

The Luna Light



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

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Dental assisting students Jolie Baca, Maxine Duran, Carla Ortiz and Jenine Lopez prepare for New Mexico State Boards. This semester’s class will be starting their practicum within the community and other dental offices in New Mexico.

The good Rough Riders feed their horses before they feed themselves

**By Lawrence Quintana
Human Resources**

On January 12, I attended the Internal Monitoring Team (IMT) Meeting for the Luna Community College Title V Program. As an IMT member, I wanted to write an article on issues that are being faced by Luna Community College student population and the Title V Program. The meeting focused on some of the issues related to distance learning and how the LCC organization is going to resolve connectivity, curriculum development, delivery of instruction, retaining students and support services in a well maintained “student first” philosophy.

Delivering and receiving courses online in rural northern New Mexico

has many advantages for students that live in less populated areas and great distances from the LCC the main, satellite, or site campuses. However, there are some issues that need to be addressed in rural areas, bandwidth, connectivity, support services, tutoring, and advisement. Some steps are being made to increase band width and resolve the connectivity, however, not all programs are entirely online and many of the curriculum delivery methods must be developed and refined. Luna Community College through the Title V program is developing and piloting methods and tools used in the delivery of designated courses with the eventual establishment of best practices to include courses that normally are not

offered via online delivery.

Luna Community College’s administration, academic management, faculty and support services must change their mindset on the delivery of online courses. This mindset must focus on not only local student needs, but also on students outside of the LCC service area. Providing students with pre-online course training is essential for student success. Many of our educational traditionalists will focus only on the student failure rate for online courses, thus undermining the rationale for the delivery of online courses.

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Michael Adams to administration: Communicate with us

Name: Michael Adams
Position: Director of Information Technology
How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? January 2006 as Director of Science, Technologies, Engineering and Math Department

Favorite food and why? Steak.....Just love a well-cooked steak and potatoes

Favorite hobby and why? I play a little golf.....but really I involve myself with a lot of organizations and committees. I love helping kids and currently working on writing a book.

Favorite TV show and why? Do not have one, A TV I mean.
Where would you like to see yourself five years from now?

My dream and goal is to serve as a United States Senator.

What do you like best about LCC? I think there are a lot of people here that love their job and give so much back to the students and community of Las Vegas. I never mind telling people I work for LCC, we have and will pursue bigger and better things—The people!



Mike Adams says that there are a lot of people at Luna Community College that love their job.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? COMMUNICATION.....we have very little communication between departments and administration. I love this Quote “IF THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE DECISIONS ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL ALSO BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THOSE DECISIONS, PERHAPS BETTER DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE,”!—John Abrams

What is your greatest strength? I believe the blessings I have received in my life from growing up here in Las Vegas to attending a great high school (West Las Vegas), 13 Years in the United state Air Force and working for Boeing Aerospace have given me a lot of worldly experience and knowledge which help in moving forward with technology which is changing daily in today’s world. I have been all over the world and taken something from every place to better enhance not only my skills but the skills of every one I meet.

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. One winner per month.

Quote of the Week

“One problem with gazing too frequently into the past is that we may turn around to find the future has run out on us,—Michael Cibenko

Meet your Rough Riders



Jennifer Inocencio

Name: Jennifer Inocencio
Nickname: Jyna
Position: Pitcher/Outfielder
Major: Sports Performance
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Moriarty
High School: Moriarty High
Previous college or high school: Luna Community College
Parents and family: Lori Inocencio, mother; Nic Inocencio, brother and Judy Healy, grandmother.
What are your interests? Sleeping, softball, being outdoors, music, hanging out with friends and eating.
College or high school honors: All-Academic, National Honor Society in

high school; Most team spirited in college.

Plans after graduation? Transfer to a four-year university and pursue a doctorate in physical therapy.

Favorite pro athlete: Derek Jeter

Whom do you admire the most and why? My mom, because she always has been there for me and without her I wouldn't be where I am today. My brother, because he has been a great role model throughout my life.

Name: Dominic Serna
Nickname: "Dome"
Position: Outfielder
Major: Sports Performance
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Albuquerque, N.M.

High School: Sandia High
Previous college or high school: Luna Community College

Parents and family: Gabe Serna, father; Katie Serna, mother; Daniel and Micole Serna, brothers; Sandra Serna, sister

What are your interests?

Working, outdoor sports and baseball.

Plans after graduation? Attend a four-year college and play ball there.

Favorite pro athlete: Alex Rodriguez

Whom do you admire the most and why? My parents, they



Dominic Serna

Name: Janice Montoya
Nickname: Gus/J-Dogg
Position: Third Base/Utility
Major: Liberal Arts
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Estancia
High School: Estancia High
Previous college or high school: Estancia High
Parents and family: Joseph/father; Jennifer, mother; Delfina, sister; Andrea, sister; Francisco, brother; Adrienne, sister; Aiden, nephew and Evan, nephew.
What are your interests? Reading, laughing, massage therapy and make-up.

College or high school honors: Scholar-athlete, 2008 Defensive Player of the Year; North-All-Star in 2008.

Plans after graduation? Start the next chapter of my life.

Favorite pro athlete: Lebron James

Whom do you admire the most and why? My parents! They are my world and the blood flowing through my veins. They made me who I am today.

have always been a huge support in my life. My brother, Micole for joining the military.



Jennifer Inocencio

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The good Rough Riders...

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In order to address online course success a comparison must be done between traditional course and online course delivery and determine what are the common student retention factors. Instructors must also become versed in marketing online support services such as tutoring, advisement, research, and registration services. In order to retain students the college must provide the tools that students must have access 24 hours a day.

The other myth that is alive and well with regard to the delivery of online courses is that only a portion of our course offerings should be delivered online. This mode of thinking will not help the college meet current or future educational needs. The ability for LCC to provide our customers with whole programs delivered online will be a deter-

mining factor on the college's ability to serve the larger student population that wants to participate in programs.

LCC must address the fiscal issue that all colleges are facing and determine whether or not they want to be financially successful, or whether or not they want to be financially surviving. In addition, LCC must be proactive in its approach to continue to support our service area with program diversity by attracting student with online delivery.

In conclusion, developing programs that are online will depend on the vision, buy-in, and cooperation from all instructors, academic directors, administration, and board of trustees. We must service the needs of all our students; the primary objective of a college.



Gadsden High senior Candi Villalobos signs a national letter of intent to play softball for Luna Community College next season. Pictured with her is her mom Camilla and her dad David. Pictured in the back is LCC Assistant Softball Coach Stephen Aragon and LCC Head Coach Meredith Gilpin. Villalobos, who has a 3.58 grade point average, intends to major in nursing while at LCC.

Why I should major in science, math, or an engineering technology program

By **Dr. Andrew Feldman**
– Academic Director

When considering a major program of study, students should weigh all options in order to make a wise decision about their future career. The Department of Science, Math, and Engineering Technology (SM&ET) at LCC has nine different programs for students to choose from that will either prepare them for transfer to a university program or enable them to enter into the workforce. In making a choice about a program of study students should consider where future jobs are, what university they plan to attend, and the fact that science and technology drive the national economy.

The SM&ET department offers Associate of Science (AS) degrees in Alternative Energy, Mathematics, Life Science, Physical Science, and General Engineering. These programs are designed to prepare the student for transfer to a four-year university enabling the student to complete their freshman and sophomore courses at LCC. All of the general education core courses transfer and a majority of the program requirements transfer to the university. Students should contact the university they plan to attend to find out specific degree requirements.

The Department also offers Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees in Drafting Technology, Electronics Engineering Technology, Computer Science, and Video Game Design and Development. These programs are designed to get the student into the workforce or to transfer for continued education at the university. As with the AS programs, the general education core classes transfer to the university. Internships and internships certifications are built into the programs



Dr. Andrew Feldman

to help the student attain employment.

The SM&ET department math and science courses are articulated across the state of New Mexico and transfer to all universities across the country. When you make your educational career choice you should stay with the program for timely graduation and financial aid reasons. While working toward your degree, you should also consider your future education plans and contact the universities that you may wish to attend. While staff at LCC can help with university choices, it is up to the student to make a final decision based on acceptance and the particular baccalaureate degree program requirements. As the United States job market changes to meet current and future economic demands the required workforce skills will change. While science and technology have played an integral role in the development of our nation's economy, they will play an even more important role in the future economy. This is particularly true in the areas of medicine, energy, computers, and related fields. Science drives discoveries for new technology to be brought to the people and there is no better place to get started in your education than

LCC.

The Department of Science, Math, & Engineering Technology at LCC offers many programs that will help you to succeed in your future, whether it is continuing your education or getting a job. Aside from all of the above reasons to major in a SM&ET department program there are a couple of other reasons: small class size, excellent faculty, tutoring help availability, smiling faces, and a friendly atmosphere. Contact the department at 505-454-5370, for more information.

LCC faculty member Juan Ortega releases CD



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Luna Community College faculty member Juan Ortega shows his recently released CD entitled "Señor Aquerdade" with the Santo Niño Choir. Ortega teaches beginning Spanish. He is dedicated his CD to his son Aaron Jay (picture at right) who passed away recently.

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, Jan. 11. Remember this is all in fun.



Rick Jaramillo

and



Gene Wilder

or



Dennis Lopez

and



Charles Bronson

Why I am so committed to students who attend Luna Community College

By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President

My journey through life has not been easy but it has been a meaningful experience. I am grateful to those who have provided me genuine encouragement, sensible advice and looked beyond my inequities and provided me with the caring push to always move forward (*siempre adelante*).

Each and every member of the Luna Community College family has taught me something different. I always value and respect others, advocate for a better educational system and administer in a fair manner. Although our struggles may seem endless and the outcomes not quite what we expected, our Luna family has patiently worked through, tolerated and often overcome obstacles that have stood in our way.

There has been a long history of commitment to education at Luna Community College and I want to follow in that tradition. But, before I go on, I must offer this disclaimer, the success of our college does not fall on the shoulders of just one individual, rather, *it sets on the shoulders of each and every one of us*. Whether one is a student, taxpayer, employee, board of trustee, community member, financial supporter, promoter of education, parent of a student, the well being of our college rests with all of us.

All this being said, together, we must continuously regroup, rekindle and rejuvenate the mission of the college and be reminded every day that what we do for students we do for the benefit of our future. When we educate our youth, assist our adult learners to successfully retool for different employment in the job market or just spark creative skills in those who piece together beautiful quilts, build quality kitchen cabinets or refurbish older vehicles, we have invested in our community!

My commitment to the students who attend Luna Community

College comes from the roots of those who have encouraged me in my quest to be a better person. They have motivated me through their sacrifices, skills, gentle nudges and unselfish dedication. In preparing me for my place in life, they have said: work to make the lives of others better through a less stressful and healthy environment, rigorous and high educational standards and provide them with the ability to qualify for and earn employment with a better than minimum wage.

Also, I am truly grateful to those who have been tempted by those seeking to divide us by telling those persons: I am not interested in creating a story of negativity and division. Instead, many of those individuals who have encountered someone wishing to stir-up controversy have come into my office and said; I want to resolve the issue affecting me and others and make Luna Community College a better place for students and workers.

There are so many issues to address daily. If we focus on finding solutions to the issues that affect us and don't take the questions posed and issues raised personally, we will have an atmosphere of collegiality and a system of teaching and learning that will flourish. That is exhilarating and refreshing. We, at Luna, are working past the human frailties that weaken our service to students and mission. We will not tolerate the human weaknesses that stand in the way of a good education for our students. With that being said, we truly are on the road to an educational system second-to-none.

The bottom line: so many people have believed in me, **all I want to do is give back to the students of Luna Community College** and provide them with the foundation to move on in life with confidence, strong academic and social skills and the ability to succeed at whatever they choose to do. ***There is no place like Luna for a good education!***

Weekly Activities

Monday, Jan. 18, 2010

- Martin Luther King Day (LCC Closed)

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010

- No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Telehealth Ethics Consult.

Training (Bus. Studies/Rm. 101)

- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees Board

Mtg. (Stud. Serv./Conf. Rm.)

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

(General Studies/Room 112)

Study Hall – LCC Softball

Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010

- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monthly Water Board Meeting (Technologies/Rm. 126-B)

Friday, Jan. 22, 2010

- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Santa Fe Housing Meeting (Mora Site/Library)

Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010

- 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. C.N.A. Testing (AHC/N7 & 3)

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Choke Cherry Jam Making Workshop (IPC/Café - Lab)



COMMUNITY EDUCATION – SPRING 2010

Making Chokecherry Jam— The Old Fashioned Way!

In this one-day workshop, students learn the secrets of making an excellent jam and actually concoct a batch of Chokecherry jam to take home! Topics include: preparation & storage of the fruit, preparing chokecherry pulp, procedure of cooking, proper procedures for jarring hot liquid, jarring with commercial jars & lids, temperature information & water activity concerns. Safety directives & regulations will be discussed.

\$30 + \$10 materials fee

Saturday, January 23, 9am-3pm

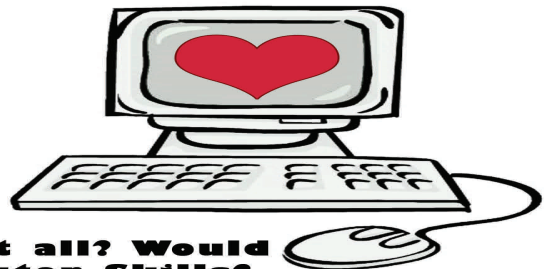
Luna Community College, Culinary Arts Lab

Instructor: Patti Goetsch

Call LCC @ 454-5311



BASIC COMPUTER USE CLASS



Do you feel uncomfortable using a computer? Maybe never used one at all? Would you like to learn some Basic Computer Skills?

- ATTEND THIS MONTHLY 2-DAY CLASS - - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -

learn:
turning a
computer
on

**9AM to 4PM on two Saturdays
Each Month Through May
First Session**

use a
keyboard
and a mouse,
write & print
a document,
play a game

**January 9th and January 16th, 2010
Room 125-A in the Technologies Building
on the Luna Main Campus in Las Vegas**

*Register
a friend!
Get grandma
online!
Give the
gift of
progress*

email
&
internet

Cost: \$40 per person, \$30 for seniors & veterans
Payment due at first class.

**Registration forms available at the
Office of Recruitment & Admissions
Room 110 in the Student Services
Center on the Luna Main Campus.**

**Or register on the day of the class.
Space is limited.**

Forms Online at

<http://www.luna.edu/schedule/> (Click on Community Ed. Schedule)

Presented through Luna Community College Department of Community Education



Luna Community College welcomes community to get involved in educational related issues

Public Information Office

Luna Community College
366 Luna Drive
Las Vegas, NM 87701
January 15, 2010

Dear Community Member:

I want to personally invite you and your organization to join The Luna Community College family.

As many of you know, Luna Community College has two radio shows. The first is a weekly half hour radio show hosted by me and airs at 1 p.m. every Thursday on KNMX (540 on your AM radio dial). The second is a one hour long show hosted by our president, Dr. Pete Campos and it airs every other Monday beginning at 8:30 a.m. on KLVF/KFUN (1230 AM/100.7 FM). Community members who are interested in sharing educational issues are welcome to be guests on either of these shows.

To be a guest on the radio show on KNMX, call Jesse Gallegos at 505/454-2510. To be a guest on the show aired on KLVF/KFUN, call Maria Paiz at 505/454-2501.

Secondly, I wanted to invite the community to send educational-related press releases that will be used in our college newsletter, **The Luna Light**. **The Luna Light** is a weekly publication that is published every Monday. Currently, about 4,000 people receive it electronically every week (our goal is to get this number up to 5,000 by mid-summer). We also print over 200 copies that are distributed within our service area. It is our hope that **The Luna Light** can be used as another resource to get information out to the public. Please e-mail articles to jgallegos@luna.edu.

All of us here at Luna Community College want to express our genuine interest in strengthening our relationship with our service area. There are many educational opportunities at Luna Community College and we want to make sure that everyone knows that our door is always open.

As we make our way to becoming the Premier Rural Community College in America, we want as many entities and individuals as possible to play a significant role in this. Again, thank you and we are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Jesse Gallegos
Luna Community College Public Information Coordinator

Luna Community College students reflect on Martin Luther King's lasting impact on society

In our Reading 105, we read Martin Luther King Jr.'s I Have a Dream speech and discussed what was going during his era that prompted such a speech. As well as learning about Martin Luther King as a man and his accomplishments, we reflected on his speech and what it meant. We, as a nation, have come a long since then, but here are some thoughts about discrimination, prejudice and making the world a better place from students here at LCC,—Jacqueline Hampleman

I Have a Dream by Sara Trujillo

I have a dream that one day the sick and the poor will rise, rise high like a shining star twinkling above us all with passion and love. One day we will live in a nation where they are not looked at different and have the opportunity to run, laugh, and to wake up each morning with a smile, a smile from heaven that glows across our nation. I have a dream that the poor will have a feast of food with warm hearts, a loving family, and a home around them. Their homes will touch the tip of the clouds with angels flying around them keeping them safe and warm. This is our hope. This is our faith. I have a dream.

List some ways in which people differ and a list of ways in which all people are alike

We all are from the same God.

We all need air to breath.

We all are alike when we were babies because we can't do anything for ourselves.

We are different in ways we learn.

We are different in the way we grow up.

We are different because some people have more money than others.

By Sandy

We are all children of God.

We all have to work to make a living.



Martin Luther King Jr.

We all are living and breathing beings.
We all have feelings.
We all bleed and cry.
We all have different ways of things.
We all are different races and religions.
We all have different likes and dislikes.

By Angelilli

People are different by their race, religion, and speech. We are alike by our love, values, goals, and emotions.

By Anonymous
People in society today are all the same because we all are humans trying to make a living, be educated, raise our families, and keep a roof over our

heads. Everyone is different in ways of perspective, how we make a living, doing different jobs, and areas of education. Families also raise their children the way they choose. Society is not much different other than skin color and facial structure. There is no beautiful or ugly person. We are all beautiful and ugly in our own ways that we choose to be. "Treat America the way you would want America to treat you." The economy is tough but we'll all find a way to live around it and survive.

By Gabby Griego

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LCC OFFICE OF RECRUITMENT – SPRING 2010

RECRUITMENT

ACTIVITIES—

WEEK OF January 18 thru January 23

Monday, Jan 18– Martin Lu-
ther King Holiday

Tuesday, Jan 19 – KFUN Ra-
dio, 8 a.m. – College Night
promo—Financial Aid
School visits-Wagon Mound,
Springer, Maxwell.

Wednesday, Jan 20 – School
visits-Santa Rosa, Vaughn;
Radio Script-College Night,
NMHU.

Thursday, Jan 21- School
visits-Robertson HS, West
LV;
KNMX Radio, College Night
promo, et.al.

Friday, Jan 22 – School visits
- RHS, WLV

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LCC students reflect on Martin Luther King...

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Make a list of things that you can do to make the world a better place.

Enforce recycling.

Have more community events.

Volunteer to help kids that need positive influences.

Being and acting more polite too, maybe pass it on to others.

By Anonymous

I want to change the way people are today to other people that can't read or write.

I want to change people to be fair to people in the military.

I would want to change people from judging me for having 3 kids so young.

I would like people to be fair to everyone.

I would change how you get a job. It's not what you know but who you know. That's not fair.

I would like to change the poverty issue.

By Amanda Sanchez

If I could make the world a better place, I would stop all discrimination because of the music people listen to. I wish that everyone could get along. I have a dream that one day all justice will be served to all murders and all people that do wrong. I wish that all the homeless would have shelter, food, and water. I wish that everyone could all have the same rights and no one should have to be put aside from that.

By Anonymous

There are a few things I would change to make the world a better place. First I would start with people not being so judgmental towards others or stereotyping. Also, I would change the fact of judging a person because of their skin color instead of their personality. I would like to change that people try to fix problems with physical violence or even verbal violence. I would also like to change people that are inconsiderate of people's feelings, thoughts, and emotions. I would like to change the way

people judge a book by its cover instead of the true knowledge they might hold. I would like for everything to be equal regardless of race, origin, religion, rank in society, size, etc. **By Anonymous**

Here are a few things I would do to make the world a better place. First, I would start getting people together and start recycling more stuff so that there isn't so much waste on earth. Second, I would try to help everybody that is bound by drugs and alcohol and help them quit their addictions. Then I would try to help people change their point of view on racial discrimination because we still live in a world where minorities are discriminated against. I would also like to help people start caring about those that are less fortunate. But first of all, these things need to be brought to people's attention and make them see that if they help, the world can become a better place. If we all work together then we could help each other and anything is possible.

By Joshua Montoya

Write a paragraph explaining how discrimination and prejudice impact our world today

It still impacts today because there are still people who think they are at a higher level than others which is not true. There is still a lot of discrimination towards many people because of many different things like color, sex, and age. By now, that type of thing should be of the past.

By Anonymous

I think that there is still a lot of discrimination today whether it is by employers, clicks, or just people you see around. Some employers will not hire you for employment because you have noticeable tattoos. That's discrimination. People have the right to express who they are even if it's with ink. But some employers feel it's not professional. Still, to this day, you often see the little clicks where whites still hang out with

whites and blacks hang out with blacks. Very rarely do you see a "mixed" group. Then there are those around town that discriminate everyone from the shoes on their feet to the car they drive. Discrimination is still everywhere.

By Tami Yeaman

Today discrimination and prejudice still have a lot of effect in the world. Back then, it was a few here and there maybe, but today, it has a whole lot of meaning. We still have discrimination against race. Race back then was really bad because blacks were separated from the whites. Prejudice is the same in the world. Most of what they had years ago still is here in this century. I don't think anything has changed, just the fact that we are a lot freer. We walk around with our heads up high and some people take a lot of things for granted. If this keeps going on, we may find ourselves back the way things were years ago or maybe even worse.

By Anonymous

Discrimination and prejudice does impact our world. Some people are very prejudice or racist still like the people in the 1960s. Some people are judged by the color of their skin or even an accent in their speech. A lot of other people today really do not pay attention to discrimination. Everyone is different.

By Davienia Castillo

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