

The Luna Light



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“The People’s College”

Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America

Embracing “emergence” in education

By John Tiernan

On Aug. 16, Luna Community College had a very productive and informative employee orientation. The focus was on working together to prepare for the future. There were several presentations and employee exercises designed to stimulate employee feedback and foster collaboration and cooperation. The theme for the upcoming strategic plan was presented. “*Emergence*”, signifies the coming together of our goals and vision to lead us toward the future.

One of the exercises conceived and implemented by the Vice-president of Academics and Student Services, Dr. Vidal Martinez; was the first step toward bringing together the ideas of our colleagues toward an institutional strategic plan. In this exercise, the various departments were asked to answer three simple questions. The results were very enlightening and the most common answers are listed below:

Question 1: *What distinguishes LCC from other institutions?*

- Affordability – LCC offers one of the lowest tuition rates in New Mexico
- Small class sizes – By intentionally keeping our class sizes small, our instructors are able to provide individualized attention to our students.
- Friendly faculty and staff.
- Highly accessible through satellite campuses and our ever expanding efforts in distance learning.
- Expansion and improvement of our educational offerings, including learning outcome assessment and program level accreditation.

Question 2: *What should LCC strive to become in the future? What is our vision?*

- Become the premier institution in New Mexico.
- We need to become the first choice for potential students.
- Offering more classes at our satellite locations, via
- Interactive TV and online.

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Susan Grohman, MSN, is the new Luna Community Health Sciences Director. Look for a future edition of *The Luna Light* for more on Grohman. Longtime Director Conni Reichert will be the assistant director.

Record crowd served at LCC BBQ

By Donna Flores Medina

While event organizer, Melissa Lopez, contracted for a solid 300 she told Cafeteria Manager, Paul Sandoval, to have an extra 100 burgers ready to prepare “just in case” in last weeks Luna Community College’s Welcome Back BBQ. Sure enough 420 burgers were cooked with only five or six left a few minutes after 1 p.m.

Clyde Sanchez with the Pecos High School Dual Credit Program stated LCC did a good job when propane ran out and staff moved to plan B and finished cooking inside stating it was worth the short wait. He said he waited to eat last and there was plenty.

Nice job to everyone who helped in this event; the students really appreciated your service.

Emergence in education...

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- Getting involved in community planning processes to assess their needs when determining our own.
- Prepare students for either continuing to a university, or entering the workforce – This means not only teaching course materials, but also teaching communication skills, a strong work ethic, and how to be an outstanding member of the community.
- Continue to expand our programs, our facilities, and our technology.

Question 3: What steps should we take to realize the vision?

- Teamwork and Collaboration – Not only internally, but also

with other colleges and universities, local and state government, local businesses, our communities, and our students.

- Expand distance education.
- Increasing our student population.
- Expand our marketing efforts.

Many more wonderful ideas were expressed and while they could not all possibly be squeezed into a single article, every single one will be examined and discussed as we continue the strategic planning process. I congratulate the entire LCC family for their hard work and dedication. As we move forward, we move with a unified purpose and hopefully as a result, we will also become an even closer family.

Zumba, woodworking and acting classes

ZUMBA

Sep 7-Oct 25 Mon/Wed 1-2pm
Wellness Center
Instructor: Evan Gutierrez/Elitta Chavez
\$38

MASTER WOODWORKING

Sep 10-Oct 15 Saturdays 9am-3pm
LCC Wood Shop
Instructor: Robert Ortiz
\$60

THE CRAFT OF ACTING AS IMPROVIZATION

Sep 23-Nov 18 Fridays 6pm-9pm
LV 1st Methodist Church, Theatre Space
Instructor: Caroline Rackley
\$10 per session, \$90 for all 9 sessions.

For more information, call LCC Community Education @ 454-5311



Several softball and baseball players lend a hand in last week's Foundation Golf Tournament. Pictured Back Row (l-r) are: Jose Carter, Matt Houser, Shannon Garcia, J.D. Heredia, Hayden Mauch and Ridge Hoopii-Haslam. Front Row (l-r) are: Amber Harding, Tayler Atencio, Laura Sandoval and Shannon Krause.

Jesse's quick hits

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

Where does a cat go if it hurts its tail?
To a re-tail store.

Why didn't the skunk call his parents?
Because his phone was out of odor.

What do frogs like to drink?
Croak-a-Cola and hot croak-o.

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"The People's College"



LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Community Education - Fall 2011

The Craft of Acting as Improvisation

This class will explore improvisation as a vital element in successful human communication in any medium or circumstance. We will take up an acting training program of exercises that strengthen performance skills: memorization, concentration, imagination, movement, voice, theatre games and basic stagecraft. These skills are useful in scripted and unscripted theatre as well as film. Students will be introduced to the theatrical styles of Italian Renaissance Commedia del Arte, Shakespeare, The Moscow Art Theatre, Chicago's Second City, and Playback Theatre—the international movement dedicated to the improvisation of personal stories.

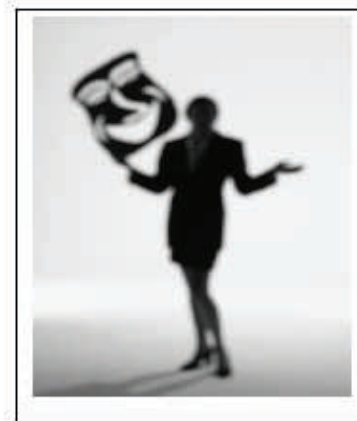
SEP 23–NOV 18 FRIDAYS 6PM–9PM

LOCATION: FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Theatre Space

INSTRUCTOR: **CAROLINE RACKLEY**

COST: \$10 PER SESSION, \$90 FOR ALL 9 SESSIONS

To register, call LCC Office of Community Education at 454-5311, or call Caroline Rackley at 425-6092, cell (505)-217-6169, e-mail @ designuhtd@newmexico.com. We strongly encourage students to pre-register for this class.



Weekly Activities

Friday, September 9, 2011

9:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Viles Foundation Scholarship Meeting (Student Serv/Conf. Rm.)

Saturday, September 10, 2011

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. C.N.A. Testing (Allied Health/Nrsg. Lab#3, Comp.Lab#7, MO-11)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDSMP Community Workshop (Student Services/Conf. Rm.)
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Class (General Studies/Room 102-B)

LCC welcomes Vanessa Rollings

On behalf of the Luna Community College-Springer Satellite, we are happy to welcome Ms. Vanessa Rollings to our team as the Springer Satellite Office Manager. Vanessa was employed with Eastern New Mexico University, therefore, she brings a bright smile, outstanding personality and much experience. Please help me in welcoming Vanessa to our LCC family. Vanessa's extension is 1902.

Thank you!

Louise Fernandez-Portillos



Vanessa Rollings

2011 Foundation Golf Tourney



Bank of Las Vegas: Bruce Erikson, Gary Vaisa, Emilio Vallejos and Gilbert Vallejos.



Hands Engineering: Richard Roybal, Andrew Hurtado, David Sullens and James Hands.



LCC Board of Trustees: Jerry Maestas, Leo Montoya, Tony Valdez and Javier Ortega.



Paul Davis Restoration: Ambrose Castellano, Jeff Barela Jr., Sam Garcia and Jeff Barela.

2011 Foundation Golf Tourney



Best Western Montezuma Inn and Suites: Jay Bhakta, Melissa Roads, Sanjay Bhakta, and Ira Harge Jr.



Guadalupe County Hospital: Alfred Cordova, Joe Campos, Phil Aragon and James Whinery.



Guadalupe County Hospital 2: Vic Bhakta, Kal Bhakta, B.J. Bhakta and Mo Patel.



Pete Campos Team: Louie Romero, Russ Sanford, Peter Campos Jr. and Albert Campos.

2011 Foundation Golf Tourney



State Farm Rosemarie Montoya: Benny Flores, Les Montoya, Henry Valdez and Richard Flores.



Alta Vista Hospital: Leonard Tapia, Dr. Cordell Halverson, Frank Almendarez and Mike Cruz.



Franken Companies: Earl Reiss, Jean Jaureg-berry, Alan Franken and Jim Franken.



Warfield Team: Tony Cordova, Phil Warfield, Randy Hays and Chris Quintana.

2011 Foundation Golf Tourney



PNM Foundation: Paul Gutierrez, Sayuri Yamada, Matt Jaramillo and Mike D'Antonio.



Community First 1: Nick Marrujo, Jay Moore, Ashley Moore and Ernesto Salazar.



Community First 2: Chuck Peterson, Ken Litherland, Don Woods, Keith Tucker and Jack Litherland.



Northern Insurance: Grant Gregory, P.J. Wolff, Mike Gregory and Phil Wolff.

Tentative activities for fall 2011

September 15, 2011 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	National Hispanic Month Celebration Entertainment & food	Tech Patio
September 20, 2011 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m. 11:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m.	National Hispanic Month Celebration Symposium Food	LRC Auditorium LRC Atrium
October 31, 2011 All day	Halloween Decorating contest	LCC Campus
November 10, 2011 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Native American Month Celebration Entertainment & food	Rough Rider Grill
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November 23, 2011 8:30 a.m.-	Food Drive Distribution	Rough Rider Grill
December 3, 2011 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Luminaria's at LCC	LCC Campus
December 10, 2011 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Holiday Craft Fair	Rough Rider Grill

AVRH to host Health Fair on Sept. 17

Alta Vista Regional Hospital (AVRH) invites you to the annual free community-wide Health Fair on Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center Gym. Free health screenings and information will be featured from area health care and insurance providers, consumer advocates and groups, social service and volunteer organizations.

Health screenings will include blood pressure and blood sugar and body fat testing. Health fair participants will have the opportunity to receive a massage demonstration.

The United Blood Services will be on site to accept blood donations. Other offerings at the health fair include face painting for the kids, free swim day passes, come meet Mickey Mouse and much more.

LCC MEAL CARD
\$50

Rough Rider Grill

Buy it at the Fiscal Office Today!

Alta Vista hosting Second Annual Run/Walk

Alta Vista Regional Hospital invites you to take part in the second annual 5K life run/walk and Children's Run on Saturday, Sept. 17. The 5K run/walk is professionally timed/resulted by Turquoise Timing. The Start and finish for both the 5K and 1 Mile Children's Run is at the north side of Alta Vista Regional Hospital near the medical office building.

Course Descriptions:

5K Course – start at hospital, east on Legion Drive, north on Las Vegas Blvd (frontage road), past Night Owl & Harris pond, turnaround at marker, retrace route to start/finish area.

Children's Run Course - start at hospital, west on Legion Drive (sidewalk & bike lane) to Calle El Dorado (end of field), retrace steps

to start/finish.

The early bird registration fee of \$15 has been extended and must be received no later than Friday, Sept. 9. Late registration is \$20. The children's run registration fee is \$5 for early bird registration. Late registration is \$10. Entry forms are available at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center, Alta Vista Regional Hospital, affiliated physician clinics and on-line at www.altavistaregionalhospital.com/healthfairandrun.

For more information please the AVRH Marketing Department at (505) 426-3772, e-mail mathew_martinez@chs.net or linda_leyba@chs.net.

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Santa Rosa



ROUTE 66 Festival

Friday – Cruise Night & Live Music » Saturday – Car Show 10am to 3pm

SEPT 9-10

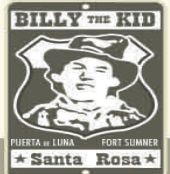
7th Annual



Pecos River Motorcycle Rally



Surf Lords
Le Chat Lunatique
Off the Record



Billy the Kid "Catch For Cash" Run »

SEPT 9-11



NM State Championship Bar-B-Que Cook Off

Brisket
Chicken
Pork Ribs

Trophy Awards For:
1st to 3rd Place for Meats ★ 1st Place for Beans ★ 1st Place for Chile
Live Music - Blue Harmony

Sanctioned by Lone Star Bar-B-Que Society

SEPT 9-10



Route 66 Custom Car Show
Santa Rosa Park Lake

LIVE
MUSIC

Co-sponsored by Luna Community College

SEPT 9-10



Live Music

Surf Lords
Le Chat Lunatique
Off the Record
BC Sound Express ★ Blue Harmony ★ Croyal

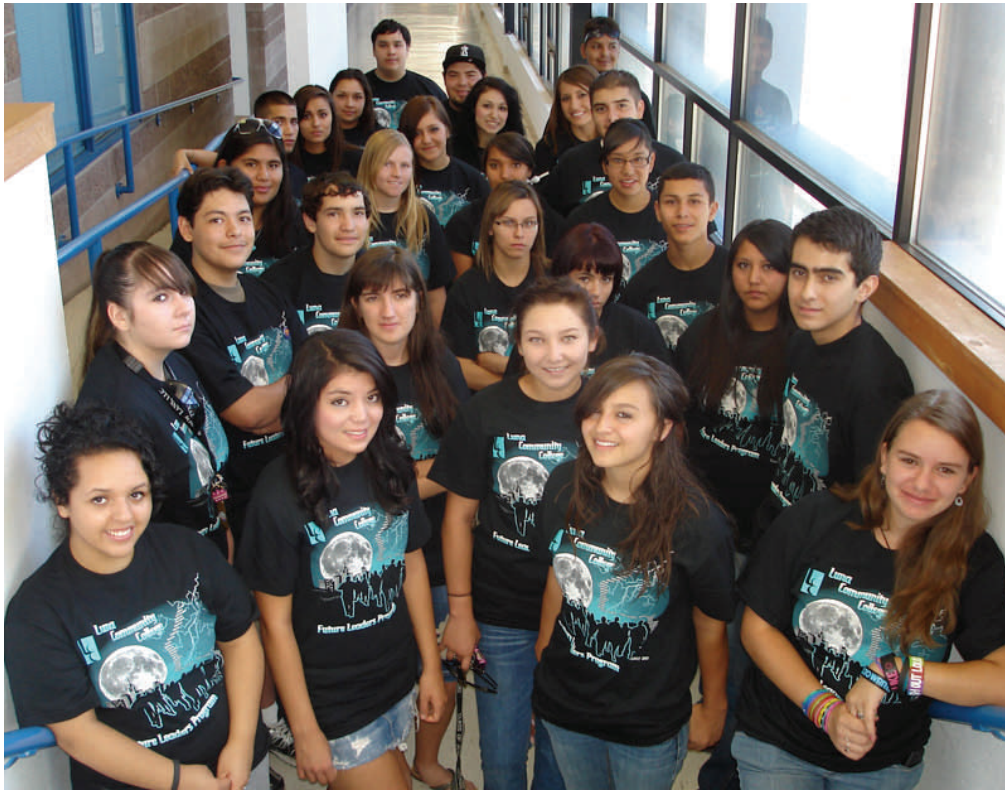


www.santarosanm.org/route66festival » 575.472.3763

For a full Schedule of Events, please visit our website.



Santa Rosa



Pictured are some of the LCC Future Leaders Summer Program participants. They are: Justin Bustos, Jesus Caro, Christopher B. Cavazos, Marissa Chavez, Francisco Duran, Monique Duran, Marian Gabaldon, Rebecca Galdean, Brianna Gallegos, Daniel Gallegos, Sandra Garcia, Victoria Gomez, Gabriella Gonzales, Karissa Grano, Alexis Hustito, Ashley Jaramillo, Giavanna LaFerriere, Sonya Lane, Ashley Lovato, Jennae Lucero, Manuel J. Lucero, Jennie Ludi, Jonathan Maestas, Jonathan A. Martinez, Kimberly Martinez, Michael J. Martinez, Montanna Martinez, Nallely Martinez, Jane Montano, Daniel Montoya, Dominique Montoya, Jonathan Nelson, Christopher Olivas, Karly Marie Ortiz, Olivia Ortiz, Melecio Perea, Tyler Pina, Jillian Reinel, Jeremy Romero, Amber Rougemont, Brian Rudolph, Juanita Saiz, Keshia Salazar, Michael Salazar, Miguel Serna, Shawntel Tenorio, Victoria Urrutia and Tomas Vigil.

Luna CC's Tenorio plays vital role in t-shirt design

Luna Community College Future Leaders Program student Shawntel Maria Ellena Tenorio played a major role in designing the program t-shirt.

"I wanted to depict us as future leaders worldwide. Mrs. Marr-Montoya, Program Coordinator suggested the picture silhouette of actual students on the shirt," said Tenorio.

The picture was taken at one of their field trips to Intel Corporation.

Tenorio is a 2011 graduate of West Las

Vegas High where she was a member of the National Honor Society. As a high school student, she earned 21 transferrable college credit hours at LCC while participating the Dual-Credit/Concurrent Enrollment Program.

As a high school National Honor Society student, she was committed to community service and completed 116 of community service at Luna Community College.

Future Leaders Program has 100 percent retention rate

Luna Community College's Future Leaders Summer Program had a 100 percent retention rate. The program allowed qualifying high school students and 2011 graduating seniors to earn college credit in science, math, engineering and technology, while instilling leadership and college success skills.

All students costs were defrayed by the program. The program was under the Science, Math Engineering & Technology Department, where Dr. Andrew Feldman serves as department director. The success of the program is due to the dedication of the administration, faculty and staff of LCC. The students thank LCC for their wonderful summer experience and the college credit earned.

Future Leaders Coordinator was LouElla Marr-Montoya. The program participants included students from Las Vegas Robertson, West Las Vegas, Mora, Santa Rosa, Springer, Wagon Mound, Pecos and N.M. Military Institute.



Shawntel Maria Ellena Tenorio

Future Leaders Program comments

The following are comments from students that participated in the LCC Future Leaders Program this summer.

“The program kept me involved. It allowed me to feel like a real college student. It encouraged me to continue to attend LCC. Personally, I loved the program.”

“Being that I just graduated, this program was beneficial to me by giving me a taste of what college is like.”

“This program was really good because it prepares you for college and gives incentives and benefits that help.”

“The program helped me to gain confidence for future classes in math.”

“I enjoyed the trip to Sandia National Labs the most and my physics class. They captured my attention!”

“The program will benefit me in starting my college career.”

“It was great because it gave me something positive to do for the summer. The field trips help show the many different jobs.”

“It was a great way to spend the summer. I now have a wider outlook on jobs after attending the field trips.”

“I enjoyed the summer classes. The LCC classes will help me toward my BA Degree.”

“The program was great. I would recommend my little sister to attend the program.”

“The classes will help me with engineering after high school.”

“The program kept me involved. It allowed me to feel like a real



LCC Future Leaders Program participants had an opportunity to visit several divisions of Sandia National Laboratories. With the participants are Wendy Amai (far left, second row) a graduate of Robertson High. She is currently the head of the Sandia Robotics Vehicle Range. Also in the picture is former LCC SMET Director Dr. Gill Gallegos far right, second row). He is an assistant professor of computer science and a department chair at Highlands University. He worked at Sandia Labs over the summer.

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“It was a great way to spend the summer. I now have a wider outlook on jobs after attending the field trips.”

“The program helped me get ahead in college classes.”

“The field trips were the most enjoyable part. The program gave me college credit and information on colleges.”

“It opened my eyes on jobs that interest me. It gave me new skills.”

“I will earn college credit and get ahead.”

“I enjoyed everything. It was great.”

“It prepared me for future college courses. It was fun and very helpful and educational.”

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ELECTIONS

BECOME A STUDENT LEADER.
RUN FOR LCC Student Government

VOTE
VOTE
VOTE

Elections to be held on

Thurs. Sept. 29th & Fri. Sept. 30th
&

Pickup applications beginning Sept. 19th

For more information go to

www.luna.edu

or contact Student Government

at studentgov@luna.edu



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Applications may be picked up in the I.T. Dept.-Room TE-139 (Technology Bldg)