

# The Luna Light

*"The People's College"*

Mission Statement: "Creating Opportunities for You!"

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

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## Student government elections to be held on Friday, Sept. 20

*Students who are elected will receive a stipend*

The Luna Community College Student Government election will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20 The Rough Rider Grill. Elections will be held for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer along with six senators.

Students that want to run can pick up petition forms from LCC Student Government Advisors Amanda Ortiz or Dawna Ortega-Gallegos at the finan-

cial aid or allied health departments after Monday, Sept. 9. The petitions have to be returned by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13.

Students who are elected will receive a stipend for the 2013-14 academic year.

To be eligible to run for an executive post, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher; be registered as a full-time stu-

dent; have a declared major and obtain a minimum of 25 signatures from currently enrolled students for nomination.

To be eligible to run for a senate seat, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher; be registered at least half time (six hours); have a declared major and obtain a minimum of 25 signatures from currently enrolled students for nomination.

**Luna Community College students are all smiles recently as they anxiously start the fall semester. Pictured (l-r) are: Tomas Gutierrez, a graduate of Robertson High; Kenny Tarango, a graduate of West Las Vegas High; Leroy Romero, a graduate of West Las Vegas High and Ramon Martinez, a graduate of Robertson High. Gutierrez and Martinez are majoring in welding while Tarango and Romero are majoring in electrical wiring. Although the last day to register for the fall semester was Aug. 26, students should take note that 8-week courses will begin on Monday, Oct. 14.**



# LEGAL FAIR

Attorneys and Civil Legal Service Providers will be available to answer all your civil legal questions and provide **free** general consultations in the following areas of law:

- Divorce
- Guardianships
- Public Benefits
- Wills and Estates
- Bankruptcy and Foreclosure
- Creditor/Debtor
- Landlord/Tenant
- Custody

## FREE MORA TECHNOLOGY LEGAL FAIR

Saturday, September 7, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Luna Community College Satellite Office

David Cargo Library Building, Hwy 518

*First-come, first-served basis*

Presented by the State Bar of New Mexico Legal Programs and Services Committee, the Fourth Judicial District Local Pro Bono Committee, and New Mexico Legal Aid.

## Weekly calendar

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Lead Advisory Team (LAT) Meeting (Student Services 102)

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

Wednesday, September 4, 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 5, 2013

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

Friday, September 6, 2013

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Student Nursing Association Club Meeting (IPC Dining Hall)

Saturday, September 7, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. NM Legal Aid Technology Legal Fair (David Cargo Library Mora)

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## Position Announcements

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

- Instructor-Medical Surgical Nursing (closes 9-12-13 or until filled)
- Instructor-Family Nursing (closes 9-12-13 or until filled)

- Allied Health Director (closes 8-30-13 or until filled)
- PASS/ACE Lab Manager (closes 9-4-13)

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.

# Benavidez helps LCC shine

By Germaine Sandoval  
Cosmetology Instructor

I want to take this opportunity to say "THANKS" for REFLECTIONS to our physical plant employee Louie Benavidez who always takes the time to move all of our stations, our mats and everything on the floor to shine our working area.

Every fall semester when we come back to work, we can't wait to open our clinic floor doors and see the work he has done. You can see yourself on our floor without turning the light on.

We, at the Cosmetology Department, would like to take time to "THANK LOUIE" for making our floors shine. In addition, throughout my cosmetology experience here at Luna Community College, I want to take this time to say "THANK YOU" to EVERYONE that helps OUR STUDENTS SHINE.

**Physical plant employee Louie Benavidez (right) does an excellent job keeping up the cosmetology department.**



LCC Pre-school children excitedly participate in recent drawing. Children in the pre-school range in age from 2-5 and participate in developmentally appropriate activities. The on-campus pre-school is located on the far west end of campus.

## Roderick Lujan case manager/transition coordinator for YouthBuild Program

Drawing from a wide range of experiences, YouthBuild's case manager/transition coordinator Roderick Lujan has among his diverse qualifications, past experience in the mental health field, having worked as a psychological technician in the United States Air Force.

Likewise, he was formerly employed as a behavioral management specialist at the University of New Mexico. Most recently, Lujan has worked in the capacity of a paralegal. Furthermore, he is a small business owner, where he engages in inspections for major insurance companies.

Lujan has a BA in political science from New Mexico Highlands University, an AA from Luna Community College in construction technology, and is completing his master's at NMHU. He holds professional licensure as a real estate agent, has earned an OSHA 30 certification and is a nationally recognized

journeyman carpenter through the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). Lujan is also scheduled to receive his NCCER certification in concrete application.

Engaging in small business, Lujan has a broad range of experience, working in both the private and public sectors. He has been both an employee and employer. In addition, he is the past president of SkillsUSA, a carpentry component at LCC.

Having himself completed the NCCER program at LCC provides Lujan special insight into YouthBuild.

"I look forward to being afforded the opportunity of utilizing my personal knowledge and professional experiences to help make the LCC YouthBuild program a success," says Lujan.



Roderick Lujan



YouthBuild program participants work alongside their Vocational Education Instructor Robert (Louie) Plagge in scribing and cutting siding while at work on a model home on the LCC campus.

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# 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Elections will be held from 1:00-4:00 on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## Manzanares helped LCC



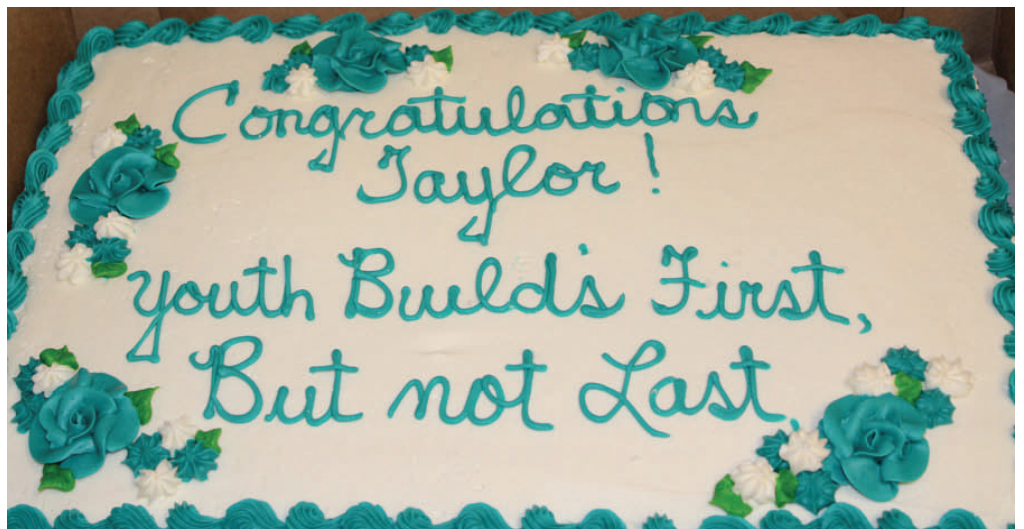
Ed Manzanares, who helped the Luna Community College Athletic Program with consultation over the years, is resigning as athletic director at New Mexico Highlands University and to take a job with the University of New Mexico.

**Ed Manzanares** “It’s been good to work with him,” said LCC Athletic Director Ron Gonzales.

His new post will be assistant athletic director for major gifts at UNM.



Taylor Lujan made LCC YouthBuild program history recently by becoming its first, but not last, GED graduate. Pictured with Taylor at a celebration honoring her latest achievement are: bottom (l-r): Kelley Fahey Alcón, administrative assistant; graduate Taylor Lujan and Brendaleigh Lobato, GED instructor. Pictured top (l-r): Eddie King, director; Roderick Luján, case manager/transition coordinator and Robert (Louie) Plagge, vocational education instructor. Below is a cake in Lujan’s honor.



**EARN your  
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DEGREE at LCC**

**Tip  
of the week  
Make the workplace  
comfortable**

# Luna is the place

By Dr. Pete Campos  
LCC President

After reviewing piles of hard copy and numerous electronic files of information re-

garding today's trends in education, self-assessments from different institutions of higher learning and regular issues of local and state wide newspapers, I believe that *Luna Community College is the place to be* for those students who want an excellent education, enjoy small class sizes and want to make lifelong friends. Whether you are a resident in Northeastern New Mexico, a staff member at Luna Community College or a student from any place in

the world attending class seeking personal satisfaction, certification or an associate's degree; *there is no better place to receive a quality education!*

Our faculty and employees are qualified, committed and paying special attention to our students. Our students are diversified, ambitious and thirsting for a better understanding of subject matter and life's challenges. We're delivering! While we are not perfect, as employees of LCC, we are educated, experienced, dedicated and living the mission to help each student address their challenges, reach their

goals and go on to good paying jobs. Larry the Cable Guy said, "GET ER DONE."

I want to remind parents, community members and students that our staff's commit-

tive difference. Her responses were invigorating, intuitive and honest. Ultimately, to paraphrase her, we must look beyond our self and work towards our student's success. We must

serve students and help them succeed. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

We must not debate to divide; rather we must debate to arrive at solutions that will be beneficial to the success of our programs, institution and most importantly, our students and each other. Luna Community College students are our children, relatives, friends and people who trust

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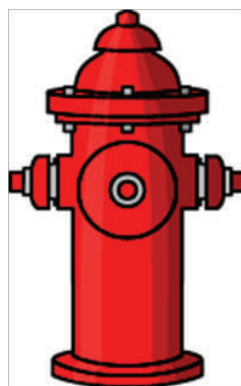
ment is not to wind down, but to wind up and get everyone on campus to work together, positively respond to our reaffirmation of accreditation process and focus on the needs of every student. **Each year we rejuvenate our inner being to make sure every student is given the opportunity they deserve to move forward in life!**

Now it's time for our college's next level of progress. I had a great meeting with one of our employees recently to discuss how, by working together, serving our students and accelerating our initiatives we will make a posi-

in us to care for and educate them. It is no longer just about those from Las Vegas or the region; it is more global now where students have chosen Luna Community College as their home away from home. **We are the place to be!** Let's heal and remember our future depends on those we educate. Nelson Mandela said, "A good leader can engage in a debate frankly and thoroughly, knowing that at the end he and the other side must be closer, and thus emerge stronger. You don't have that idea when you are arrogant, superficial, and uninformed."

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.

Anyone interested in sending a column, article, photo or information that they would like to see included in The Luna Light, please e-mail [jgallegos@luna.edu](mailto:jgallegos@luna.edu) or call him at 505/454-2510.



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Fire Science Program

Be Part of  
the Team!



Carolyn Chavez (left) is Luna Community College's Human Resource Director. She can be reached at 505/454-2502 or via e-mail at [cachavez@luna.edu](mailto:cachavez@luna.edu)



Luna Community College chemistry and environmental instructor Angie Manafy (right) would like to wish everyone a very successful 2013-2014 school year.

At right is a schedule for the TECH 106 Computer Lab that is available for students to go in and do the MyMathLab work from their classes for Math 055 to Math 190. The Blue sections is when the lab will be open and a math instructor will be available for assistance. The ACE Lab will also be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays for MyMathLab and tutoring in the SMET (Science, Math & Engineering Technology) areas.

### MyMath Lab Open Lab Hours

Time/Day	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8-9 am					
9-10 am	<b>Roberta Montano MyMathLab</b>	<b>Joe Baca MyMathLab</b>	<b>Joe Baca MyMathLab</b>	<b>Rita Surdi MyMathLab</b>	<b>Roberta Montano MyMathLab</b>
10-11 am	<i>10-11:40 Mr. Whitten DTECH 220/01</i>	<i>10-11:40 Mr. Whitten DTECH 220/01</i>	<i>10-11:40 Mr. Whitten DTECH 220/01</i>	<i>10-11:40 Mr. Whitten DTECH 220/01</i>	
11-12 pm					
12-1 pm	<b>Betsy Sanchez MyMathLab</b>	<b>Rita Surdi MyMathLab</b>	<b>Betsy Sanchez MyMathLab</b>	<b>Rita Surdi MyMathLab</b>	<b>Betsy Sanchez MyMathLab</b>
1-2 pm	<i>1-2:40 Mr. McAllister SMET 105/01</i>	<b>Bruce MyMathLab</b>	<i>1-2:40 Mr. McAllister SMET 105/01</i>	<b>Peterson MyMathLab</b>	
2-3 pm		<b>Bruce MyMathLab</b>		<b>Peterson MyMathLab</b>	
3-4 pm	<b>Angie Manafy MyMathLab</b>	<b>Peterson MyMathLab</b>	<b>Angie Manafy MyMathLab</b>		
4-5 pm	<b>Isabel Gallegos MyMathLab</b>		<b>Angie Manafy MyMathLab</b>		