

The Luna Light



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The 2010 Luna Community College Softball Team. Back Row (l-r): Coach Stephen Aragon, Selby Burbank, Tasia Yara, Jessica Aragon, Marissa Navarro, MariaElena Martinez, Deserae Perez, Jamie Montoya, Jenelle Klassen, Shelby Sandoval and Coach Marlayna Aden. Middle Row (l-r): Tomasita Smith, Rebecca Marrujo, Devonne Martinez, Adri Gabaldon, Vanessa Vigil, Daniella Garza, Alicia Gabaldon, Jennifer Inocencio and Head Coach Meredith Gilpin. Front Row (l-r): Mamie Varela, Brandi Rodriguez and Melanie Alderette.

LCC Softball Coach Meredith Gilpin: our team is energetic and competitive

The following is an interview with LCC Softball Coach Meredith Gilpin.

What are your goals for this season?

Our first major goal for the season is to complete the season with a winning percentage of over .500. This would allow us to compete in playoffs that could potentially lead to the NJCAA World Series. We also have goals set for our team to always be moving forward and never taking steps toward a negative direction. We will continue to be competitive and grow Luna Softball in a positive light in the community and around the nation. We have and would like to continue the success of the softball program. I also have a team full of sophomores and would love at the end of the season for them to graduate with a degree and to continue higher education or softball. I take pride in telling my athletes that my goal has always been to make them better athletes, students, and most importantly better women.

How are things up to this point?

Things are wonderful up to this point. The girls are

working extremely hard and are very dedicated to the program and to one another. I am very proud to know that we are building chemistry and a “family” amongst the team. The team has already improved since last year and I can see us progressing everyday. We have a positive workout or practice. The girls continue to work on fundamentals that are essential to have a winning program.

How good will your team be this year?

Our team will be as good as our team will let us be. The sky is the limit and the team has set very high expectations for themselves and as a team. I believe that if we continue on the path we are on, we will be very successful in winning games and making a name for Luna Community College.

What is your team’s strength?

One of our team’s strengths is the love of the game. All of the girls are there for a reason and that’s to be a great student while playing the game that they love. We are very

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Rand Kennedy says LCC staff and faculty have a genuine commitment to students

Name: Rand Kennedy
Position: Mass Media Communications Program Director
How many years at LCC (what year did you start)?

A little over 90 days
Favorite food and why? Salsa – because there are so many varieties and I can use it to enhance almost all foods except ice cream

Favorite hobby and why? Hiking and backpacking – because being out in nature soothes my soul and refreshes my spirit.

Favorite TV show and why? I don't really have a favorite show, but I am a news junkie and like to switch back and forth between various news programs.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? The Director of the LCC Mass Media and Film Programs, the best programs of their kind in the country.



Rand Kennedy likes salsa the best. Why. Because of the variety and the enhancement it has to most foods.

What do you like best about LCC? The genuine commitment of most staff and faculty to improving the lives of our students and the ability to provide personal and caring education.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? The resistance to change among some of the staff and faculty—I say if you don't want to make things better, get the hell out of the way. I also sometimes find the institutional pace is too slow and frustrating and think we should be constantly seeking ways to streamline our processes.

What is your greatest strength? I think what's helped me get through life fairly successfully is trying to treat each person with dignity, respect and consideration, regardless of their position or status.

The Guessing Game

Can you guess which LCC employee's picture this is? The first person to give the right answer will get a free meal from the LCC Rough Rider Grill. You may enter the contest by emailing your answer to jgallegos@luna.edu or calling extension 1200. One winner per month.



Quote of the Week

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody,"—
Bill Cosby.

Meet your Rough Riders



Anthony Archibeque

Name: Anthony Archibeque
Nickname: Archie
Position: Pitcher
Major: Liberal Arts
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Albuquerque
High School: Valley High
Previous college or high school: Valley High
Parents and family: Donna Archibeque, mother and Anthony Archibeque, father.
What are your interests? Sports and music.

College or high school

honors: Played on high school baseball and football team.
Plans after graduation? Start my own company or get a good job and make good money.
Favorite pro athlete: Ken Griffey Jr.
Whom do you admire the most and why? My parents, because they are always here for me.

Name: Arthur Davenport
Nickname: Art
Position: Pitcher
Major: Liberal Arts
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Albuquerque
High School: Highland High
Previous college or high school: Highland High
Parents and family: Art Davenport, father.
What are your interests? Fishing, music and baseball.
College or high school honors: Led state in 2006-07 in strikeouts and was a varsity scholar in high school.
Plans after graduation? To continue to go to school and play college ball.



Arthur Davenport

Favorite pro athlete: Derek Jeter
Whom do you admire the most and why? I admire my dad and Derek Jeter for their hard work and dedication for the things they love.

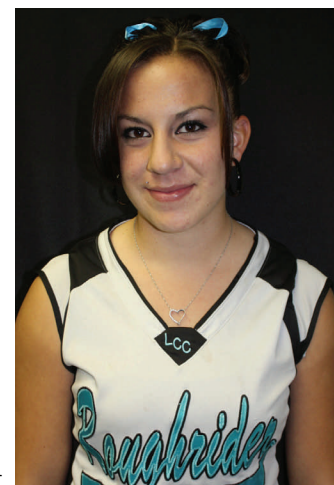


Brandi Rodriguez

Name: Brandi Rodriguez
Nickname: Brando/Bandi
Position: Catcher
Major: Teacher Education/Special Education
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Silver City
High School: Cobre High
Previous college or high school: Luna Community College
Parents and family: Dion Rodriguez, dad; Elsie Trujillo, mom and Angela Trujillo, sister.
What are your interests? Softball, music, hanging out with friends and reading.
College or high school honors: All-District, most valuable player,

and All Lady Indian Athlete of the Year
Plans after graduation: To continue school and to continue playing softball anywhere I can.
Favorite pro athlete(s): Jessica Mendoza and Pudge Rodriguez.
Whom do you admire the most and why? My parents, because they support me 110 percent in everything I do and they are always there for me.

Name: Marissa Navarro
Nickname: Little Mari
Position: Second Base/pitcher
Major: Elementary Education
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Bernalillo
High School: Bernalillo High
Previous college or high school: Luna Community College
Parents and family: Damian Navarro, father; Loyola Navarro, mother and Monique Navarro, sister.
What are your interests? Athletics, spending time with family, singing, dancing and anything outdoors.
College or high school honors: 2-Year National Honor Society; 5-year varsity lettermen in softball; 3-year varsity volleyball and basketball lettermen and Most Spirited at LCC.
Plans after graduation: To be successful in whatever I do.
Whom do you admire the most and why? God is my No. 1 hero.



Marissa Navarro

LCC softball...

Continued from page 1 strong in pitching this year and our hitting and defense has become a great strength among the team. Another strength of ours is the hunger to never be satisfied. The team is always wanting more: to learn more, to achieve more, to do more, etc. Our strengths will continue to guide our team but also the acknowledgment that we can always add more strengths, will make Luna Softball something to be proud of.

What is your team's weakness?

Every team has strengths and also weaknesses. In our weakness also lies strength. Our weakness is that the girls are sometimes very stubborn. They will play with injuries and often sickness because they do not want to miss a day of practice or a game. They have the desire to not fall behind and do not want to disappoint the team. I have to remind them that sometimes it's better to miss one day then a whole week when the sickness or injury worsens. Our girls are learning in the game and



The 2010 Luna Community College Softball Coaches. Pictured (l-r) are: Assistant Coach Marlayna Aden, Assistant Coach Stephen Aragon and Head Coach Meredith Gilpin.

what it takes off the field to stay at their peak performance. (Icing, extra stretching, etc.)

How is the attitude on your team?

Our attitude is very energetic and growing everyday. The team is growing together and the excitement is building for our first games

of the season. The team always comes to practice ready and willing to work with whatever the coaches present to them. I love the attitude of our team and the journey we continue on. I believe that if that attitude stays focused then we will continue to be very successful.

Why should people go out and watch your team this year?

Like I stated above, our team is very energetic and will be competitive at all cost. Games will be exciting to watch and watching our team win will be something to enjoy. We take pride of being fundamentally strong and a force to reckon with on the field. We will have good sportsmanship and strong softball skills that will make the already fast paced game of softball even more of

an experience. I encourage family, friends, colleagues, fellow athletes, the community, and whoever enjoys a nice afternoon at the park to come by and support our Luna RoughRiders' Softball Team!

GO ROUGH RIDERS!!!

Celebrity Look-Alike Contest

We are asking individuals to vote on which Luna Community College employee looks more like their celebrity look-alike. Please e-mail your vote to jgallegos@luna.edu or by calling extension 1200. Votes will be taken until 3 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8. Remember this is all in fun.



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Jacqueline Hampleman

Sandra Bullock

Joe Maestas

Alan Hale

Weekly Activities

Monday, Feb. 8, 2010

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

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010

- 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Study Hall – LCC Softball (General Studies/Room 112)

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010

- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monthly SLOA Meeting (Student Services/Conf. Rm.)

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Improving Classroom Mngt. Im- plementation Behavior (Student Services/Conference Room)
- 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Viles Foundation Annual Meeting

(LRC/Lecture Hall)

- 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Valentine's Fair (Student Ser- vices/Atrium)

Friday, Feb. 12, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Improving Classroom Mngt. Im- plementation Behavior (Student Services/Conference Room)
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Passenger Assistance Training / Citizens for Devel. Disable (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010

- 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. C.N.A. Testing (Allied Health Center/Room N7&3)
- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Class (General Studies/Rm. 102B)

8-Week Course Schedule

| Course # | Sec. | Cr. Hrs | Title | Days | Dates | Times | Campus | Instructor |
|----------|------|---------|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------------|
| ASE101 | 4 | 3 | Introduction to Renewable Energy | TR | 02/23/10 --05/07/10 | 5:00pm -- 7:15pm | Main | Jencka, D |
| BIO103E | 1 | 2 | Medical Terminology (DL) | WF | 03/10/10 - 05/07/10 | 4:00pm -- 5:50pm | EWEB | Roybal, E |
| BIO103E | 3 | 2 | Medical Terminology (DL) | M | 03/08/10 - 05/07/10 | 1:00pm -- 5:00pm | EWEB | Olson, S |
| BIO210E | 2 | 3 | Nutrition (DL) | WR | 03/10/10 - 05/07/10 | 9:00am -- 11:50am | EWEB | Olson, S |
| BUS105E | 2 | 3 | Introduction to Business | TR | 03/09/10 -- 05/07/10 | 5:30pm -- 8:40pm | EWEB | Thomas, G |
| CS130 | 2 | 4 | Introduction to Networking | MW | 02/22/10 -- 05/07/10 | 5:30pm -- 7:45pm | Main | Staff |
| CS130L | 2 | 0 | Introduction to Networking Lab | F | 02/26/10 -- 05/07/10 | 5:30pm -- 8:30pm | Main | Staff |
| CS240 | 2 | 4 | Computer Science II | TR | 02/23/10 --05/07/10 | 11:00am -- 1:05pm | Main | Staff |
| CS240L | 2 | 0 | Computer Science II Lab | T | 02/23/10 --05/07/10 | 5:00pm -- 7:50pm | Main | Staff |
| CSA101 | 2 | 1 | Introduction to the Internet | S | 02/20/10 --02/27/10 | 9:00am -- 5:00pm | Main | Romero, F |
| CSA106 | 1 | 1 | Introduction to Quickbooks | S | 03/06/10 --03/13/10 | 8:00am -- 4:00pm | Main | Vega, Tana |
| CSA118 | 1 | 1 | Introduction to Mirosoft Publisher | S | 02/06/10 -- 02/13/10 | 9:00am -- 5:00pm | Main | Garcia, R |
| CSA126 | 1 | 1 | Intermediate Quickbooks | S | 03/27/10 --04/10/10 | 8:00am -- 4:00pm | Main | Vega, Tana |
| CSA150E | 4 | 3 | Computer Fundamentals | TR | 03/09/10 -- 05/07/10 | 6:00pm -- 9:50pm | EWEB | Wolff, L |
| CSA150 | 5 | 3 | Computer Fundamentals | MF | 03/08/10 -- 05/07/10 | 9:00am -- 12:50pm | EWEB | Staff |
| CUL107 | 1 | 1 | Current Topics in Food Safety | T | 03/09/10 - 05/07/10 | 9:00am -- 10:50am | Main | O'Brien, A |
| DTEC109 | 2 | 3 | Intro to Architectural Drafting | R | 02/25/10 -- 05/07/10 | 4:00pm -- 8:30pm | Main | Ortega, L |
| DTEC208 | 2 | 3 | Plane Surveying | R | 02/25/10 -- 05/07/10 | 5:30pm -- 8:20pm | Main | Winston, T |
| DTEC208L | 2 | 0 | Plane Surveying Lab | S | 02/27/10 -- 05/07/10 | 9:00am -- 11:50am | Main | Winston, T |
| ELEC196 | 2 | 4 | Solid State and Active Devices | T | 02/23/10 -- 05/07/10 | 5:30pm -- 9:15pm | Main | Garcia, J |
| ELEC196L | 2 | 0 | Solid State and Active Devices Lab | R | 02/25/10 -- 05/07/10 | 5:30pm -- 8:30pm | Main | Garcia, J |
| ELEC209 | 2 | 4 | Microprcsr Design & Interfacing | TF | 02/23/10 -- 05/07/10 | 8:00am -- 9:50am | Main | Garcia, J |
| ELEC209L | 2 | 0 | Microprcsr Design & Interfacing Lab | R | 02/25/10 -- 05/07/10 | 8:00am -- 10:59am | Main | Garcia, J |
| ENG104 | 5 | 3 | Grammar Usage and Writing | MT-R | 03/08/10 - 05/07/10 | 2:00pm -- 3:50pm | Main | Nolan, J |
| ENG111E | 21 | 3 | Freshman Comp I (DL) | TR | 03/09/10 -- 05/07/10 | 6:00pm -- 8:50pm | EWEB | Otto, K |
| ENG115E | 21 | 3 | Freshman Comp II (DL) | MW | 03/08/10 -- 05/07/10 | 3:30pm -- 6:20pm | EWEB | Goodyear, S |
| MS215E | 1 | 3 | American Military History (DL) | MTWRF | 03/08/10 -- 05/07/10 | 12:00pm -- 1:00pm | EWEB | Montoya, M |
| PE117 | 1 | 1 | Kickboxing and Step Combo | MT-R | 03/08/10 -- 05/07/10 | 1:00pm -- 2:10pm | Main | Marr-Montoya, L |
| POLS151 | 1 | 3 | American National Government | TR | 03/09/10 -- 05/07/10 | 9:00am -- 11:50am | Main | Garcia, T |
| POLS167R | 30 | 3 | State and Local Government (ITV) | TR | 03/09/10 -- 05/07/10 | 1:00pm -- 3:10pm | SROSA | Garcia, T |
| POLS167T | 1 | 3 | State and Local Government (ITV) | TR | 03/09/10 -- 05/07/10 | 1:00pm -- 3:10pm | Main | Garcia, T |
| PSYC101E | 20 | 3 | Introduction to Psychology (DL) | MW | 03/08/10 -- 05/07/10 | 6:30pm -- 9:20pm | EWEB | Robbins, J |
| PSYC242E | 2 | 3 | Developmental Life Span (DL) | WR | 03/10/10 -- 05/07/10 | 6:00pm -- 8:50pm | EWEB | Hughes, R |

Valentines Fair

Thursday, February 11, 2010
11:00-2:00

Student Services Building

Bake Sale sponsored by
Automotive Skills USA
(support state competition expenses)

Shop LCC's Valentine's Fair for that
unique gift for that special someone

Sponsored by the Activities Office



FREE H1N1 VACCINE CLINIC

Saturday, February 13, 2010
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

San Juan San Jose Community Center
San Juan San Jose, New Mexico
&
Alta Vista Regional Hospital Classrooms
Las Vegas, New Mexico

Snacks and refreshments will be served

*For more information on the H1N1 Shot Clinic, please contact the
AVRH Public Relations Office at 505-426-3772.*



How to be successful in college

By Jacqueline Hampleman
Developmental Studies
Instructor

Going to college is the best investment you can make. If there is one secret to college success it would be to remember why you are here. Always keep your goal and dreams in your mind throughout your whole college career. That not only keeps you motivated, it also keeps you from being discouraged. In addition to keeping your focus, there are several ways to be a successful student. Having the right attitude is a start; but are there any special techniques to succeed? Do you have to be smart or just persistent? These are common questions to have and even a great way to start thinking about your college career.

Even though there are no miracle answers, here are some good strategies to help you achieve your goal.

Attendance – one of the best ways to be successful in college is to attend all classes. Although you will be tested on material from the course text, most of the test questions will come from lectures. Also, most instructors have an attendance policy. If they don't, they still are very much aware of their students' attendance and consider perfect attendance as a serious student.

Find a mentor – Another thing to consider early in your college career is finding the people who can help you through the many twists and turns of college life. Some suggestions for a great mentor are an instructor from the past or present, experienced students, or people working in your future field on or off campus.

Get to know your instructors – They don't bite. Take advantage of their office hours; most instructors are more than happy to meet with you and appreciate the extra effort on your part. That is what they are here for. They live to help you, not make things hard on



Jacqueline Hampleman recommends that students stay up to date with their homework, such as LCC students Dominic Serna and Jennifer Inocencio are doing in this photo.

you. You can also take a few minutes to talk with your instructor before or after class. Ask a question on the material or check on your progress in the course. This will also make you more comfortable to ask for help when you really need it.

Stay up to date with your work – Easier said than done; however, it is critical. You need to do each assignment before you attend the next class. If you get behind in your reading, you may never have time to catch up. The workload in college just increases as the semester progresses.

Be Self disciplined – know your personal responsibilities such as manage your time, keep a calendar, schedule in a study time, stay organized with your lecture notes and handouts, review your notes, eat healthy, get enough rest, get to know your college catalogue, and meet

college deadlines. These are all things you can do to help succeed during the semester. The catch is that no one will tell you to do these things. You have to be self disciplined.

A lot of students run into problems in college for reasons that have nothing to do with their ability to handle the academics. They get into trouble because they are not prepared for the numerous responsibilities that have suddenly been thrust upon them. In other words, you don't have to be "a brain" to succeed in college; you have to have the persistence and determination. What will help you carry out these five suggestions is the persistence and what gives you the persistence is remembering why you are here. An old Chinese Proverb states, "Teachers open the door, you enter by yourself."

Good luck to everyone this semester!

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Growing together at Luna Community College

By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President

Lately, we have experienced plenty of moisture. The snow we have received reminds me of life's magnificence where every snow flake is different and so is every person. During our recent student fair, I had the pleasure of visiting with many students, employees and parents. Although the discussions were different there were similar threads interwoven within my conversations with others. I intently listened and left the event with more on my mind. People were concerned about, but not limited to, very important issues in their lives like: their jobs, courses of study, paying for their education and dealing with an uncertain economy.

I bring this up because people have different needs. It is crucial that we listen to each other, help where we can and work through the obstacles that stall the progress of our

youth, families and communities. For example: one student may have just had a class cancelled, something beyond his/her control, but needs the class to graduate. It is important that we provide the academic rigor, course requirement and a way to help the student successfully complete his/her program of study. That's the way we encourage students to continue, not feel disenfranchised and possibly give up, leave their formal education and go into the work force without a degree. To do this it takes all of us growing together, caring for each other and breaking down the barriers that hinder progress. Elisabeth Foley said, "The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart."

While you may be tired of reading or hearing the messages I share with you, please try to take at least one thought from each message. I have always believed in these messages and

witnessed many people who have adopted similar convictions in their lives build positive character, rise through a great career path, earn a respected reputation and in the end, leave an important capstone for their families to build upon. Sri Sathya Sai Baba said, "Let us live and move in harmony. Let us grow together. Let us cherish the wisdom that we have acquired together. Let us live in complete harmony without any misunderstanding."

I believe we are growing together! It was indicative by the conversations I had during our student fair. Now, let us keep the momentum, shovel through the snowdrifts and focus on the well being of our students. Their success is our satisfaction. Denis Waitley said, "All of the top achievers I know are life-long learners....looking for new skills, insights and ideas. If they're not learning, they're not growing....not moving toward excellence."

Legal Structures for Small Businesses

February 26, 2010

Angel Fire
Angel Fire Community Center
9:00am - 11:00am

Las Vegas
LCC Student Services Conference Room
2:00pm - 4:00pm

\$30 Fee

Legal Structures for Small Business is a class focused on current and potential entrepreneurs who need to understand the various types of business structures: sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, LLC, corporation, so they may select the most appropriate format that will serve their business plan and development of the business. You will learn the pros and cons and tax implications of each business structure and how to properly register your business.

Luna Community College

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, February 24th * 10am - 4pm

Thursday, February 25th * 10am - 3pm

In the LCC Gym

Contact Jackie Romero-Arguello @ 454-5379
to sign up, or log onto www.unitedbloodservices.org
Sponsor Code: Luna

Safety tips

Have to work late? Make sure there are others in the building, and ask someone, a colleague or security guard to walk you to your car.

If you see someone suspicious report it, call security or the police, get a description.

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