

The Luna Light



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An LCC success story

Hewlett-Packard employee Ernesto Coca says college gave him life-changing opportunity

The following is the journey as told by former Luna Community College student Ernesto Coca.

My relationship with Luna Community College started in 2001. At that time I was 17. I had decided to drop out of high school and go to Luna and earn my GED. After I received my GED I knew I wanted to extend my education, but I was more concerned about making some money. So I decided to work full-time at Daylight Donuts where I had worked throughout high school.

After working full-time for a few months and realizing I couldn’t make the money I wanted without more education, I decided to go back to school.

It was rather easy to decide what program I wanted to go into, since I always had a huge interest in computers. The computer science program was a perfect fit. At the time it was a struggling program, but it still had my interest. So I started taking classes in 2003.

After a couple years of classes and a couple different directors, I had heard they were bringing in another individual. While I was at work at Daylight, this guy I had never seen before came in (after working at daylight for 9 years, I knew most of our customers). So this funny looking guy with curly hair walks up to me and asks, “Are you Ernesto?”

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Ernesto Coca



Luna Community College students Samantha Garcia (left) and Stephanie Sanchez will both be graduating with a certificate in culinary arts. Garcia will complete her studies after the summer session with Sanchez completing her degree on May 8. Both have said they want to move to the Rio Rancho/Albuquerque area and eventually own and operate their own restaurant.

“I learned a lot here at Luna Community College. I really enjoyed my time here at Luna,” says Garcia.

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Pablo Montoya says he is happy to be teaching at the place he started at

Name: Pablo A. Montoya
Position: Furniture and Cabinetmaking Instructor
How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? Approximately four years, fall of 2006

Favorite food and why? Home-made tortillas, because they go good with red chili, green chili, chicharrones, beans, beef, pork, chicken; even potted meat with a fresh jalapeño. The list goes on. Put it this way, having home-made tortillas is like owning a four-wheel drive pick up truck with a good set of snow tires. Everything else is just plain.

Favorite hobby and why? I have several: I love to work with wood and leather, being outdoors, hunting, fishing, livestock shows and collecting cowboy paraphernalia.

Favorite TV show and why? I'm not one for watching much TV. At my house on a good day we get two channels. At one time I remember watching *Gunslinger*. Festus was one of a kind.



Pablo Montoya says that LCC employees do more hands-on projects during College Night.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? Watching my grandson wrestle in his first tournament. He is eight months old now.

What do you like best about LCC? The fact that I am teaching in the same shop where I was a student at one time. Thank you to my instructors.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? College Night. I think it should be turned up a notch. It should be turned into a day event, combined with the auto body collision car show. All departments should be involved doing hands-on demonstrations pertaining to their department. Along with live music, possibly a battle of the bands and beef cooked underground. (Don't forget the fresh tortillas).

Make sure every high school junior and senior in New Mexico gets an invitation. Passing out pencils is getting boring.

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 e-mailing your answer to jjallegos@luna.edu or calling extension 1200. One winner per month.



Quote of the Week

“You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world,” —Tom Brokaw

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You are cordially invited to
join us in celebrating
the highly anticipated
Groundbreaking Ceremony
for the new

Luna Community College Media Education Center

Wednesday, May 12, 2010
at 1:00 PM
on the Main Campus of



366 Luna Drive
Las Vegas, New Mexico

Refreshments & Entertainment
to be provided

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Maria H. Paiz
via telephone at
505.454.2501
by May 10, 2010

Completing your studies at Luna CC means a lot

President Campos says: "Now work to accomplish more"

By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President

A diploma or certificate from Luna Community College means a lot. Because of our hands-on, academic, vocational and rigorous standards; the grades earned, the lessons mastered and the final embossed stamp of approval bestowed and authenticated during the 2010 commencement ceremony is proof that Luna Community College makes a positive difference in the lives of those who take classes here and focus on a specific program of study. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in *rising up every time we fail.*"

Completing a course of study at a community college leads to higher education and successful careers. Jack Dempsey said, "A champion is someone who gets up, even when he can't." As a result, the list of successful individuals who graduated from community colleges is impressive and extensive, ranging from business CEO's to politicians. The following are a few famous community college alumni: **Pete Rozelle**, former NFL Commissioner; **Tom Hanks**, Oscar-winning actor; **H. Ross Perot**, corporate executive and 1992 Presidential Candidate; **Calvin Klein**, Fashion Designer; **Melvin Salvenson**, Creator of MasterCard; **Walt Disney**, Founder of Disney World and Disneyland; **Francine Neff**, Former US Treasurer; **Arthur Goldberg**, former Supreme Court Justice; **Clint Eastwood**, Actor and Oscar-winning director; and **John Walsh**, "America's Most Wanted" host.

Obtaining a community college degree is highly effective because of two distinct benefits: 1] an opportunity to directly enter into the skilled workforce; and, 2] an ability to attend a reputable four-year university. Since 2000, the percentage of Americans who believe college is essential to success in today's world has gone from 31 percent to 55 percent—a remarkable increase in just a decade. That means more people are choosing a community college because of affordability, access, a focus on specific career related education and the employ-



Dr. Pete Campos congratulates Albert Dean during a Phi Theta Kappa Introduction Ceremony, recently.

ment opportunities that open up right after earning a degree or certificate. It is always important to remain positive, pay attention to those who encourage and really love you and care about your well being instead of letting those who are jealous, spiteful and blog anonymously to bring your spirits down. Overshadowing negativity and pursuing "your own" aspirations is important.

The following is a poem written by an unknown author that I hope helps. "When things go wrong as they sometimes will; When the road you're trudging seems all uphill; When funds are low, and debts are high and you want to smile, but have to sigh; When stress is wearing you down a bit - rest if you must, but do not quit. Success is failure turned inside out; when the clouds of doubt seem near, don't give up and you will see just how far those clouds really are; and, Stick to the

fight when you're hardest hit – it's when things go wrong that you must not quit."

Now, it's time to work even harder to achieve and reach new goals in your life. Dale Carnegie said, "Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all." Indeed, because of your accomplishments here at Luna Community College, I am confident you will become one of the successful people added to the "Famous Graduates from Community College" list!

Winston Churchill said, "Never, never, never give up!" May these words stay with you the rest of your life and serve as your mantra anytime you become disillusioned, ill or feel like things just aren't going the way you want them too! Remember, there will be many ups and downs in your lives as you go forward. It is only when you give life your best that you can turn lemons into lemonade. **Your great achievement today has inspired us to accomplish more. Congratulations!**

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Classes at....



View and print the Summer 2010 Schedule of Classes @ www.luna.edu
CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010



Luna Community College Baseball Coach Antonio Siqueiros (foreground), along with LCC baseball player Greg Siqueiros teach a group of Little Leaguers basic fundamentals.

An LCC success...

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I replied, "Ya, who are you?"

So the guy goes on to tell me that he is Mike Adams, the new director of technology at Luna. He continued to tell me a little about his past and more important what he planned for Luna's Technology Department. It sounded great, but I was suspicious to see if this guy could do what he was planning.

Well, as the years went by a lot of what Mike had promised did happen. One of those things was to rebuild relationships with companies that were hiring graduates of Luna. When the time came for me to graduate, Mike called and told me that Sandia National Labs wanted me to go with him to be interviewed. I had already been in contact with Intel to go work with them, so foolishly I declined their offer. After I decided not pursue employment at Intel, they had just laid off over 5,000 employees.

One afternoon I received a phone call from Mike. Mike asked what happened with Intel and if I am working anywhere now. After telling him what happened he informed me that he might need some help with some classes up at Luna. So I took Mike up on his offer to teach two classes in the spring semester of 2007.

After the first semester I took on more and more classes. Soon I was working for other directors also. I worked for Mike for two years before he was transferred to the IT dept. During this time I worked with Mike, Francisco Romero, and Dr. Vidal Martinez on developing the LCC Video Game Development Program. So many people doubted this program, but it continues to grow every semester. It has brought students that never thought of college before to not wanting to leave the college or classrooms after class. I also worked for Renee Garcia for a year and a half. After Mike left the technology department, my new director was Dr. Andy Feldman.

In the summer of 2009 I was offered a full-time IT manager position with WE Care Agency INC. I continued to teach part time through the fall semester of 2009 and spring of 2010.

A couple of weeks ago I received a phone call from Bob Frechette a CSM with Hewlett-Packard in Rio Rancho. After a 15 minute phone interview, his manager called me and offered me a job with HP. She continued to tell me what the job entailed. With no hesitation, I accepted the offer. Today, I am finishing my third week at HP, the No. 10 fortune company in the country. A company that has more than 320,000 employees worldwide. My position is Technical Account Manager III for Cisco OEM. This position starts at \$65,000 a year. I work with a team of 20 covering Cisco OEM AVVID servers. Half of that team is in Bangalore, India.

I asked Jesse Gallegos if I could write this to let everyone know how Luna and the great people at Luna helped me excel in my education, my career and my life. But more importantly, I wanted to show the future and current graduates at Luna Community College that it is possible. And with the help of the right people to guide you it is that much easier.

I would like to show great appreciation to Mike Adams and Renee Garcia, thank you for taking a chance with me. I would also like to thank Dr. Martinez and Dr. Feldman.

Thank you all at Luna Community College,

Ernesto Coca
Cisco OEM Technical Account Manager (TAM)
Global Solutions Center Custom Mission Critical
Technology Solutions Group
Hewlett-Packard Company

LCC employees visit Mora Site

Mora High students will travel to main campus next year

By Wanda Martinez
Mora Site Director

On April 21 representatives from the offices of admissions/recruitment and dual credit departments, Tom Herrera and Janice Encinias, respectively, accompanied President Campos in visiting Mora High School. Tom gave the upcoming juniors and seniors a glimpse of summer offerings and more specifically of the two summer programs for high school students: Tech Prep and the Student Academic Advancement Institute. Janice was available to answer the questions students had regarding the courses.

President Campos then inspired the 71 students in attendance by speaking on the importance of self-motivation in terms of both academic and personal choices. His speech was



The Luna Community College-Mora Site is located in the heart of Mora. A recent visit by LCC employees was well-received by Mora High students.

well-received and quite successful given the fact that all the information/registrations Tom brought with him disappeared in an instant.

Next year, these students will have the opportunity to travel to the main campus and

staff/faculty; they are indeed dedicated to the success of their students and it certainly shows.

experience the atmosphere and setting of a college. The students are excited that they will be able to take advantage of both the academic and vocational courses on the main campus. This opportunity will enhance the current offerings at the Mora Site made available to them and the community.

Preparations for student testing/registration and upcoming finals have kept both the Mora Site and the high school counselor, Mrs. Audra Vigil, quite busy. We are fortunate to have the great relationship with the school district and its

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, May 10. Remember this is all in fun.



Dr. Pete Campos

and



Eddie Munster

or



Dr. Pete Campos

and



George Stephanopoulos

Luna Community College sponsoring Tech Prep Summer Program for 22nd year



2009 Tech Prep Summer Program students, Frank Branch, Victoria Lopez and Hannah Cordova are pictured completing a physics lab assignment. The Tech Prep Summer Program provides an opportunity for students to challenge themselves to grow academically, explore careers and grow personally. Pictured (right) are some of the 2009 Tech Prep Summer students—Kaitland Hutchinson, Sarah Bustos, Linda Esquibel, Rochelle Ortiz, and Bonita Baca. These students, along with others, participated in the 2009 Program which provided students with an opportunity to begin their college career and enhance math, science and technology skills.

In a continued effort to enhance summer educational opportunities for area high school students and also in helping prepare students for science, math and technology careers, Luna Community College will sponsor the 22nd year of its Tech Prep Summer Program. Students who were classified a sophomore, junior or senior during the current academic school year (2009-2010) will be eligible to apply to the program. The college program will run for eight weeks during the summer session, Tuesday, June 1 – Friday, July 23.

The LCC Tech Prep Summer Program is designed to enhance opportunities for students in preparing for college. While it introduces high school students to college, the program strengthens math, science and technology skills. A major link to the LCC service area high schools, the program offers enhanced academic opportunities, including career development. Students earn college credit that can be applied toward an associate degree and/or baccalaureate degree. The college credit earned is transferrable to four-year colleges or universities.

Qualifying students will complete course work in physics and other courses, along with participating in technology-related field trips/tours and college prep seminars.

The LCC Tech Prep Summer Program will provide students with free tuition, registration and lab fees and books. In addition, students will receive a

stipend for other educational expenses. Academic and career counseling services will be available along with tutoring services.

To apply for the LCC Tech Prep Summer Program, students must complete an application that is available at the high school counseling offices, the LCC ACCESS Center or the LCC Dual Credit Office. Students must meet LCC prerequisite requirements for courses.

Some of the LCC Tech Prep Summer Program courses are: Physics, College Algebra, Solid State and Active Devices, Engineering Graphics & Basic AutoCAD, Plane Surveying, Introduction to Renewable Energy, Computer Fundamentals, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, and Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint.

Other courses include: Freshman Composition I, Freshman Composition II, History of New Mexico, Introduction to Anthropology, Introduction to Art, Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Drawing, Public Speaking, Western Civilization I, American National Government, Beginning Spanish I, and Beginning Spanish II.

For more information on the Luna Community College Tech Prep Summer Program you may call 505/429-0508, 505/454-5370 or 1-800-588-7232 ext. 1014.

Business students recognized



Pictured clockwise are: Inca Garduño-Crespin awarding her outstanding student Andrew Gonzales; a photo of the crowd applauding; Meta Levister giving an Academic Excellence Award to Ashley Barela; Stephanie Fernandez and Adeline Salas receiving awards; Elaine Ortega awarding student Amanda Lucero for her assistance in tutoring other students.



The other two photos are: Harry Anderson awarding Catalicia Barr an Academic Excellence Award and Harry Anderson, Renee Garcia, Rose Tapia, Elaine Ortega, and Meta Levister presenting Tapia with an honorary award for 26 years of dedicated service to LCC.

Softball team honors players, parents



Pictured clockwise are: the softball team gathers during the final inning; Adri Gabaldon slides into home base, while MariElena Martinez runs to first base; Devonne Martinez makes a sliding throw to second base as Marissa Navarro waits for the ball; two-year players and their parents stand at the first base line as they receive certificates and a jersey; Tomasita Smith throws from the outfield as Melanie Alderette backs up the play and pitcher Vanessa Vigil winds up for a throw.

LCC's Honor Society named fourth most distinguished chapter internationally

By Dr. Twila Quintana

LCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recently received recognition beyond all levels previously achieved. The Beta Mu Nu Chapter returned from the 92nd Annual International Convention being named the Fourth Most Distinguished Chapter.

"This level of achievement was completely unexpected. To put the magnitude of this into perspective, there are only four chapters ahead of our chapter out of approximately one thousand five hundred chapters from around the world. I don't think any chapter who has only been in existence for six years, as our chapter has, can show they have risen to such a level so quickly," said Lead Advisor Cindy Armijo.

To be considered for this recognition, the chapter submitted Hallmark entries for Scholarship, Leadership and Service. These entries summarized activities the chapter undertook during 2009. Chapter members initiated and developed projects focusing on the Honors Study Topic *The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges and Consequences*. Furthermore, under the Service Hallmark, the chapter partnered with Keep America Beautiful in the areas education, beautification, resource protection and recycling. The Hallmark entries are scored and ranked by Phi Theta Kappa International Headquarters staff.

In addition to Fourth Most Distinguished Chapter, the Beta Mu Nu Chapter was for the second year named a Distinguished Chapter (Top 25). During the Hallmark Gala the number of first-time recognitions, our chapter received a Scholarship Hallmark Award, a Leadership Hallmark Award and an individual Distinguished Officer Award for student Shalena Bailey. Co-Advisor Dr. Twila Quintana garnered a Distinguished Advisor Hallmark recognizing five years of excellence as an

advisor. Each Hallmark Award acknowledges 30 recipients per respective category.

The Beta Mu Nu Chapter has also established a strong and sustained history of distinction at the regional level by sweeping the New Mexico Regional Hallmark Awards for the past four years. The New Mexico Region is comprised of 19 chapters from throughout the state. Our chapter has received the Scholarship Hallmark, Leadership Hallmark, Service Hallmark and numerous individual Hallmark Awards for officers and advisors.

"As advisors, the philosophy Cindy and I use to maintain the high standards we expect from our chapter is we want to develop our students into servant leaders who are recognized for their academic achievements, leadership roles and for positive contributions to their community, region and beyond. Because of the nature of community colleges, we have a very short period of time to work with our students before they graduate," said Quintana. "I believe our chapter's success can be directly linked to the commitment Cindy embodies, not only as lead advisor but also in her role as New Mexico Regional Coordinator as she leads and teaches by example."

For those students who accept membership, the potential benefits are infinite; however, for the small number of students who enhance their member with involvement at the chapter, regional and/or international levels, the experience is life-changing. For officer Shalena Bailey, nowhere else could she speak before a group of five thousand strangers and actually feel the comfort of being amongst friends. For Bailey: "Phi Theta Kappa participation has given me the ability to become the person I never knew I could be."

International convention through a first year attendee's eyes

By Destiny Torres
Chapter President

I attended my first Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Orlando last month. My experience was amazing and interesting. We stayed at the Disneyworld Dolphin Resort while there. I attended several educational forums, including Chapter Officer 101

which taught chapter officers more about their leadership roles in helping their chapters become successful. I also attended the Honors in Action Academy which helped me learn more about Phi Theta Kappa's Hallmarks: Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship and how to incorporate the Hallmarks into the current Honors Study Topic, The

Democratization of Information: Power, Peril and Promise.

I listened to two world-renowned keynote

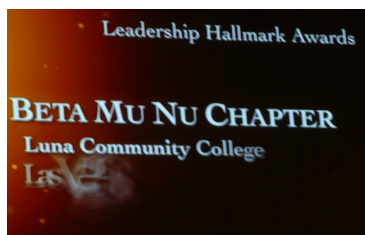
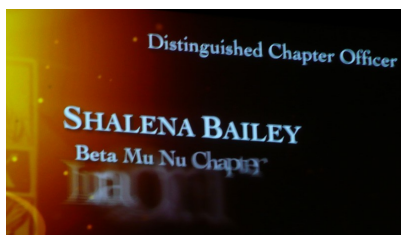
"My experience was amazing and interesting,"—Destiny Torres.

speakers Dr. Rachel Maddow (MSNBC Political Analyst and host of The Rachel Maddow Show) and Dr. Sanjay Gupta (CNN Senior medical correspondent for health and medicine, host of Sanjay Gupta MD and practicing neurosurgeon) and their thoughts about The Democratization of Information. Another speaker I had the pleasure of hearing from

was Phi Theta Kappa alumnus Wes Moore who spoke about his experiences and his upcoming book, [The Other Wes Moore](#).

Can you imagine seeing or being around so many different college honor students? It was incredible meeting different people from all over the world. I also had the pleasure of seeing our chapter take home several Hallmark awards.

So if you are invited to join LCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society or are already a member, think about attending a New Mexico Regional Convention or an International Convention because you will have one of the most memorable experiences of your life, just like I did.



Photos clockwise are: Cindy Armijo with Daisy and Donald Duck; Shalena Bailey accepting a Distinguished officer award; LCC on the international board; Dr. Twila Quintana, Armijo, Destiny Torres and Bailey holding LCC awards and New Mexico Regional attendees.



Sarah Bustos, a senior at West Las Vegas High School and Kori Archuleta a senior at Pecos High School, both participated in LCC's Dual Credit Program and will be graduating from LCC with a General Education Certificate. The General Education Certificate is a 36 credit hour certificate under the 2006-2009 Catalog which is tailored for students with an interest in a broad range of courses that would be helpful in a well-rounded liberal education. Additionally, the certificate program will give the student the opportunity to sample various disciplines to determine their educational futures; or to prepare students for continued studies towards an associates or baccalaureate degree. High school students graduate simultaneously from both high school and college.



Paul Sandoval, LCC Food Service Manager, recently received a certification from ServSafe for successfully completing the standards set forth for the ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification Examination, which is accredited by the American National Standards Institute Conference for food protection. The second photo, Sandoval shows a sign that his kitchen was approved by the environmental health division. "I'm striving for excellence. I enjoy working here and I am looking forward to the future at LCC," says Sandoval.

Small Business Development Center schedules "Beginning QuickBooks"

"Beginning QuickBooks"

\$50 fee

June 17, 2010 – Las Vegas

(LCC Student Services Conference Room)

Learn to use the popular business accounting software. This course is a basic introduction to Quick Books and is designed for those with very little to no experience in QuickBooks. QuickBooks allows you to

take care of daily transactions in a small business such as writing checks, making bank deposits, transferring funds, tracking inventory items and invoicing your customers. Reporting in these various areas also helps management in making decisions that could be crucial to operations and growth of a business. Learn to set up your company properly with this hands-on lesson. You will need a basic understanding of bookkeeping and how debits and credits work.

Seating is limited to 15. QB 2009 version.

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View and print the Summer 2010 Schedule of Classes @ www.luna.edu
CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010

Luna CC Team Leaders take on additional duties

The following individuals have agreed, at no extra compensation, to oversee the following departments/programs until December 31, 2010 at which time evaluation of the need and fund availability to hire additional staff will be determined. Through this endeavor, Luna Community College will be able to capture potential savings which will assist in maintaining academic and operational progress.

Please reference the following listing:

Dr. Vidal Martinez, VP of Academics

- Concurrent Enrollment / Dual Credit—Patricia Romero
- ACCESS Center —Veronica Serna
- Admissions/ Recruitment—Moses Marquez
- Registrar—Johnathan Ortiz

Donna Flores, VP of Finance

- Financial Assistance—Regina Madrid
- Institutional Research & Development—Pete Manthei

Elaine Luna, Special Projects Director

- Public Information & Relations—Jesse Gallegos
- Noches de Familia—To be Determined
- Chronic Disease Prevention—To be Determined (New Grant Award)
- Health Families Home Visit Program—To be Determined

Lawrence Quintana, Human Resources Director

- Title V Program—Lorraine Martinez
- Ron Gonzales, Physical Plant Director**

- Athletics—Antonio Siqueiros (Baseball) and Meredith Gilpin (Softball)
- Learning Resource Center—Lawrence Martinez

Tuition increased

The Luna Community College Board of Trustees, as part of the approved budget, approved the raise of in-district tuition from \$29 to \$32.

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To catch up on *The Luna Light*, go to www.luna.edu and look under newsletters.

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Student Academic Advancement Institute
Summer 2010

The mission of the LCC Student Academic Advancement Institute (SAAI) is to help high school students achieve academic success and to support their educational goals. The program recruits high motivated high school juniors and seniors who can matriculate to Luna Community College. Along with college course enrollment (refer to web-site for course listing), students also participate in academic advancement seminars. The seminars provide academic support for student success.

Seminar Schedule

- Week 1 – “How to Succeed in College”
- Week 2 – “Increase Motivation”
- Week 3 – “Leadership in City Government”
- Week 4 – “Increase Self-Esteem”
- Week 5 – “Develop More Confidence”
- Week 6 – “Money and Finances”
- Week 7 – “Managing Stress”

Who is eligible?

High School students who are classified as a Junior or Senior for the 2010-2011 academic school year.

How do I apply?

The **first step** in applying for the SAAI Program is to fill out an application at the LCC Dual-Credit Office located within the Technologies Building in Room TE-144.

The **second step** is to complete the LCC COMPASS Assessment with the LCC ACCESS Center in the Student Services Building if COMPASS has not yet been completed or student has not taken the ACT.

The **third step** is to bring in a copy of your LCC COMPASS Assessment or recent copy of ACT scores and meet with LCC Dual-Credit staff to complete career cluster survey and advisement.

Each student who is accepted in the SAAI Program will receive an Educational Care Package (ECP) that includes:

- Book Fee Waiver
 - \$150 Stipend
 - Each student will be assigned to a College Success Mentor.

Summer extracurricular activities will also be available for students participating in the SAAI Program.

*Prerequisites may apply (505) 454-5377 or 1-800-588-7232 X1075

Please refer to the LCC web-site for a complete listing of Summer Courses

Luna CC graduates: Some simple rules to follow in your life

By Henry Sanchez

As an institution of higher learning, Luna Community College has been committed to serving the needs of the people especially in the surrounding communities. Our mission statement calls for “providing comprehensive education preparations for relevant employment and opportunities for lifelong learning.”



Henry Sanchez

culture acquired over the years of tradition and existence since 1969.

We live in a society where people are mobile and look for a place where their needs and desires are addressed. LCC has been just such a place that has prepared you well to go on with your journey in life. LCC offers many vocational and academic programs that enable our students to compete in the educational and work field.

Now the time has come for you to use this special education for pursuit of a better life for you and your families. Here are some simple rules to follow.

- There is no right way to do the wrong thing.

- Life is simple, don't complicate it by trying to take short cuts.
- Respect where you come from and where you are going.
- Respect and love your family, they will always be a part of you.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. The challenge of life is ahead of you.

Sanchez is former National High School Basketball Coach of the Year and has over 700 wins. He coached at Our Lady of Sorrows High, Bernalillo High, Highlands University and Robertson High. He also served three terms as the mayor of Las Vegas. He currently teaches sports performance at LCC.

An open invitation to SLOA presentations

All faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to the spring 2010 assessment of learning presentations at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12 at the Learning Resource Center Lecture Hall.

The process of student learning assessment will become more and more important as we move toward reaccreditation with the North Central Association and this presentation. It will be an excellent learning opportunity to watch other instructors demonstrate how they are measuring actual student learning and achievement in the sections selected.

Once again, everybody is invited to attend. See you there.—**Pete Manthei**

Allied Health has new software

The Allied Health Dept. has software for pre-nursing students. They bought software for the following subjects: English, reading comprehension, and math. Students can use the nursing tutoring lab where the computers are—**Denise Fox**



Luna Community College cosmetology student Kenneth Ulibarri gives fellow student George Martinez a skin fade hair cut.

LCC professional development

Name	Classes/Certification	College/Organization
Theresa Romero	2 Classes	Luna Community College
Ben Crespin	Chair of 17th Annual Action Research Conf.	Eastern New Mexico Univ.
Ben Crespin	Academic Coaching	San Diego County Office of Educ.
Lawrence Quintana	2 classes	Highlands University
Cynthia R. Branch	Full-time (12 Hours)	NMHU/BA in Bus. Admin. with emphasis in Management
Paul Sandoval	Food Safety/Sanitation CPR/First Aid	ServSafe National Safety Council
John Tiernan	1 Class	Highlands University
Francine Crespin	1 Class	Highlands University
Victoria Flores	4 Classes	Highlands University
Dr. Pete Campos	4-Online Courses	Notre Dame (STEP)
Maria H. Paiz	Online Paralegal (ongoing)	UNM
Urszula Abeyta	1 Class	Highlands University
Adrienne O'Brien	1 Class	Highlands University
Adrienne O'Brien	1 Online Class (Through)	American Culinary Federation
Cindy P. Armijo	Licensed Professional Coun. NM Regulation and Licensing Dept.	
Cindy P. Armijo	Ren. Lic. for 10/09-9/11	Counseling and Therapy Practice Bd.
Michelle Bencomo	2 Classes	Highlands University
Gloria Pacheco	4 classes	Highlands/LCC
Nickolas Adams	Comptia A+ certification	
	Comptia Security + Certification	
	Comptia Network + Certification	
	MCTS(Microsoft Certified Technical Specialist)	
Michael Adams	Gov.'s Appointment to The Competitive Grants Advisory Team	
	Sec. of Education's Appointment to serve on the Council on Technology in Education At Large for four years	
	Tech Prep State Leadership Team	
Daniel Atencio		Bachelor's in Media Arts HU
Anthony Baca	Master ASE certification in collision repair and refinishing	

Note: These names do not include all LCC employees.

Chris Leeser of the Las Vegas Wildlife Refuge, talks to LCC environmental science and biology students on the ecosystem.



8th Annual LCC Nursing and Dental Pinning Ceremony



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Pictured clockwise are: RN graduates; Stacey Cordova with her parents James (Bozo) and Anna Cordova; Maria Gallardo with her sons Jorge and Omar; LPN nurses Yvonne Cartee and Brenda Calderon; RN nurses Flor Balderas, Daisy Baca and Francheska Armijo; Dental assisting graduate Kimberly Aragon and instructor Dawna Ortega-Gallegos; Roberta Fernandez and her daughter Margarita Fernandez; dental assisting graduates; LPN graduates and dental assisting graduate Maxine Duran and Ortega-Gallegos.