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Several Luna Community College students recently received their Commercial Drivers License (CDL). The CDL Program is under the vocational educational department and the LCC Vocational Director Gary Martinez. Pictured (front row, l-r) Patricia Vigil, Margaret Medina-Estrada, Tim Des Champs and Gary Martinez. (Back row, l-r) Herman Herrera, Aaron Gallegos, Ricardo Baca and Johnny Garcia. The CDL class is taught by instructor Cruz Flores. For more information on how to obtain your CDL, call Flores at 454-5337.

Ben Casey Encinias takes over as LCC Student Government President

The following are Luna Community College 2009-2010 Student Government Election results .

President

Ben Casey Encinias	14
Steven Hodges	10
Vice President	
Naomi Ortiz	18

Secretary

Danelle Duran	21
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Treasurer

Latisha Cano	3
Aaron Jorgenson	1



Encinias

Senators

Latisha Cano	21
Stefani Dominguez	23
Miguel Montoya	22
Robin Pilley	15
Danyelle Romero	19
Jason L. Romero	9
Corey Strickland	14

The following have been elected as write-in candidates, but need to see Cindy Branch in the Admissions Office to complete the process.

Maria Gallardo	1
Michelle Lippincott	1
Aliana White	2
Jennifer Himes	1

Dr. Julian Vigil: Luna CC is home sweet home to me

Name: Julian Josue Vigil

Position: Instructor of English

How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? 12-13 (started in fall of 1997)

Favorite food and why? *Menudo*, to live dangerously

Favorite hobby and why? Reading (especially Mexican philosophy, Anglo-Saxon literature, and Southwestern history), since life is a non-stop learning experience.

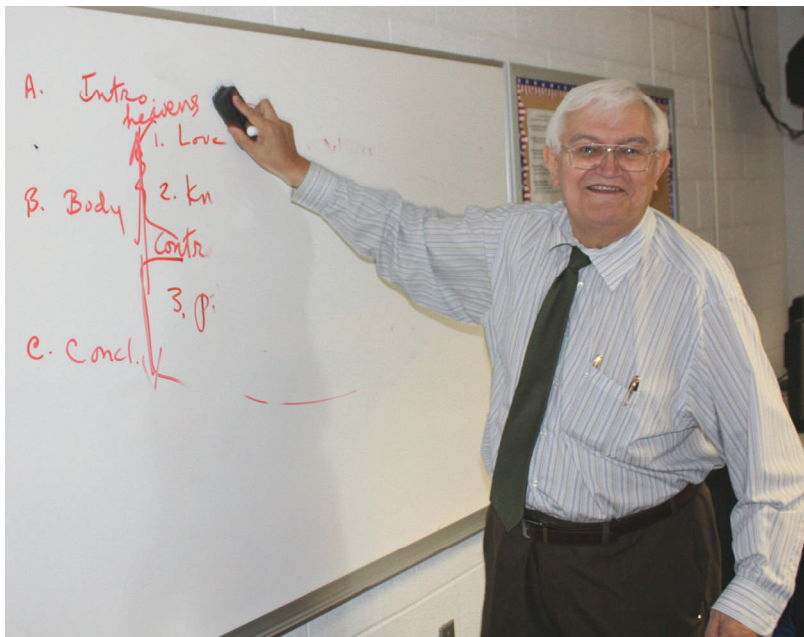
Favorite TV show and why? News broadcasts, for up-to-date information.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? Perhaps retired, still researching and writing.

What do you like best about LCC? LCC is home, sweet home, for me.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? That the LRC is not a full-blown library, but it can expand its offerings with e-books.

What is your greatest strength? A combination of teaching and researching, with one as the hand-maiden to the other, to promote the unique learning experience that LCC offers northern New Mexico.



Dr. Vigil has recently been selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of *Marquis' Who's Who in the World*.

LCC recruiting activities

Monday, September 21 – School visit – Wagon Mound HS, 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday, September 22 – Meet Your Student Government – Student Services Bldg. Free Sno-cones 1 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23 – School visit – Cimarron HS, 11:30 a.m.; Moreno Valley HS, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 24 – College Days – Escalante HS, 9 a.m.; Taos HS, 1:30 p.m.. KNMX Radio, LCC Half-hour Show. Call Jesse @ extension 1200 if you wish to be a guest.

Friday, September 25 – College Days, Espanola 9 a.m. Robertson HS Homecoming Parade, 1 p.m.

Santa Rosa HS Homecoming Parade, 1 p.m.

Saturday, September 26 – N.M. Highlands Homecoming Parade – 2 p.m.

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Olson, Weinkauff, Holguin and Reichert set for “A Conversation with the Community”

The following is a brief bio of Susan Olson, Annette Weinkauff, Sharon Holguin and Conni Reichert who will be taking part in Luna Community College's “A Conversation with the Community” which will take place at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at the Learning Resource Center. The itinerary is as follows: Introduction: Conni Reichert; How students are admitted into the program: Annette Weinkauff; How clinicals are put together-why we can't take more than 48 students: Susan Olson-Smith; What happens with failures-why students fail-auditing policy: Sharon Holguin; What we are doing to strengthen students-Allied Health Certificate: Conni Reichert. It will culminate with a question and answer segment.

Susan Olson RN, MSN was hired initially in 2002 to teach our many sections of Certified Nurse Aide courses along with other pre-nursing courses such as Nutrition, Medical Terminology, and check-offs for first level nursing students. Once in the MSN program, she began to assume responsibility for the Family Nursing coursework and clinical instruction. She has vast nursing experience as a pediatric and obstetric nurse. She now also has the expertise of simulation technology and has responsibility for weekly training of students utilizing a Sim's baby/child manikin. She also tests students who have completed their basic Certified Nurse Aide courses by the New Mexico Prometric testing company based on her expertise in the development of Certified Nurse Aide coursework. She receives excellent reviews from students in her knowledge and teaching skills. She has completed her graduate studies with a MSN Degree in Nursing Education.

Annette Weinkauff, RN, MSN, is our most recent recruit hired in fall of 2006 with very broad experience as a Medical Surgical nurse in

our local community hospital. She is presently teaching the core first level nursing courses. She is evaluated by students as excellent in her teaching skills as well as clinical instruction. Annette also serves in the capacity of Assistant Director of the Allied Health Science Department.

Sharon Holguin, RN, MSN has been an invaluable member of the faculty since 1993 with her years of experience in Medical-Surgical Nursing along with her roles in staff education in the hospital settings. She is assigned the second Level Medical-Surgical Nursing Courses. She has also greatly improved the development of the Drug Calculations course resulting in students who pass this course following the new standard of 100 percent pass rate prior to each new semester clinical experience. She introduced the use of the Mr. Sim's Man for Code Blue training and instructs all students on I.V., CPR, and Traction Training. She is evaluated by students as excellent in her role of clinical Instructor and teacher. She also serves as lab coordinator with responsibilities in ordering supplies and equipment for procedure check-offs of students.

Conni Reichert RN, MSN was recruited in 1999 from the community based on her positive experiences with students that led to her teaching all first level nursing courses. She has served in a variety of third world countries to promote health and teach nursing to underserved poor. She has been the director of Allied Health Sciences since 2006.



Luna Community College faculty member Henry Sanchez (right) sells former UNM basketball star Hunter Green a raffle ticket for “The Love Your Neighbor Fund” which is primarily used to help the elderly pay heating expenses during the winter months. A recent fundraiser, which boxing promoter Lenny Fresquez donated several tickets and autographed posters, raised nearly \$1,800 for the fund. For more information on “The Love Your Neighbor Fund,” call Sanchez at 505/454-1040.

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Local bands participate in WLV parade



Pictured clockwise are: West Las Vegas Middle School Band; LCC employees Lorraine Martinez and Mary Ward with the college's banner; Memorial Middle School Band and Valley Middle School Band.

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Luna CC committed to service area



Pictured clockwise: LCC employees Dr. Vidal Martinez, Rose Tapia and Renee Garcia ride in the parade; West Las Vegas Middle School Band; Highlands University Band; Robertson High Band and the Mora High Band. All these schools are part of the Luna Community College service area.



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Paiz to chair LCC Marketing Committee

The following is an interview with Maria Paiz who is the chairperson of the newly designed LCC Marketing Committee

What is your respective committee about?

The LCC Marketing Committee is being established in an effort to develop and implement an effective marketing plan for Luna Community College.

What is your short term goal of this committee?

The short term goals of this committee are to develop and recommend an effective marketing plan/strategy for the entirety of Luna Community College and its area satellites. This strategy shall include but is not limited to the standardization of all promotional products, effective ordering practices, etc. as well as standardizing the overall branding of the college.

What is your long term goal of this committee?

The long term goal of this committee is to provide Luna Community College an effective marketing plan for implementation, development of appropriate processing and approval in the use of LCC logos and branding and to ensure all legal and copyright policies are developed and adhered to.

Who is on your committee?

Currently the Marketing Committee is in the process of being developed. It will, however, consist of an LCC Board of Trustee Member, an LCC Alumni, a community member, a current LCC student and myself.

When will you start meeting?

As soon as commitment may be obtained by possible committee members, I would like to begin meeting as a group on Friday, Oct. 2,

2009 and continue to host meetings bi-weekly or monthly as needed.

How will this committee benefit students and the college in general?

This committee will benefit the students and Luna Community College by assisting in the effective recognition and promotion of the college. With the standardization of products and merchandizing comes recognition. By standardizing all LCC promotional items, logos, and branding LCC products and merchandise will be easy to recognize adding to the benefit of easily acknowledging what products, events and projects Luna Community College supports.

How did this committee come about?

As Luna Community College continues to progress the need to standardize its branding has become more evident. The protection of LCC logos and branding is necessary to ensure that misuse does not take place in advertisements, promotions, etc. With the support of Dr. Campos, the establishment of this committee and its ultimate goal is to assist in providing all those associated with the college a strategic plan to effectively market the college in a positive way, setting the standard of providing quality products, merchandise, and communication tools that the college, its staff and students will be proud to display.

Give me an overview of what this committee is about?

This committee is being established to develop an effective marketing plan for the purpose of standardizing all promotional products and merchandise for Luna Community College. As well as develop the appropriate processing and approval criteria in the use of LCC logos and branding and ensure all legal and copyright policies are developed and implemented.

Hall of mirrors

The following article was written by Mekisha Armijo, a student in Jacqueline Hampleman's ENG104 class. They do journal writings once a week.

As I walk through the hall of mirrors, I come across this small round mirror. It has little silver roses all around and a tiny little fairy at the top. For in this mirror is a little girl with golden curls wearing a bright pink dress. In this mirror, it shows me the girl I once was.

Then I walk further down the hall and come across a slightly longer mirror with black roses and cracks in the mirror itself. Strangely, cracks are still forming. In this mirror I see a young woman with long black hair. She looks tired and sad. She looks back at me with sorrowful but hopeful eyes.

This mirror is the mirror of the present.

Then, not wanting to stay too long, I walk farther down the hall, and at the end of this long hall of mirrors, I come across this really big mirror with large silver lotus flowers on each side of the mirror and little silver dragons wrapped all around the round shape of the mirror.

In this mirror, I see a woman; she is beautifully dressed. She looks like a business woman and a very successful one at that. She looks very content with herself and very happy with the people around her. In this mirror I see that this woman has a big, incredible house and a very fast sports car. She has an attractive family and even a household pet. This woman has no worries.

This mirror shows the woman I am destined to be.

Quote of the Week

“To me education is a leading out of what is already there in the pupil's soul,”— Muriel Spark (1918-)British Writer.

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Course	Sec	Hours	Title	Days	Dates	Times	Campus	Bldg	Room	Instructor
ASE101	02	3.0	Introduction to Renewable Energy	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	11:30AM - 2:10PM	MAIN	ADMIN	103	Jencka, D
BIO103E	02	2.0	Medical Terminology (DL)	-M-----	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		Roybal, E
BIO210E	02	3.0	Nutrition (DL)	-M-----	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		Olson, S
CCT110E	01	3.0	Community College Teaching (DL)	-M-----	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		Trujillo,F
CCT116E	01	3.0	Faculty & the Cmnty College (DL)	--W---	10/14/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		Trujillo,F
CSA150	41	3.0	Computer Fundamentals	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	3:30PM - 7:20PM	OFFS	OFFS	MOR5	Laumbach,P
ELEC102	02	4.0	Electronic Circuits/AC	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	9:00AM - 11:50AM	MAIN	TECH	130	Duncan, R
ELEC102L	02	0.0	Electronic Circuits/AC Lab	----R--	10/15/09 - 12/04/09	1:00PM - 4:50PM	MAIN	TECH	130	Duncan, R
ENG102	05	4.0	Introduction to Grammar	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	4:00PM - 7:50PM	MAIN	GEN	101	{Staff}
ENG111	06	3.0	Freshman Composition I	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	5:00PM - 7:50PM	MAIN	GEN	112	Riley, C.
ENG111E	21	3.0	Freshman Composition I (DL)	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	6:00PM - 8:50PM	EWEB	SPRG		Otto, K.
FCMK100	41	3.0	Intr to Furniture & Cabinet-Mkng	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	3:00PM - 6:30PM	OFFS	OFFS	MOR3	Laumbach H
FS115	01	4.0	Introduction to Firefighting	-MTWR--	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	5:15PM - 8:15PM	MAIN	GEN	104	Sauter, R.
HIST101	02	3.0	Western Civilization I	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	2:00PM - 4:50PM	MAIN	GEN	109	Garcia, T.
HIST102E	21	3.0	Western Civilization II (DL)	--T-RF-	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	5:00PM - 6:40PM	EWEB	SPRG		Beil, J.
HIST162E	20	3.0	American History II (DL)	--T-RF-	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	7:00PM - 8:40PM	EWEB	SPRG		Beil, J.
HPS140	01	3.0	Sports Officiating	----FS	10/09/09 - 12/04/09	5:00PM - 8:50PM	MAIN	GEN	110	Abreu, A
HPS210	01	3.0	Administration and Evaluation	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	6:00PM - 8:50PM	MAIN	GEN	110	Abreu, A
MATH105	06	4.0	General Mathematics	-M-W-F-	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	4:00PM - 6:20PM	MAIN	TECH	126A	Mares, G
MATH116	05	4.0	Intermediate Algebra	-MT-RF-	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	4:00PM - 5:40PM	MAIN	TECH	136	Stockett
MS125E	01	3.0	Military Professionalism (DL)	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		{Staff}
MS140E	01	3.0	Miltry Ldrshp:Thry/Practice (DL)	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		{Staff}
NRSG099	01	1.0	Student Nurse Success	----F-	08/21/09 - 10/09/09	1:00PM - 2:50PM	MAIN	AHC	NO9	Weinkauf,A
NRSG101	01	1.0	Therapeutic Communication	-M-----	08/17/09 - 10/05/09	2:00PM - 3:50PM	MAIN	AHC	NO10	Reichert,C
NRSG101	02	1.0	Therapeutic Communication	---T---	08/18/09 - 10/06/09	2:00PM - 3:50PM	MAIN	AHC	NO10	Reichert,C
PE112	31	1.0	Physical Fitness	-MTWRF-	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	7:00AM - 8:00PM	SROS	OFFS		Campos A
PE112	43	1.0	Physical Fitness	-MTWR--	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	6:15PM - 7:05PM	OFFS	OFFS	MOR2	Abeyta, J
PSYC101E	20	3.0	Introduction to Psychology (DL)	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	6:00PM - 8:50PM	EWEB	SPRG		Robbins, J
PSYC242E	02	3.0	Developmental Life Span (DL)	---WR--	10/14/09 - 12/04/09	6:00PM - 8:50PM	EWEB	MAIN		Hughes, R
PSYC258	01	3.0	Abnormal Psychology	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	1:00PM - 3:50PM	MAIN	GEN	111	Ravenswood
READ105	06	3.0	Developmental Reading	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	4:00PM - 6:50PM	MAIN	GEN	108	{Staff}
READ105	20	3.0	Developmental Reading	----F-	10/16/09 - 12/04/09	8:00AM - 1:50PM	SPRG	FORR	107	Otto, K.
SPCH111	04	3.0	Public Speaking	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	11:00AM - 1:50PM	MAIN	GEN	111	Riley, C.
THTR125	01	3.0	Acting I	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	9:30AM - 12:20PM	MAIN	GEN	109	Kennedy, R

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Armijo to start alumni committee efforts

The following is an interview with Donna Armijo who is the chairperson of the newly designed LCC Alumni Committee.

What is your respective committee about?

This committee will support the development of an alumni association here at Luna Community College. Development includes deciding what the purpose/mission and goals will be of this alumni association. This committee will also work to recruit the many and proud alumni living not only in our community, but alumni who have moved away as well.

What is your short term goal of this committee?

The goals of this committee have yet to be decided by the committee. However, short term goals of this committee may include determining the purpose of this alumni association. In deciding the purpose we can then develop our mission statement, goals/objectives. We will also have to determine bylaws for the association. Other short term goals include: deciding what benefits we can offer members; how the alumni will support student life; building a collaboration with other organizations such as: the student senate, PTK honor society, career-services, the softball and baseball teams, just to name a few.

What is your long term goal of this committee?

Most importantly, I hope the long term goal of this committee will be just to have fun! I hope this will be something that doesn't feel like "work" to people but rather something we do because we're proud of where we received our foundation and want to support others in their educational journey.

Other long term goals of this committee also remain to be determined but again may include:

- The recruitment of a solid number of members
- An alumni newsletter
- Perhaps a "spotlight" section in the Luna Light, where a member is recognized
- Discounts at local and national retailers, restaurants, services, etc. for members
- Regular meetings
- Have student representation at the meetings
- Continued collaboration and support of other student organizations and student activities

Who is on your committee?

This committee still needs to be developed. I've contacted a couple of my cohorts and they were very excited to hear about the prospect of an alumni association as they too are very proud of attending and having received their education here at LCC. Still, I am very much in need of creative ideas, and input. I know there are many employees here at LCC who may be able to offer some very innovative startup ideas. I welcome and appreciate anyone would like share their ideas. I am hoping to organize a diverse committee and plan to have representation from the community, staff, students, and alumni.

When will you start meeting?

Ideally, I would like to have our first meeting by the first week of October. I would like to be able to present a viable plan for an alumni association to Dr. Campos so that he may be able to present the plan to the Luna Community College Board of Trustees on Oct. 31.

How will this committee benefit students and the college in general?

The extent to which this alumni association can benefit Luna Community college remains to be determined. However, I do hope that this committee will be able to support the students in their educational journey and all that may entail. We will also further the current mission of LCC. I believe that the alumni of LCC really represent an immense and untapped body of support. In the short time I've been here at Luna (as an employee), I know that the main focus of faculty, staff, and administrators is really the students. I have personally experienced and benefited from the support from faculty, staff, and administrators here at Luna Community College.

There are many benefits that come from forming an alumni association. For example, other colleges note that establishing an alumni association helps increase recruitment. Alumni help in bringing about a higher sense of pride to the institution. They can also help in developing lifelong relationships between the alumni and the college. Alumni

associations may support and sponsor student life activities and support existing organizations in the college. Some alumni associations have been able to provide funding opportunities to current students through supporting foundations within the college. Some associations choose to provide mentoring programs. Really, the benefits to the students and to Luna Community college are endless and mostly dependent on the mission, goals and objectives of the committee.

How did this committee come about?

I understand this was something the college has wanted to do for quite some time. The key to establishing a successful alumni association is having the support of the administration. Dr. Campos has expressed his interest and support in an alumni association being established. Ultimately, the committee has come about because alumni are proud to have been a part of Luna Community College. What better way to support the college, that provided us the foundation necessary to succeed in our future endeavors, than to assist in the establishment of the alumni association?

Give me an overview of what this committee is about?

As I've mentioned before our first focus is just having some fun with establishing an alumni association. We will also explore all the possible ways we can help current students and support them so they may be better prepared to face future challenges. Hopefully, with the growth of the alumni association the possibilities of support will expand. This committee will establish the mission, goals and objectives of the association. Once we've established this we can then move forward to member recruitment and of course achieving the mission, goals, and objectives of Luna Community College's Alumni Association.

"I do hope that this committee will be able to support the students in their educational journey..."—Donna Armijo