

The Luna Light



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

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Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and administration had busy weekend



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College”



Luna Community College was busy on Saturday, Oct. 16. For identification on photos, see page 6.



CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION

CRITERION ONE: MISSION & INTEGRITY

The organization operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff and students.

CRITERION TWO: PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

The organization's allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities.

CRITERION THREE: STUDENT LEARNING & EFFECTIVE TEACHING

The organization provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness that demonstrates it is fulfilling its educational mission.

CRITERION FOUR: ACQUISITION, DISCOVERY, & APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE

The organization promotes a life of learning for its faculty, administration, staff, and students by fostering and supporting inquiry, creativity, practice, and social responsibility in ways consistent with its mission.

CRITERION FIVE: ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE

As called for by its mission, the organization identifies its constituencies and serves them in ways both value.

GO Bond B

2010 GO Bond B Distribution Estimates

If passed, San Miguel, Mora, and Harding libraries would receive a total of **\$176, 045.89**

NMHU Main	\$59, 369.58	Pecos Independent Schools	\$ 6,672.56
Luna CC	\$19, 651.68	Roy Municipal Schools	\$ 4, 057.33
Carnegie Public Library	\$28, 589.93	Wagon Mound Public Schools	\$ 4, 131.03
Las Vegas City Public Schools	\$18,040.19	West Las Vegas Public Schools	\$19, 783.24
Mora Independent Schools	\$ 8,553.81	Rio Gallinas School	\$3, 159.69
Mosquero Municipal Schools	\$ 4, 036.85		

GO BOND "B" is for Libraries November 2, 2010

Luna CC speaks out

If you were president of the United States for a day, what would you do?



Ethan Arguello
Pre-requirement student
in radiology

“Bring back the troops from the war; bring equality to different groups and deter crime.”



Sandra Rivera
Human Resources
Office Manager

“I would help working class people and go for a ride in his jet.”



Angie Manafy
SMET Faculty

“Not cut anything in education; bring deficit down; bring troops home from Afghanistan and Pakistan and the economy would get a lot better.”



Ray Ray Tafoya
Cosmetology

“I would stop abortion and try to put an end to poverty.”

Luna CC is a pretty cool place

By Jesse Gallegos
***A Different
Perspective***

Many times we go through life not really seeing or recognizing many things that are around us—many which are just cool. I will be using this column to identify some (not everything) that I think was cool over the past few days here at Luna Community College.

- Our culinary arts students along with cosmetology students prepared and served a delicious meal recently during the Phi Theta Kappa Regional Meeting. This was cool. They did a professional job. And the dessert panna cotta with fall fruit compote was the best I’ve ever had.
- Our students and faculty members in the dental assisting program took part in The First New Mexico Mission of Mercy in Albuquerque Saturday where free dental services were provided for people who can’t afford dental care. That

was pretty cool.

- Recently LCC students, faculty, staff and administration along with community members took part in a blood drive. We had 100 participants, five times the usual amount. This was very, very cool.
- Our president Dr. Pete Campos said publically on Thursday that one of his goals is to have LCC students graduate on a Saturday and be working on Monday. I have worked with or for nine college presidents and none has ever taken on an endeavor like this one. This is cool if we can help our students get work.
- Our baseball and softball team gave up their Saturday morning to pick up trash around town. Anytime you can get 18 and 19 year olds to do this—especially early in the morning—is, what can I say—pretty cool.
- I’m still amazed on our Foundation efforts raising \$50,000 this summer which will go into scholarships. I’m looking for a word to describe this. I got it—the word is cool.
- Our Phi Theta Kappa’s success—now this is cool.

Luna Community College freshmen cosmetology students give first haircut



LCC Freshmen Cosmetology students recently began practicing haircutting techniques. Pictured clockwise are: Michelle Holguin and Crystal Martinez; Olivia Martinez; Deborah Mares and Amanda Sanchez; Margarita Vigil and Valerie Martinez; Angel Garza, Flo Hathaway and Roberta Duran and Marisa Saiz.



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Pictured clockwise are: Alex Jones; Christopher Vigil; Jolene Lucero and instructor Germaine Sandoval and Victoria Perea, Michelle Holguin and Marisa Saiz.



Luna Community College Military Science Committee Members Debbie Trujillo, Education Director, Mike Adams, IT Director, Lawrence Quintana, Human Resource Director, Larry Paiz, Online Instructional Designer, National Guard Staff Sergeant Jeff Pacheco, Sergeant Velasquez and Vince Lopez, Adjunct Instructor meet recently.

LCC officials meet with National Guard

By Lawrence Quintana

The Luna Community College Military Studies Advisory Committee met on Oct. 5 to conduct an After Action Review of the Military Science Program.

The purpose of the program is to provide high school students who are interested in joining the military and enlisted military personnel who will be future non-commissioned officers with an over-arching view of military studies and its implications with regard to societal rela-

tions, political relations, leadership, professionalism, historical perspective, and military theory.

The committee discussed the overall progress of the program, 2+2 transfer program with New Mexico Highlands University, needs of the students, curriculum alignment, course delivery obstacles, recruitment, and student feedback.

The LCC Military Science Program Committee will continue to conduct After Action Reviews of the program to ensure that the program objectives and student needs continue to be met.

Pictured on page 1 (clockwise) are: area school officials participating in the LCC Dual Credit/Concurrent enrollment orientation which was moderated by LCC Dual Credit/Concurrent Enrollment Director Patricia Romero; community member Juandell Dougherty participates in the LCC Vocational Open House. She is pictured here with LCC Vocational Student Gary Gamertsfelder; The LCC Softball Team help pick up trash during a clean up day sponsored by the City of Las Vegas. They are pictured here on Legion and 7th St.; LCC student Vince Garcia demonstrates some of his carpentry skills during the LCC Vocational Open House; LCC baseball players also participate in cleaning up the city. They are pictured near the Plaza and Z-96 radio personalities Chuck Griego and Hedy interview LCC Welding instructor Mike Gallagher during the LCC Vocational Open House.



TO RECEIVE \$5,000,000.00 FROM EDUCATION BOND D

Voters Can Support Education and Improve the Aging Infrastructure of New Mexico's Colleges and Universities on November 2

Las Vegas, N.M. – During this year's general election on November 2, New Mexican voters will have an opportunity to positively impact education and the economy of our state by supporting **Education Bond D**. Under this bond, **Luna Community College** is slated to receive **\$5,000,000.00** for much needed capital improvements.

The General Obligation Bond for Education also known as Bond D is placed on the ballot by the New Mexico State Legislature every two years. The 2010 cycle proposes allocating \$155.2 million in funding for capital improvements at the institutions of higher education and constitutional special schools throughout New Mexico if passed.

With the passage of Bond D, capital improvements slated for **Luna Community College** will include: renovations of the Vocational Programs Complex which include the following buildings on the main campus in Las Vegas, New Mexico.



For more information about Education Bond D visit

www.EducationinNewMexico.com



Highlands University President Dr. James Fries along with Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos sign a memorandum of understanding in STEM core areas that enables LCC students a seamless transition to NMHU.

LCC students, officials visit New Mexico State

By Dr. Andrew Feldman

Luna Community College Science, Math & Engineering Technology students Victoria Olguin, George Martinez, and Sequoia Romero, along with LCC instructor Jeff Garcia recently traveled to New Mexico State University to attend the Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP) Student Research Conference from Sept. 30 to October 2. The purpose of the AMP program is to encourage minority students to seek advanced degrees in the science and engineering fields and the Student Research Conference is designed to allow students to present their research and get a taste of what a professional research conference involves.

LCC students attended a pre-conference workshop on Sept. 30, participated in the all-day conference on Oct. 1 and attended the post-conference workshop on Oct. 2. The students all reported back that attending the conference was a great experience where they were able to learn about what other students across New Mexico are doing in research. The conference had a student research poster session and talks were given by faculty from across the state.

On the final day of the conference at the post-conference meeting, the students had to develop a theme and create a poster presentation. Out of all the students in attendance, the LCC students were recognized for the best theme for their poster. The LCC group theme was "We're not just a Number" exemplifying that LCC students get extra attention and extra help from their instructors thus making their educational experience at LCC all the more rewarding.

LCC President Dr. Pete Campos was also in attendance giving a speech during the luncheon on Friday. LCC students had the pleasure of sitting at the head table with Dr. Campos and the directors of the AMP program. LCC is a participating member of the AMP program and many benefits are available to LCC Science, Math, and Engineering students including research opportunities and transfer scholarships. For more information, please contact Dr. Andrew Feldman at 454-5306.

Luna CC continues its mission

By Shirley Marlow

Luna Community College is an institution of higher education committed to serving its student population and the surrounding communities.

Its mission is to increase the number of graduates who transfer to four year colleges; provide programs which will provide graduates with gainful employment; improve remedial education; forge stronger ties between colleges and employers and provide task oriented learning that is accelerated, affordable and accessible.

It is a College Cost Reduction Act (CCRAA) for Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI). Highlands University was awarded the grant in the fall of 2008 and partnered with LCC. Dr. Edward Martinez is the project director, I am the grant coordinator at LCC and Elizabeth Ratzlaff is coordinator at NMHU. As part of the grant, the MOU, alignment and articulation was one of the objectives/goals of the funding. Ms. Phyllis Baca facilitated the first alignment session.

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANT JOB POSITIONS:

- Director-Allied Health Sciences
- Full-Time Teacher/Caretaker-Preschool/Education
- Temporary Part-Time AS NEEDED Cafeteria Prep Cook/Cook Helper
- Nursing Retention Specialist/Instructor-Allied Health Sciences

Temporary Part-Time Assistant Softball Coach
FOR JOB DESCRIPTION(S) AND/OR CLOSING DATES, CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AT (505) 454-2503 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.LUNA.EDU
LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL POSITION POSTING FOLLOW THE LCC AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.



Luna Community College students recently prepared and served a meal for participants at the Phi Theta Kappa New Mexico Regional Conference . Pictured are: Margarita Vigil, Jaymes Smith, Rosemary Moore, Ashley Hensley, Marcella Cannone (employee), Ramon Arenivar, Ryan Gallegos, Victoria Perea and Valerie Martinez.

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ELECTIONS

**BECOME A STUDENT LEADER.
RUN FOR LCC Student Government**

VOTE VOTE VOTE

Elections to be held on
Thursday, October 21, 2010
&
Friday, October 22, 2010
For more information go to
www.luna.edu
or contact: **Michael Adams**
at madams@luna.edu

LCC STUDENT GOVERNMENT
LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A closer look at your Rough Riders

This is the second in a series of taking a closer look at your Luna Community College softball and baseball players.

Name: Nick Chavez

Nickname: Chavo

Position: Pitcher

Major: Sports Performance

Classification: Sophomore

Hometown: Moriarty, N.M.

High School: Moriarty High School

Previous college (if applicable): Luna

Parents and family: Manuel and Beth Chavez

Favorite movie, why? Happy Gilmore, Billy Madison, and Friday...and you know this...

MAN!

If you could trade places with someone for a day who would it be and why? I would

trade places with Mariano Rivera because just the thought of him coming to pitch strikes fear in professional



Nick Chavez

a winner over her battle with cancer.

athletes. I would also trade places with whoever is dating Kim Kardashian these days!

How important is academics to you?

Although I have screwed up before, I have realized school is the most important thing right now and nothing can take it away.

Plans after graduation: I plan to play at a higher level of baseball, hopefully D1, and continue to get a good education

What is on your bucket list? Set a great example for my family and kids

Favorite food, why? Tacos and enchiladas

Favorite pro athlete: Derek Jeter

Whom do you admire the most and why?

I admire my mother and father the most for pushing me to be the man they have brought me up to be. I give a lot of credit to my mom for being a fighter, and soon to be,



Angie Manafy's chemistry, biology and environmental science class recently toured the city's Water Treatment Plant.