

The Luna Light



"Creating Opportunities for You!"

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Tafoya says instruction at Luna is solid

Welcoming atmosphere best attribute

Cordy Tafoya is a non-traditional student. He is 40 years old. He has a successful business. Yet, in the fall of 2017, Tafoya looked at Luna to help solidify his business. Tafoya is a barbering major and is expected to finish his certificate in December.

"The cosmetology department here is well-established, and the talent that I have seen coming out of this department is really good," said Tafoya. "It is high-level quality that comes out of this program. Many of the graduates of this program



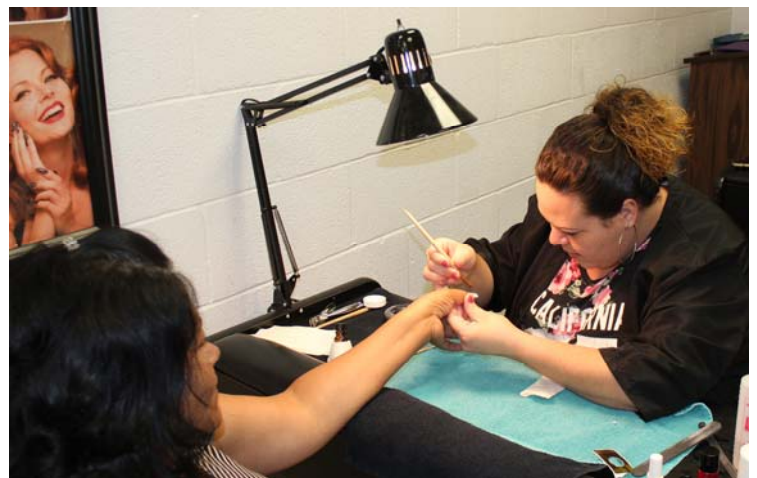
Cordy Tafoya says he is optimistic about his future.

are solid in what they do."

Tafoya owns the Stashbox on University Ave., which provides tattooing and barbering services. Tafoya is currently a licensed tattooist in the state of New Mexico and soon will be a licensed barber.

"Being that I own a hybrid shop, I am dependent on another person to be licensed to run the barber shop," said Tafoya. "What I came back for was strictly a business decision. I would like to open up a second
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Luna cosmetology student Chavela Colio provides acrylic nail service to a client. Among the services provided by cosmetology students are facials for a low cost of \$10, women's and men's haircuts for \$5 and additional hair styles for \$6.50. For more information, call 454-5344.





Join us for free ice cream and learn more about the upcoming public forums to meet your candidates for LCC president.

**Thursday, Sept. 13,
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

On the picnic area between the Samuel Vigil Learning Resource Center and the tech building, Luna Community College

Open to all LCC students and employees

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Solid instruction...

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shop in Albuquerque within a year, which means that I don't have to take any of my staff to Albuquerque. I have learned that barbering is kind of fun. Barbers and tattooists have historically had some reverence in society."

Tafoya said that his best days are ahead of him.

"I really believe that I have not reached my potential," said Tafoya. "I'm barely beginning to realize my true potential. As a tattoo artist, I am very far from where I want to be. The room for growth is enormous. Being able to come back to school, even at my age, is a testament to everyone that you are never too old to start. Grab the opportunity when it presents itself."

Tafoya's life isn't all peaches and cream.

"Growing up, I didn't always have what others had — life in general isn't always easy," said Tafoya. "Living in a community such as ours that

has very limited resources, sometimes you have to do what you have to do to survive."

With a wife and four kids ranging from ages nine to 21, Tafoya is looking forward to put his education to good use.

"Being at Luna is by far one of the most positive experiences I've ever had as far as being able to further myself and make the future brighter. Luna has given me the opportunity to earn my education and creating a better outlook for the future."

Education is the key, said Tafoya.

"Being educated, I feel that my opinion is valued more," said Tafoya. "I'm optimistic toward my future. Too many people take too much time to look at the darkness instead of the light at the end of the tunnel. We've all got to start somewhere.

People here at Luna believe in me. I never ran into a faculty or staff member that has derailed me."

Feedback

In the spirit of continuous improvement, Luna Community College seeks ongoing feedback from students, faculty, staff, and the community we serve.

If you would like to submit feedback anonymously, you may go the Leave Feedback link at the bottom of our website at luna.edu.

Thank you!



Luna Community College recruiter Laura Salazar talks with several local students at Robertson High School on Wednesday morning. Luna is participating in the New Mexico Education Council College Days, which gives college recruiters the opportunity to talk to high school students from throughout the state. The recruiting tour began on Tuesday, Sept. 4, and ends on Thursday, Oct. 4.

Students have fun at Welcome Back Pizza Party



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At left, Luna Community College nursing students Vanetia Gonzales, Christopher Trujillo and Erica Montoya each received a Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation Scholarship. Gonzales and Trujillo are from Las Vegas. Montoya is from Santa Fe. The trio was part of a group of 20 scholarship recipients. Each scholarship is for \$1,500.

Below, the Luna Community College STEM Club met on Aug. 31 to discuss topics such as givebacks to the community, events and student involvement. Pictured clockwise from left are Carlos DeHerrera; Jake Taylor, president; Justin Valdez, vice president; Santiago Esquibel, treasurer; Erik Benigno Hidalgo, manager; and Miguel Serna. Anyone interested in joining STEM can contact Taylor at jake.taylor@student.luna.edu. Luna and Highlands students are eligible to join the STEM Club. Faculty sponsors are Nichole Collins and Betsy Sanchez.





Luna Community College STEM Instructor Geno Castillo explains the fossilization of ripple marks on a piece of sandstone to Luna student Joshua Aragon. For information on STEM, e-mail Castillo at gcastillo@luna.edu.



Dawna Ortega-Gallegos and Vanessa Torres attended NMHU's Second Annual Cowboy Health Fair at Highlands on Aug. 28. They distributed toothbrushes and other Luna material as they provided information on the college's dental assisting program and other Allied Health programs.

Luna Softball Fall 2018 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Sept. 8	NM Ice / Furies	10 a.m., noon	Home
Sept. 15	Adams State	TBA	Away
Sept. 16	Adams State	TBA	Away
Sept. 30	American Freedom	Noon, 2 p.m.	Home
Oct. 6	Lamar CC	9:45 a.m.	Away
Oct. 6	Trinidad CC	11:30 a.m.	Away
Oct. 6	Colo. NW	3 p.m.	Away
Oct. 6	McCook College	4:45 p.m.	Away
Oct. 7	Northeastern CC	9:45 a.m.	Away
Oct. 7	Wyoming	11:30 a.m.	Away
Oct. 19	Air Force	Noon, 2 p.m.	Home
Oct. 20	Otero JC	Noon	Home

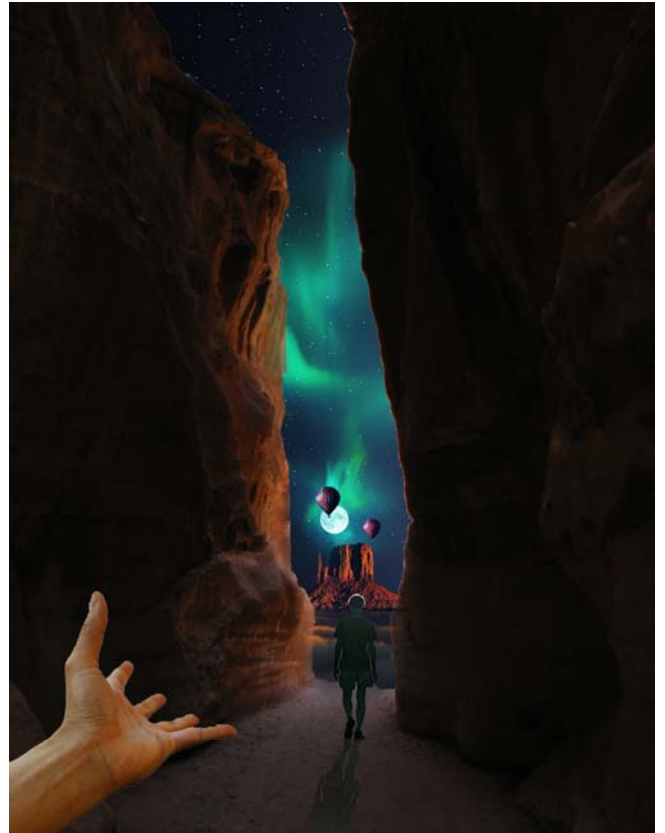
At right, Luna Community College Montañas del Norte Area Health Education Center (MdN AHEC) recently hosted a site visit from Tammy Mayo-Blake, Program Officer with the Health Resources and Services Administration, the federal organization that provides funding for AHEC's nationwide. Elaine Luna, MdN AHEC Director, brought together members of the AHEC Advisory Board and community partners to share information about the successful projects taking place in Las Vegas and San Miguel County. Luna is pictured, second from right.



Media Arts student work



Luna students Laural Billie (top assignment) and Ambrosio Olivas (right assignment) are showing their talent with recent work in a scale and proportion assignment in the MMC105 Visual Concepts class. The visual concepts class introduces students to the basics of design. In addition to learning how to design, students learn terminology in the field. For more information on Media Arts & Film Technology, call Kenneth Bachicha at 454-5347.



New Mexico Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists Inspector Clyde J. Segura was on the Luna Community College campus recently. During his visit he shared important barbershop information with Luna barber students Adam Lucero, Jarod Padilla and Cordy Tafoya.