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Changes to lottery scholarship

Dear Student:

At Luna Community College we provide a quality education at an affordable price and create opportunities for you. We also understand the financial responsibility and commitment many of our students are faced with when obtaining a higher education.

As you may be aware with recent media coverage of the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship, the resources to fully fund this upcoming semester are inadequate. Currently the New Mexico Higher Education Department has requested from the New Mexico Legislature additional monies to fund the Lottery Scholarship program this spring 2014 semester and future semesters.

Currently the situation with the Lottery Scholarship is as follows:

- Financial constraints for funding
- Future guidance from New Mexico Legislature
- Proper notification from New Mexico Higher

Education Department regarding award funding

As soon as the Office of Student Financial Aid is notified of any changes or adjustments made to guidelines, we will immediately release further information regarding the Lottery Scholarship.

Also, the LCC Office of Student Financial Aid encourages you to visit with our staff and explore what other financial options may be available.

We thank you for your patience as we continue to work through this financial situation. If you have any questions, concerns, or need further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the LCC Office of Student Financial Aid or the New Mexico Higher Education Department at 800-279-9777 or e-mail at www.fin.aid@state.nm.us.

Thank you,
Office of Student Financial Aid



Luna Community College students Daniel Hernandez, Francisco Sena and Nathan Roybal enjoy a Thanksgiving Meal sponsored by the LCC Student Senate. These three braved the cold temperatures and ate their meal outdoors. The fall semester ended on Friday and the start of the spring semester begins on Monday, Jan. 13. Spring class schedules are available both online and by hard copy.

LCC/WLV meet to help out El Valle

Several Luna Community College and West Las Vegas representatives met last week in El Valle to talk about future educational opportunities for the area.

Representing LCC at the meeting were LCC President Dr. Pete Campos, LCC Board Secretary Dan Romero and LCC Board of Trustee Frankie Tenorio. Representing WLV were Superintendent Gene Parson, Valley Middle School Principal Kathy Lucero and Valley Head Teacher Rose Marie Salinas. Also at the meeting were Rep. Tomas Salazar and former Rep. Rick Vigil.

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“Here at the Valley, people desire to have a better education whether it be a GED or vocational training,” said Parson. “Schooling is one of the most important aspects of a community. We can’t just keep this school open, but expand it.”

Romero, who along with Tenorio represent the El Valle area, knows the importance of an education.

“These days without a GED or equivalent to it, people cannot get a job,” said Romero. “The people in this area say there was a GED program here at one time. We need to do something to help people get jobs. We need to keep things surviving. We need to give people in this area an opportunity and a lot of guidance. They can’t move up in the workforce without an education.”

Tenorio said that he sees LCC having a bigger presence in El Valle.

“It’s up to us to take this back to the board and see what we can do for this area,” said Tenorio.

“Perhaps, eventually we can start working on a learning center here.”

Rep. Salazar recommended that LCC have a board meeting in the area and get other entities involved.

“We need to see if we can get land grant committees involved,” said Salazar. “Land



Several Luna Community College and West Las Vegas representatives met at Valley Middle School on Tuesday to discuss future educational opportunity to the area. Pictured clockwise are: former Rep. Rick Vigil, Rep. Tomas Salazar, WLV Superintendent Gene Parson, LCC President Dr. Pete Campos, Valley Principal Kathy Lucero, LCC Board of Trustee Frankie Tenorio and LCC Board Secretary Dan Romero. Not pictured, but at the meeting, is Valley Head Teacher Rose Marie Salinas.

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grant committees are significant. We need to find groups that can advocate for this area. We want to find out what this community wants. My pledge to you is to be as helpful as I can. The board and the president need to find out where there is a niche. We cannot lose them (the people because of a lack of education).”

Lucero said that innovation is a key.

“We need to find a way to spark that interest,” said Lucero. “Transportation is the biggest issue.”

Former Rep. Vigil said that having a meeting in El Valle is a good start.

“We do want to have something here,” said Vigil. “We need to let the people know

that we are part of Luna Community College; we want equity. We need to open this school (in the evenings) so we can use it. We just want a little piece of the pie. The fact that Luna Community College is trying to do something is a great start.”

Dr. Campos called everyone getting together as “crucial.”

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Luna Community College registration for the spring semester is ongoing.



LCC YOUTHBUILD student Thomas DeHerrera earns GED

Thomas DeHerrera recently became the fourth Luna Community College (LCC) YouthBuild program participant to earn a GED.

Pictured alongside Thomas are LCC YouthBuild staff members (at bottom): Kelley Fahey Alcón, administrative assistant and Brendaleigh Lobato, GED instructor. Pictured (top, l-r) are: Eddie King, director; and Robert (Louie) Plagge, VOC instructor. Not pictured is Roderick Luján, case manager/transition coordinator.

Position Announcements

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

- Instructor-Medical Surgical Nursing (closes 1-31-14 or until filled)
- Instructor-Family Nursing (closes 1-31-14 or until filled)
- Allied Health Director (closes 1-31-14 or until filled)
- Student ACE Lab Assistant/Tutor (PT Temporary) (Closes 11-27-13)

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.

BPA seeking donations For “Links of Love”

Hello everyone,

I hope that you all had a happy Thanksgiving, and are doing well. I am writing this to thank the local banks in Las Vegas for assisting the West Las Vegas High School and the West Las Vegas Valley Business Professionals of America “Links of Love” initiative by allowing us to place jars at their businesses. These jars will remain at the State Employees Credit Union, First Community Bank, and Southwest Capital Bank.

I was excited to be presented by Mr. Mike Melton of Southwest Capital Bank with a donation check for \$250 to the BPA “Links of Love” initiative. More importantly, he said something that makes perfect sense that I would like to share with you. He said, “I know you have heard the saying that nice guys finish last. It’s not true. It

just takes longer sometimes, so don’t give up and stay doing the right thing.” As a kid, we sometimes don’t see that we are being taken seriously, or that our opinions matter, but they do. I hope that through this initiative, not only will you be excited to donate to Special Olympics, but you will get involved with other organizations that provide relief of some sort to those in need.

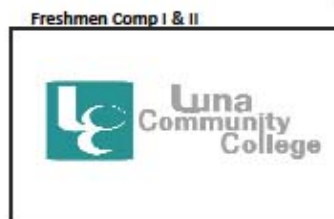
If you are interested in donating to “Links of Love,” please drop off your donations at any of the banks listed above, or feel free to contact me at rexrunner21@gmail.com.

**Respectfully,
Caleb Vigil
Vice-President of Community Relations
New Mexico Business Professionals of America**

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Rake Up these classes before they are full

**Spring 2014 Early Registration
November 15th — January 10th**



Public Speaking

Nursing

Computer Fundamentals

Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II



Introduction to Sociology

Introduction to Algebra

Dental

**Don't be left waiting
Register Now**

Teacher Education



Freshmen Comp I & II

Intermediate Algebra

Automotive Technology

Fire Science

Accounting

Introduction to Psychology

College Algebra

Biology

Criminal Justice



Culinary



Auto Collision



Spanish

History of New Mexico



Cosmetology

Welding

Weekly calendar

Monday, December 9, 2013

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

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Quality NM Executive Briefing (Student Service 102)

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. SLOA Presentations (LRC Lecture Hall)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. LAT Meeting (Student Service 102)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Safety Belt Class (General Studies 102B)

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. HELP NM Training (LRC Lecture Hall)

Thursday, December 12, 2013

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (IPC Dining Hall)

Saturday, December 14, 2013

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CNA Testing (Allied Health NO-7 & MO-11)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Class (General Studies 102B)



Title V Newsletter

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"Creating a Pathway to Success in High-Demand Programs"

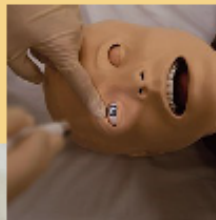
SimMan 3G has Arrived!

The wave of the future is here! Education simulators are an essential tool to help healthcare students improve critical thinking and how to respond or take action in various clinical settings.

The SimMan 3G is the best in what he can be programmed to do. Students can practice basic skills such as catheterization, injections and patient movement, then more on to programmed scenarios with high-fidelity patient simulators. The students will practice on SimMan 3G in a variety of clinical, critical thinking and decision-making scenarios, which will help prepare them for real life medical practice!

SimMan 3G is our "Bionic Man" of all. He is a wireless state-of-art solution. The military runs simulated training exercises, pilots fly in simulators before they ever get into an air-

plane, truck drivers and fire fighters all work with simulators as well. The simulation Lab along with all the mannequins provide better patient care. We can now provide this at Luna Community College and SimMan 3G can help educators achieve the optimal training environment with the most realistic outcomes possible. The software interface allows the instructors to create effective simulations to tailor the difficulty to match the skills of every student.



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helping save lives

Simulation Lab Supervisor Ms. Susan Olson-Smith programs scenarios and then debriefs a simulation with the students. SimMan 3G will train students with out risk to patients, to prevent medical errors and when errors do occur, find out why. All students can be taught in the same standardized way. The software can include images, sounds, and multimedia graphics to further enhance the students' learning experiences.

Title V Staff

Lorraine Martinez, Director • Veronica Serna, Activity Director • Tiffany Young, Office Manager
Susan Olson-Smith, Sim Lab Supervisor • Larry Paiz, Instructional Designer

Future Santa Rosa Satellite LCC Regional Health and Safety Center in need of renovation



Luna Community College Board of Trustee Frankie Tenorio, President Dr. Pete Campos, Temporary Office Manager Chastin Bravo along with Santa Rosa Campus Director Albert Campos Jr. view the damage caused by the July 3 hail storm to the future LCC Regional Health and Safety Center building in Santa Rosa. Engineers, along with insurance agents are trying to arrive at an agreement on how to approach repairs to the building. The community has expressed a need for the completion of the buildings interior. Once completed, the building will house a computer lab thanks to Title IV , a tactical and self defense training room for all students, law enforcement and correctional agencies, a sound room for aerobics, Zumba, yoga, and dance. Also being planned for the interior will be cardio and free weight areas. Both enrolled students and community members will be eligible to take advantage of the new state-of-the-art facility once completed. Santa Rosa Satellite Director Campos, along with Tenorio, both concurred that Santa Rosa residents have been anxiously awaiting the opening of this facility. Once completed it will boost enrollment and bring new life to LCC downtown Santa Rosa.

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Several LCC students to be inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Established by Missouri two-year college presidents in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming.

Today, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than two million members and 1,300 chapters located in 50 United States, U.S. territories, Canada, Germany, and Japan. In 1929, the American Association of Community Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges.

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

Phi Theta Kappa's mission is two-fold:

(1) recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and (2) provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. Luna Community College's Beta Mu Nu Chapter of Phi theta Kappa was chartered in 2003 and is currently celebrating its 10-year anniversary. Since 2003, 461 members have been inducted and the chapter has enjoyed tremendous recognition at the local, regional and international levels.

Beta Mu Nu Chapter has 18 eligible Luna Community College students. They are: Brianna Abeyta, Raymond Benavidez, Sharon Desanto, Nathan Duran, Daniel Paul Gallegos, Deanna Renee Gold, Maria Jesusita Herrera, Jeremy D. Lansing, Lorenza E. Marcias, Vanessa M. Mendez, Stormi D. Miller, Diego Miguel Rivera, Kristen Rogers, Anyssa Romero, Jasmine Jackie Romero, Lauren Danielle Sandoval, Roberto Santana and Chelsea Visarraga.



Luna Community College Springer Satellite Director Louise Portillos and LCC President Dr. Pete Campos met recently to talk about future planning.

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Quilting classes donate blankets to CASA

Each fall semester the quilting and sewing students of the Luna Community College trades department donate gifts to CASA kids, the foster care advocate program. This year they made 23 blankets and quilts from donations of fabric and quilting supplies from individuals and students. The Silver Threads Quilters, a group made up of LCC quilting students, also gave materials and time to the project.

Each blanket or quilt is unique, no two are alike. They are child and youth oriented

with teddy bears and Elmo themes for the younger recipients and batman, flowers,



As part of their annual community project, students from the Tuesday quilting class display blankets they have made to donate to the CASA program which advocates for foster children in Las Vegas the tri-county area. Pictured (l-r) are: Beatrice Gonzales, Pauline Marquez, Monica Maestas, Bonny Lopez, Instructor Lin Chibante, Margie Seay, Trudi Samuelson, Josette Martinez and Emilia Rivera.

and colorful designs for the youth. There are also a few receiving blankets for babies.

The students have put in many personal hours of their time and believe this is something they can give to the community as a group effort to ease the fears and trauma for foster children. In 2011 and 2012, the LCC classes gave packages containing a pillow, a matching pillow case and toys to CASA for the children.

The blankets will be delivered this week, and will give each foster child something warm of their own to hold on to for the holidays and beyond. The blan-

kets and quilts are theirs to keep.

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Attention students:

LCC registration for the spring semester is ongoing. You may view the schedule online at www.luna.edu. You may also pick up a hard-copy schedule on campus or in several businesses across the LCC service area.

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.

You are invited to the LCC SLOA Presentations "Learn What Faculty are Doing in Class". Presentations are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, Dec. 10 beginning at 8:30 a.m. All presentations will be held at the LRC Lecture Hall. Come out and support your faculty members and see what they are doing in their classes.

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Every life tells an important story

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

When we come into this world and days begin to pass, our lives are shaped by so many factors. Our physical and mental health, genetics, family influences and teachings, encounters with others, education, financial earnings, and so much more affect who we are, who we become, and how we contribute to the lives of others. In essence, we are who we are and our time here on earth shapes ideology, quality of life, memories, aspirations, careers and how we react to situations. Some subtly stoke controversy because of hidden

grudges and others practice genuine forgiveness and kindness every day. Regardless, every life tells an important story! Bailey Emmanuel Chavez (2007-2013), thank you for your courage, innocence and hope. We love you and have learned to love others because of you.

While we would all like to be respected, loved, revered and leave a legacy to which others would often and positively refer; it doesn't always evolve the way we expect because of our individual stories and the way others view us. Among family members our stories are shared during holidays and family gatherings, but what about the communities in which we live? We don't want our life's work to be forgotten. That's why it is important to reflect upon our strengths and how we share those attributes with others. Our individual stories are important to the past, present and future of where and how we live. We all want what is best for our families. We want good health, a good education, a good paying job and opportunity so our offspring will enjoy a better life than we have. To improve life for everyone it takes unity, unselfish leadership and recognition that every singly life in a community is important. That is why Luna Community College is a home-based place to learn, vocalize expectations and grow in knowledge.

As I look out the window from the president's office, I see people from all backgrounds. What humbles me is to see the student wearing the latest in hair fashion, who is in a hurry, pulling a piece of luggage filled with cosmetology supplies to get to class or an older student who returned from serving in the military and carries a 40 pound book filled backpack to every class because he not

only wants to learn but uses the backpack to remind him that weight on his back is all part of the sacrifice for a good education.

Let's not wait until our obituary is published and people say; I didn't know he or she did so much in life. Instead let's celebrate each other's personal talents, lives and contributions to making life better. I'm willing to start and say that Luna Community College can be so much greater if we work together, secure needed resources and focus those resources on student success. Our students, regardless where they come from, will enjoy a good learning

Now, we realize our individual stories are important to the future of the world. Let's make sure every piece of the puzzle fits. Your contributions will make Luna Community College a more dynamic institution and the world a better place to live and work. As a student, let us know who you are, what you care about and how we can help you to be the person you hope to be. I'm committed to help you move ahead.

experience, our personnel will receive a steady paycheck that is compensation for their valued services and our lives will become more meaningful because we will all interact and join together to reach one goal; pre-

paring students for the job market. Abelino Jose Montoya, Sr. (1921-2013), you unselfishly gave every breath of your life to give your family wings so they would soar. They are making a positive difference in the lives of those around them. We are using your example to create opportunity for more students to find meaningful and good paying jobs.

Now, we realize our individual stories are important to the future of the world. Let's make sure every piece of the puzzle fits. Your contributions will make Luna Community College a more dynamic institution and the world a better place to live and work. As a student, let us know who you are, what you care about and how we can help you to be the person you hope to be. I'm committed to help you move ahead. You see, this world is a stepping stone to eternal satisfaction. But, we need every breath we take and every moment we live to reach our potential. In the end, we'll be judged by what we did in life. Let's not let ourselves and others down!

May you enjoy the winter break and return with new energy, enthusiasm and the diligence to shape your future. We need you to be your best! Nelson Mandela, former South African president, who died on Thursday (12-5-13) at 95, lived a humble and iconic life. All he wanted was for us to get along, develop our talents and use those gifts to better humankind. Luna is the place where we can make our lives better.

Tip of the week: Rebuild what is broken

Revised final exam schedule

Final Exams for Thursday, December 5, 2013 have been rescheduled as follows:

- 7:30 am Final Exam scheduled for 12/5/13 has now been **RESCHEDULED** for Tuesday, December 10th from 7:30am to 10:30am
- 11 am Final Exam scheduled for 12/5/13 has now been **RESCHEDULED** for Tuesday, December 10th from 11am to 2:00pm
- 2:30 pm Final Exam scheduled for 12/5/13 has now been **RESCHEDULED** for Tuesday, December 10th from 2:30pm to 5:30pm
- 6 pm Final Exam scheduled for 12/5/13 has now been **RESCHEDULED** for Tuesday, December 10th from 6 pm to 9 pm
- **6 pm Final Exam for Friday, December 6, 2013 has been rescheduled as follows:**
- 6 pm Final Exam scheduled for 12/6/13 has now been **RESCHEDULED** for Wednesday, December 11th from 9 am to noon

Important announcements

Below are (3) three announcements from the LCC's Office of the Registrar resulting from the recent weather related delays/cancellations:

- Final grades for FA13 were originally scheduled to be released on Thursday, December 12th.
- Final grades for FA13 will now be released on Wednesday, December 18.
- Students who plan to order or who have pre-ordered an

academic transcript pending the posting of FA13 grades/posting of a degree or certificate should expect delays as well. We will make every effort to fulfill transcript requests on December 19 and 20.

- Diplomas for LCC's FA13 graduates were scheduled to go out in the mail on December 20. Diploma's for FA13 graduates who have completed all required paperwork will most likely be mailed mid- to late January.



Temporary Office Manager Chastin Bravo is all smiles knowing that the Santa Rosa campus has completed registration for concurrent enrollment students attending Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools for the Spring 2014 semester. The Santa Rosa campus set a goal to complete registration early and has accomplished that approximately eight weeks before the actual enrollment deadline. Santa Rosa Campus Director Albert Campos, Jr. was quoted: "Through a team effort all paper work was organized and submitted on the first day of early registration. There were minor issues with a few documents, but all has been taken care of. The Santa Rosa campus also would like to thank Arcenio Garcia for his help in accomplishing our goal."

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your chosen carrier's calling plan.

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