student Services 102)

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 31, 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)

Friday, November 1, 2013

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. New Mexico Centennial Care Town Hall Meeting—community invited (LRC Lecture Hall)



Several Luna Community College first level nursing students participated in Friday's LCC Free Flu Shot Clinic. Pictured (top, l-r) are: Lynnsey Valencia, Kimberly Sena, Jane Montano, Kacy Cochran, Vickie Sands and Missy Nelson. Pictured (bottom, l-r) are: LCC Nursing Faculty Maxine Hughes and Interim Director Conni Reichert. In the bottom photo, Missy Nelson gives a flu shot to Conni Reichert. There will be another Flu Shot Clinic from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Allied Health Atrium.

Tip of the week:
Don't worry; try to be happy

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



Local resident Manuel Baca (far left) shows his 1938 Pro Street Race Car during last week's LCC Swap Meet. Pictured with Baca (l-r) are: LCC student Joseph Mares, LCC Auto Body Instructor Gilbert "Guba" Martinez and professional painter Tom Smith.

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Several Luna Community College students, staff and members of their family participated in the LCC Haunted House on Friday and Saturday to raise money for SkillsUSA. An estimated 300 people saw the LCC Haunted House. LCC students will be attending the New Mexico SkillsUSA Conference in April. The LCC Student Government will be having a Halloween Costume Contest at noon on Thursday, Oct. 31 at the Rough Rider Grill.

Important Dates for Spring 2014

Early Registration for Spring 2014	November 15 - January 10
Campus Closed - Christmas Break	December 23 - January 3
Classes Begin	January 13
1st Deadline to Make Financial Arrangements to Avoid Disenrollment	January 15 @ 5pm*
Campus Closed - Martin Luther King Day	January 20
Last Day to Add Classes	January 21
2nd Deadline to Make Financial Arrangements to Avoid Disenrollment	January 24 @ 5pm*
Last Day to Drop Classes without a Grade	January 24**
Deadline to Change from Audit to Credit	February 7
Midterm Week	March 3 - 8
Spring Break	March 10 - 15
Midterm Grades Available Online	March 11
Deadline to Change from Credit to Audit	March 21
Early Registration for Summer 2014	April 1 - May 30
Early Registration for Fall 2014	April 15 - August 15
Campus Closed - Easter	April 18 - 21
Last Day to Withdraw from Full-term Classes	April 25***
Final Examination Week	May 5 - 9
Semester Ends	May 9
Commencement	May 10
Final Grades Available Online	May 15
Campus Closed - Memorial Day	May 26

* Failure to make financial arrangements by the deadline could result in a student losing their place in class.

** Full term classes only. Contact Registrar's Office for short non-standard courses.

*** The last day to withdraw from short courses will be the end of the week before the final examination is held.