

The Luna Light



*“The People’s College”
Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America*

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Student loan applications due now

Students who are interested in applying for a student loan for the 2009 fall semester must submit a Student Loan Application to the Luna Community College Office of Student Financial Assistance by Monday, **Nov. 2, 2009**. In addition, students who submit a loan application by Nov. 2, 2009, must also have a complete and verified file by that date in order for the application to be certified and forwarded to the lender for processing.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at 454-2560.



Luna Community College softball players Janice Montoya and Tasia Yara work out at the Gerald Ortega Wellness Center last week. During the cold weather, both the softball and baseball teams train indoors. For more on softball training, see pages 4 and 5.



Cosmetology students got into the Halloween spirit last week when they dressed up for their annual bash. In the bottom photo, several pumpkins were donated to the Luna Community College Day Care by parents and LCC employees. The kids participated in a pumpkin patch and decorated their pumpkins with their parents on Family Night.

Moses Marquez likes the people at LCC, but says more involvement would strengthen it



Moses Marquez says he likes chili, beans and sopapillas. He also enjoys photography and hiking. Marquez still remembers his first day at LCC, Feb. 18, 1996.

Name: Moses M. Marquez

Position: Interim Director of Recruitment & Admissions

How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? 14 years. My first day was Feb. 18, 1996

Favorite food and why? Chile, beans and sopapillas.

Favorite hobby and why? I enjoy hiking and photography. It's nice to hike and taking pictures. It's very relaxing.

Favorite TV show and why? *The Big Bang Theory*, *Jay Leno*, & *David Letterman*. I like to laugh. Laughter keeps me healthy.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now?

I would like to see myself as a professional who is well equipped with knowledge who can perform at his best. I would like to continue to work with a group of people who are ambitious and can work toward the fulfillment of their ambition and help them in developing creative thoughts and contributing them towards the growth of Luna Community College.

What do you like best about LCC? I like the people I work with, they are hard working, ambitious and creative. They also have a great sense of humor

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? I guess its been said before and here it goes again. Lack of communication. I notice this happening in the last three or four years. The solution is to attend departmental meetings and ask questions and get involved.

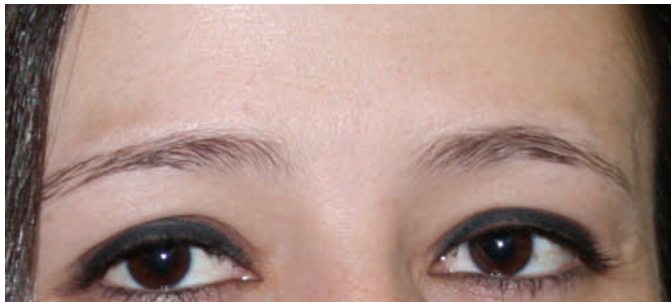
What is your greatest strength? My greatest strength is being a hard worker and always willing to learn new things.

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 jgallegos@luna.edu or calling extension 1200.



Quote of the Week

“Life is not fair, get used to it,”—Bill Gates (1955-), American entrepreneur and founder of Microsoft Corporation.

Meet your Rough Riders



Jenelle Klassen

Name: Jenelle Klassen
Nickname: Nel
Position: Pitcher/SS/3B
Major: Teaching
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.
High School: Palo Verde High
Previous college or high school: Gateway CC
Parents and family: Diane Klassen, mother; Ryan Klassen, brother; Cortney Klassen, sister; Chris Klassen, brother; Joseph Klassen, nephew; Calie Klassen, niece.

What are your interests? Softball, teaching, working with kids and all sports.

College or high school honors: Varsity starter since freshmen year; second-team all-conference freshmen and sophomore year; second-team all-conference and all-state junior and senior year; MVP of Badger Classic All-Tourney Team.

Plans after graduation? Transfer to University of Arizona and continue educational career.

Favorite pro athlete: Adrian Peterson

Whom do you admire the most and why? My mother because she is the strongest person I know.



Gregory Siqueiros

Name: Gregory Siqueiros
Nickname: Greg
Position: 1B
Major: Accounting
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Los Angeles
High School: Warren High
Previous college or high school: Warren High
Parents and family: Jesus Siqueiros, father; Paz Siqueiros, mother; Nancy Olivas, sister; Antonio Siqueiros, brother
What are your interests? The beach, sports, watching the Lakers and Dodgers

and hanging out with my dog Deebo.

Plans after graduation? Become an accountant.

Favorite pro athlete: Kobe Bryant

Whom do you admire the most and why? My parents. They sacrificed a lot to be where they are.

Name: Kyndra Ford
Nickname: K. Ford
Position: Outfield
Major: Broadcasting and communications
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Mesa, Ariz.
High School: Desert Ridge High
Previous college or high school: Gateway CC
Parents and family: Tim Ford, father; Keri Ford, mother; Jeremy Ford, brother and Tim Ford Jr., brother.

What are your interests?

Dancing, softball, music, shopping, fashion, shoes, the beach and funnel cakes.

Plans after graduation? Transfer to the University of Arizona and major in their journalism program and one day work at ESPN.

Favorite pro athlete: Reggie Bush

Whom do you admire the most and why? I admire my parents because they taught me that I should never ever give up.



Kyndra Ford

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LCC softball team training



Pictured clockwise (both pages) are: Janice Montoya and Deserae Perez; Adri Gabaldon and Assistant Coach Marlena Aden; Deserae Perez and Kayla Salas; Mamie Varela; Daniella Garza; Jessica Aragon; Rebecca Marrujo and Head Coach Meredith Gilpin (white t-shirt) with Kyndra Ford, Melanie Alderette; Tomasita Smith and Rebecca Marrujo.

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H1N1 vaccinations available

The San Miguel County Public Health Office is currently has H1N1 vaccinations available for the following priority groups.

- Pregnant Women
- Infants 2 months to 4 years of age
- Individuals taking care of infants less than 6 months
- Youth from 5 years to 18 years with chronic health condition
- First Responders (Fire, Police, EMS)

Please call to make an appointment first at the following number 505-425-9368, extension 121. The public health office will not be taking walk-ins for the H1N1 Influenza vaccine. An appointment must be made.



Financial Aid work study student Jason Byrer has his hands full with stacks of shredding, but is quite optimistic that he will have this huge task completed some time before Christmas break. The Financial Aid staff along with several other departments on campus rely heavily on work study students and certainly appreciate their contribution.



Rick Briggs from DUPONT is shown here presenting a paint blending class that was held at the Luna Community College Automotive Collision Repair shop on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Shown here from left to right are students Jeremiah Gutierrez, Christopher Trujillo, Adolfo Bachicha, Jr. and Brittany Fischer. The event was a big success and it was open to students and the community and there were several local business owners present for the presentation. This presentation was co-sponsored by South Pacific Auto Supply. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact Anthony Baca, Automotive Collision Repair instructor at (505) 454-2591 or logon to our website at www.luna.edu.

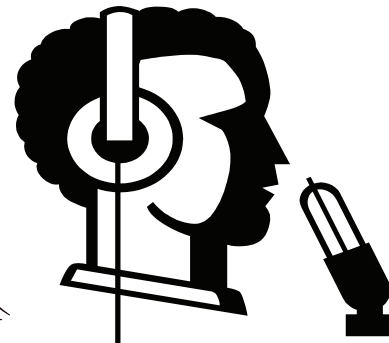
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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Have you ever wondered how people get started recording....

TV Commercials, Audio Books, Radio Commercials, Documentaries, Animation, Voice Mail Systems, Movie Trailers and more?



Whether you're just curious about Voice Overs or considering Voice Work professionally, this single-evening class is a great place to start!

You'll learn: what a voice over is * how to create a demo * what voice-types are in demand * students will have the chance to record a commercial script under the direction of VoiceCoaches.

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER, LECTURE HALL
6:30-9:00 pm
Call LCC @ 454-5311, or @ 800-588-7232, ext. 1204

LCC Allied Health Sciences updates

By Conni Reichert
LCC Health Sciences Director

Here in the LCC Allied Health Sciences, time is flying by with numerous activities. Some of the recent highlights include:

- Activity on the National Accreditation Self study for Nursing. The draft is proposed to be finished by the end of this semester. All FT faculty are involved in this tremendous effort forward. The site visit will occur between Jan-March 2011-only little over a year away.
- SNA (Student Nursing Association) is alive and well with many fund raising activities that include every Friday scrumptious bake sales. Many community services are included in the agenda of this very proactive compassionate group. This group will be holding a raffle with donated items from vendors and the community in November-December. We would love to have your participation.
- Working on the Self study document for Dental Assisting national accreditation. That document is proposed to be finished and submitted to the Commission of Dental Assisting by April 1, 2010.
- Bi-monthly departmental meetings with both dental and nursing students representation have improved greatly communications and understanding of rationale for department poli-

cies and procedures.

- Pre-Nursing classes are beginning to be offered through Title V distance delivery formats. Fall of 2010 will see the beginning of selected nursing classes being offered in that format as well.
- Recent State Board of Nursing Evaluation visit by three members representing the State Board was held Sept. 4, 2009. That report showed that our program met all criteria for nursing programs in the State of New Mexico.
- Maxine Hughes, nursing faculty just received her MSN in nursing education in August. Jackie Arguello Romero will finish her MSN in 2010, completing graduate degrees for all full time faculty.
- Advisory Committee meetings are being held every 6 months in both nursing and dental areas that include community members/employers input into our health education programs. AHEC is always helpful in the department's health care efforts providing luncheons for these important community wide efforts.
- Students are working hard to achieve lifelong dreams. We are very proud of the 2009-2010 student body.

We thank all of LCC for their contribution in providing for our quality education.



Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

***Donations may be dropped off at the
ACCESS Center
from***

November 2nd thru November 20th

***Food distributions will take place at the
ACCESS Center
for LCC students on November 24th***

Distributions will be on a first come first serve basis

Call Melissa Lopez at 454-5357 for further information



Is Phil Jackson the greatest coach of all time?

By Coach Henry Sanchez/LCC faculty

In *The Washington Post*, a commentary written by Michael Wilbon, proclaiming Phil Jackson, of the Lakers, the greatest coach of all time, got me thinking and to react. He said, "No coach ever won 10 NFL



Championships; no manager ever has won 10 World Series; Jackson has won 10 of the last 19 NBA Championships and didn't even coach in two of these seasons."

What's the old saying about, "Comparing apples and oranges?" How can you put all sports and coaches in one category? What about John Wooden of UCLA, who won 10 NCAA Championships in 12 seasons. He did admit in his article that Phil Jackson had great talent and had coached two players, Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant to name a few, who are considered in the all-time list of greatest players.

In a recent article, I gave reasons why it is impossible to fairly compare the great players of all-time. The only true comparison possible is to judge them in the same eras they played against each other. Let's look at some of the great NBA coaches.

Red Auerbach: Auerbach coached the Boston Celtics and won 1,037 games and nine NBA titles (8 in a row). In 1967 he turned the team over to Bill Russell who became a player-coach and led the Celtics to two NBA titles. The question is would Red have won those two titles, making it 10 championships in 11 years and a total of 11? He coached in the NBA for 20 years.

Phil Jackson: Jackson had his first head coaching job in 1990 with the Chicago Bulls. He has won 10 of the last 19 NBA championships and still missed two seasons. He has won 832 games and has been a big winner in Chicago and Los Angeles. Phil decided against becoming a minister and signed with the Knicks, after starting at North Dakota under Coach Bill Fitch. In 1967, he was a second-round pick for the Knicks. He played a total of 13 seasons, despite back problems that still affect him today and he retired in 1980. Other great NBA

coaches we can discuss are Pat Riley, Chuck Daly, Jack Ramsey, Dick Motta, Bill Fitch, Gene Shue, Lenny Wilkins, Red Holzman, Cotton Fitzsimmons and Larry Brown.

I apologize for my humble attempt to name all the NBA coaching greats, because as you can see, many are being left off this list. The main point I am attempting to make is how do we rate the greatest coaches?

Some reasons I feel it is impossible to do this are:

- The great coaches have had great talent. Red Auerbach was named NBA Coach of the Year only one time. Does this mean he had great talent or great teams? How do you equate great talent to great coaches?
- The NBA schedules have increased from in 1947, when the NBA was organized and played schedules of 60 games to today's games of 82 regular season games and 20 plus playoff games. If you play 30 to 40 more games a season, then the good old days, shouldn't the record be better in today's game, and is it a fair comparison? A good example in 1949, George Mikan played in 60 games; in 2008 Kobe Bryant played in 82 regular season games and 21 playoff games, for a total of 103 games. Then how can you honestly compare the different eras against each other.
- Increase of NBA teams from eight, in 1947 to 30 teams in 2009. Has the league been watered down with so many teams? Is there enough talent to equalize 30 NBA teams?
- Coaching records from old ABA Leagues are not counted on coaches records. Some great coaches like Larry Brown, lost 249 wins and Alex Hannum, lost 194 wins. Is this a fair practice when considering a total career and judging on total wins?

Again the practice of comparing and calling a coach the "Greatest of All-Time" is not fair or justifiable. But it makes for good sports talk and many great sports articles. Let the fans debate and the historians record.

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 human performance.

Worker's Compensation

November 4
9:00 am -11:00 am

Las Vegas

LCC Learning Resource Center

FREE

Anyone with three or more employees or anyone in the construction industry should attend this training! What is it

for? What employers come within the NM Worker's Compensation Act? Responsibility and benefit of Worker's Compensation for workers and employers. How to manage claims, reduce/prevent accidents in the workplace (safety).

LCC geology class takes fall field trip

By Dr. Andrew Feldman/SMET Director

The GEOL101 – Survey of Earth Science class fall field trip went to Capulin Volcano and Clayton Lake State Park. Six students from the class participated in the all day adventure to learn about the geology of northeastern New Mexico on Saturday, Oct. 24.

At Capulin Volcano National Monument the students viewed a video and listened to a lecture from park staff on the history of Capulin – a small cinder cone volcano that is part of the Raton-Clayton volcanic field. Capulin is a well-preserved cinder cone volcano that erupted between 62,000 and 56,000 years ago. Along with the formation of the cinder cone, four lava flows emanated from the base of the volcano which are easily distinguished from atop Capulin.

After the educational lecture at the Visitor's Center, the students and their professor drove up the volcano on the park road and hiked around the rim of the volcano. From atop Capulin, many features of the Raton-Clayton volcanic field are visible. There are hundreds of other cinder cones, volcanic vents, and lava flows in the area. One of the most prominent features is Sierra Grande, a shield volcano that stands over 3000 feet above the surrounding plains and is southeast of Capulin.

Capulin is a relatively young volcano that is very well preserved. The volcano is covered by scrub, piñon and juniper trees. The volcano

is home to mule deer, coyote, and bear. Capulin means “chokecherry” in Spanish.

Further on to the east the class traveled to Clayton Lake State Park to view 100 million year old dinosaur tracks preserved in the Dakota Sandstone of the Cretaceous Period. Clayton Lake was formed after a dam was built on Seneca Creek. The tracks preserved in the sandstone were revealed during a flood in the 1970's that washed away overlying rock in the spillway area next to the dam.

The tracks were made by dinosaurs traveling along the edge of Western Interior Seaway that existed during the Cretaceous Period and ran from the current day Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic Ocean. Many locations of dinosaur tracks exist along the front range of the Rocky Mountains from New Mexico to Montana, all from the same time period during the Cretaceous. The trackways at Clayton Lake are one of the best preserved in the United States. There are over 500 dinosaur tracks preserved from an estimated 30 different species of dinosaur.

While the class learned specifically about Capulin and Clayton, they also learned about the general geology of northeast New Mexico during the drive. Students were amazed to learn about the dinosaur that existed here about 20 million years before the Rocky Mountains were in existence; a story told by the rocks of New Mexico.



Pictured clockwise are: A dinosaur track made by an Iguanodon dinosaur at Clayton Lake State Park; Dr. Feldman explaining the finer points of 'desert dust' or caliche formation on the rocks; a cold wind blows atop Capulin. GEOL101 students: from left to right, Ethan Arguello, Latishia Cano, Victoria Olguin, William Mathis, Shelby Sandoval, and Brandi Rodriguez; Brandi Rodriguez and Shelby Sandoval pondering what it would have been like to be here when the Capulin Volcano was erupting (they are standing inside the volcano crater).