

The Luna Light



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N.M. Sports Authority to meet at LCC

The New Mexico Sports Authority Committee will be meeting at noon on Thursday, Aug. 27 at Luna Community College. According to officials, it is the first time the prestigious committee meets at the college.

The New Mexico Sports Authority is designed to recruit and retain all forms of professional and amateur sporting events to New Mexico.

LCC President Dr. Pete Campos is scheduled to speak to the New Mexico Sports Authority which was created by Gov. Bill Richardson to map out a comprehensive approach to sports as an economic development engine to New Mexico.

Brian O’Neill is the executive director of the committee.

“We want to welcome Brian O’Neil and the New Mexico Sports Authority to our campus,” said Dr. Campos. “It is an honor for Luna Community College. We recognize their importance and will support them in any way we can.”

Henry Sanchez, a faculty member at LCC, is on the committee. Former NFL all-pro Don Perkins who spoke at LCC as part of its “A Conversation with the Community” earlier this year is also a member.

Boxers to talk at LCC on Aug. 26.

Holly Holm, Frankie Archuleta, Arturo and Amanda Crespin are scheduled to speak at Luna Community College at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at the nursing auditorium. A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.



Luna Community College softball players took part of several back to school activities last week. Pictured here (l-r) are: Melanie Alderette, Tomasita Smith, Brandi Rodriguez, Angelita Amador and Shelby Sandoval. For more on activities, see pages 6 and 7.

Luna Community College ACE Tutoring Center unveiled

**By Shirley Marlow
LCC’s BCS Coordinator**

Last Wednesday, the Academic Center for Excellence Tutoring Center was unveiled in the Science, Math and Engineering Technologies Department at Luna Community College. The goal of the Bridging Careers to Success (BCS)/ACE Tutoring center is to provide the students of Luna Community College with the support necessary in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) core areas. Our staff aims to create a caring support team for our students as they work toward their academic and professional goals.

The ACE Student Center will provide students with skills in critical thinking, enhancing study habits and communication. Teamwork is an important component of the center, in that students are provided with a support system through peer and faculty mentoring, student advisement and supplemental instructors (SI) for high-risk courses. High interest guests will provide “Lunch and Learn” sessions through the ACE Tutoring Center for students and faculty. The center is equipped with a computer lab where students are able to complete assignments, do homework or research when necessary. Our BCS/ACE Tutoring Center team believes that these additional services will enhance the programs that are already available at each institution.

The unveiling of the center was a great success due to the hard work and

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Wolff-Torrez says that within the next 5 years she would like to publish children's books



Wolff-Torrez says she enjoys seeing students getting their education here at Luna Community College. She also likes the friendliness of the college.

Anyone wishing to nominate an LCC employee to be featured in this section should call Jesse Gallegos at 454-2510 or e-mail him at jgallegos@luna.edu.

Name: JODIE ANGELA WOLFF-TORREZ

Position: LRC/COPYCENTER/OFFICE AIDE

How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? 6 ½ years

Favorite food and why? SALMON FISH, COBB SALAD. THEY TASTE WONDERFUL.

Favorite hobby and why? I AM A ARTIST SO I LIKE TO DO ART ON CANVAS OR WATERCOLOR PAPER BECAUSE IT IS RELAXING. I ALSO DO CROCHETING AND EMBROIDERING BECAUSE IT IS ALSO RELAXING. I ALSO LIKE TO WRITE BECAUSE IT'S GOOD THERAPY.

Favorite TV show and why? *ON THE RECORD WITH GRETA* BECAUSE SHE IS MY FAVORITE JOURNALIST; IT'S NO COMEDY SHOW, IT'S REAL NEWS.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? STAYING HEALTHY; IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE MY SON ENOCH RANDOLPH WOLFF-TORREZ TO ALABAMA TO GET TO KNOW HIS ROOTS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GO WITH MY BROTHER PJ TO YUGOSLAVIA TO FIND OUR ANCESTORS. I WOULD ALSO I LIKE TO PUBLISH CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

What do you like best about LCC? SEEING STUDENTS GETTING THEIR EDUCATION. I AM A PEOPLE PERSON, SO I LIKE THE FRIENDLY STAFF.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? I HAVE NO DISLIKES.

What is your greatest strength? I AM VERY STRONG; I GOT IT FROM MY MOTHER. I SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH MY SON, HE IS NUMBER ONE IN MY LIFE.

Recruiting activities

Monday, Aug. 24 – Campus Tour, 10 a.m. Dual credit registration @ Mesa Vista High-Moses Marquez. . Late Registration ends, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 25- Snow Cone Social, 1-3 p. m., Business & Professional Studies (Recruitment/Student Government activity).

Wednesday, Aug. 26- Display set-up; “A Conversation with the Community” with boxing champion Holly Holm, Allied Health Lecture Hall, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 27 – Welcome Back Students, meeting @ 9:30; KNMX Radio, LCC Half-hour Show. Call Jesse @ extension 1200 if you wish to be a guest.

Friday, August 28 – KFUN Radio, LCC Community Ed., et.al.

Saturday/Sunday Aug. 29-30 – Recruitment Booth @ People's Faire, Carnegie Park, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Quote of the Week

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant,”—

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894), Scottish writer.

Attention Students

STUDENT GOVERNMENT
IS NOW HOLDING ELECTIONS
FROM SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18
8 AM TO NOON
AND
1PM TO 5 PM
AT THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO HAVE A VOTING
BOOTH AT THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL
CONSTITUTION DAY
FROM 11 AM TO 3 PM
AT THE ADMISTRATION BUILDING

***STUDENTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT ID TO VOTE!**

For more information, Cindy Branch at 505-454-2533

Budget cuts offer an opportunity to invest in New Mexico's future

By Dr. Pete Campos
Luna Community College President

No legislator looks forward to cutting state spending or raising taxes, but behind the angst and anxiety surrounding the upcoming special legislative session at which many expect those two options to be the *only* options, a unique opportunity awaits New Mexicans.

The legislature and the governor can lead New Mexico through the most troubling economic crisis in decades to a brighter future with a cautious, calculated and compassionate approach to reducing spending and raising revenue. This is not the time to deeply cut spending on schools, health care or public safety programs, nor is it the time to sharply increase taxes on working New Mexicans. It is the time to make some hard decisions to cut spending that is important, but not critical, and to raise millions of dollars in revenue in a way that will not significantly impact our fragile economy.

The budget figures are bleak, but New Mexicans deserve to be given all the hard facts. State general fund revenue for the fiscal year that began July 1 is expected to be just \$5 billion — about what it was in 2005. A true disaster can be avoided by relying on healthy cash reserves and federal stimulus funds to close much of that gap, but, even relying on those extraordinary circumstances, about \$350 million to \$400 million will still have to be accounted for through spending cuts or revenue increases if the state is to maintain a minimal cash reserve of six percent of this year's ending at the end of the fiscal year.

That will not be the end of it, of course. The next few years will likely be just as bleak as the state and national economies recover much more slowly than they deteriorated and undergo a restructuring that results in fewer jobs and reduced consumer spending.

But there is both hope and reason to be optimistic. Much of the weakness in the state's economy is due to the high anxiety among



Dr. Pete Campos

New Mexico's consumers and businesses over what is happening nationally. New Mexicans have reacted to the national crisis by cutting back drastically on spending and investment. This reaction, while wise and understandable, creates a downward spiral: consumer spending is down, which leads to lower business receipts, which leads to less hiring by business, which leads to less income, which leads back to less consumer spending. As the national economy improves and as state policymakers chart a course toward fiscal prudence, consumer confidence will return, ending the downward spiral.

As legislators, we can do our part by questioning the expenditure of every state dollar in each state agency and program, examining the myriad state accounts that hold public funds, and evaluating every revenue tax and fee and the exemptions to those taxes and fees as we work to reshape New Mexico government to be a leaner, more effective provider of essential education, health care and public safety services. This recession will not last forever, and we should carefully avoid spending cuts that will do lasting damage or the effects of which cannot be relatively easily reversed after a recovery. This does not mean that our decisions will not impact people in tangible ways; we are well past the option of simply cutting the "fat" from government. But cutting administrative costs will be better than cutting program costs; hiring freezes will be better than unpaid furloughs; and cutting programs that serve relatively few people will be better than cutting programs that serve many.

We must not, however, give up on our greatest resource — students. We must continue to improve their potential productivity in the work force so that business will expand in New Mexico.

Increasing revenue must be examined in a similar light as spending cuts. While examining each option — from further tapping the billions of dollars in New Mexico's permanent funds or the wholesale cancellation of capital outlay projects to rounding up the balances in the much smaller funds tucked away in state government, from eliminating some tax breaks to raising some fees — we must look to the future to ensure that we do not significantly and unalterably change consumer or business behavior.

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Luna Community College ACE...

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collaborative efforts by many departments at Luna Community College and New Mexico Highlands University, including Melissa Lopez, Educational Advisor/Activities Coordinator, Access Center, Admissions and Recruitment, Rough Riders Bar and Grill, LCC Maintenance Department, Learning Resource Center, Computer Center & IT Department, LCC Bookstore, Dr. Andrew Feldman, Director of SMET, Mary Duran, Gwendolyn Mares, Ben Crespín and ARMAS in Education staff at NMHU.

New Mexico Highlands University was awarded a Department of Education College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) grant in 2008. This funding was awarded for a two year period in which the funding provides assistance to Hispanic-serving Institutions to develop and carry out activities to improve and expand the services for students entering the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) career paths. The board at New Mexico Highlands University and Luna Community College entered into an agreement in November, 2008 to provide funding to both institutions for the purpose of renovating operational and instructional space. Funding has also been made available in order to strengthen the educational programs at both institutions in the STEM core areas. Dr. Edward A. Martínez, NMHU's Project Director and his team



Luna Community College President, Dr. Pete Campos (back left), Shirley Marlow, LCC's Bridging Careers to Success (BCS) Coordinator (with giant scissors), Highlands University's Dr. Edward Martínez, BCS Project Director (far left) and Dr. Andrew Feldman, LCC director of Science, Math, Engineering and Technology (kneeling) along with LCC students participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the LCC Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). The goal of the BCS/ACE Tutoring Center is to provide students with support in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) core areas.

of colleagues, including faculty from both institutions have aligned and articulated numerous STEM courses in order to provide an easy

transition for students who receive a two year associates degree at LCC to transfer to a four year institution.



At right, Dr. Pete Campos attempts to cut Dr. Andrew Feldman's ponytail. At top, an estimated 300 people attended the ceremony.



Meet your softball and baseball team



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Meet your softball and baseball team



Luna CC Foundation Golf Tourney grosses approximately \$25,000



Community First Bank took first place in the net score. Pictured are: Jay Moore, Ernesto Salazar, Ashley Moore and Les Phillips.



Pure Bred Construction took first place in the gross score category. Pictured are: Tournament Co-Director Ernesto Salazar, Richard Roybal, Lawrence Roybal, Misti Dawn Roybal, Jim Hands, Andrew Hurtado and David Sullens.

The Luna Community College Golf Tournament grossed approximately \$25,000, according to Theresa Vigil, interim LCC Foundation Director.

All the money raised goes into scholarships.

Winning first place net was Community First Bank. The team consisted of Jay Moore, Les Phillips, Ernesto Salazar and Ashley Moore. Taking second in net score was Direct Connect. The team consisted of Lawrence Quintana, Lee Ette Quintana, Jayme Quintana and Jay Quintana. Taking third place in net score was New Mexicare Inc. The team consisted of Robert Cordova, Alfredo Cordova, Joseph Campos and Orlando Cordova.

First place gross score went to Pure Bread Construction. The team consisted of David Sullens, Jim Hands, Andrew Hurtado, Richard Roybal and Lawrence Roybal.

Tony Cordova won the closes to the pin contest with Jayme Quintana and Ray Moberg winning the lady's and men's longest drive, respectively.

There were 17 teams at the tournament which was held on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Pendaries Golf Course in Rociada. A four-person team sponsor was \$1,000 or \$250 per individual. A hole sponsorship was \$250. The entry fee covered green fees, a cart, and a prime rib dinner.

Co-directors of the tourney were Salazar and Vigil.

LCC Foundation Scholarship Fundraiser

Friday, August 28, 2009

Plaza Hotel

Reverse Drawing begins at
7:30 p.m.

GRAND PRIZE
\$5,000.00

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Early Registration for Fall 2009	June 1-August 14
Campus Closed 8am to 12 noon <u>only</u> for Faculty/Staff Training	August 11
Classes Begin	August 17
Last Day to Add Classes	August 24
Campus Closed—Labor Day	September 7
Deadline to Change from Audit to Credit	September 11
Midterm Week	October 5-10
Deadline to Change from Credit to Audit	October 16
Advisement Week	November 16-20
Early Registration for Spring 2010	Nov. 16 –Jan. 8
Last Day to Withdraw from Fall-term Classes	November 20*
Campus Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday	November 26-29
Final Examinations	Nov. 30– Dec. 4
Semester Ends	December 4
Campus Closed - Christmas Break	Dec. 21 - Jan.3

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE INVITES YOU TO JOIN US



For

“A Conversation with the Community”

with Holly Holm, Frankie Archuleta, Amanda Crespín and Arturo Crespín

Motivation and Education



Wednesday, August 26, 2009

12:00 Noon

At the Luna Community College Nursing Auditorium

A light lunch will be provided at 11:15 a.m. –11:45 a.m.

At the Rough Rider Grill



Holly Holm and her trainer Mike Winklejohn go through a workout at Crespín's Boxing Gym on Tuesday. Holm, Frankie Archuleta, Arturo and Amanda Crespín are scheduled to speak at Luna Community College at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at the nursing auditorium. Holm headlines a boxing card that will take place on Friday, Aug. 28 at the John A. Wilson Complex.

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Student service equates to student success

By Dr. Pete Campos

Luna Community College President

The students who attend Luna Community College are the reasons we have a job! These people have placed their trust and confidence in us to properly guide, educate, train, inspire and confer the credentials they have earned upon them. The intent of their journey here at Luna is to hone talents, transition into meaningful employment and enjoy a satisfying career. It hovers around complete understanding of the process needed to trek through to reach goals. It is our responsibility as educational providers to plan for student needs and devote our time to help them reach their hopes, dreams, ambitions and goals.

Here are a few principles, when genuinely followed, will lead to good practices and student satisfaction: 1] take the time to truly listen to students and deal with their concerns; 2] be helpful, professional, courteous and knowledgeable (if you don't have the answer help the student find someone who does); and, 3] take the extra steps to assist students, they notice and will tell others of your unselfish and genuine service.

Take constructive criticism as a way to better deliver services to students. If you take it personal, then you begin to resent others,

your job and the place where you work. *Constructive criticism is meant to improve the delivery of services to students, not to test tolerance levels or give each other a hard time.* It is when we lose focus on our goal to provide great customer "student" service that we derail a positive experience for everyone

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involved.

Some thoughts for the constructive critic: A] understand why you are offering constructive criticism; B] consider a role reversal and place yourself in the other persons' situation before you constructively criticize, C] direct criticism to the present not the past (people want to know how they can better things today, not yesterday), D] *maintain an open door at all times*, just because you address a work or student related issue today, it doesn't mean that you have to cut off communications with that person from that point on, and E] present constructive criticism in ways that allows the other person to make "their own" decisions that will improve the way they provide services

to students and ultimately, treat others. **When we recognize the value of constructive criticism, it improves relationships and productivity.**

Here is a famous quote I use as the threshold in my quest for service to students. It is from Albert Einstein and reads "*knowledge must continually be renewed by ceaseless effort; it is not to be lost. It resembles a statue of marble which stands in the desert and is continually threatened with burial by the shifting sand. The hands of service must ever be at work, in order that the marble continue to lastingly shine in the sun. To these serving hands mine shall also belong.*"

Again, Albert Einstein said it best, "We experience ourselves, our thoughts and feelings as something separate from the rest. A kind of optical delusion of consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from the prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

The true value of a human being is determined primarily by the measure and the sense in which they have obtained liberation from self. We shall require a substantially new manner of thinking if humanity is to survive."



A deer was spotted near the 9th hole Pendaries Golf Course in Rociada during the Luna Community Foundation Golf Tournament. Pendaries is known across America as having one of the most picturesque courses.

Portraits around Luna



Pictured clockwise are entertainment at "The LCC Welcome Back BBQ; Chef Adrienne O'Brien demonstrates her cooking at the local Farmers Market; Nick Adams, Daniel Atencio and Rick Jaramillo from LCC and David Gilesie from SKC Polycom installing the new distance learning equipment which will enable LCC to deliver classes all over the world and Seferino Medina and Nazario Maestas lend a hand cooking burgers at a recent BBQ.

Portraits around Luna



LCC: "The People's College"



Pictured clockwise are LCC President Dr. Pete Campos meets with Eric Cummings; LCC Auto Collision student Julian Jaramillo shows his bike that he and fellow student Ernie Trujillo painted for the local Rough Rider Rally; LCC students show their rock climbing skills during an activity last week.

Letters to The Luna Light

Thanks for the donations

A great big thank you to the following for their extreme kindness in donating school items for the Back To School Extravaganza in Raton. Those folks were very appreciative of your efforts. Thanks to.....Fiscal Office personnel, Financial Aid personnel, Nursing personnel, LRC personnel, Humanities, AHEC, Admissions & Recruitment, Leticia Archuleta and Freddy Carrillo. We have been invited to go back next year!

Tom Herrera

Ron Duran did a great job

For the first time ever during my stay here all of the nursing books were here before the school year began. Kudos to Ron Duran! I want to personally thank him for his efficiency and helping us start the school year successfully.

Conni Reichert

Thanks a million

I would like to send a "Thank You" to all those employees who have signed-up to either increase or begin giving a contribution to the LCC Foundation to provide scholarships to the future students of Luna Community College.

On behalf of the LCC Foundation Board of Trustees and myself, I would like to "Thank You" all for your continued support of the LCC

Foundation and if there is anyone that was unable to sign-up at the staff orientation, please feel free to contact me and I will assist you in signing up.

I would like to extend congratulations to Mrs. Terri Mares, LCC Controller (Fiscal Office), as the winner of the "Gift Basket." "Congratulations, Terri."

I would like to extend a "Thank You" to Mrs. Veronica Serna, LCC Access Center Director, for all her assistance. She has been wonderful. "Thanks A Million, Veronica."

I would like to extend a "Thank You" to LCC President, Pete Campos for allowing me to make the presentation and a "Thank You" to Mrs. Maria Paiz, LCC Executive Office Manager, for providing the basket to draw the winning ticket.

"Thanks A Million Dr. Campos & Maria."

Also, I would like to extend a "Thank You" to Mrs. Melissa Montoya, Action 7 News Anchorwoman, for her assistance in drawing the winning ticket.

I greatly appreciate you all. May you all have a wonderful and successful (2009-2010) Year!

You may reach me at: 454-5367 - Office # or you can e-mail me at: tvigil@luna.edu.

Thanks A Million!

Theresa Vigil



This is another view of the Pendaries Golf Course in Rociada. For more on The Luna Community Golf Tournament, see next week's Luna Light.

Student fiesta

All Luna Community College students are invited to the Las Vegas-San Miguel Student Fiesta that will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Plaza Park on Thursday, Sept. 3.

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Department of Business & Professional Studies

Business Accounting--AAS
Business Administration—AAS
Office Administration —AAS
General Business—AAS
Mass Media Communications—AA
Business Accounting —Certificate
Computer Application Specialist—Certificate
Office Administration Assistant—Certificate
Small Business Management—Certificate

Department of Humanities

Sports Performance—AAS
Criminal Justice—AA
Liberal Arts—AA
Criminal Justice—Certificate

Department of Science, Math, & Engineering Technology

Computer Science—AAS
Drafting Technology—AAS
Electronics Technology—AAS
Video Game Design & Development—AAS
Alternative & Sustainable Energy—AS
General Engineering—AS
Life Science—AS
Mathematics—AS
Physical Science—AS

Department of Allied Health

Nursing—AAS
Allied Health—Certificate
Dental Assistant—Certificate
Practical Nursing—Certificate

Department of Vocational Studies

General Agriculture—AAS
Vocational/Technical Studies—AAS
Equine Science—AAS
Automotive Collision Repair Technology—Certificate
Automotive Technology—Certificate
Barbering—Certificate
Building Technology—Certificate
Cosmetology—Certificate
Culinary Arts—Certificate
Furniture & Cabinet Making—Certificate
Welding Technology—Certificate

Department of Education

Fire Science—AAS
Early Childhood Multicultural Education—AA
Teacher Education—AA
Military Studies—AAS
Early Childhood Development—Certificate



Luna Community College's Springer and Santa Rosa Satellite Directors Louise Fernandez-Portillos and Albert Campos along with Mora Site Director Wanda Martinez participated in the recent staff and faculty orientation. Pictured left to right are Fernandez-Portillos, Campos and Martinez.

Weekly Activities

Monday, August 24, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. San Miguel Detention Center Academy (LRC/Lecture Hall)
- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies/Room 102-B)

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. San Miguel Detention Center Academy (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. San Miguel Detention Center Academy (LRC/Lecture Hall)
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Conversation w/Community / Education & Motivation "Light Lunch" (IPC/Cafeteria)
- 12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Conversation w/Community / Education & Motivation (AHC-LO-1)

Thursday, August 27, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. San Miguel Detention Center Academy (LRC/Lecture Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sports Authority Board Meeting (Stud. Serv./Conf. Room)

Friday, August 28, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. San Miguel Detention Center Academy (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Saturday, August 29, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. San Miguel Detention Center Academy (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Blast from the past

Can you guess which LCC employee's baby 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. LCC employees are encouraged to turn in a baby photo of themselves to Jesse Gallegos at the LCC Student Services Building.