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New freshmen enrollment at LCC increases

Luna Community College new freshmen enrollment increased by 8.4 percent over last fall. As of day 15 of the 2013 fall semester, LCC has 271 new freshmen compared to 250 on day 15 in fall of 2012.

The 8.4 percent increase indicates that LCC has had a 70.4 percent increase of new freshmen over the last two years.

As of day 15 this semester, LCC has a student head count of 1,640 taking 12,838 credit hours dropping from 1,788 student head count and 13,816 student credit hours last fall.

The college has launched a student persistence, retention and completion initiative this fall that will help students attain their degree or certificate. The goal is to see more students go into the workforce or transfer to a four-year institution.



Luna Community College Cosmetology Student Christian Griego recently cut and styled her grandmother Elizabeth's hair. LCC Cosmetology Department is open from 9:15 a.m. to noon and 1:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. To set up an appointment or for more information, call 505/454-5345.

Luna Community College faculty members on the main campus held their September Faculty Senate Meeting via ITV with representatives at the Springer Satellite on Monday, Sept. 8





This photo of the Gallinas River on Mills Ave. was taken at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 13. Several rain showers and storms hit New Mexico in the latter part of last week.

Absentee voting for the 2013 Luna Community College Student Government Elections will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18 and Thursday, Sept. 19 at the Admissions Department in the Student Services Building. A Luna Community College ID is required. Regular voting will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20 at the Rough Rider Grill.



LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD!

Run For Student Government at LCC and Make a Difference!

Positions Available:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Senators - 6

Petitions open Monday, September 9th, 2013 and can be obtained from Student Government Advisors Amanda Ortiz in Financial Aid or Dawna Ortega-Gallegos in Allied Health and must be returned by 5:00pm Friday, September 13th, 2013. Elections will be held from 1:00-4:00 on Friday, September 20th, 2013 at The Rough Rider Grill.

Eligibility Requirements:

Executive Committee Must:

- Have a cumulative GPA of a 2.5 or higher
- Be registered as a full-time student
- Have a declared major
- Obtain a minimum of 25 signatures from currently enrolled students for nomination

Student Senators Must:

- Have a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or higher
- Be registered at least ½ time (6 credit hrs.)
- Have a declared major
- Obtain a minimum of 25 signatures from currently enrolled students for nomination

Students elected will receive a Stipend for the 2013-2014 Academic Year!

Meet your LCC Student Government candidates

Presidential candidates



Victor Ramirez

Major: Business Administration

How do you think your involvement in student government will benefit other students?

My main goal as the students representative is a commitment to maintain channels of communication between students and the administration. I will be the voice of the students and the voice of their concerns. I want to improve the quality of student experiences at LCC. In doing so, I will ensure that student concerns remain visible to faculty and administration and the students are represented in the decision-making process.

What three things would you try to change if elected?

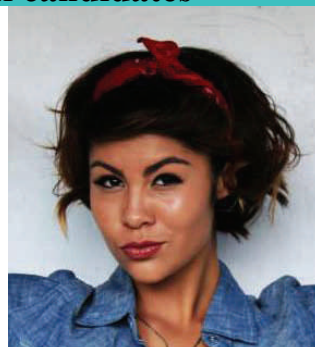
Increase student activities, more access to school resources such as computer labs and increase community service to provide positive exposure to the school.

Why do you want to be elected?

I have a genuine concern for the student body as a whole, not just one department or one group. I will listen to everyone and voice all concerns. I believe in LCC. I took my first class here in 1986, and have seen the school transform. We have some of the best programs in the state and I am concerned about the drop in enrollment. I want to increase the exposure of LCC and help in raising the percentages of enrollment and retention.

Anything else you like to say about yourself or the election?

I am 45 years old and I have a lot of experience to bring. I want to remind the students that this is your education, your school, your life and your time is now. Remember, I may not be popular, but popularity doesn't get the job done. I will.



Francine Vigil

Major: Cosmetology

How do you think your involvement in student government will benefit other students?

My involvement in student government would be beneficial due to my excitement for student participation in on-campus activities, and my strive for a safer campus.

What three things would you try to change if elected?

The three things I see myself addressing is campus security such as code blue stations around campus; clubs—say a

book club where books are sponsored and possibly a makeover on the school such as in maintenance.

Why do you want to be elected?

I would be honored to be elected for 2013 student government president because of my belief in a healthy learning environment.

Anything else you like to say about yourself or the election?

There is something we all can do to help Luna Community College for helping us as students.

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What: LCC Student Government Election

Where: Rough Rider Grill

When: Friday, Sept. 20

Voting times: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Vote for: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Senators

Who is eligible to vote: LCC students

Absentee voting will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 18 and

Thursday, Sept. 19 at the LCC Admissions Office

Vice-Presidential candidates



Chris Castellano

Major: Automotive Technology

How do you think your involvement in student government will benefit other students?

My only reason for running is to help students with problems and have more activities for students.

What three things would you try to change if elected?

Have more student activities and have students get involved; more support for our baseball and softball teams and increase student enrollment.

Why do you want to be elected?

My reason for wanting to be elected is to represent students and meet their needs.

If you have already been a member,

why should you be re-elected?

I was elected vice-president last year, but never got a chance to help the students.

Anything else you like to say about yourself or the election?

I hope we get this election out of the way so we can start helping students and start planning activities for students.



Gilbert Garcia

Major: Dental assisting

How do you think your involvement in student government will benefit other students?

I believe that I would be an advocate for students because I am open-minded and very outspoken.

What three things would you try to change if elected?

First I would have to evaluate student needs, then prioritize the needs based on importance.

Why do you want to be elected?

I want to be elected so I can effectively support our student body.

Anything else you like to say about yourself or the election? No.

Secretary candidate



Lorenza Marcais

Major: General studies

How do you think your involvement in student government will benefit other students?

By becoming involved in school issues, I will be a force for positive growth and change. I will be a student advocate for finding and being open to new ways of doing things.

What three things would you try to change if elected?

Fundraising for student activities and programs in general; brainstorm, create special interest clubs and associations and help students transform obstacles into

opportunities through coordinated trouble shooting and assistance.

Why do you want to be elected?

First and foremost, by being elected I will be sure to involve students because it will be their input that will strengthen the programs at Luna. I would like to stress that it is the students who bring new energy and ideas.

Anything else you like to say about yourself or the election?

Students need to get involved and learn new skills that can be transferred to university applications, workplace and community. How can we, the students participate in clubs when we haven't yet established them? One way to do this is to encourage students to create, organize and coordinate clubs and activities. Being associated with an activity at a school is a great thing to put on a resume because it reflects positively on the student.

Treasurer candidate



Billy Ortiz

Major: Liberal Arts

How do you think your involvement in student government will benefit other students?

My involvement in student government would be the ideas, commitment, and follow-up of concerns of monies available for upcoming activities.

What three things would you try to change if elected?

Activities for students; online classes and bookstore concerns.

Why do you want to be elected?

While working on my third degree here at LCC, a new adventure into student

concerns in all areas of LCC will be challenging and fun.

Anything else you like to say about yourself or the election?

I'm real impressed that Luna has a student government that cares about their fellow students. As a naval veteran and a small business owner, let's talk; I'm ready to listen and serve.

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Senatorial candidates



Brianna Abeyta

Major: Dental Assisting

How do you think your involvement in student government will benefit other students?

My involvement in student government will benefit other students by voicing the student's opinions and thoughts.

What three

things would you try to change if elected?

More student involvement on campus; more activities for students and inform students how important it is to stay and complete school.

Why do you want to be elected?

I want to make a difference in the school by helping the students get what they want and strive to make it an excellent environment.

Anything else you like to say about yourself or the election?

I am responsible, trustworthy and can get the job done.



Sharon Desanto

Major: Nursing

How do you think your involvement in student government will benefit other students?

My involvement will bring information to student government about the nursing program and bring information

to the SNA from student government.

What three things would you try to change if elected?

Internet availability to the allied health building and more parking in that area; disbursement monies availability and increase communication with nursing program and student government.

Why do you want to be elected?

I want to be elected because I feel the need to participate in civic duties and to enhance communication between students and the board of trustees.

Anything else you like to say about yourself or the election? I would like to participate in student government to encourage life-long learning.



Evette Ulibarri

Major: Dental Assisting

How do you think your involvement in student government will benefit other students?

My involvement in student government will benefit students by letting our council know

what needs to be changed and to have more involvement with Luna Community College.

What three things would you try to change if elected?

Be honest in everything we do; use the money we have generously and have students become more involved.

Why do you want to be elected?

I want to be elected because I want to be more involved with our school. I also want us as students to have fun while we go to school.

Anything else you like to say about yourself or the election? I would like to say that I am an honest, trustworthy, reliable and responsible person. I will get as many things done as possible.

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Position Announcements

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

- Instructor-Medical Surgical Nursing (closes 10-12-13 or until filled)
- Instructor-Family Nursing (closes 10-12-13 or until filled)
- Allied Health Director (closes 10-30-13 or until filled)

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.

Tip of the week

Be kind to one another

Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and community, a Rough Rider Meal Card is now available. The Rough Rider Meal Card can be purchased at the LCC Fiscal Office. For more information, call LCC Food Services Manager Paul Sandoval at 505/454-2581.

Election - Please check the box for the candidate of your choice.

(For write-in's please fill out the First and Last name of your chosen candidate)

President Choose 1

- 1. Victor Ramirez
- 2. Francine Vigil

Vice President Choose 1

- 1. Chris Castellano
- 2. Gilbert Garcia

Treasurer Choose 1

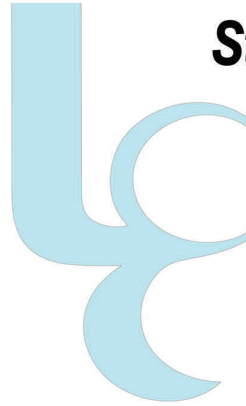
- 1. Billy Ortiz

Secretary Choose 1

- 1. Lorenza Marcais

Senators Choose 6

- 1. Brianna Archuleta
- 2. Sharon Desanto
- 3. Evette Ulibarri
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.



Student Government

2013-2014

Ballot

Write-in's _____

Sample ballot

Get involved

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

We often hear - let your voice be heard, run for office or become a leader. While some may say yes to one or all three of the preceding; getting involved is in the thinking, actions and hands of the beholder. There is a role for everyone. One person may say; I can't run for an office because I'm carrying a full academic load or if I run for an office and win, will I have time to do what is required of me? There are many variables (what ifs) to questions when a person is considering running for office or accepting an appointment to a position where decisions must be made. My response to every student is give yourself a chance to discover at this point in time, where you want to or feel comfortable being.

You may be thinking more about raising your family, paying your rent or learning a trade. Regardless, your thoughts, actions and gut feelings should all be considered when you make a decision to seek a student office or cast your vote for a particular candidate. Time and circumstances have a way of us situating ourselves where we need to be at any time throughout life. When you see some people speaking in public about issues or going home right after class; college life means there is a place for all students to contribute. Bill Clinton, 42nd U.S. President, said, "We cannot build our own future without helping others to build theirs."

I've witnessed some who took time during their college years to study, raise their families and faithfully support the leadership of student officers. I've also seen some college students concentrate on extra-curricular activities, not pay as much attention to their academics and be very successful at inspiring their fellow students to participate in

student life functions.

The key to a memorable college experience is to make the best use of your time, the way you think is appropriate. It may be a balance of serving in student government, attending class and working to make a car payment or it may be dedicating your time to just mastering the subject area of your learning interest. Whatever it is, get involved and stay involved. Your interests today may not be those interests you have later on, but keep your interests alive.

Your personal drive, desire and aspirations change as you age. Whatever your element is at any given time, respect others and their choices and in turn, they should also respect your decisions. Ultimately, never give up! Thomas Edison, an American inventor, said, "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

College life is so different for every student; make it one of the best times of your life. If you do, whether you serve in a student elected or appointed office, volunteer for a project or just concentrate on learning in the classroom; your involvement will count and life will be more meaningful for yourself and those whose lives you touch. Luna Community College is not about the buildings, it's about the people who fill our buildings with excitement, enthusiasm, laughter, leadership, learning, sharing, spearheading activities, attending a barbeque, representing a club or organization at a national competition or writing an article that is published in **The Luna Light**. The key, get involved and remain engaged for the rest of your life. Abraham Lincoln, 16th U.S. President, said, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years."

LCC's Chris Kelly awarded PTK scholarship

Phi Theta Kappa/AACC Award \$50,000 in Frank Lanza Healthcare Scholarships

Jackson, Miss.—Ayla Priestly, has always tried to live by her mother's words, "Don't leave this world without making a difference," and even as a nursing student at River Valley Community College in New Hampshire she is already doing just that. In a few short weeks she will travel to Guadalupe, Mexico to provide medical supplies and triage to a remote mountain community.

A Phi Theta Kappa member and president of her college's Nursing Honor Society, Ayla's goal is to become a certified critical care registered nurse. Named a Frank Lanza Memorial Scholar for 2013, Ayla is one of 20 healthcare students nationwide who will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to help her achieve her dream of helping others.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), with the generous support of CAE Healthcare and L-3 Communications, Inc., have awarded \$50,000 in scholarships to the 2013 Frank Lanza Scholars. Twenty community college students were selected to receive up to \$2,500 each for completion of associate degrees.

The Lanza Scholarship program targets part-time, full-time and international students who have completed 50 percent of their course work toward an associate degree in nursing, emergency medical services or respiratory care programs offered by regionally accredited community colleges. Phi Theta Kappa membership is not part of the application or judging criteria; however, the majority of the 2013 recipients were Society members. A panel of independent judges selected the recipients by application based on academic and leadership endeavors as well as community service.

"Funding provided for these scholarships is critical to helping community colleges students meet the high cost of completing these rigorous health-related programs," said Phi Theta Kappa's Executive Director, Dr. Rod A. Risley. "Healthcare is among the top majors for today's community college students and also for our Phi Theta Kappa members, so it's important that we help these students complete their degrees and become a vibrant part of the economy."

The recipients of the 2013 Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarships include (* notes membership in Phi Theta Kappa):

Deleana Andersen, Grays Harbor College, Aberdeen, WA*
Benjamin Bisland, San Juan College, Farmington, NM*



Christopher Kelly

Cherlynn Bowlan, Rose State College, Midwest City, OK*
Colleen Conway, Columbia State Community College, Columbia, TN*
Kathy Davis, Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, MI*
Cher Durham, Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC*
Caitlin Hainley, Des Moines Area Community College, Newton, IA*
Beth Harbold, Northland Pioneer College, Holbrook, AZ*
Angel Hernandez, Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Orlando, FL*
Ugochukwu Iyeh, Holyoke Community College, Holyoke, MA*

Christopher Kelly, Luna Community College, Las Vegas, NM*

Marie Bernadette Kincheloe, Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, VA*

Paul Larche, SUNY Clinton Community College, Plattsburgh, NY*

Shaina McKnight, Mercy College of Northwest Ohio, Toledo, OH*

Ayla Priestley, River Valley Community College, Claremont, NH*

Justin Pritchard, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Asheville, NC

Heinrich Schander, Tarrant County College, Trinity River Campus, Fort Worth, TX*

Patricia Dawn Smith, Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth, FL*

Alanna Steele, Skagit Valley Community College, Mount Vernon, WA*

Andrea Sustaita, Oregon Coast Community College, Newport, OR*

Frank Lanza served in the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean War. He was a member of the board of directors for the Coast Guard Foundation and received the 2003 Distinguished Corporate Leadership award from the Soldiers', Sailors', Marines' and Airmen's Club. Lanza was also a member of the board of governors for the Aerospace Industries Association and the American Italian Cancer Foundation. A philanthropist, he and his wife supported a variety of charities through a family foundation.

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Lanza founded L-3 Communications in 1997, a global aerospace and defense company that has grown to \$15 billion in annual revenues and employs approximately 66,000 people worldwide. With its corporate headquarters in New York City, L-3 is a leader in C3ISR systems (command, control, communications, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance), aircraft modernization and maintenance, government services and specialized products that serve the military, homeland security, aviation and other commercial markets. L-3 customers include the U.S. Department of Defense, other U.S. government agencies, allied foreign governments and commercial customers. Under his leadership as chairman and CEO, L-3 became the nation's sixth largest defense contractor – comprised of more than 73 operating

units, among them Medical Education Technologies, Inc. (METI), now known as CAE Healthcare.

In honor of Lanza's visionary business leadership and generous commitment to charitable causes, Lou Oberndorf, founder and retired Chairman of METI, initiated the endowment of the Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship, which was funded by L-3 Communications, METI (now CAE Healthcare), the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Oberndorf and his wife, Rosemary, also recently established the Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship.

Based in Washington, D.C., AACC is the primary advocacy organization for community colleges at the national level and works closely with directors of state offices to inform and to

affect state policy. AACC represents almost 1,200 two-year, associate degree-granting institutions and more than 11 million students. Community colleges are the largest and fastest-growing sector of U.S. higher education, enrolling close to half (43 percent) of all U.S. undergraduates.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Miss., is the largest honor society in higher education with 1,285 chapters on college campuses in all 50 of the United States, plus Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, Peru, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. More than 2.5 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 135,000 students inducted annually.

Weekly calendar

Monday, September 16, 2013

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

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Lead Advisory Team (LAT) Meeting (Student Services 102)
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)
- 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Faculty Senate Film Series/ Panel Discussion (LRC Lecture Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LV Community Water Board Meeting (Technologies 130)

Wednesday, September 18, 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, September 19, 2013

- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Meeting (IPC Dining Hall)

Friday, September 20, 2013

- 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. LCC Disbursement Day Barbeque (IPC Cafeteria)

Saturday, September 21, 2013

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

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6-12 am: **Cruise/Dance Party**
Location: Starts at Plaza Park
& Dance at Plaza Hotel Ilfeld Ballroom
Performers:
Jeff Romero's Rainy Monday BluesBand
The Jake Loggins Band
Admission: \$10.00 per person

SAT. SEPTEMBER 21
12:30-5pm: **FREE CONCERT**
Location: Historic Plaza Park
Performers:
Hillary Smith and Soul Kitchen,
Kenny Sky Wolf and
The Jake Loggins Band.

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Tuesday, September 17, 5:30PM
Learning Resource Center Lecture Hall
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