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Luna Community College student elections set for Sept. 9-11

Luna Community College Student Government elections will be held this week.

Executive offices include: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. There are also six senatorial positions.

Luna Community College students can cast their vote by written secret ballots. Students who present their current student identification card are eligible to vote.

Voting will take place between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at Mary Duran's office in the LCC Humanities Building. On Wednesday,

Sept. 10, voting will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cindy Branch's (admissions and recruitment) office in the Luna Community College Student Services Building. Voting will culminate from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11 at Elaine Montano's office in the Luna Community College Allied Health Building.

All newly elected officers and senators will be sworn in at a meeting the week following elections.

For more information on LCC Student Government elections, please



Advisors Amanda Ortiz and Donna Ortega Gallegos

call advisors Donna Ortega Gallegos at 505/454-5382 or Amanda Ortiz at 505/454-5324.

College Night scheduled for Oct. 21

Luna Community College along with New Mexico Highlands University will be sponsoring "College Night 2014" from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at the New Mexico Highlands University Student Union Building. The event is open to high school juniors and seniors along with their parents as well as anyone interested in obtaining college information.

Faculty and staff from both institutions will be available to discuss such things as admissions, financial aid, registration, certificate and degree programs, scholarships and transferring of courses.

"I want to thank all Luna Community College and



Luna Community College's Cindy Branch (left) and Moses Marquez (third from the left) discuss College Night 2014 with Highlands' Gil Gonzales and Jenny Arguello.

Highlands University faculty and staff who will participate in this very important event," said LCC Recruitment and Admissions Director Moses Marquez. "College Night is a time when both students and their parents receive valuable information."

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College Night set for Oct. 21...

Faculty and staff members from Luna Community College and New Mexico Highlands University will be on-hand featuring academic and vocational programs.

Luna Community College is a comprehensive community college with a broad range of vocational and technical programs at the certificate and associate level.

“I want to thank all Luna Community College and Highlands University faculty and staff who will participate in this very important event,”—LCC Recruitment and Admissions Director Moses Marquez.

and staff are committed to helping students succeed.

Luna Community College offers flexible class schedules, which includes day, evening, weekend, short term, ITV and distance learning courses.

For more information regarding “College Night 2014,” contact the Luna Community College Office

of Recruitment and Admissions at 505/454-5312.

Luna Vision—a genuine holistic learning environment

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

When you travel around the Luna Community College service area of northeastern New Mexico the satellites in Santa Rosa and Springer and the site in Mora represent the educational commitment made to serve students. The bigger picture connects the smaller communities of the region to the main campus in Las Vegas. This community college setting is well planned for future growth!

There is more than meets the eye. In fact, the years of planning and persistence have created a well-rounded educational center positioned to provide great opportunities at a multitude of levels to students wishing to build upon and polish their basic academic, vocational, and social skills. The education received at LCC will provide students with a sound foundation to enter the world of work, move on to a university or enter the military.

Here’s a view from a larger lens what I mean. Discussions are in the works to coordinate with the New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) to broaden our early childhood offerings to student and northeastern New Mexico. Steps seeking proper approval are being taken through the Public Education Department (PED), Higher Education Department (HED) and Board of Finance (BOF) to prepare one of our buildings to house the Rio Galinas Charter School beginning with classroom space for grades 6 through 8. We are designating classroom space and eventually a building for an early college high school with classes beginning as early as the 2015 spring semester. An in-depth learning environment such as the one we are creating will prepare our students, faculty, staff, administration, Trustees, and communities of our service area to work together, strengthen our educational skills and attract more businesses to our area. This bold initiative will provide the incentive to keep our youth seeking to build their careers here at home, increase the value of our properties and rekindle the

hometown approach to support one another.

The other key components already tested and proven to be working include: a quality education at an affordable cost; hiring qualified faculty and staff who take their jobs seriously and are building positive relationships with students that will last a lifetime; focusing on student success so they will graduate prepared to move in a highly competent manner to their next level in life; and, improving our level of instruction to include: in-class, in-the-field, hybrid (a combination of more than one method of teaching), and on-line instruction. We won’t stop finding effective ways to help students better understand their lessons, homework, and purpose for learning!

Times have changed when Luna Community College served a more adult local population. Now, we have male and female athletes who come to LCC to study and play in a highly competitive baseball and softball conference and students who take their common core and earn a certificate or a degree that gets them through many doors of opportunity regardless where they go after Luna. Whether our students come to us from the regional communities, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, California, or towns from throughout New Mexico or anywhere else, we are invested in their well-being. We care!

If all goes according to plan, within three years, Luna Community College will be a model statewide recognized learning environment where faculty at all levels will have an opportunity to collaborate, improve their curriculum and methods of instruction, grow in wisdom and become extremely satisfied in their educational accomplishments. And, our students will become wiser and better prepared to compete in their chosen field of study. Judy Garland said, “Always be a first rate version of yourself, not a second rate version of someone else.”



Luna Community College students Bryan Laramie (middle) and Patricia Natewa test the changes that occur in a circuit when you add or take a light bulb into the connection using multi meters and visual cues such as the brightness of the light. This took place in Sequoia Romero's (left) DC electronics class.

In an effort to improve our readership, we are asking employees and students to submit e-mail addresses of anyone interested in receiving The Luna Light to jgallegos@luna.edu. Thank you.

Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and community, a Rough Rider Meal Card is 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.

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Luna Community College students JaMarcus Trujillo and Joseph Garduño play foosball at the LCC Game Room last Thursday.

Student Government Game Room Hours

Located at the
School of Business
Room 116

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 - 5	8-10	8 - 11	*	8 - 1:30
	11:30-1:30		*	*
		12 - 5	12 - 1	*
	4 - 5		*	*

Pool Table

Ping Pong

Foos Ball

and more games to come

*Note: Depending upon supervision availability

For more information contact: Amanda Lucero, Office Manager 505.454.2557



Luna Community College nursing students take a break recently and read *The Luna Light*. For more information on the LCC Nursing Program, please call 505/454-2523.

One-on-one with Luna CC's STEM Instructor Nichole Collins

Tell us about your professional experience and educational background.

I started attending Luna Community College back when it was known as Luna Vocational Technical Institute while attending high school. Upon graduating from high school, I continued my education at Luna and Clovis Community College. I graduated in 2008 with my associate's in liberal arts from CCC.

I continued my education at Eastern New Mexico University and earned my bachelor's of science in information systems with a minor in graphic systems in May, 2010. In the summer of 2001 and 2002, I participated in the Youth College at Luna as an instructional assistant and instructor. While at ENMU and a member of the ENMU Computer Club I helped implement community education courses where members and I with the guidance of our advisor would teach community members basic computer and software skills.

Describe your teaching style or teaching philosophy.

I would describe my teaching style as student oriented. I believe that students deserve the same respect that we ask for ourselves. These students may one day be our supervisors, CEO's or colleagues. Each student has their own strengths and weaknesses and as instructors we need to be able to adapt our methods as well as encourage each student to achieve their goals and beyond. Every student is capable of greatness and it is our duty to guide them, teach and encourage them. The students not only grow intellectually but emotionally and gain the confidence to be successful in all aspects of the world.

What is your favorite part of your current job and why is it your favorite part?

My favorite part is coming to class every day and getting to interact with the students. I have so many favorite moments, I feel accomplished every time I see a student that I got to know over the two years in the CS program walk across the stage for graduation. I am so very proud every time a student earns a new certification. I am sure that there will be many memorable moments to come because every day is a new day.

What are one or two of your proudest professional accomplishments?



Nichole Collins

My proudest moment is when I achieved my degrees. My professional accomplishment here at LCC has been the ability to continue to develop and maintain the computer science courses in order to maintain a relevance in today's technological society. I am also proud that our students are able to be prepared for national standard certifications as well as obtain multiple certification while working on their degree.

How does your background and experiences strengthen academics at LCC?

I have been the traditional student, the only woman in a class of men, and a non-traditional student. I am a minority woman in a technical field and because of this I believe that I strengthen the academics at LCC. I was raised in education and have seen Luna grow and change from LVTI to LCC. I heard stories about the first day Luna opened its doors from a first founding board member and the dreams of how it would grow and flourish. I have been able

to not only learn how to walk in the halls of Luna as a child but to be a student and now an instructor. Because of these experiences I will continue to develop and maintain a high attainable standard for our students and help guide them to reach their goals.

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Several running for student government

President

Amanda Leora Martinez

Victor Ramirez

Vice President

Kevin Arviso

David Montaña

Secretary

Amberlynn Sena

Treasurer

Jamie Stewart

Senators

Joseph Esquibel

Chelsea Navarrette

Jessica Sandoval

Carmelita Ulibarri

Candidates speak out

Note: The following are questionnaires by candidates. Some candidates did not submit a questionnaire.

Victor Ramirez

Presidential Candidate

Name, major, and position for which you are running for:

Victor Ramirez, Culinary Arts, running for President.

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

I feel that the main purpose of this and all other positions of student government is first and foremost to be an advocate for all students. I will listen to students concerns and make those concerns known to the vice president, president, and the board of trustees of Luna Community College. I also want to increase and improve on student activities. Although education is our priority, students also need an outlet to relieve the stresses of their daily activities.

What three things would you try to change if elected?

I would like to see an increase in student activities, improve community relations. One item of interest that I just became aware of is that the ACCESS Center no longer has tutors on staff. I feel that this is a needed resource and I will work to get the center staffed again.

Why do you want to be elected?

I want to be elected because I want to get the opportunity to once again serve the students at LCC. I feel that there was a lot of progress made last year and want that progress to continue.

If you have already been a member, why should you be re-elected?

I am seeking re-election as president so that I can continue with the changes that were made last year. A lot of time and effort were put into rebuilding and instilling confidence in student government and I don't want to see all that work deteriorate. Last year's student government set a foundation and I want to continue to build on that foundation. I gave up a lot of free time to work on student govern-

ment issues. One of the biggest accomplishments last year was one that went unnoticed. I attended several meetings with the Lottery Scholarship Coalition which consisted of student leaders throughout the state. The purpose was to help save the Lottery Scholarship which was running out of funds. Together we came up with solvency issues which were presented to the governor and the legislature. Other issues on campus were brought to SG attention and they were addressed. Some went as far as the board of trustees if I wasn't satisfied with the outcome at lower levels. One thing I would like everyone to know is that I am not afraid to speak my mind.

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

I just would like for the students to take a good look at the candidates. Ask your peers and your instructors about the candidates. The role of anyone in student government is not to be taken lightly and the task should be taken on with a true desire to improve student life on campus. The person elected should be willing to make sacrifices in order to be a student advocate. This may mean giving up a lot of free time. I have already proven that I am willing to make that sacrifice. Again, I am here to serve the students. Not my ego!



Victor Ramirez

Student government...

Amanda Leora Martinez Presidential Candidate

Name, major, and position for which you are running for:
Amanda Leora Martinez, Criminal Justice, Student Government President.

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

I think my involvement in student government will benefit other students because I listen to student concerns and I care about students wants and needs here at LCC. I am involved and I am willing to address all student concerns with the president and the LCC Board of Trustees.

What three things would you try to change if elected?

If I am elected as your 2014-15 student government president the three things I would try to change would be having evening online classes for the parents out there who have a hard time finding a sitter for their children and for non-traditional students who work all day long so we can have an increase in enrollment at LCC. In addition, have more campus activities to involve LCC students so they can explore and enjoy our campus and what it has to offer us as students and lastly have a student recycling center on campus.

If you have already been a member, why should you be re-

lected?

I served as 2012-13 student government president and I would like to be elected to make better changes for this upcoming year and be the voice of all LCC students.

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

My name is Amanda Leora Martinez and this is my fourth year here at LCC. I am currently working on my associates degree in criminal justice. In the past, I have served two

years as SkillUSA President in 2011-12 and 2012-13 for cosmetology and student government president in 2012-13. I have five children and have never made them an excuse not to get something done. I am committed and will work my hardest to address your student concerns.



Amanda Leora Martinez

Jessica Sandoval Senate Candidate

Name, major, and position for which you are running for.

My name is Jessica Sandoval. I am currently in the process of earning my allied health certificate in the spring of 2015. I then plan on applying for the nursing program in the fall. I am running for student senator.

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

I feel my involvement in student government would benefit others because, I am a go-getter! I would do my best to listen to other students concerns they may have and try to address them.



Jessica Sandoval

Why do you want to be elected?

I earned a certificate in dental assisting at Luna in 2010. I am proud to come back to school and achieve my goals in becoming a nurse. This time being back at Luna I would like to make more of a difference and getting involved to help make Luna a great choice to earn a degree for future students. Getting involved with the community as well.

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

I am looking forward to being a part of LCC Student Government and would very much appreciate your vote. Thank you very much!

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Student government...

David Montaña Vice-Presidential Candidate

Name, major, and position for which you are running for.

Name: David Montaña

Major: Automotive Technical Collision Repair

Position running for: Vice President

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

I am goal-oriented, diligent, organized and approachable. I will listen to your ideas and recommendations. I am a team player.

What 3 things would you try to change if elected?

Change is not the word I would use when coming into the student government, but I will tell you what I would like to do.

1. I will first meet with my fellow students in student government to assess the issues at hand in order to determine what the primary issues are.

Kevin Arviso Vice-Presidential Candidate

Name, major, and position for which you are running for:

Kevin Arviso, General Science-AS, Electrical Engineer-BS, Vice President.

How do you think your involvement in Student Government will benefit other students?

"The People For The People." My participation in student government will not only enhance the quality of life at Luna Community College but give every one who is a member of Luna an opportunity to express their needs via student governments new and implemented open door policy, where students can actively engage in one-on-one conversations with their student government body that represents them.

What 3 things would you try to change if elected?

There will be new programs that will be proposed on my behalf that will help students get a sense and familiarity with the requirements and entire transfer process to any four-year university across the country. It can sometimes be very rigorous and daunting to do so, but it is a very important task, nonetheless. That is the main goal of the community college, to help prepare individuals for success at the four year university.

Another proposal I will bring to light will be the opportunity for students to save money on textbooks each semester by implementing a program where the school will actually be able to order all of your books through a website that is considerably cheaper than our current bookstore.

Last but certainly not least, I will take lead on a project crew that will make Luna Community College a more beautiful and delightful place that matches the creative and intriguing minds of our

2. I will assist in preparing a plan to effectively create or correct those issues.

3. Last but not least, as a member of student government, I will work diligently to achieve the goals set forth by your student government to reach current and future goals.

Why do you want to be elected?

I believe I will be an asset to student government with the experience and skills in advocating, organizing and implementing that I bring along with me.



David Montaña

very student body. Doing so, we will make Luna a more pleasant experience through the planting of more trees throughout campus, recycling properly of disposals to do our part in environmental "Green-ism", and most importantly a more comfortable place for us all to call our home away from home.

Why do you want to be elected?

I would like to be elected because, I just like many others, am tired of governments not doing enough from the federal level, state level down to our very own student government level. Government was created in it's earliest days for the people. To represent the true desires of the people. That ladies and gentlemen is the ultimate reason why I wish to be your vice president. I want the best for Luna, the best for the entire family that makes up Luna Community College.

Anything else you would like to say about yourself or the election.

Lastly, I would like each of you reading this to know that I Kevin Arviso upon being elected vice president of the student body will humbly and diligently work to bring the very best out of this community college; I will take lead of the student government body when necessary to provide each and every "Rough Rider" a more pleasant college experience. Thank you ladies and gentlemen—God Bless.



Kevin Arviso

Student government...

Amberlyn Sena **Secretary Candidate**

Name, major, and position for which you are running for.

My name is Amberlynn Sena, my major is business and accounting, and I am running for student government secretary.

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

I think I will benefit other students with my involvement by talking one-on-one with my peers.

What 3 things would you try to change if elected?

The three things I would try to change is recruitment, help with books, and more activities for students to enjoy on campus.

Why do you want to be elected?

I want to be elected to take efficient minutes for our peers to know what we discuss and upcoming changes.

I am part of SkillsUSA and am looking forward to becoming part of your student government, and working with great peers to make better changes for you.



Amberlyn Sena

Chelsea Rae Navarrette **Senate Candidate**

Name, major, and position for which you are running for.

Hi my name is Chelsea Rae Navarrette. I'm currently in the dental assistant program. I'm running for senator.

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

My involvement in student government would benefit others by listening to the student body with an open mind and a positive attitude.

What 3 things would you try to change if elected?

A few things I would like to change is the parking lot situation in the allied health building, better Wi-Fi connection for students and also to have new student tours of the campus.

Why do you want to be elected?

I would like to be elected because I can bring a fresh face to the student body and better serve the needs of the people. Thank you.



Chelsea Rae Navarrette

Carmelita Ulibarri **Senate Candidate**

Name, major, and position for which you are running for.

My name is Carmelita Ulibarri and I am majoring in business administration. The position I am running for is student senator.

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

I'll help make improvements for more student activities and provide awareness of all these activities. My intention is to bring the students more knowledge of what is going on.

What 3 things would you try to change if elected?

I would get the school to do more fundraisers for equipment upgrades, make sure students have proper academic assistance and help students get more involved in school activities.

Why do you want to be elected?

I would like to be elected in order to make major improvements for the school and student body.

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

This is my last semester at Luna Community College and I want to make a difference. I would really appreciate if you vote for me for student senator. Thanks.

Joseph Esquibel **Senate Candidate**

Name, major, and position for which you are running for.

Joseph Esquibel, auto collision, senator.

How do you think your involvement in Student Government will benefit other students?

I, as a student senator, intend to be the voice of LCC students who might have any concerns or ideas that might help make LCC a great and successful experience.

What 3 things would you try to change if elected?

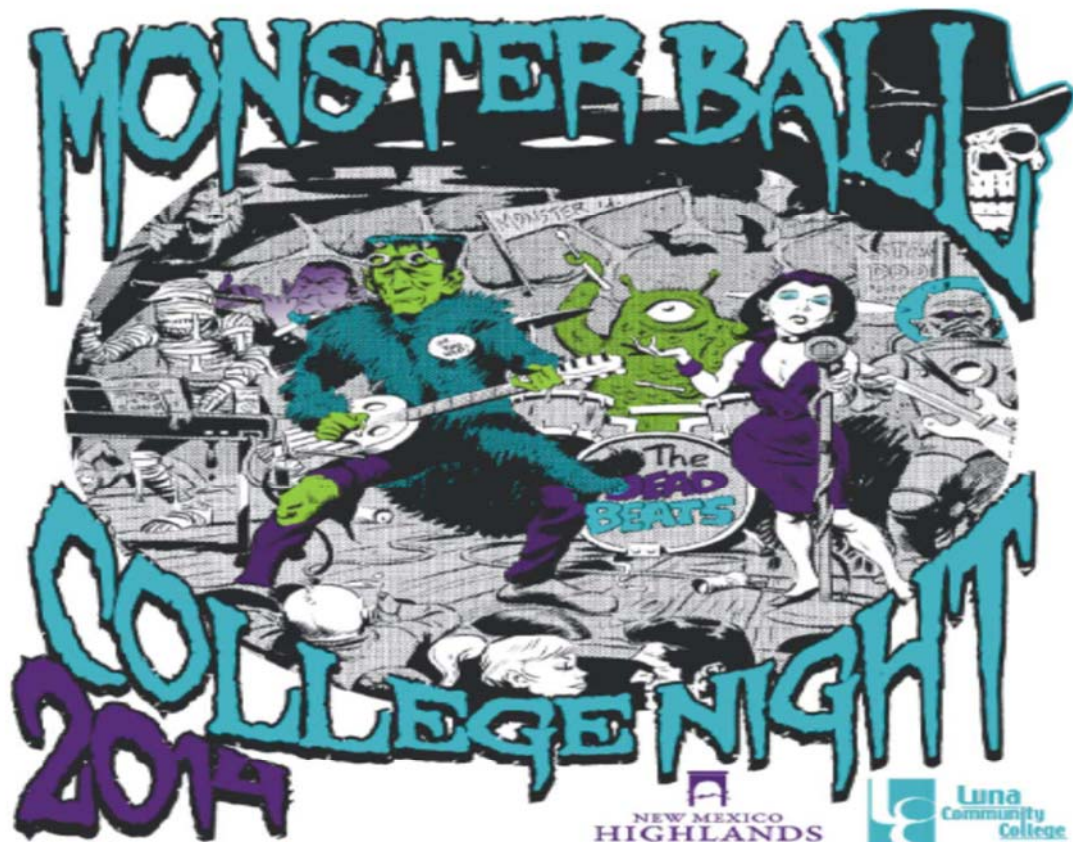
Help SkillsUSA Club as well as promote new clubs such as a pool team (game room lounge), perhaps even a football night. Basically more fun and activities.

Why do you want to be elected?

To try and make a difference at LCC and help my fellow students address concerns and hopefully come to a conclusion that will benefit everyone.

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

Let's come together as a students of Luna Community. Help me help you and let's make Luna Community College a great place to learn and have fun.



JOIN LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
& NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY
FOR THE 16TH ANNUAL COLLEGE NIGHT 2014

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014

5:00PM TO 7:00 PM

NMHU STUDENT UNION BUILDING

For information call 505-454-2550 or 505-454-3593



"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

lloyd.hammonds@coconino.edu



Northern New Mexico got its share of rain this summer. This particular picture depicts an arroyo running in El Pueblo (30 miles south of Las Vegas). Any Luna Community College student or employee wishing to have a nature photo published in *The Luna Light*, can send it to jgallegos@luna.edu.

Jesse's quick hits

Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—Jesse

What was the turtle doing on the highway?
About one mile a day.

What game do young toads play?
Tic tad toad.

What's a toad after it's six weeks old?
Seven weeks old

Why do frogs smile?
Because they are hoppy.

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