

# The Luna Light



*“The People’s College”*

*Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America*

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**Luna Community College’s Student Government had their annual inauguration last Wednesday. Pictured (l-r) are: Luciano Romero, Senator; Danelle Duran, Secretary; Stefani Dominguez, Senator, Latishia Cano, Treasurer; Miguel Montoya, Senator; Danyelle Romero, Senator; Maria Gallardo, Senator; Michelle Lippincott, Senator; Jennifer Himes, Senator and Ben Casey Encinias, President. LCC’s Student Government Advisor is Cindy Branch.**

## What is Mass Media Communications?

The term “mass media communications” may not sound very exciting, but it is among the most dynamic and fastest growing fields of study in the world. Mass media communications are the variety of ways used to communicate with very large audiences such as the population of a city or entire country. Mass media communications include books, magazines, newspapers, radio, television, film, and now the Internet.

So if you’re interested in exploring a career in publishing, journalism, broadcasting, film, advertising, public relations, media art, or the new Internet media, check out the new Mass Media Communications Program.

Contact Rand Kennedy at 454-2564 for more information.

## Introduction to Microsoft Publisher course offered

The Business and Professional Studies Department is offering an **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher** course beginning Saturday, Nov. 7, and Saturday Nov. 14.

This course is an introductory course that provides students with an in-depth overview of the desktop publishing operating environment. Throughout this course, students will use templates and wizards to create professional publications, such as advertisements, flyers, greeting cards, business cards, mailing labels, and a keepsake calendar!

Please call Renee Garcia for more information on registration for this course.

This is a 16-hour course divided into two Saturdays, and is graded as satisfactory/unsatisfactory.

# 19-year LCC veteran Eudelia Tarr says she would like to see more participation

**Name:** Eudelia Tarr

**Position:** Program Office Manager

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

19. Started July 1, 1990. Worked with AHEC since 1988 (part-time).

**Favorite food and why?** Italian food. It is just sooo good.

**Favorite hobby and why?** Crossword puzzles. It is good relaxing therapy.

**Favorite TV show and why?** Wheel of Fortune. Like to solve the puzzles.

**Where would you like to see yourself five years from now?** Retired, traveling, and spending more time with my family.

**What do you like best about LCC?** Seeing the students complete their education and watch their smiling faces when they receive their degrees/certificates.

**What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution?** Many employees keep to themselves and don't communicate with others. More employee participation and communication.

**What is your greatest strength?** Great communicator with all.



**Eudelia Tarr says she likes seeing students completing their education and watch them smile when they graduate.**

## **NEED HELP WITH YOUR ONLINE CLASSES?**

Then you need to attend one of LCC's

## **Blackboard Student Trainings**

- Tuesday, September 8, 2009
- Monday, September 14, 2009
- Tuesday, September 22, 2009
- Monday, September 28, 2009
- Tuesday, October 6, 2009
- Monday, October 12, 2009
- Tuesday, October 20, 2009



All trainings will be held at 10:00am in the  
Student Online Learning Lab  
**Student Services Building Room 204**

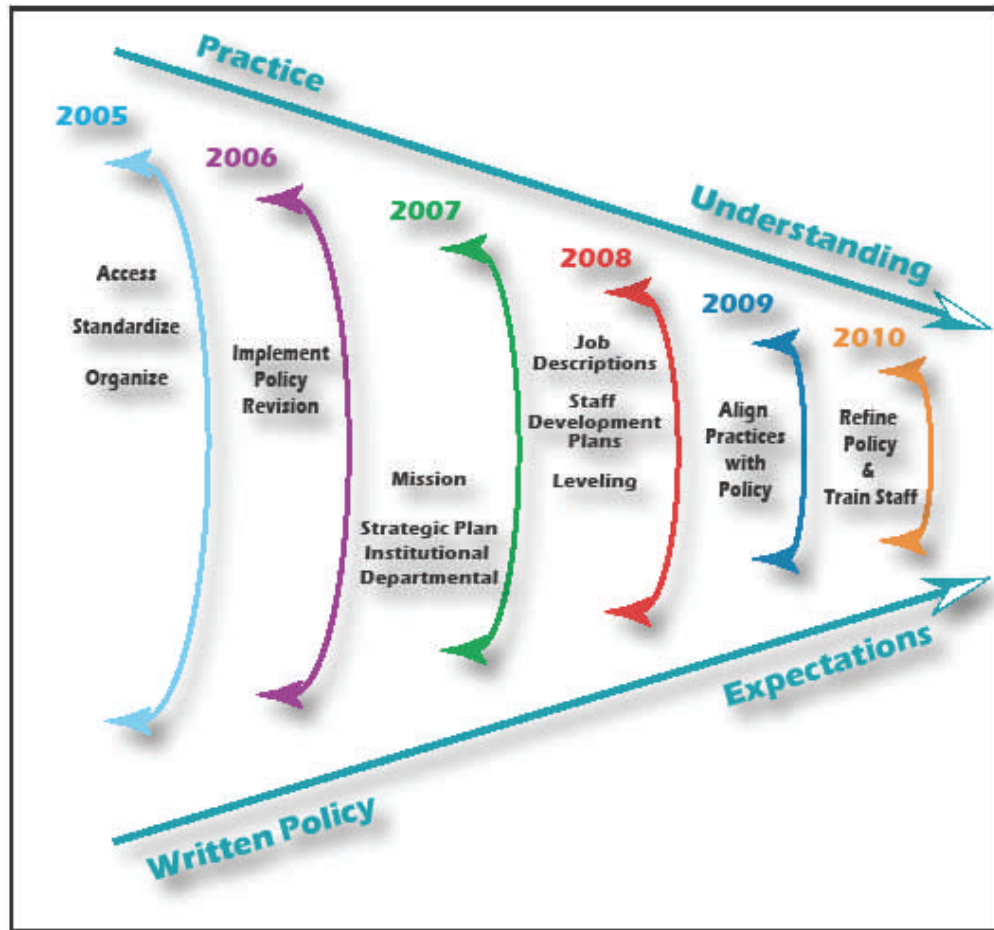
## Quote of the Week

“Community colleges play an important role in helping people transition between careers by providing the re-tooling they need to take on a new career,”—*Barack Obama, U.S. President.*

### Areas of Concern & Issues to be Addressed

- Standardization of Files
- Establishment of Staff Roles & Responsibilities
- Revision of Policies
- Evaluation of Written Policies & Practices
- Development of Strategic Plan
- Review of Compensation, Hiring Practices, & Usable Pay Scale
- Creation of Human Resource Database
- Revision of Policy with Staff Training
- Educating the Public on Hiring Access & Expectations
- Hiring the Most Qualified Staff & Faculty to Provide Student Services

## LCC Human Resources: Tracking Progress Within a Department



*Revised - mhp/HR, 09/20/09*

At top is a matrix provided by the LCC Human Resource Department identifying the progress of practices and policies.

## Farewell letter from Theresa Vigil



**Vigil**

**Dear LCC Employees/Staff:**

I would like to say "I will miss you all." I have really enjoyed working with everyone here at Luna Community College—administration, employees, staff, students, LCC Board of Trustees, and the LCC Foundation Board of Trustees. It has been a blessing and a great pleasure. Keep up the excellent work!

"Thank You" to everyone for your friendliness, support, assistance and all your hard work. I greatly appreciate you all.

I am leaving my position as interim director /liaison for a new venture and will not be with you after October 1, 2009.

May God Bless You All!

Thanks A Million!

**Theresa Vigil**

P.S.: "Have A Wonderful Rest of the Year!"

*Note: Vigil was the interim foundation director.*

# Regaining and keeping each other's trust is vital to recovery in consumer confidence

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

As consumers, we drive the economy and our economic activity is monitored through the United States Consumer Confidence Index (CCI). This indicator is designed to measure consumer confidence, which is a reflection of the degree of optimism of the state of the economy that consumers are expressing through their activities of saving and spending.

When the public hears or reads a message from anyone who is granted a venue to disseminate information, they process and may be guided by what is said or written. When repeated enough, this information influences consumer behavior. That is what we are experiencing today. Throughout the past several years we have heard that consumer confidence is low. When repeated enough that message sinks in, and the general public then adjusts their spending and saving habits.

Hesitation then sets in, long-term borrowing for homes and vehicles declines, purchasing bare essentials occurs and if possible, personal earnings are saved. What does this do to the global, national, state and local economies? It has a domino effect. Large companies cut back on production and consumers make-do with what they have and postpone or reconsider making purchases, spending on leisure items and trips, limit or eliminate contributions to worthy community organizations and put-off preventive and essential health care.

What else happens? Jobs are lost, unemployment benefits rise, more dependency is placed on government subsidized food and health services, people are under higher levels of stress, there is less respect for each other (personal survival instincts emerge) and theft, domestic

violence and illegal and prescribed drug and alcohol abuse rises.

What can we do to improve the conditions of our local economy? It starts with a positive attitude, respect for each other and a wholehearted commitment to go beyond our daily routine and give in some additional way to boost consumer confidence. When we understand and address the roots of our economic woes, then our support of each

other grows and we lessen the ill effects of a soft economy.

Consider the following scenario: The New Mexico State Legislature is closely evaluating ways to adjust the state budget during the upcoming special session scheduled for the middle of October because of a projected \$550-\$700 million shortfall. This means governmental services are going to be reduced and more economic pressure will be placed on our

communities. A potential outcome: if we genuinely support each other, find ways to help those who are going through extraordinary tough times and spend as much of our earnings as possible at home, we may not live like we are accustomed to, but we will survive these trying times.

The other key ingredient to our quality of life is the expression of our faith. When we have hope and rejuvenate our friendships, our hearts become lighter, we feel better about each other, and laughter instead of blame dominates our daily living. This is the foundation for transformational change. Once this is realized and practiced we can then focus on efficiencies and accountability. That includes: revisiting our master and strategic plans; and make necessary sacrifices like absorbing more duties, so we don't lose jobs.

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## Weekly activities

*Monday, Oct. 5, 2009*

- No Activities Scheduled

*Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009*

- 12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Alumni Committee Meeting (LRC/Conference Room)
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Mora Chamber Comm.

Monthly Mtg. (Mora Site/Library)

- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees Work Session (Stud. Serv./Conf. Rm)
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Study Hall – LCC Softball (General Studies/Room 112)

*Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009*

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. H1N1 Staff Training (Student

Services/Conf. Room)

- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Line Dance Class (IPC/Cafe)

*Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009*

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Small Business Taxes Payroll (Student Services/Conf. Room)

*Friday, Oct. 9, 2009*

- No Activities Scheduled

*Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009*

- 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. C.N.A. Testing (Allied Health Center /N7&3)
- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Class (General Studies/Room 102-B)

## Luna students, staff active around community



Quilting students at Luna Community College are pictured (l-r): Paula Paiz, Connie Chavez, Elizabeth Isbell (instructor), Virginia Hathaway, Nora Duran, Dora Martinez, Modesta Macy, Donilia Nieto, Fabiola Dreher, Christine Garcia, Martha Kontos and Karyl Lyne. These students are taking a quilting and sewing class on Tuesday and Thursdays and are taught the "Quilt as you go technique." These individuals have quilted 11 blankets which they are donating to the Linus Foundation which will distribute the baby quilts to different hospitals. If you are interested in taking a class please call (505) 454-2530 or logon to our website at [www.luna.edu](http://www.luna.edu). Not pictured is Marylou Adame. She also quilted and donated a blanket.



At top is Luna Community College employee Francina Martinez driving a Luna van during the Raton High School homecoming parade on Friday. At right is LCC employee Don Bustos giving out college balloons to the Raton crowd during the parade. LCC has participated in several homecoming parades this fall.



# Spirits rise when we raise our performance levels

**By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President**

One out of five in this country is unemployed, we cannot provide education the way we used to and it is now up to us (under these economic conditions) to step-it up and raise our performance levels. Two integral components for students to succeed academically are: the motivation to study and the ability to study effectively. For us to help students achieve their ideal performance levels, we must better understand today's environment and then relay it in clear terms to students.

Public funds and jobs are declining; it is important to value our jobs and responsibilities;

and, the way we conduct our college operations must continuously be reevaluated and remain fluid to meet; course and fiscal compliance, student expectations, job market needs and financial solvency.

Not having organizational and personal goals is like going for a hike in the Pecos Wilderness for the first time without an experienced guide or map. Now, our state faces difficult financial times that require careful analysis and forecasting by experienced economists, bold decisions that balance budget cuts with more reliable revenue streams, health care and education adjustments that generates

cooperation from within all-of-us to reach for new levels of performance (doing more with less) and turn to the key enabler which is to "stretch" our goals. When we stretch, we can push beyond what we think is possible and we are guided towards collective creativity.

Without raising the bar of excellence, helping students meet their goals may just be a dream. Let's raise our performance levels, work together and provide students with obtainable academic, athletic and extra-curricular opportunities that will lead them to solid careers.

**Allied Health Director Conni Reichert gives a talk during Luna Community College's "A Conversation with a Community" recently. Reichert, along with her nursing faculty members, gave an overview of the nursing program. Luna Community College plans to have several other "A Conversation with the Community" presentations throughout the school year.**



## Recruiting activities

**Monday, Oct. 5** – College Days Briefing- staff meeting

**Tuesday, Oct. 6** – Delivering 8-week schedule to area merchants

**Wednesday, Oct. 7-** KFUN Radio, 8 a.m., 8-week schedule, Community Ed.

**Thursday, Oct. 8**– Campus Tour, 10 a.m., Coronado HS; Springer HS Homecoming Parade, 2 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 9** – delivering 8-week schedule to area merchants

**Saturday, Oct. 10** –no activities planned

# Luna Community College explores development of new film program



**New Mexico Film Office Director Lisa Strout (standing) visited with Luna Community College officials on Monday. Also pictured are Dr. Pete Campos, president of LCC, Rand Kennedy, LCC Mass Communications Director, Donna Flores, VP of Finance, Mary Medina, VP of Student Services, Tobi Ives, Workforce Development Program Manager, Ron Gonzales, Physical Plant Director, Trish Lopez, New Mexico Filmmakers Program Director and Elaine Luna, AHEC Director.**

Luna Community College President Pete Campos and other Luna staff met Monday with New Mexico Film Office Director Lisa Strout to discuss the possibility of developing a new film studies and training program at Luna. Film and media are among the fastest growing industries in New Mexico. The investigation into the development of a “film school” is part of Luna’s ongoing efforts to create the curricula, education, and training programs that will equip students for the new jobs and career opportunities of the 21st century.

In 2007, film production activities in New Mexico created 2,220 direct jobs. These 2,220 direct jobs created 1,609 additional jobs in other

industries, resulting in a total employment impact of 3,829 jobs. If the film industry is to continue to expand and settle in New Mexico and New Mexicans are to take advantage of the new employment opportunities, a qualified and trained workforce will be needed. Luna hopes to play a major role in providing this training to students in northern and eastern New Mexico.

Within the next two weeks, the College will also be meeting with Jon Hendry, Business Manager of local film technicians union, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), to discuss implementing the Film Technicians’ Training Program at Luna. The Program provides hands-on, academic

training to New Mexico residents interested in entering the film industry. Students choose a specific craft and work on actual short-form productions (public service announcements, commercials, etc.). The final semester is spent working on larger projects such as shorts and independents under the supervision of experienced crew members.

Luna is already offering a class one beginning film making through its Mass Media Communications Program. Depending on the outcome of the feasibility analysis and the level of student interest, the new and expanded film studies and training program could be available by the fall of 2010.

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## **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](mailto:jgallegos@luna.edu) or calling extension 1200. LCC employees are encouraged to turn in a baby photo of themselves to Jesse Gallegos at the LCC Student Services Building.**



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Luna Community College officials recently met with New Mexico Game & Fish department officials in Santa Fe to discuss future aquaculture related educational programs, the status of the educational center to begin construction soon in Santa Rosa and to outline future meeting dates and to begin an outline for a memorandum of understanding. This relationship is an important component for the New Mexico Game and Fish Department, the City of Santa Rosa and LCC. It combines education with an important economic engine. This is part of LCC’s mission to strengthen the future for all communities within the LCC service area. Pictured at left is (l-r) Tod Stevenson, director of NMGF; Albert Campos, R.J. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Vidal Martinez, Roderick Gallegos, Mike Sloane, Marty Frentzel and Patrick Block and Lance Cherry. Bottom photo is Lance Cherry, Colleen Welch, Kevin Holladay and Tod Stevenson.



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# LCC Small Business Development Center assists Route 66 Restaurant with plan

By Melissa Gold/LCC SBDC

The Route 66 Restaurant has been serving the travelers of Route 66 and the community of Santa Rosa for the past 27 years serving a wide variety of foods, from the traditional northern N.M. foods to the all-American burger. The business has kept the tradition of the 50s style décor both inside and outside of the restaurant. They offer Taco Tuesdays and Burger Thursdays and most people agree that they have the best tacos and burgers in town. They also offer daily specials, but the busiest days are the Taco Tuesdays and Burger Thursdays. They also offer breakfast in addition to lunch and dinner with free refills on coffee. They are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. The Velasquez family is big on family and tradition. When you dine in their restaurant, they make you feel at home with a friendly welcome and service beyond compare.

The business was started by Pat Velasquez in 1982 and they leased the building that they have been in for the past 27 years. After the death of Pat Velasquez, the Patriarch of the family, Mary, Patricia and Jennifer Velasquez took over as owners of the Route 66 Restaurant in honor of the husband, father, and grandfather of the three women. The road to opportunity has not always been easy for the Velasquez family but when the three women were presented an opportunity to purchase the land and building that they have been leasing since 1982, something that Pat Velasquez had always dreamed of when he first

started the business, they finally realized that their opportunity had finally arrived.

The Velasquez family contacted the Las Vegas Small Business Development Center in May of 2007 for help with a business plan and loan package. The SBDC has been instrumental in helping the

Velasquez family gain the confidence to move forward with the loan and present their business plan to the bank. Community First Bank was their bank of choice and Ernesto Salazar was the lending officer who helped the Velasquez family with their loan. "The SBDC was so important in helping us with our business plan. They provided so much guidance and help for us and we were able to complete a plan and some financial projections," said Jennifer Velasquez.

"We are so thankful to them and we

know that they will always be there when we need them," said Patricia.

The Velasquez family has built a solid business on hard work and tradition. The purchase of the building has fulfilled a lifelong dream for the family and they are excited to have something to hand down to their children. The Velasquez family plans on making some much needed improvements to the building, but still keeping the traditional décor of the 1950's. "We are excited for the future of our business and our family," says Jennifer.

To receive the free assistance offered by the Luna Community College Small Business Development Center, please call (505)454-2582; (800)588-7232 ext. 1759 or visit us at [www.nmsbdc.org/lasvegas](http://www.nmsbdc.org/lasvegas).



Patricia Velasquez and Jennifer Velasquez

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<http://pathways.luna.edu>



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**8 WEEK COURSES  
CLASSES BEGIN OCT 12, 2009**

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

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