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Luna Community College cosmetology students Angelique Medina (standing) and Tammy Archuleta competed at a Fantasy Hairstyles Competition in Albuquerque on Sunday, Sept. 27. LCC Cosmetology students Danelle Duran and Janice Garcia also competed. There were about 75 competitors.

Action: LCC offering 8-week acting class

*“Every man and woman is star.”—
Aleister Crowley*

An intense eight week acting course is being offered this fall, from Oct. 13 through Dec. 4. The course will provide basic training in the skills necessary to act in theatre and in film. The course will be performance based and will include training in voice, movement, characterization, and script analysis.

The course will be taught by Rand Kennedy, a member of the Screen Actors Guild, who has acted professionally in film, television, and theatre. “In some ways acting is similar to athletics in that both require the ability to relax under pressure and to develop a laser beam focus of concentration,”

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Luna Community College auto collision students work on the school’s training semi truck last week. The truck’s original color was yellow and the students are painting it the colleges school colors—black and teal. Pictured (l-r) are Joe DeHerrera, Cipriano Rodelas, Gary Gamertsfelder and Ricardo Baca.



Rick Jaramillo would someday like to walk his daughter to and from school

Name: Rick Jaramillo

Position: Coordinator, Network Operations Systems

How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? 21.5 years; started April 21, 1988.

Favorite food and why? Hard one cause there is so many. My homemade tacos, steaks on the grill, and also my 5 layer cheese enchiladas with onions and lots of cheese.

Favorite hobby and why? Pool is number one since I have been involved with the pool league here for several years. Black and white photography of New Mexico sceneries. And also silver/turquoise jewelry making. We have over 90 local pool players that play pool weekly and complete for a chance to go to state and qualify for a spot at nationals in Las Vegas, Nev. Photography gets me out and about to see places around the state and appreciate the area we live in. Jewelry making is a kind of therapy that helps keep life going no matter what it may throw at you.

Favorite TV show and why? I like movies better but a few shows I try to follow are *Fringe*, *House*, *Lie to Me*, and *Mental*.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? Retired! And walking my daughter (who is 3 right now) to and from school everyday. And spending as much time with her as she will let me.

What do you like best about LCC? That every now and then an individual goes out of there way to be extra helpful to a student to correct the path they may be on and help them or point them in a different direction. Two individuals had taken the time to follow up on me one day and ask why I wasn't in school. They got me back in class and gave me the motivation I needed to go forward. And if other individuals wouldn't have taken a chance with me I wouldn't be in the position I am today.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? I've always hated to talk negatively about the school ; it's been good to me for 20 some years. If you have an idea that you think will help or correct a problem then stand up for it and make sure others hear you.

What is your greatest strength? I think that's for others to decide.



Rick Jaramillo has been working at Luna Community College for over 21 years. He loves to play pool and take photos. Jaramillo says that his favorite foods are homemade tacos and steaks. Jaramillo says Luna Community College has been good to him.

LCC recruiting activities

Monday, Sept. 28 – College Days-Rio Grande High, Valley High and Albuquerque High.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 – College Days-Moriarty High, West Mesa High, Highland High and Sandia High.

Wednesday, Sept. 30- College Days-Cibola High, Bernalillo High, Volcano Vista High, Manzano High and Eldorado High.

Thursday, Oct. 1– College Days –Los Lunas High, Valencia High, Belen High, Del Norte High and Southwest Secondary Learning Center.

Friday, Oct. 2 – College Days- Capital High, Santa Fe High, St Michael's High, APS Charter Schools and Raton Homecoming Parade, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3 –no activities planned

Luna CC President Dr. Pete Campos: We all should value and love our jobs

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

During the last several weeks I have received visits from honest, hard working and knowledgeable individuals from the area who humbly are seeking employment. I was particularly emotionally touched by a gentleman who had been working in the area for many years and was recently laid off. He had his résumé in hand and was clean shaven, neatly dressed, very courteous, professional and highly experienced in his chosen line of work. His words that still stick with me are, "I am looking for work, I want to stay in the area and I need to provide for my family." *We are very fortunate to have our jobs!*

Now for the wake-up call. Have we taken time to reflect upon our job? Think about it! Are we: reporting to work on time, fulfilling our daily responsibilities, going beyond regular work hours and our basic duties to reach out and truly help and educate students, forgiving those who we believe have hurt us in the work place and begin talking to them again, showing up to work every day with genuine enthusiasm, communicating and connecting with each other to collectively deliver our mission and reporting to work without a self-serving agenda.

A mentor whom I value and respect works because he loves what he does, not so much for the salary he is paid, but because he believes his job is his hobby and he really takes pride and pleasure in what he does. Some other examples include: sportspersons, musicians and

artists have the capability of reaching great heights and have the ability of entralling us by their works and achievements because of their passion, dedication and commitment to what they do.

It is important to love our jobs, not only because of the tough economic times we are experiencing, but because of the need to better prepare our students for what they are facing in today's global environment. *Everything done locally has a ripple effect globally.* If we don't properly educate our students; then they may have trouble finding good paying jobs and government – using our tax dollars – may end up supporting them with benefits associated with poverty. This local dilemma then ripples out throughout the world. Our society cannot sustain itself under a growing level of dependency. We need productivity, creativity, inspiration and good paying jobs to keep our families motivated to reach for and attain the American dream.

It just makes sense! Since we spend a major part of our waking hours at work, let's make it enjoyable, set attainable daily and long-term goals, look forward to getting up in the morning and going to work and understanding that when we don't like what we do, feel resentment towards others and work at doing as little as possible, we create a major drag on our emotional well-being. *When we value "love" our jobs, it shows, others sense our radiant energy and life at Luna Community College can be enjoyable for everyone.*

"We are very fortunate to have our jobs!"—Dr. Pete Campos, LCC President.

The Luna Community College Academic Center for Excellence sponsored a school activity last Thursday as local band Cuarenta Y Cinco performed at the Rough Rider Grill. Ernest Montoya, (middle, singing) an electrical engineer, also spoke to and answered questions from students.



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says Kennedy. “The abilities to both relax and concentrate are skills that will be useful in almost any profession.”

Kennedy believes that with the increased film production in New Mexico there will be more opportunities than ever before for New Mexican actors. In the process of learning about one of the world’s oldest professions, students will learn how to “walk a mile in someone else’s shoes.” “This ability to understand life from another person’s perspective, the ability to empathize, is another skill that is basic to success in nearly every endeavor and probably even to the success of human society,” Kennedy said.

For more information about the Acting I class, please contact Rand Kennedy at 454-2564 or by e-mail at rkennedy@luna.edu.



Luna Community College nursing students study as a group at the Rough Rider Grill last Thursday. Pictured (l-r) are Amanda Lovato, Ben Casey Encinias, Michelle Lippincott and Antoinette Padilla.

Alcohol and drug abuse hurts everyone

Alcohol and drug abuse hurts everyone in the family and is an epidemic growing in our communities that is “destroying families.” Many individuals with substance abuse problems want help, but don’t know how to get it. Thanks to a partnership between the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative and Mora, San Miguel, and Guadalupe (MSG) Group, the Total Community Approach (TCA) program was created to provide services to those in need of help.

Total Community Approach is a consumer-centered, community based recovery program involving clinical treatment, family counseling and support, and aftercare support. TCA is a state funded initiative designed to increase access to substance abuse services in Mora, San Miguel, and Guadalupe Counties through independent assessment, emphasis on consumer choice of recovery support and clinical service providers, and development and maintenance of extensive service linkages with faith-based and community-based organizations.

In the spirit of collaboration, TCA’s network providers consist of many organizations in the tri-county area. The program collaborators including Luna Community College are working in concert with TCA

in order to target resources where they can have the greatest impact in dealing with substance abuse and mental health issues.

According to Marino Rivera, TCA Program Coordinator: “A family support program, Community Reinforcement Approach and Family Training (CRAFT) was implemented to positively influence loved ones to reduce his/her substance use and to seek help.” The CRAFT model provides services to the spouse, domestic partner, parents, and/or siblings.

TCA’s available services consist of prevention, clinical, and recovery support services that entail assessment and referrals for clients, intensive outpatient treatment, individual therapy, crisis intervention, family therapy, and group support to name a few of the services provided by TCA’s network providers.

For more information on the TCA Program, please call Kristie Tapia at 505-617-5571 or if you, a family member, or friend is concerned about drug or alcohol use, please call TCA’s Central Intake at 505-429-4231.

Quote of the Week

“The one real goal of education is to leave a person asking questions,”— *Max Beerbohm (1872-1956), British critic and essayist.*

LCC's Human Resource Director: College has made progress in practices and policies

By Lawrence Quintana
LCC Human Resource Director

The purpose of this position paper is to address how Luna Community College has made positive progress in the alignment of practices versus policy. How is the alignment going to improve the delivery of education, and service to our students? How is the alignment going to minimize exceptions and strengthen our institutional equity?

These are not new questions that pose challenges to the LCC Board of Trustees, administration, department directors, instructors and staff. In August of 2005 the Human Resources Department required new management. Some of the problems that existed included unorganized files, 13-year-old personnel policies, job descriptions that did not fit the role and responsibility of the current job requirements, obsolete pay scales, and hiring practices that were practices rather than policy.

With this stated the reformation of the Human Resources Department was not only a challenge that needed to be faced by the HR Department but by the entire LCC organization including the public sector. The HR Department conducted a standardization of each and every employee file, reviewed all benefit provided to each employee, and brought all components of the HR Department up to manageable level.

As stated in the visual matrix below (matrix will be showcased in a future *Luna Light*), many of the tasks that needed to be accomplished were done through a step by step process which has been facilitated by policy revision, strategic planning, and alignment of practices with writ-



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ten policy. This of course is a process which much more complex than is stated on the matrix below, however, the benefits of the reformation or structure has been evident over the past four years.

In the past year and a half many of implementation pieces have been instituted for example: leveling of employee compensation, updating of all job descriptions, and the alignment of practices with policy. The leveling of employee compensation consisted of reviewing approximately 141 employee files and determining the experience level that should have been received by each employee at the day of hire, and if the employee was given too much experience, or too little experience the leveling addressed these issues.

Other tasks that were accomplished with the leveling were the validation of each and every level and the alignment with job descriptions with every level. With the down turn of the economy future work on bringing employee compensation up to the correct level will be easier to conduct due to the baseline created in 2008. The alignment of practices versus policy is almost complete, currently hiring practices and what role and responsibility each Department Director has with this has improved.

However, there is still refinement that needs to take place. Directors and staff need to be trained on expected strategic planning, goal setting, and evaluation processes. Further training needs to be done on human resources role and how this asset is used in day to day personnel management. Finally the refinement of policy will take place in the next 30 days.

Weekly activities

Monday, Sept. 28, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Family Peer Specialist Training (IPC/PT Room)
- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Studies/Room 102-B)

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Family Peer Specialist Training (IPC/PT Room)
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. H1N1 Community Awareness Forum (Allied Health/LO-1)
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Softball (General Studies/Room 112)

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Family Peer Specialist Training (IPC/PT Room)

Family Peer Specialist Training (IPC/Cafe)

DWI Class (General Studies/Room 102-B)

Family Peer Specialist Training (IPC/PT Room)

H1N1 Community Awareness Forum (Allied Health/LO-1)

Study Hall – LCC

Family Peer Specialist Training (IPC/PT Room)

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■ 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Family Peer Specialist Training (IPC/Cafe)

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009

■ 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Family Peer Specialist Training (IPC/PT Room)

Friday, Oct. 2, 2009

■ 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Family Peer Specialist Training (IPC/PT Room)

■ 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Housing Authority Mtg. (Mora Site/Library)

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009

■ 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CD/Dual Credit Orientation (Student Services/Conf. Room)

Line Dance Class

Family Peer Specialist Training (IPC/PT Room)

Family Peer Specialist Training (IPC/PT Room)

Santa Fe Civic

CD/Dual Credit Orientation (Student Services/Conf. Room)



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos congratulates Ted Martinez during the H-Club ceremony on Thursday. Both Martinez and Charles "Lenny" Fresquez (left) were recognized for their fine example to the people of the state of New Mexico. Both are very successful and accomplished businessmen.

Our human relationships and budgets

By Dr. Pete Campos

A budget is not only a financial plan that sets forth cost and revenue goals and controls for responsibility centers within an education firm, but also is a device for coordination, communication, performance evaluation and motivation.

Adam Smith in his book, *The Wealth of Nations* said, "Consumption is the sole end and purpose of all production; and the interest of the producer ought to be attended to, only so far as it may be necessary for promoting that of the consumer." You may want to reread this quote then think about it for a moment. Its contents are profound. To apply its intent to Luna Community College we can say, the consumers are our students and those who serve them, production is education and the producer is the taxpayer and our governmental representatives.

Now, for the concept! In *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, it is stated (with the exception that I have made the reference to gender neutral), "Humankind was made for action, and to pro-

mote by the exertion of our faculties such changes in the external circumstances both for ourselves and others, as may seem most favorable to the happiness of all." Thus, it is crucial we act collectively during these tough economic times to meet our mission at Luna Community College which is to serve the educational needs of all our students and the communities within our service area. That's going to take prudent use of financial resources, putting aside petty differences and expressing our concerns to and placing faith and support in our elected and appointed officials who will be dealing with the fiscal shortfall in the upcoming special legislative session that will address the near \$500 million deficit we are experiencing this fiscal year.

Through crisis we can find opportunity. Although there is much financial pressure on our institution to address growing educational needs, there are some things we can do to help through these tough times. Realize that funds are tight and we may not see much financial growth during the

next several years unless we work as a team and professionally pursue efforts to secure business sector, stimulus, foundation, federal and philanthropy funds.

We must also realize that it isn't any one person's fault we are experiencing declining state revenues. As a result, we need each other! Let's put forth our best efforts to understand our constraints and support one another particularly as stress, uncertainty and life's natural course affects our daily thought, attitudinal and reactionary processes. Let's not prejudice or criticize when sports injuries happen to our children, personal health issues affect our work attendance and performance and personal relationships are strained or lead to divorce or break-up; instead, let's make every effort to understand and offer support to each other during these tough personal situations in hopes that better times are ahead for all of us.

There are some things we cannot change, but better relations with each other are definitely things we can change!

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8 WEEK COURSES CLASSES BEGIN OCT. 12, 2009

Course	Sec	Hours	Title	Days	Dates	Times	Campus	Bldg	Room	Instructor
ASE101	02	3.0	Introduction to Renewable Energy	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	11:30AM - 2:10PM	MAIN	ADMIN	103	Jencka, D
BIO103E	02	2.0	Medical Terminology (DL)	-M-----	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		Roybal, E
BIO210E	02	3.0	Nutrition (DL)	-M-----	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		Olson, S
CCT110E	01	3.0	Community College Teaching (DL)	-M-----	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		Trujillo, F
CCT116E	01	3.0	Faculty & the Cmnty College (DL)	--W---	10/14/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		Trujillo, F
CSA150	41	3.0	Computer Fundamentals	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	3:30PM - 7:20PM	OFFS	OFFS	MOR5	Laumbach, P
ELEC102	02	4.0	Electronic Circuits/AC	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	9:00AM - 11:50AM	MAIN	TECH	130	Duncan, R
ELEC102L	02	0.0	Electronic Circuits/AC Lab	----R--	10/15/09 - 12/04/09	1:00PM - 4:50PM	MAIN	TECH	130	Duncan, R
ENG102	05	4.0	Introduction to Grammar	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	4:00PM - 7:50PM	MAIN	GEN	101	{Staff}
ENG111	06	3.0	Freshman Composition I	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	5:00PM - 7:50PM	MAIN	GEN	112	Riley, C.
ENG111E	21	3.0	Freshman Composition I (DL)	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	6:00PM - 8:50PM	EWEB	SPRG		Otto, K.
FCMK100	41	3.0	Intr to Furniture & Cabinet-Mkng	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	3:00PM - 6:30PM	OFFS	OFFS	MOR3	Laumbach H
FS115	01	4.0	Introduction to Firefighting	-MTWR--	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	5:15PM - 8:15PM	MAIN	GEN	104	Sauter, R.
HIST101	02	3.0	Western Civilization I	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	2:00PM - 4:50PM	MAIN	GEN	109	Garcia, T.
HIST102E	21	3.0	Western Civilization II (DL)	--T-RF-	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	5:00PM - 6:40PM	EWEB	SPRG		Beil, J.
HIST162E	20	3.0	American History II (DL)	--T-RF-	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	7:00PM - 8:40PM	EWEB	SPRG		Beil, J.
HPS140	01	3.0	Sports Officiating	----FS	10/09/09 - 12/04/09	5:00PM - 8:50PM	MAIN	GEN	110	Abreu, A
HPS210	01	3.0	Administration and Evaluation	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	6:00PM - 8:50PM	MAIN	GEN	110	Abreu, A
MATH105	06	4.0	General Mathematics	-M-W-F-	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	4:00PM - 6:20PM	MAIN	TECH	126A	Mares, G
MATH116	05	4.0	Intermediate Algebra	-MT-RF-	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	4:00PM - 5:40PM	MAIN	TECH	136	Stockett
MS125E	01	3.0	Military Professionalism (DL)	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		{Staff}
MS140E	01	3.0	Miltry Ldrshp:Thry/Practice (DL)	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		{Staff}
NRS099	01	1.0	Student Nurse Success	----F-	08/21/09 - 10/09/09	1:00PM - 2:50PM	MAIN	AHC	NO9	Weinkauf, A
NRS0101	01	1.0	Therapeutic Communication	-M-----	08/17/09 - 10/05/09	2:00PM - 3:50PM	MAIN	AHC	NO10	Reichert, C
NRS0101	02	1.0	Therapeutic Communication	---T---	08/18/09 - 10/06/09	2:00PM - 3:50PM	MAIN	AHC	NO10	Reichert, C
PE112	31	1.0	Physical Fitness	-MTWRF-	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	7:00AM - 8:00PM	SROS	OFFS		Campos A
PE112	43	1.0	Physical Fitness	-MTWR--	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	6:15PM - 7:05PM	OFFS	OFFS	MOR2	Abeyta, J
PSYC101E	20	3.0	Introduction to Psychology (DL)	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	6:00PM - 8:50PM	EWEB	SPRG		Robbins, J
PSYC242E	02	3.0	Developmental Life Span (DL)	---WR--	10/14/09 - 12/04/09	6:00PM - 8:50PM	EWEB	MAIN		Hughes, R
PSYC258	01	3.0	Abnormal Psychology	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	1:00PM - 3:50PM	MAIN	GEN	111	Ravenswood
READ105	06	3.0	Developmental Reading	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	4:00PM - 6:50PM	MAIN	GEN	108	{Staff}
READ105	20	3.0	Developmental Reading	----F-	10/16/09 - 12/04/09	8:00AM - 1:50PM	SPRG	FORR	107	Otto, K.
SPCH111	04	3.0	Public Speaking	-M-W---	10/12/09 - 12/04/09	11:00AM - 1:50PM	MAIN	GEN	111	Riley, C.
THTR125	01	3.0	Acting I	--T-R--	10/13/09 - 12/04/09	9:30AM - 12:20PM	MAIN	GEN	109	Kennedy, R

For an updated list of classes, go to <http://www.luna.edu>



Several individuals from the Luna Community College's Satellite Campus in Santa Rosa participated in the Santa Rosa High Homecoming parade. Pictured (l-r) are Albert Campos - Director; Gianna Campos; Luana Lacey-maintenance; Eugenio Perez-welding instructor and Victoria Flores-student services coordinator. Also pictured are the Santa Rosa High Marching Band and the Santa Rosa Lions mascot.

Dr. Pete Campos: Share the credit

By Dr. Pete Campos

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to those who have unselfishly given their own time, energy and commitment to prepare for, travel to-and-from and participate in homecoming parades on behalf of Luna Community College. Your warm smiles, hand waving, talking with parade goers, giving out the little “cariños” banners and supporting the extra-curricular homecoming activities of area schools has been well received by the crowds.

Although our dedicated staff and some of their family members who have and will participate in the area homecoming parades and related activities don’t expect accolades, *they truly deserve them*. Why? These people have placed themselves in the public eye, gone over-and-above the call of their work responsibilities and truly believe in our mission: student success and support of the communities we serve. These Luna family members aren’t going to let those who discount and make light of their participation or say, I wouldn’t do that, discourage them. Instead, they are rising to the occasion like never before and letting others know they do support and *proudly promote education and student life at all levels*.

It’s been said to me; don’t recognize me because others won’t talk to me again, they make me feel self-serving and sometimes undermine other things I do. These things being

said, I still ask all members of our Luna family, both past and present, to recognize the work of others. Whether by nominating someone for a state award, submitting a request for a certificate of appreciation for a colleague who has gone the extra-mile, mentioning the dedication of a colleague on one of our radio programs or highlighting a co-worker for a job

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S. Gary Snodgrass, executive vice-president and chief human-resources officer at Exelon, an energy company in Chicago said, “Individuals will have a better chance of receiving kudos for their work if they emphasize how the outcome was the result of a team effort.” Compliments make others feel appreciated and by being recognized for good performance it makes the effort feel more worthwhile by those involved. Praise is energizing. We do better when we feel valued. **We feel even better when we recognize it was a team effort.** Then others may say; she did so much work to make the activity successful but she was willing to share the credit with us, I’m going to help her with the next activity she plans because she really appreciates us.

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well-done in *The Luna Light*, **individual recognition is vital**. In order for individual recognition to work to improve our family’s morale, the recognition must be given with sincerity (no ulterior motives) and accepted with modesty and great care. While an accomplishment may be exemplary, we don’t want to alienate anyone by promoting the recognition too aggressively, but we need to share the credit for the work being done here at Luna Community

In return, the balance comes that the person has received due recognition, not only as an individual, but also as a Luna family member and therefore, *we can all share in the accolade*. Through the recognition process we all learn and grow from it if we genuinely share in the good fortune of others. This builds camaraderie, eliminates the “why not me” syndrome and brings to light the accomplishments of Luna Community College as a whole.

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Luna Community College employees Donna Armijo and Diane Vigil pass out college balloons during the Robertson High Homecoming Parade on Friday. The college plans to participate in the Raton High Parade this Friday. Anyone wishing to participate should call Moses Marquez at 454-5312.





**The Associate Students
of
Luna Community College
request your presence
at the
2009-2010
Student Government
Inauguration
at
6:30 pm
on
September 30, 2009**



Luna Community College first-year nursing students Jeanette Vigil and Amanda Crespin take time for a quick photo as they rush to class.

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Learn more about the HINI Flu at awareness forum

Dear Las Vegas Community Member:

During the last few months there has been an increase of questions raised about the Novel H1N1 Flu. The media keeps us updated on a daily basis and as you are aware it brings up questions about the Flu and the Flu Vaccine.

The Department of Health and our office at the San Miguel Public Health Office recognize the concerns that our community in Las Vegas and surrounding areas may have about the Novel H1N1 Flu and Flu Vaccine. We have organized a Community Awareness Forum, together with Luna Community College, Las Vegas City Schools, and Alta Vista Regional Hospital. All concerned persons of our community are welcomed to attend. **This community forum will be held at the Allied Health Auditorium (Nursing Building) at Luna Community College on Sept. 29 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** (a light snack will be provided).

There will be a panel of experts from the Department of Health, and from our local community to alleviate concerns and answer questions. Among the representatives of the Department of Health will be Dr. Chris Novak, Regional Health Officer for Region 2, Ellen Janeene Grassie, Division Nursing Supervisor for Region 2, and Carole Kirby, Infectious Dis-

ease Nurse, Epidemiology. Among the local representatives on the panel will be Dennis English from the Office of Emergency Management, Emergency Manager and Albert Bourbon, Physician Assistant, from the Las Vegas Clinic for Children and Youth and an emergency room physician from Alta Vista Regional Hospital. Kevin Bersell, and John Miller both Emergency Preparedness Specialist will be co-moderators.

Your questions will be reviewed one by one. Please have your questions written and we will have the panel answer them. We will have index cards available at the forum for your questions as well.

For further information, please contact Ms. Elaine Luna 505-454-2585.

We look forward to seeing you at the forum on Sept. 29.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gonzales, RN
Elaine V. Luna, LISW
Michelle Aragon
Mathew Martinez



Luna Community College Springer Satellite employees recruited during the Colfax County Fair Parade in recently. Pictured are: Sherry Good-year (Humanities), Diane Alderette (office specialist), Patricia Kuhlman (Furniture and Cabinet Making), Art Martinez (Maintenance), Louise Portillos (Director) and Sherry's daughter, Jordan Romero in the wagon.

Can education boost the economy?

This article appeared in the Parade, September 20, 2009. J. Noah Brown is president and CEO of the Association of Community College Trustees, which represents the leaders of more than 1200 schools nationwide.

The President has pledged \$12 billion to community colleges over 10 years. Why should we invest in two-year schools? Data suggest that increasing the number of Americans with a college degree would help our economy recover faster and help the U.S. recover its competitive edge. Ten years ago, the U.S. had the highest percentage worldwide of adults with college degrees. Now we're 10th.

What role can community colleges play in retraining laid-off workers? I visited Mott Community College in Flint, Mich., where economic livelihood is tied to the auto industry. Mott has a lot of programs that allow people who have been laid off to retrain for new careers. Community colleges can help people find jobs because they have relationships with local employers and they're very focused on workforce needs, so they can respond and get people trained.

How do you answer those who say community colleges offer a lower quality of education than four-year schools? I'd say that they should sit in a classroom and then make a decision. Community college professors aren't distracted. They don't do research—they're there to teach. We have to get over the bias in this country that a four-year college is better for everyone. The great tragedy of American higher ed is that we see many graduates of four-year colleges come to community colleges after graduation for training in an actual field.



Luna Community College faculty member Cruz Flores displays some traditional art during National Hispanic Day with LCC recently.

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