

# The Luna Light

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**Vision Statement: "New Mexico's Premier Community College: Preparing Students for Success!"**

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Luna Community College employees had a "United in Orange" gathering at the Rough Rider Grill on Thursday morning in support of the Denver Broncos. Seattle beat Denver 43-8 in Super Bowl XLVIII. Pictured (l-r) are: Dr. Vidal Martinez, Evelyn Montoya, Leticia Archuleta, Mary Duran, Paul Sandoval and Ron Duran.

## LCC's Martinez honored at Capitol

Luna Community College's Montana Martinez was among 40 students statewide that were honored at the State Capitol on Wednesday after earning a spot on the All-State Academic Team.

Martinez, a 2011 West Las Vegas High graduate, earned a tuition scholarship to a four-year New Mexico University of her choice.

"She is a phenomenal individual who is accelerating academically and athletically," said LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. "She is a positive role model for the students of our college and the entire state of New Mexico."

Gov. Susana Martinez proclaimed Jan. 29 Community College Day. The proclamation was read by New Mexico Secretary of Higher Education Dr. Jose Garcia.

"She is an inspiration to student-athletes," said LCC Humanities Instructor and Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Cindy Armijo. "She gives credence to the phrase student athlete. She represents Luna Community College in many different levels both as a scholar and athlete."



Luna Community College student Montana Martinez receives a medal from LCC President Dr. Pete Campos Wednesday at the State Capitol. Martinez earned New Mexico All-State Academic Team honors.

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Armijo was also one of the guest speakers at the event. She is Phi Theta Kappa's New Mexico Regional Coordinator. Armijo talked about the importance of getting students to graduate.

"All of you may agree with me that our nation has been suffering economically for quite a long time," said Armijo. "President Obama in 2010 set forth a call to action. He said that our nation's prosperity is dependent on its education of its citizenry."

Armijo emphasized the importance of Phi Theta Kappa's C-4 initiative where community college graduation rates increase.

"We need to extend ourselves to help students complete," said Armijo. "We have seen an increase of our graduation rates at our college."

Sen. Stuart Ingle was also a guest speaker.

"I appreciate what community colleges have done for all of New Mexico," he said. "Community colleges have done wonderful things—the job getting potential is great."

Dr. Dan Lopez, president of New Mexico Tech, told the 40 students in attendance that it is no longer enough to pass a course, but to master it.

Martinez will be competing for a position in the All-USA Academic Team and other scholarships.

"Today was a great experience for me," said Martinez. "Luna Community College is a great place to get started."

Martinez said she plans to either attend UNM or Highlands University. She will walk on to play softball at both schools.



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos invited Martinez and her father James to the senate chambers after the ceremony. In the photo (at left) community college students and advisors march around the Capitol to show support for Phi Theta Kappa's C-4 initiative which stresses the importance of competing an education.

## Jesse's quick hits

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

Knock, knock.  
Who's there  
Ostrich

Ostrich who?  
Ostrich when I get up in the morning.

Knock, knock.  
Who's there.  
Lion

Lion who?  
Lion down on the beach for a suntan.

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Hosted by LCC Humanities Dept

Sponsored by New Mexico State Poetry Society



## POET'S JAM

OPEN TO EVERYONE to view or participate

Poetry, short prose and acoustic music

Free food and refreshments

LCC Allied Health Auditorium

FEBRUARY 6, 2014 6:00 PM



Sponsored by Student Activities

2nd Annual

## BIGGEST LOSER COMPETITION

Registration: February 3-7, 2014

will be held at the Wellness Center

8:00am-7:00pm

Cost: \$25.00

Prize: \$300.00

for the contestant who loses the most

Body % / weight loss

Competition begins Feb. 3 - May 2, 2014

Please contact Wellness Staff at 425-8767 for any questions.

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.

## Luna CC

### Baseball team loses four to Cisco

The Luna Community College Baseball Team started the season 0-4 after losing to Cisco College on the road 11-1 and 11-1 on Friday and 9-3 and 12-5 on Saturday. They host Otero Junior College at noon on Wednesday in a scheduled doubleheader. The women's softball team is scheduled to play at Lamar Wednesday and Thursday. It will be their season opener.

# Dr. Campos working with fellow legislators

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Pictured clockwise are Dr. Pete Campos with Sen. Pat Woods; Dr. Campos with Sen. Stuart Ingle; Dr. Campos with Sen. John Sapien and Dr. Campos with Rep. Luciano "Lucky" Varela. Dr. Campos will be receiving the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award later this spring. The Bennett Lifetime Achievement Awards are presented to college presidents, campus CEOs at two-year or senior institutions, and community college state directors who have been supportive of Phi Theta Kappa.

Dr. Pete Campos introduces a memorial celebrating the success of New Mexico Community College All-State Academic Team members. Pictured in the background next to Lt. Gov. John Sanchez are Phi Theta Kappa Advisors Dr. Twila Quintana and Cindy Armijo. Part of the memorial reads that N.M. community colleges join with Phi Theta Kappa in support of completion efforts.

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# Dr. Campos moves ahead with Luna CC

In an exclusive interview with Luna Community College Public Information Coordinator and **Luna Light** Editor Jesse Gallegos, LCC President Dr. Pete Campos gave the following statements.

“After careful deliberation and much prayer, I have made the personal decision to move forward to complete my con-

tract obligations at Luna Community College and give a 100 percent of my energy to ensure a successful and smooth transition so the quality of education, student well-being and staff stability is in place for the next president of the college,” said Dr. Pete Campos.

When Dr. Campos was asked about his legacy, he indicated: “I am a strong process person and a strong believer in academic rigor. If there is anything that I will be known for it is the institutional integrity and quality of education that we brought to the state, our

**“I am a strong process person and a strong believer in academic rigor,”—Dr. Pete Campos.**

service area and most importantly our students,” said Dr. Campos. “I am grateful to all seven board of trustees for giving me this opportunity to serve as college president. I will continue to work closely with each trustee to assure the direction they have in mind for the institution is delivered.”

Dr. Campos remains active within the area.

“I am energized to continue serving the needs of people in the senate district that I represent and to continue being very active in the community by participating on the boards of Alta Vista Regional Hospital, Community First Bank, and to serve the spiritual needs of everyone, and continue my work at Immaculate Conception Parrish, and to also focus on the needs of my family,” said Dr. Campos.

## History repeats itself

**By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President**

As we shake the dust from our clothes after a tough economic downturn, let’s use what we have learned during the past six years to create a stronger economy in northeastern New Mexico. Moving ahead, we’ll encounter: social and regional market change, pioneers who started small businesses passing on (we’ll miss the generosity and delicious cooking of **Frances Garcia** of the El Rialto Restaurant in Las Vegas), youth who are in school aspiring to reach their dreams, a new generation of private and public professionals signing long-term mortgage and business financial commitments because they believe in this part of the state, and experienced leaders who will live out their lives setting a positive example for others to follow.

**Dr. José Garcia**, Secretary of the Higher Education Department (HED), will share his economic connections and vision with us after this 30-day legislative session. It takes all of us to make-up a vibrant way-of-life! We need the small business person, public employee, homemaker, student and anxious thirty year-old to experience the volcanic dynamics of our future. Clothes and cars are different, some say more modern, but look around, youth are wearing straight leg jeans like those worn in the 1960’s, people are driving hybrid vehicles that resemble a 1951 Chevy, today’s fruits and vegetables are nutritiously similar to what we ate growing up, and many well-established homes have been passed on to the next generation because parents wanted their children to enjoy a better life.

What a phenomenon! We’re living today much like our ancestors did. Our parents and grandparents saw new developments in their lives. We, too, have and will be further affected by new technologies and life comforts. However, these forms of modernism

are simply products of humankind that acclimate us to live in a world where history repeats itself.

At Luna Community College, we’re preparing our self-study for the reaffirmation of accreditation process, we’ll apply once again for the Quality New Mexico roadrunner award, and we’ll host a summer academic program that will prepare students for Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Health (STEMH) careers. These processes and programs are not new to Luna Community College! But, we’re better at doing these things because we’ve done them before.

Last week, **Montana Martinez** was recognized in Santa Fe for earning all-state academic honors; **Cindy Armijo** gave an outstanding speech at the capitol in the senate finance committee room to students and their sponsors from around the state; and, members of Phi Theta Kappa marched around the capitol displaying their banners and were later recognized through the reading and presentation of a memorial in the New Mexico State Senate for C4 efforts to get students to complete their community college academic certificates and degrees.

The core of our success here at Luna comes from trust in each other and unconditional efforts to help students succeed. Our key focus of persistence and lifting ourselves up to new levels of accomplishment stimulates good health, more education, better paying jobs and a positive outlook. Making sacrifices to become better educated in core disciplines will strengthen our knowledge, wisdom and marketable skills. May we follow great role models and let history repeat itself, except this time with us as the role models!



# Title V Newsletter

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

## SimLab Training Continues

On Jan 28 and Jan 29 Laerdal trainer Karen Howard trained all Luna Community College nursing faculty and Instructional Designer Larry Paiz on possible clinical features Sim Man 3G is capable of. It's incredible all the many possibilities that Sim Man 3G can do! Some of the clinical features are: airway complications, breathing complications, cardiac, circulation, vascular, pharmacology, secretions, bleeding and seizures.

Now that the two day training is complete, the nursing faculty with the help of Manny (Sim Man 3G), are able to create opportunities to teach and evaluate skills combined with critical thinking for the LCC nursing students.



*Laerdal trainer Karen Howard conducted a 2 day training on Sim Man 3G*



## Auto Collision Initiative

Preparations in ordering equipment for the LCC Auto Collision Project is well underway. Trades Director Gary Martinez, and Title V Office Manager Tiffany Young have been busy getting quotes and requisitions to provide students and faculty with up-to-date equipment.

Title V has had many meetings with Gary Martinez and the Trades Department faculty in planning for these initiatives. All students enrolled in the Auto Collision program will be attending orientation where they will cover mandatory policy and procedures regarding tool room safety and security. The "Student Acknowledgement Form" has been drafted for better security and accountability. Students will be required to sign receipt of compliance prior to shop and tool use once policies and tool check in/out procedures have been covered.



### Title V Staff



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

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Luna Community College YouthBuild students, Javis Sánchez, Raenelle García, and Albert Sánchez, became YouthBuild's GED graduates Nos. 7, 8 and 9 recently. Appearing alongside Javis, Raenelle and Albert in their respective pictures are LCC YouthBuild staff members: Kelley Fahey Alcón, administrative assistant, and Brenda Leigh Lobato, GED instructor (at bottom), and Eddie King, director, and Robert (Louie) Plagge, vocational education instructor (at top). A future issue of The *Luna Light* will feature LCC YouthBuild GED graduate No. 10, Antonio Pacheco.



## Student Veteran Support Group

- Would you like the opportunity to connect with other student veterans?
- Do you sometimes struggle transferring your military leadership skills into the academic setting?
- Would you like a place to go to feel understood as a veteran?
- Are you adjusting from a military lifestyle into civilian life?
- Do you want to improve your stress management and coping skills?

The ACCESS Center is starting its Student Veteran Support Group, with the intent of bringing student veterans together to provide support to one another and to share their experiences in a safe and confidential environment. Topics of the group may include: stress management, coping skills, social support, and exploring experiences of leadership. This group aims to be a place to help student veterans feel understood within a supportive environment.

Any student veterans interested in participating in this support group will need to call the ACCESS Center at (505) 454-5357, (505) 454-5374, or (505) 454-5317 to schedule an intake no later than **MONDAY, February 10, 2014**. The anticipated start date of the support group is **Wednesday, February 12, 2014**. The group will meet weekly and will run throughout the academic school year.

Time: Every **WEDNESDAY** from 11:30-12:30  
 Location: Student Services Conference Room  
 Call: (505) 454-5357, (505) 454-5374, or (505) 454-5317



## Southwest Capital Bank Presents The 2014 Miss Las Vegas/San Miguel County & Miss Las Vegas Outstanding Teen Pageant

Join us Sunday,  
**February 9th at 3pm** at  
Luna Community College  
for the competition and  
crowning of  
Miss Las Vegas,  
Miss San Miguel County &  
Miss Las Vegas Out-  
standing Teen 2014. We will  
have special appearances  
and performances by  
**Miss New Mexico 2013**  
**Alexis Duprey**  
and  
Miss New Mexico's  
Outstanding Teen  
**Jaden Smith.**

**Tickets are \$7 for adults at the door,  
\$5 in advance, and \$3 for children.  
LCC Students Receive Free Admission.**

For more information or to get your tickets in advance contact our Executive Local Director at



Miss New Mexico 2013  
Alexis Duprey



Miss New Mexico's  
Outstanding Teen 2013  
Jaden Smith

# Institutional integrity and educational quality— six-year legacy

By **Dr. Pete Campos**  
LCC President

When the late Albert N. Sanchez served as President of Luna Vocational Technical Institute (LVTI) I remember visiting with him and asking, “What can I do to make LVTI the best school possible”? He said, “Support the mil levy, tell people it is a good school, encourage them to take classes there and always speak positive of the institute.” That was about 45 years ago when I was a teenager! I have never forgotten that advice!

Now, the message I wish to share with you is similar, but I would like to add, “Luna Community College is also known in higher education circles for its institutional integrity and educational quality.” We have progressed to the point that other two-year institutions inquire about our concurrent enrollment, core offerings, program rigor and processes used to seek nationally recognized certifications and accreditations. We set the bar high for each of our departments and the college as a whole! Our valued personnel have met the challenge. As a

result, students from all walks of life are the beneficiaries of the quality education we provide.

The latest effort to seek accreditation for one of our departments is led by Dr. Vidal Martinez and the valued personnel of our College of Business. We are seeking to become accredited through the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). Currently, LCC is an ACBSP member in candidacy. Our self-study was submitted in January and the anticipated site visit is scheduled for March. Shortly thereafter, we will be notified of the decision whether or not to accredit our college of business.

A few, but not all, of the accreditation benefits to LCC, our College of Business, students, faculty, staff and community include: 1] reinforcement of our commitment to continuous improvement, innovation and scholarship; 2] providing prestige and credibility when seeking funding resources from donors, foundations and government; 3] creating greater visibility in the world of business and attracts top recruiters seeking

to employ our students; 4] promoting an outcomes assessment process linking goals, activities and outcomes; 5] the ability to serve students by assuring a focus on quality programming and performance; 6] faculty experiencing a boost of self-esteem when teaching in an accredited business program; and, 7] creating the impetus for relevancy and currency of faculty, programs, and courses to best serve employers.

Buy-in from our College of Business personnel in this accreditation process is another indicator of our commitment to institutional integrity and educational quality. Taking this approach to strive for academic excellence is another landmark initiative proving we are serious about and fully committed to the overall reaffirmation of accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission.

We won't give up! We'll continue to move ahead and earn the recognition of being among the best two-year colleges in the country! Our students deserve the best education possible and we're dedicated to that goal!

## Weekly calendar

### Monday, February 3, 2014

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. LCC Faculty Senate Meeting (Technologies 126B)

### Tuesday, February 4, 2014

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)

### Wednesday, February 5, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Dept. of Public Safety Staff Meeting (LRC Lecture Hall)

12:00 p.m. LCC Baseball v. Otero Junior College (Home)

12:00 p.m. and 2 p.m. LCC Softball v. Lamar CC (Lamar, Co)

### Thursday, February 6, 2014

12:00 p.m. and 2 p.m. LCC Softball v. Lamar CC (Lamar, Co)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)

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

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. NM State Poetry Society Poet's Jam (Allied Health Lecture Hall)

### Friday, February 7, 2014

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. LCC Dental Assisting Advisory Committee Meeting (IPC Dining Hall)

12:00 p.m. LCC Baseball v. Eastern Arizona CC (Thatcher, AZ)

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees Special Board Meeting (Student Services 102)

### Saturday, February 8, 2014

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

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Driver's Ed. Course (LRC Lecture Hall)

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

12:00 p.m. LCC Baseball v. Eastern Arizona CC (Thatcher, AZ)

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Ms. Las Vegas Pageant (IPC Dining Hall)

### Sunday, February 9, 2014

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Ms. Las Vegas Pageant (IPC Dining Hall)