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LCC's Patricia Natewa shows "exceptional work" in electronics class

Patricia Natewa has always had the knack to fix things. Recently, she took her natural talent to another level. Natewa's expertise caught the eye of her electronics instructor Sequoia Romero.

"Patricia built a radio and made it work," said Romero. "She displayed talent and determination. This is exactly what is required for an engineer to be exceptional. It's a recipe for success."

Natewa built an FM radio from a kit, sauntered it and did extra work at home for Luna Community College's direct current electronics class.

"Her radio was transmitting all the

local FM stations," said Romero.

Romero said that Natewa and several of his students are already showing skills in advanced electronics.

"When I was growing up and something would break in my home, my family would always ask me to fix things," says Natewa.

"Whether it was a modem or Wi-Fi, most of the time I would be able to fix it."

It wasn't a surprise when one day at home, Natewa got her radio to work.

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Patricia Natewa recently built an FM radio in her first electronics class.



Luna Community College softball players relax before participating in the West Las Vegas Homecoming Parade last week. LCC participates in area parades throughout the year as part of community outreach. Pictured are (top) Mackenzie Fowler. Bottom (l-r) Miranda Maldonado, Shay Rostro, Michelle Gallegos, Maribel Chavez, Alyssa Steward, and Ariel Archuleta.

LCC hosting flu shot clinic

Luna Community College, in collaboration with the New Mexico Department of Health, will be hosting a flu shot clinic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9 at the LCC Nursing Department lobby.

For more information, please call Maxine Hughes at 454-5376.

A vision for generations to come

By Dr. Pete Campos
Luna Community College President

On Tuesday afternoon of last week, a former Luna Community College student approached me in downtown Las Vegas to express how impressed she was with the growth and development of the main campus. Then, on Wednesday while attending a Legislative Finance Committee meeting at the State Capitol in Santa Fe, several legislators shared how motivated they were by the LCC student presentations during their committee hearing held at the Rough Rider Grill. These unsolicited testimonies are just a few of the indicators by community and state observers of the positive image we have impressed upon them.

Our formula for success is simple! We have adopted the investment zone strategy. In other words, we are making evidence based and smart decisions, utilizing employee expertise to implement best practices, spending resources strategic and wisely, eliminating duplication of services, prioritizing goals and outcomes, and consistently reviewing processes used to educate students. Our ongoing and future progress is incumbent upon further internal and external collaboration, close review and analysis of student outcomes, and prioritization of what is effective to educate students and prepare them for successful jobs and careers.

By following this methodology and process, what can we expect? A healthier and better educated population, a stronger skilled labor force, and development within our students of a more mean-

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ingful purpose for living. As time passes and our academic and administrative process becomes stronger, we will be positioned to serve future generations. Our roots of success have been nourished by dedicated employees, students thirsting for knowledge, and an unselfish approach to participate in a collective effort to focus on student success.

We really want Luna Community College to flourish! For that

to happen, we need community members of our service area to continue support of the initiatives that will take us into the future. As community members, it's important to ask, what does Luna Community College mean to the region? Are we doing our part to let others know of the college's importance to the region? How

can we further support the development of the college? Answering these questions with ideas that connect us to today's job market will solidify our long term purpose of providing a community college and the tools to teach and learn.

Tony Dungy, first African-American head coach to win the Super Bowl when the Colts defeated the Chicago Bears on February 4, 2007, said, "The first step toward creating an improved future is developing the ability to envision it. Vision will ignite the fire of passion that fuels our commitment to do whatever it takes to achieve excellence. Only vision allows us to transform dreams of greatness into the reality of achievement through human action. Vision has no boundaries and knows no limits. Our vision is what we become in life."

LCC's Anthony Baca said that College "created opportunities" for him

Anthony Baca said that he was looking at the college's mission statement recently and something stuck in his mind.

"The mission statements means a lot to me," said Baca, Luna Community College's Auto Collision Instructor. "It hit the nail on the head for me. I started at Luna Community College on April 18, 1988 as a custodian and prior to me working here, I was a collision repair technician at Ford. When I took the job here, there were no jobs in the area of collision repair in Las Vegas."

Baca said that he had just got married. "My wife and I were expecting our first child and when I first got hired here, I mentioned to my bosses that I had experience in collision repair and at that time we did not have the program."

Meanwhile Baca worked his way to supervisor.

"An opportunity came up in 1999 when community education classes in auto collision were initiated and I asked if I could teach one of those classes," said Baca. "The

first class I taught was at the Springer Satellite. I taught community members as well as students at the Boy's School. The classes just took off, we even had a lot of students from Las Vegas taking classes at Springer."

The rest is history.

"I asked if I could teach some of these on campus and I was fortunate to continue to be a custodial supervisor and teaching part time," said Baca.

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LCC hosts Student Appreciation BBQ

Students learn more about local financial institutions



Quote from Food Services Manager Paul Sandoval:

“It is an honor to serve Luna Community College students. I appreciate each of them very much.”



LCC Higher Learning Commission comprehension evaluation visit agenda

Monday

Time	Group/Individual Meeting	Location	Team Member(s)
7:45	Institution Transports Team to Campus		
	Lorraine Martinez and Designee(s)		
8:00-8:30	College Tour	Main Campus	All
	Moses Marquez, Director of Admission & Recruitment and Erin Lopez, Admission & Recruitment		
8:30-9:00	Resource Room	(PO)	All
	Lorraine Martinez, Director of Title V and Debbie Trujillo, Director of Education		
9:00-9:45	Executive Team	(PO)	All
	Pete Campos, LCC President, Vidal Martinez, Vice President of Academics, Donna Flores, Vice President of Finance, Carolyn Chavez, Director of Human Resources, Elaine Luna, Director of AHEC and Ron Gonzales, Director of Facilities		
9:45-10:30	Accreditation Team	(PO)	All
	Debbie Trujillo, Director of Education, Lorraine Martinez, Director of Title V, Larry Paiz, Instructional Designer/ Distance Learning, Pete Campos, LCC President, Vidal Martinez, Vice President of Academics, Rick Jaramillo, Director of Information Technologies, Shirley Marlow, Director of Humanities, Donna Flores, Vice President of Finance and Elaine Luna, Director of AHEC.		
10:30-11:30	SLOA Committee (Assessment) -- Faculty	(LRC)	All
	Vidal Martinez, Kayleen Encinias, Shirley Marlow, Connie Reichert, Cindy Armijo, Adrienne O'Brien, Leslie Dennis, Gene Sandoval, Maxine Hughes, Nichole Collins, Dolores Gutierrez, Gloria Pacheco, Jackie Arguello, Betsy Sanchez, Joseph Montoya, Debbie Trujillo and Elaine Ortega		
11:30-12:00	Team Meeting/Work Resource Room	(PO)	All
12:00-1:00	Board of Trustees (Lunch)	(C)	All
	Board of Trustee Membership and Paul Sandoval Food Service Coordinator		
1:15-2:00	Academic Department Chairs	(PO)	All
	Gary Martinez, Director of Vocational & Trades, Debbie Trujillo, Director of Education, Conni Reichert, Director of Nursing, Andrellita Chavez, Director of Allied Health, Shirley Marlow, Director of Humanities		
2:15-3:00	General Ed (Humanities & STEM)	(PO)	All
	Vidal Martinez, Vice President of Academics and Shirley Marlow, Director of Humanities		
3:00-3:45	Student Services/Library	(PO)	All
	Johnathan Ortiz, LCC Registrar, Renee Maestas, Director of Access Center, Moses Marquez, Director of Admission & Recruitment, Ron Duran, Director of Bookstore, Lawrence Martinez, Director of Library and Paul Sandoval, Coordinator of Cafeteria		
3:45-4:30	Business, Finance, and Facilities	(PO)	All
	Donna Flores, Vice President of Finance, Ron Gonzales, Director of Facilities, Francina Martinez, Fiscal Office, Urszula Abeyta, Fiscal Office, Georgia Baca, Fiscal Office, Evelyn Montoya, Administrative Assistant and Cathy Gonzales, Fiscal Office		
4:30-5:15	Information Technology Staff	(PO)	All
	Rick Jaramillo, IT Director, Larry Paiz, Instructional Design / Distance Learning, Daniel Atencio, Information Technology, Matthew Bowie, Information Technology, Denise Gibson, Information Technology, Denise Montoya, Information Technology and Julio Romero, Information Technology		
5:15	Team Returns to Hotel		
	Lorraine Martinez and Designee(s)		

Tuesday

Time	Group/Individual Meeting	Location	Team Member(s)
7:00	Transportation to Springer/Santa Rosa Campuses Hammonds		
	Lorraine Martinez and Designee(s)		
7:45	Transportation to Main Campus Dare, Kinyon		
	Lorraine Martinez and Designee(s)		

Time Group/Individual Meeting	Location	Team Member(s)
8:00-8:45 Breakfast with Community Supporters Coordinator - Sarah Flores, Paul Sandoval – Food Service Coordinator	(BR)	Dare, Kinyon
8:45-9:30 Open Meeting with LCC Staff Coordinator – Kayleen Encinias	(BR)	Dare, Kinyon
9:30-10:15 Faculty Senate Faculty Senate Membership	(BR)	Dare, Kinyon
10:15-11:30 Human Resources Personnel Carolyn Chavez, Director of Human Resources, Sandra Rivera, Human Resources, Leticia Archuleta, Human Resources and Rebecca Silva, Human Resources	(BR)	Dare, Kinyon
11:30-12:15 Open Meeting with Students/Light Lunch Student Government, PTK, SkillsUSA and other Student Organizations, Paul Sandoval – Food Service Coordinator and Kayleen Encinias, coordinator	(BR)	Dare, Kinyon
12:30-1:15 Open Meeting with LCC Faculty Coordinator – Kayleen Encinias	(BR)	Dare, Kinyon
1:30-2:15 Financial Aid Office Michael Montoya, Director of Financial Aid, Amanda Ortiz, Financial Aid Rochelle Mueller, Financial Aid	(FAO)	Dare
1:30-2:15 Internal Evaluation Team – Title V Lorraine Martinez, Director of Title V and staff	(Title V Office)	Kinyon
2:15-3:30 Open Time for Team	(PO)	All
3:30-4:15 Institutional Research Office Abran Romero, Director of Institutional Research, Denise Gibson, Lead Data Base Administrator, Donna Flores, Vice President of Finance	(PO)	All
4:15-5:00 Director of Special Projects Elaine Luna, Director of AHEC	(VPO)	Dare
4:15-5:00 Student Complaints/Access Center Renee Maestas, Access Center Director	(VPO)	Kinyon
4:15-5:00 Lead Advisory Team All LCC Directors and Faculty Senate Leadership	(BR)	Hammonds
Wednesday		
7:30 Transportation to Mora Site Lorraine Martinez and Designee(s)		Hammonds
7:45 Transportation to Main Campus Lorraine Martinez and Designee(s)		Dare, Kinyon
8:00-9:30 Fed Comp Curriculum Review Michael Montoya, Director of Financial Aid and Vidal Martinez, Vice President of Academics	(FAO)	Dare, Kinyon
9:30-10:30 Open Time for Team	(PO)	All
10:30-10:45 Team Chair Meeting with President	(VPO)	Hammonds
11:00 Exit Meeting Shirley Marlow, Debbie Trujillo, Lorraine Martinez, Vidal Martinez, Pete Campos, Elaine Luna, Ron Gonzales, Abelino Montoya, Rick Jaramillo, Larry Paiz, Renee Maestas, Cindy Armijo, Carolyn Chavez, Donna Flores, Victor Ramirez and Adrienne O'Brien	(PO)	All
11:30 Team Departs Campus		

(PO) – President’s Office
(LRC) – Library Lecture Hall
(C) – Cafeteria
(BR) – Board Room
(FAO) – Financial Aid Office
(VPO) – Vice President’s Office (Vidal)

***Meeting dates Monday Oct. 13-Wednesday, Oct. 15**

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Guiding Principles

- Provide accessible, affordable and quality education designed to optimize opportunities for student participation
- Prepare students through dual credit and concurrent enrollment and facilitate their aspirations by early admissions with the ultimate goal of earning meaningful employment
- Provide students with greater insight into their strengths, needs, aspirations, and foster a greater appreciation and understanding of their cultural background and experiences
- Promote general education CORE curriculum to ensure that our graduates possess adequate literacy and general knowledge to function in employment, to pursue additional education, and to participate in the cultural and political life of the community and society
- Promote collegiality, respect and dignity among staff and students
- Prepare students for employment through a broad range of vocational, technical, and professional education programs
- Enhance job effectiveness through promotion of critical thinking skills, continued training, advancement in technology, distance learning, and maintain relevant skills needed in the job market
- Promote transfer of credits between institutions of higher education





"Creating Opportunities for You!"

Luna Community College will be going through an on-site re-accreditation visit at the campus on October 13-15, 2014. A team of evaluators will be conducting a comprehensive evaluation.

We encourage 3rd party comments regarding Luna Community College practices, procedures, and/or policies.

All comments should be sent directly to:

Mr. Lloyd Hammonds, Team Chair

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Community Education – Semester Break 2014



Holiday Baking

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Instructional Program Center, Culinary Arts Lab

Instructor: Adrienne O'Brien Cost: \$20 tuition + \$20 materials fee

Get a jump on your holiday baking and add to your family's list of favorite holiday treats! At Luna's Holiday Baking class, students will be greeted with hot mulled cider and learn to prepare rose-flavored French fruit jellies, decorate buttery shortbread cookies, bake rich Italian Pannetone and create chewy Honey/Almond Turrone. To top it all off, students will make the traditional French Bûche de Noël (French Yule Log cake). Students take their creations home at the end of the class session to share with friends and family.

Luna Community College STEM Instructor Nichole Collins leads a discussion on Pc Tech professionalism, in preparation for students to take the PCPro certification exam at the end of the semester. Students pictured (l-r) are: Jolynne Maes, Shannon Ortiz, Miguel Garcia, Derek Segura-Medina, Patricio Padilla, Anjelique Romero and Jerel Stevens.



Patricia Natewa...

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"I wanted to learn more about engineering," said Natewa who has aspirations to someday earn a degree from New Mexico Tech and go on and work for the FBI. "This class was something that interested me. I worked on this assignment for about one hour in class and two hours at home. The kit had the different resistors, transmitters and capacitors and I just built it from there."

A 2002 graduate of Zuni High, Natewa first came to Las Vegas through Upward Bound where she took some classes at Highlands University. However, due to medical reasons she had to leave college. Keeping her dreams alive, Natewa came back to college and is taking on classes such as physics, calculus, engineering and electronics.

"When I was in high school, one of my teachers told me that I would never get into a four-year college. I will always remember that," said Natewa. "Right now I'm on pace to graduate in May with a pre-engineering degree."

With her own merits and the help of individuals such as LCC Vice-President of Instruction Dr. Vidal Martinez, LCC Accelerate Program Director Diane Moore and Romero, Natewa has high

hopes of being accepted into New Mexico Tech University, considered one of the top engineering schools in the southwest.

"I don't have too much time for myself," says Natewa. "I'm 30 and I'm ready to venture out into the world. Someday I would like to get a job outside the United States."

"This college has been good for me. I've had some bad experiences in classes, but the majority of them have been a great experience,"—Patricia Natewa.

One person Natewa wants to make proud is her grandmother. "I was raised by her," said Natewa. "Everything I do, I do for my grandma. She is the reason I'm here; I owe my life to her."

For now, Natewa is relying on Luna Community College to continue to get her she ultimate wants to go and ultimately wants to be.

"This college has been good for me," said Natewa. "I've had some bad experiences in classes, but the majority of them have been a great experience."

Today, Natewa is building radios from scratch. Tomorrow she could be part of one of the best four-year colleges around. The next day she could be working for the FBI. And someday Natewa could be working abroad. For now, she is taking one day at a time. Her advice to her fellow students.

"Don't let anyone intimidate you," says Natewa.

Anthony Baca...

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"I researched curriculums throughout the state of New Mexico and in some parts of the United States; I put the first curriculum together for the program. The curriculum was in balance with the diversity of northeastern New Mexico and in alignment with the Automotive Service Excellence Certification. I was operating and running my shop at my house and I took it upon myself to keep my certifications up to date knowing that by doing this it would pay off some day."

"Luna Community College created an opportunity for me and I am really passionate toward this program because of this. I encourage other staff and faculty members to seek something they are passionate about and not be afraid to take a chance. There is always support. Luna made my dream come true. I am thankful to Luna for the opportunity."

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Anthony Baca

Luna Community College

Tobacco Use Policy

Reminder of the tobacco use policy in effect,
a tobacco use policy was adopted in 2010.

This policy restricts tobacco use to
designated areas, to include satellite campuses
and any other property owned or leased by LCC.

LCC is proactive in promoting a Healthy Environment
to Learn, Work, and Visit.
LCC wants to be part of the bigger picture of reducing the
number of premature deaths that occur from tobacco use.

Designated Areas:

- Area 1 will be located on the west side of the Technologies Building.
- Area 2 will be located between the Allied Health Building and the IPC Cafeteria on the west side.
- Area 3 will be located across the street from the Early Childhood Center and east of the Automotive Building.
- Santa Rosa Satellite will have a designated area to be located in the parking lot
- Springer Satellite will have a designated area to be located across the street
- Mora Satellite will have a designated area to be located across the street



Preparing for guests

By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President

I've read several articles on preparing for guests and a common thread runs through all of them. These articles suggest that a thorough cleaning occur and guests experience a sense of welcome and freshness when they arrive and that their time spent visiting is memorable.

I believe we should always be in "preparing for guest mode" because our students, visitors, and community members arrive at our doorstep anytime and are seeking educational services to better their lives and communities. When we provide unpretentious guest services, our customers and visitors are equally treated, they feel at home, and when they leave remember

how they were treated. Several legislators reminded me last week during a legislative finance committee meeting in Santa Fe that they could not get over how well they were treated during their August LFC/LESC joint meeting in Las Vegas and in particular at Luna Community College. They felt right at home and were grateful for the genuine hospitality shared with them.

Preparing for guests is second nature; we do it at home all the time and feel special when family and friends welcome us into their homes and they have made an extra effort to provide us with fresh linens, clean towels, fresh flowers, and our favorite foods. Now, time is quickly approaching for us to again do what we do best and welcome another group of guests on the LCC campus. These visitors will be following a well thought out and structured schedule, evaluating our academic programs and college operations, gathering input from a lot of stakeholders, and reviewing the evidence we have that validates what we say we are doing. Benjamin Franklin said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

When you think about it, every guest who enters our personal homes can see right through what we say we do and what we actually do. That is why, when the HLC evaluators visit, it is important to present our college the way we would on any given day to our stu-

dents, visitors, and community members. This fast approaching visit is an overarching evaluation of our entire college operation. Unlike the specific on-site evaluations, on-site visits, or electronically conducted reviews by: the New Mexico Board of Nursing (NMBON); the LCC School of Business (ACBSP) accreditation visitation team; the joint Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) and

Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) meeting where LCC education innovation was presented and discussed; the Title V designated program evaluator; the Youth Build national compliance team; and, the Higher Education Department (HED) Capital Outlay subcommittee evaluation of and hearing on our five year capital improvements master plan. In addition, our audit evaluators will

be on campus over the next several weeks.

Now, for example: the main campus major roof repairs and replacement; main campus major vocational buildings renovations; completion of the Santa Rosa satellite multi-use wellness, public safety, and state-of-the-art technology classroom facility; and Springer HVAC improvements are underway.

Yes, it's about regularly improving our programs of study, facilities, and community-based offerings. We are constantly moving forward! Whether we offer in-class, hybrid, out-in-the-field (practitioner), or on-line education, we are becoming wiser, more mature, and strongly competitive in preparing students for the world of work (jobs, jobs, jobs)!

Now, let every employee rise to the occasion. We are all involved in preparing for the arrival and visitation of the evaluation team that will guide and advise us along the yellow brick road. Following a path that is the reason for our journey delivers true meaning for our existence. We believe in each other and our students, we've had our chance to reach life's hopes and dreams, now let's give all we've got to help our students reach their career goals! William Shakespeare said, "All things are ready, if our mind be so."

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