

The Luna Light



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

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Rand Kennedy hired as director of mass media communications

Rand Kennedy was recently hired as Luna Community College’s Director of Mass Media Communications.

As the beneficiary of a liberal arts education, Kennedy has had a variety of work experiences and careers that he hopes will help him develop and direct a state-of-the-art mass media communications program. With a B.A. degree from the University of California in social psychology, Kennedy began his professional career as a substance abuse counselor and program director. In this capacity, he has worked in barrios and ghettos and designed drug prevention education programs for colleges, the military, and private businesses.

Through this work, Kennedy learned to adapt his communication style to best reach a variety of audiences, from heroin addicts to bankers to legislators.

After moving to Colorado in 1975, Kennedy began a career in antipoverty programs and community development, becoming the development director of a five county multimillion dollar nonprofit community development corporation.

As the result of a house fire in 1982, Kennedy began his third major career in mass media and the dramatic arts. He became a member of the Screen Actors Guild Union and has worked in film, television, and radio production. With on the job experience in mass media but no formal training, Rand went back to school and received an M.A. degree from the University of Texas in theater and film arts.

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Rand Kennedy, left, is pictured here with LCC Vice President for Academics Dr. Vidal Martinez.



LCC students Jennifer Inocencio and Tomasita Smith display autographed pictures from professional boxers Holly Holm and Amanda Crespin.

Enrollment up at LCC

Luna Community College fall enrollment shows an 8.2 percent increase in comparison to last year’s figures. The fall increase comes at the heels of a 9.1 percent increase in the summer semester. As of day six in the fall semester, there was a 1,595 student headcount compared to a 1,305 student headcount

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Victoria Flores says she likes the fact that LCC provides a solid education at an affordable price



Flores says she loves to read and her favorite television show is *Friends*.

Name: Victoria Elaine Flores

Position: Student Services Coordinator

How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? 3.5

Favorite food and why? Sushi, because I don't get to eat it very often.

Favorite hobby and why? I LOVE to read. If I don't have a book I feel like something's missing.

Favorite TV show and why? *Friends*, because it's so darn funny.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? Anywhere as long as my family is healthy.

What do you like best about LCC? The fact that we can provide for our students here in Santa Rosa and not burn a hole in their pocket.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? Least?? The fact that even if I win the Luna Light Photo Contest, I can't get my free meal at the grill. Maybe I can get a voucher to a restaurant mailed to me (compliments of Jesse G. of course).

What is your greatest strength? I feel I am an EXCELLENT "people person." I try my hardest to keep a smile on my face and am always willing to go the distance to help my fellow employees & LCC students.

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.

Recruiting activities

Monday, Aug. 31 – No activities planned

Tuesday, Sept. 1- KFUN Radio, 8a.m. Mass Media Comm., Community Ed.

Wednesday, Sept. 2- LCC Exhibit, NM Municipal League Conference, Alb., NM.

Thursday, Sept. 3 – Welcome Back Students Fiesta, Plaza Park, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. KNMX Radio, LCC Half-hour Show. Call Jesse @ extension 1200 if you wish to be a guest. NM Municipal League, LCC exhibit.

Friday, Sept. 4 – NM Municipal League, LCC exhibit.

Quote of the Week

"You really can change the world if you care enough,—

Marian Wright Edelman (1939-), American lawyer and social activist.

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 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

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

Luna Community College: committed to educational options for all students

By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President

It's expected that times will change! As I have visited with people of the Las Vegas area, the buzz has been what's happening at Luna? The parking lots are full and it's hard to find parking. Our response is obvious; many students of all ages and backgrounds have chosen and placed their confidence in Luna Community College to earn an education.

In fact, several parents who have reviewed our programs and course offerings have told me they are encouraging their sons and daughters to take dual credit and concurrent enrollment courses and when they earn their high school diploma to continue at Luna with core post-secondary courses. These parents have said; we want our children to receive a degree from Luna and then attend their university of choice. One parent said, "Luna has challenging course offerings, solid programs of study, affordable tuition and my child can earn a degree right here at home."

Although this may sound like an advertisement, *it isn't*, but that's exactly what's happening at Luna Community College. Students from all walks of life are serious about their future! I am especially impressed by the high school students who are attending high school during the day and then attending early evening classes, *on their own time*, at Luna. These students are exuding academic dedication and sacrificing early in life to reach their educational and career goals.

What about those former students, who may now be referred to as non-traditional students, who are still searching for options? For what-



Dr. Pete Campos

ever reason, through no fault of these individuals, there are still many within our communities who have not completed the requirements for a high school diploma or a General Equivalency Diploma (GED). These non-traditional students are raising families, working minimum wage jobs, dealing with daily difficulties and struggling to overcome life's hurdles. Throughout our state, more and more of this population are returning to advance their education and in many cases *because they have spent time in the real world learning the true value of formal learning.*

We cannot categorize these non-traditional students because they have a variety of different needs within their ranks. This population, out of necessity, is frequently looking for a way to elevate their earnings potential in the shortest possible time. That is why we are committed to finding every way possible to give all students options from which to choose to meet their particular situation.

By collaborating with our many school districts and other public and private sector partners, Luna Community College has developed the ideal environment to provide high school students, non-traditional students and regular post-secondary students **a first-class education.** It has taken thoughtful work to update and add programs of rigor and align programs of study with what students believe to be relevant. We are successfully reaching out to students! Our educational outcomes exceed many expectations and are producing positive results for students.

Our goal at Luna Community College is to finely tune our educational system, ensure that it works well with built-in efficiencies and academic and vocational curriculum alignment with a smooth transitional component for students into university education, the world of work or the military. **We definitely want all students to succeed and will provide all that is possible to strengthen our educational offerings so they will have the options to advance.**

Weekly Activities

Monday, August 31, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(LRC/Lecture Hall)

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(LRC/Lecture Hall)

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Mtg. (Mora/Library)

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Studies/Room 112)

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(LRC/Lecture Hall)

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Serv./Conf. Room)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

San Miguel Detention Center Academy

San Miguel Detention Center Academy

Mora Chamber of Commerce Monthly

Study Hall – LCC Softball (General

San Miguel Detention Center Academy

Green Principles Intro. Training (Stud.

Adding Efficiency/Alchemy Training

(Stud. Serv./Conf. Rm.)

Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(LRC/Lecture Hall)

Friday, Sept. 4, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(LRC/Lecture Hall)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Visit (Allied Health)

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting (Mora/Admn.)

Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Class (IPC/Cafeteria)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Academy (LRC/Lecture Hall)

San Miguel Detention Center Academy

San Miguel Detention Center Academy

State Board of Nursing Consultation

Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority

County/City Fire Fighters WIPP

San Miguel Detention Center

Rand Kennedy...

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While in Texas, he also developed resources for a professional theatre and film apprentice program. Since 1993, Kennedy has maintained three distinct careers: as the owner

and manager of a community development consulting firm, as a teacher, and as a performer in mass media arts.

“The position of director of mass media communications is like a dream come true,”

said Kennedy. “Our goal is to develop the best associate of arts degree program for mass media and film production not only in New Mexico, but in the entire nation.”

Enrollment...

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at the same time last fall.

Similarly, student credit hours have increased by 8.3 percent also in relation to where Luna Community College was at in fall of 2008. As of day six in the fall semester, students were taking 12,943 credit hours compared to 10,715 credit hours at the same time last fall. These numbers don't include many dual credit students that are still enrolling. Luna Community College also offers 8-week courses later in the semester.

The final census numbers will be available after day 15 of the fall semester.

“This is an indication that many students are realizing the commitment and academic rigor we have here at Luna Community College,” said Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos. “The numbers validate the commitment by the service area population, online courses, and all the Luna team to produce the educational needs necessary for student success.”

Luna Community College offers several degree and certificate programs. They are: Business Accounting—AAS; Business Administration—AAS; Office Administration—AAS; General Business—AA; Mass Media Communications—AA; Business Accounting—Certificate; Computer Application Specialist—Certificate; Office Administration Assistant—Certificate; Small Business Management—Certificate.

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



LCC students play a game of football during lunchtime recently. LCC had an 8.2 percent increase in enrollment this fall.

Nursing—Certificate;

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.

Sports Performance—AAS; Criminal Justice—AA; Liberal Arts—AA; Criminal Justice—Certificate; General Education—Certificate.

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.

For more information on Luna Community College, call 505/454-2500 or visit our Website at www.luna.edu.

Notes: AA-Associate of Arts; AAS-Associate of Applied Science and AS-Associate of Science.

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Professional boxing in the other Vegas



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Pictured clockwise are: Luna Community College employee Leticia Archuleta walks the LCC Hallways with Holly Holm and trainer Mike Winklejohn; City Councilor Morris Madrid joined several dozen LCC students, staff, faculty and community members during the colleges "A Conversation with the Community" which featured Holm and Amanda Crespin; LCC student Michael Ormseth, a freshmen from Las Cruces, receives an autograph from Crespin; former LCC student Arturo Crespin gets interviewed by *Albuquerque Journal* reporter Rick Wright and Holm and Terri Blair pose during media day.

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Rough Rider Softball



Fall 2009 Season

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sunday	August 30, 2009	Trinidad St JC	HOME	12:00 & 2:00
Saturday	September 5, 2009	Trinidad St JC	Trinidad CO	12:00 & 2:00
Saturday	September 12, 2009	Black & Teal	HOME	TBA
Friday	September 18, 2009	El Paso Round Robin	El Paso, TX	TBA
Saturday	September 19, 2009	El Paso Round Robin	El Paso, TX	TBA
Friday	September 25, 2009	Lamar CC Tournament	Lamar, CO	TBA
Saturday	September 26, 2009	Lamar CC Tournament	Lamar, CO	TBA
Sunday	September 27, 2009	Lamar CC Tournament	Lamar, CO	TBA
Friday	October 2, 2009	Phoenix Tournament	Phoenix, AZ	TBA
Saturday	October 3, 2009	Phoenix Tournament	Phoenix, AZ	TBA
Sunday	October 4, 2009	Phoenix Tournament	Phoenix, AZ	TBA

Meredith Gilpin, Head Coach

Marlyana Aden, Head Assistant

Steven Aragon, Assistant



The best way to predict the future is
create it.



Where you need to be...

For information visit www.luna.edu

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

Fall 2009 Rough Rider Baseball Schedule

DAY & DATE	OPPONENT	GAMES	LOCATION	TIME
Sat. August 29	Black and Teal Inter squad	2 7's	Home	12noon
Sun. August 30	Black and Teal Inter squad	2 7's	Home	12noon
Fri. September 4	Trinidad State JC	1 scrimmage	Home	12noon
Sat. September 5	Otero JC	1 scrimmage	Home	12noon
Fri. September 11	Dodge City CC	1 scrimmage	Away	12noon
Sat. September 12	Seward County CC	1 scrimmage	Away	12noon
Fri. September 18	Albuquerque Show Case	1 scrimmage	Away	TBA
Sun. September 20	Albuquerque Show Case	1 scrimmage	Away	TBA
Fri. September 25	Frank Phillips JC	1 scrimmage	Home	12noon
Sat. September 26	Frank Phillips JC	1 scrimmage	Home	12noon
Fri. October 2	Otero JC	1 scrimmage	Away	12noon
Sat. October 3	Trinidad JC	1 scrimmage	Away	12:30
Fri. October 9	El Paso CC	1 scrimmage	Home	12noon
Sat. October 10	El Paso CC	1 scrimmage	Home	12noon
Sat. October 17	NM School of Baseball	1 scrimmage	Home	11:00am
Sun. October 18	NM Highlands U	1 scrimmage	Away	12noon
Fri. October 23	Frank Phillips JC	1 scrimmage	Away	12noon
Sat. October 24	Frank Phillips JC	1 scrimmage	Away	12noon
Sat. October 31	Las Cruces Seniors	1 scrimmage	Away	10: 00 am



Welcome Back Student Fiesta



All Students Welcome
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009
PLAZA PARK
5:30 PM TO 9:00 PM
Hamburgers and Hotdogs

Sponsored by
Luna Community College
New Mexico Highlands University
United World College
Las Vegas City Schools
West Las Vegas Schools
Las Vegas-San Miguel Chamber of Commerce
San Miguel County

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Faces around Luna



Luna Community College Foundation Board Vice-Chairman Ernesto Salazar takes out a ticket during a reverse drawing held on Friday at The Plaza Hotel. The big winner was Carlos Coca. Coca won the \$5,000 grand prize. Salazar said the event netted about \$10,000.

At right, Luna Community College Title V Director Lorraine Martinez registers Rudy and Theresa Lovato during a foundation fundraising function.

Nursing department forum

The Luna Community College Nursing Department will be taking part in a forum at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at the LCC Allied Health Auditorium as part of the college's "A Conversation with the Community" lecture series.

Scheduled to speak are Conni Reichert, Annette Weinkauf, Sharon Holguin and Susan Olson.

A light lunch will be served at 11:30 at the cafeteria.



Luna Community College Computer Center Director Mike Adams was recently appointed to serve as a member of the Council on Technology in Education by New Mexico Secretary of Education Veronica C. Garcia. His duties as a council member include: advising the Educational Technology Bureau at the Public Education Department on implementation of the Technology for Education Act and work with the Bureau to conduct periodic assessments of the need for educational technology in the public school system and make recommendations to the Secretary of Education on how to meet those needs.

