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LCC’S Phi Theta Kappa chapter continues legacy of excellence in New Mexico region

Luna Community College’s Phi Theta Kappa Beta Mu Nu Chapter advisors and members recently attended the New Mexico Region Spring Convention at the UNM Valencia campus in Los Lunas. The convention was a day filled with personal and professional development in learning about current Phi Theta Kappa programs. The purpose of the regional convention is to promote The Phi Theta Kappa Experience by equipping members and advisors to effectively communicate the benefits of membership and to implement Honors in Action by integrating the Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship.

Regional conventions also recognize and celebrate Honors in Action achievements of individuals, chapters and the region; promote understanding and implementation of Honors in Action and Society’s mission to impact the college, community, and beyond; provide leadership opportunities for chapters, officers and advisors; and conduct any necessary regional business to include the election of regional officers.

Along with receiving a Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters update on new and existing initiatives, this year’s N.M. Regional Convention highlights incorporated a Regional Community College Completion Corps Challenge to encourage all chapters to host Commit to Complete Signing Day events on their campuses. Convention attendees learned about the new 2012-14 Honors Study Topic, The Culture of Competition and the process of implementing Honors in Action and College projects. Students and advisors attended break-out sessions on various Society topics and everyone participated in the Society’s Regional Hallmark Award Presentations. Additionally, new regional leaders were elected for 2012, whereby, LCC student, Ihsan Wadud-Rodriguez was nominated, campaigned, and elected to serve as New Mexico Regional Secretary.

According to Ihsan, “The NM Regional Convention was very exciting. A great deal of knowledge was given to us, including the benefits, resources, and aids designed for member success, both academically and occupationally. It also included prizes, humor, a great social experience, and some of my favorite foods. I feel honored to have been elected to serve the N.M. Region and equally honored to be working with such determined and enthusiastic members of the Society. The members, officers, and regional coordinator made me feel we are going to raise the bar this year in supporting and working with all 19 chapters in the region.”

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Luna Community College nursing student Joala Arnold accepts a New Mexico Nursing Excellence Scholarship Award from LCC Assistant Director of Allied Health Sciences Conni Reichert.

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Legacy of excellence...



Pictured clockwise are: Beta Mu Nu Chapter Officer Ihsan Wadud-Rodriguez (right) receiving a Distinguished Chapter Award from Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters Representative Susan Edwards (left) and N.M. Regional Coordinator and Beta Mu Nu Chapter Advisor Cindy Armijo; Regional President Vickie Wallace and N.M. Regional Coordinator Cindy Armijo presenting the Continued Excellence Award for Advisors to Beta Mu Nu Chapter Advisor Dr. Twila Quintana and newly elected 2012 Phi Theta Kappa New Mexico Regional Officers (l-r) Patrick Archuleta, Northern District Vice President; Michael Lawing, Southern District Vice President; Torres Leyba, Regional President; and Ihsan Wadud-Rodriguez, Regional Secretary.



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During the annual Regional Hallmark Awards Presentation which recognizes chapters, members and advisors for their accomplishments in 2011, LCC's Beta Mu Nu Chapter, once again, received regional recognition by garnering chapter hallmark awards in the College Project and Honors in Action Project categories and one individual advisor award. Hallmark Awards reflect participation and reported outcomes in Phi Theta Kappa programs and activities. Award Nomination Entries are submitted to the Phi Theta Kappa Center for Excellence in Jackson, Miss., where entries are rated and ranked by Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters' committees.

The following is a listing of the award recognitions the Beta Mu Nu Chapter received: Most

Distinguished College Project Award; Distinguished Honors in Action Project Award; Distinguished Honors in Action Issue Award; Distinguished Chapter Award; Shining Star Award; Five-Star Status Award; and Continued Excellence Award for Advisors – Dr. Twila Quintana.

“These awards and recognitions are a result of the dedication and commitment to excellence demonstrated by the members and advisors of LCC's Beta Mu Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. A great amount of time and energy goes into meeting the expectations required to maintain our status at the regional level. It is the culmination of much work and effort on our part,” said Chapter Advisor and N.M. Regional Coordinator Cindy Armijo.

Dr. Quintana further stated, “Our chapter has consistently set very high standards for ourselves and we are now beginning to see other chapters in the region elevate their levels of participation to compete with us. It has been very challenging to sustain being the top chapter in the region for the past six years.”

Armijo, Quintana and Wadud-Rodriguez will be traveling to Nashville, Tenn. April 12-15 to attend the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention. Beta Mu Nu Chapter advisors and members are hopeful to continue their legacy of bringing home International Hallmark Awards for their 2011 chapter projects.

The article was submitted by Cindy Armijo .

Rough winds at Springer Satellite



During the height of the winds, Springer Satellite's welcome sign fell over. Facilities employee Mike Turner and part of Art Arguello's welding class were able to fix it. Pictured above (left) are Mike Turner, Shooter Hill, Jordan May, Cody Fullerton securing the sign. Pictured (right) are Art Arguello, William Maestas, Jordan May, Shooter Hill and Cody Fullerton.



Vanessa Rollings creates one of her many delightful holiday displays on the LCC-Springer Satellite bulletin board recently. Students, staff and guests always look forward to see what new creation Vanessa is going to come up with.



Recruiting activities

- Monday, March 19 – School visit, Santa Fe Indian School, 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 20 – KFUN Radio, Community Ed., Tax Service info, 8 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 21 – No activities planned
- Thursday, March 22 – No activities planned
- Friday, March 23 – Campus Tour, WLV students, 9 a.m.
- Saturday, March 24 – Skills Swap Meet, LCC Campus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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On the purpose of student government

By Joanna Tsyitee

What is the LCC Student Government? What's the point? The Luna Community College Student Government is committed to pursuing the following goals:

- To represent the student body of LCC
- To encourage cooperation and communication between the students, faculty, administration, board members, and all campus organizations.
- To provide a forum for student expression and the exchange of student-faculty views.
- To enhance the quality of student life at LCC.
- To encourage educational retention and aid in the achievement of educa-

tional goals.

- To represent LCC through words and deeds which reflect well upon the college and the students represented.

Our goal is to make Luna Community College the best possible educational and life experience it can be for all of the students we represent. These students are not only nurses or GED students; not only Las Vegas or Springer students; not just first-time or returning students; we represent everyone and we want to hear from you.

We hold office hours in room SS-104 – one member should be there every day; we hold at least one open meeting a month to which anyone and everyone is welcome; and we attend classes just like other students. You

can always bring issues to us through any of these venues and you can trust that we will follow through.

When we receive an issue, it is brought up in a meeting and we find a solution. If we cannot solve the problem by ourselves, we go to the administration. If there are still issues, we go to the Board of Trustees. Your Student Government does not give up.

Please feel free to bring any issue to us and we will do our best to help you. We want to be there for you; please know that we are a powerful and energetic resource for you, the students.

Your Student Government is listening.

We are active.

We are here for you!

Student Government Office Hours

<u>Member</u>	<u>Day and Time</u>
Joanna Tsyitee, President	Mondays from 12:15pm – 1:30pm
Joelynn Sanchez, Vice-President	Tuesdays from 8:00am – 9:00am
Shannon Saiz, Secretary	Fridays from 9:00am – 10:00am
Ben Casey Encinias, Treasurer	Wednesday from 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Danielle Archuleta, Senator	Fridays from 10:30am – 11:30am.
Diane Carrillo, Senator	Tues/Thurs. from 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Richard Flores, Senator	Thursdays from 10:00am – 11:00am
Tyler Piña, Senator	Wednesdays from 9:00am – 10:00am

Student Government office hours provide the perfect opportunity to ask questions or share an opinion. We are located right next to the Registrar's Office in room SS-104.



Open meetings will be held on the dates below at 11:30 am in the LRC.

• February 24th • March 9th • April 20th • May 4th

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Rough Riders win again

The Luna Community College Rough Riders are not only battling teams, they are taking the season series from them.

Over the weekend, the Rough Riders won two of three over Trinidad State and are now 12-19

on the year. The Rough Riders won four out of six games with Trinidad State on the year.

"We battled all series long, but we have to minimize the damages when we make mistakes," said LCC Coach Antonio Siqueiros. "We need to find one to three key hits with runners in scoring position and keep the confidence going. Trinidad State is a pretty good team. Everyone is doing well. Mike Martinez is pitching outstanding for us; he's keeping us in ball games."

The LCC softball team did not play over the weekend and will host West Texas this Friday and Saturday. The baseball team travels to Arizona this week.



Mike Martinez

LCC's Krause representing New Mexico as New Century Scholar

Jackson, Miss.— Luna Community College criminal justice student Shannon Krause is one of 50 community college students from the United States, Canada and Guam named 2012 New Century Scholars – receiving a total of \$100,000 in scholarships. The New Century Scholars Program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa, and American Association of Community Colleges.

The New Century Scholars program and All-USA Community College Academic Team, which is presented by USA TODAY and Phi Theta Kappa and sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group, share a common application and together recognize outstanding community college students. More than 1,700 students were nominated from more than 800 community colleges for recognition. Judges consider grades, leadership, activities and most importantly, how students extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom.

New Century Scholars are the highest scoring students in each state, plus one student from Canada and one additional student chosen from among one of the remaining seven sovereign nations where Phi Theta Kappa is represented internationally. Each scholar will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and plaque, and



Shannon Krause

will be recognized in the April 23, 2012 edition of USA TODAY.

“We appreciate the support of the Coca-

Cola Scholars Foundation and The Coca-Cola Foundation to recognize the outstanding academic achievement and leadership accomplishments of these outstanding community college students,” said Phi Theta Kappa’s Executive Director, Dr. Rod Risley. “These scholarships provided by organizations like Coca-Cola make the goal of college completion possible – especially during these challenging economic times.”

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1,280 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, Peru, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. More than 2.5 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 135,000 students inducted annually.

Article by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Weekly activities

Monday, March 19, 2012

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *DWI Class (General Studies/102B)*

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. *San Miguel County Economic Sustainability Meeting (Student Services/Conference Room)*

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *LCC Board of Trustees Board Meeting (Student Services/Conference Room)*

Thursday, March 22, 2012

5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. *Social Event with Community Families/ Noches de Familia (IPC/Cafeteria)*

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. *Dual Credit Orientation (Student Services/Conf. Room)*

Friday, March 23, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *LV Realtors Training Course (Student Services/Conf. Room)*

Saturday, March 24, 2012


8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Skills USA Auto Club Swap Meet (Admin./Parking Lot)*

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *New Mexico Department of Game & Fish Training (Santa Rosa Satellite/Computer Lab)*

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Dual Credit Orientation (Student Services/Conf. Room)* 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Student Government Hosting Softball Tail Gate Barbeque (Rodriguez Park)*

Sunday, March 25, 2012


No Activities Scheduled



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Luna Community College Third Baseman Mike Valois gets ready on defense (left photo) and then tags out a New Mexico Military Institute player last Monday at home. The two teams split a doubleheader. The Rough Riders play Mesa Community College on the road on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Small Business Development Center at Luna Community College was at the City Office's on Thursday March 15 promoting their services to the businesses renewing their license. March 15 was the annual deadline for all small businesses looking to renew their license from the previous year. The SBDC staff was speaking to those businesses on the free services they can provide on business expansion and retention, as well as startup assistance. For more information on the Small Business Development Center call (505) 454-2582 or (800) 588-7232 ext. 1759, or visit our website at www.nmsbdc.org/lasvegas



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**For more information regarding the Luna Community College
Student Academic Advancement Institute please contact:
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