

The Luna Light



“The People’s College”

Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America

Volume 2 Issue 34

September 14-September 20

Luna Charter Academy not approved by Public Education Commission

PEC approves seven new charter schools, deny seven applications

ALBUQUERQUE — The Public Education Commission approved seven new charter schools at their regular meeting in Albuquerque. The schools are scheduled to open in the 2010-11 school year.

The Charter School Division of the Public Education Department (PED) reviewed all charter school applications before recommending an approval or denial to the Public Education Commission. Charter schools are public, tuition-free schools that have unique academic missions. They are governed by their own boards, and must be approved either by the Public Education Commission or a local school board.

The Public Education Commission approved the following charter school applications: The ASK Academy – Rio

Rancho; The Albuquerque Sign Language Academy - Albuquerque; South Valley Preparatory School - Albuquerque; Albuquerque School of Excellence, - Albuquerque; Tierra Adentro: The New Mexico School of Academics, Art, and Artesanía, - Albuquerque; The MASTERS Program, Santa Fe and Taos Integrated School of the Arts - Taos.

The following applications were denied: Organ Mountain Community School - Las Cruces; Senator Dennis Chavez Academy - Las Cruces; New Mexico School for Architecture, Construction, and Engineering Albuquerque; Center for Inquiry Southwest - Albuquerque; Kaplan Academy of New Mexico - Albuquerque; Sandia Academy - Albuquerque and The Luna

Charter Academy - Las Vegas.

Gallup Montessori School from Gallup and the Sage Charter School from Albuquerque withdrew their applications. Applicants who were denied have 30 days to appeal the decision to New Mexico Secretary of Education Dr. Veronica Garcia.

The Public Education Commission approved two new charter schools in 2007 and six in 2008. The recent approvals bring the total number of charter schools in New Mexico to 80.

Applications, transcripts of public hearings, and Public Education Department (PED) Charter School Division recommendations can be viewed on the Public Education Commission website at: <http://ped.state.nm.us/pec/index.html>



Luna Community College employee Cathy Gonzales received a surprise when she walked into her office last week. Her colleagues at the fiscal office decorated her office for her birthday. Gonzales is a 25-year veteran of the college and is known as one of the most helpful employees.

What you need to know about H1N1 Influenza

What is H1N1 influenza?

H1N1 is a new influenza virus causing illness in people. The new virus was first detected in people in the United States in April 2009. This virus can spread person-to-person in much the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread.

What are the symptoms of H1N1 influenza? The symptoms of H1N1 flu in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore

Continued on page 4

Nancy Salmeron has been dedicated to Luna CC for the last 28 years

Name: Nancy Salmeron

Position: Student Service Specialist II

How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? 28 years. I started in 1981.

Favorite food and why? Beans and Chili. Oops, I can't forget the sopapillas; it always reminds me of my mom, and going home from school to this type of good food.

Favorite hobby and why? I like to read. I am able to travel and experience different cultures, and all of this is free.

Favorite TV show and why? *The Young and the Restless*. I have been watching this soap opera for more than 28 years; you just have to find out what is going to happen next.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? I would like to be retired so that I could spend more time with my husband. I would also like to see both my sons doing well financially.

What do you like best about LCC? I like working with the students, especially when they receive their GED's or get a degree from college, and they come to see me and tell me that they accomplished their goals.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? There is not enough communication between employees; we are all too busy in our departments. This is my solution: COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE.

What is your greatest strength? I feel that I get along with our students; they know that they can come to me whenever they have problems, and it doesn't necessarily have to be with GED.



Salmeron has some simple advice to Luna Community College employees: Communicate, communicate and communicate.

LCC recruiting activities

Monday, September 14 – College Days –West LV, 8:30 a.m.; Robertson, 10 a.m.; Career Pathways, Expo NM, Recruitment Booth, Albuquerque, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15 – College Days – Raton, 8:30 a.m.; Clayton, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16- College Days – Tucumcari, 9:30 a.m.; Santa Rosa, 2 p.m.

Thursday, September 17 – College Days- Portales (ENMU) 9 a.m.; Ft. Sumner, 1 p.m.. KNMX Radio, LCC Half-hour Show. Call Jesse @ extension 1200 if you wish to be a guest.

Friday, September 18 – College Days – Clovis, 9 a.m.. West LV Homecoming Parade, 1 p.m.

Saturday, September 19 – Alta Vista Health Fair—Las Vegas, Recruitment Booth, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

LCC:
“The People’s College”



Celebrate



**National Hispanic Day
with LCC**

DATE: Tuesday, September 15, 2009

AT THE LCC CAFETERIA PATIO

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. — RHS Mariachis

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Appetizers & Drinks

12:00-12:30 NMHU Salsa Dancers

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. — NMHU Mariachis

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. — Music & Food

also featuring: Baile Folklorico Arco Iris Fantasticas—Tonita Gurule—Giron

AT THE LCC CAFETERIA

**1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m-Experience the excitement of cultural art
with Cruz Flores**

AT THE LCC LRC AUDITORIUM

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. — Symposium by Dr. Eric Romero NMHU

Topic- “ NM Land Grant Legacy”

Door prizes throughout the day
provided by our local restaurants

Piñata

sponsored by LCC Office of Financial Assistance

What you need to know about H1N1...

Continued from page 1

throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A number of people, particularly children, who have been infected with H1N1 have reported diarrhea and vomiting. Symptoms usually appear one to three days after exposure.

How long can an infected person spread this virus to others?

People may be contagious from one day before they develop symptoms to up to seven days after they get sick. Children, especially younger children, can be contagious for longer periods.

Is there a vaccine to protect against H1N1?

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is advising states that vaccine companies are working on producing an H1N1 vaccination. The CDC thinks that H1N1 vaccine might be available as early as mid-October, but it could be later in the fall/winter. The Department of Health is planning vaccination clinics to protect people against H1N1 and seasonal flu.

Do I need to get the regular flu vaccine in addition to the H1N1 vaccine?

Yes. You will need a separate vaccination to protect against seasonal influenza. The Department of Health and private healthcare providers will have vaccine available for seasonal influenza in the early fall. People should go to their private provider for vaccine. The Department of Health provides free influenza vaccine in public health offices in every county to people who are uninsured and can't get vaccine elsewhere. The Department of Health will announce the dates, times and locations of clinics when the vaccine is received in the fall.

Will wearing a mask protect me from getting H1N1 influenza?

Masks are not recommended for the general public as prevention from getting sick with H1N1 influenza. Masks are used in healthcare settings on people who are already sick to prevent them from spreading the virus to others.

What can I do to protect myself from getting sick? Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

How severe is H1N1 influenza?

H1N1 illness has been mild so far in New Mexico and it's not known at this time if the strain will become more severe. The Department of Health is planning for the potential increase in the number and severity of H1N1 flu cases in the fall. Pregnant women as well as children and adults with chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes

and obesity are at risk for developing serious complications from H1N1 influenza.

What treatment is available for H1N1 influenza?

Some antiviral medications may be effective to reduce the severity of H1N1 influenza. Rest, liquids and over-the-counter medicine are the usual treatments. Antibiotics will not cure the flu. Aspirin should not be given to children with influenza because of the possibility of causing a complication called Reye syndrome.

What should I do if I get sick? If you are sick with influenza-like symptoms you should stay home and avoid contact with other people until you feel well enough to return to work or school and have not had a fever for 24 hours. If you have severe illness that includes fever, cough, sore throat, chills and fatigue, or you are at high risk for flu complications, contact your health care provider or seek medical care. Your health care provider will determine whether flu testing or treatment is needed.

What can I do to plan at home for H1N1 influenza?

You should plan that in an emergency some services may be disrupted including hospitals and other health care facilities, banks, stores, restaurants, government offices and post offices. To plan for any disruption of services, you should do the following:
Store a two week supply of water and food.
Periodically check your regular prescription drugs to ensure a continuous supply in your home.

Have any nonprescription drugs and other health supplies on hand, including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes, and vitamins.

Talk with family members and loved ones about how they would be cared for if they got sick, or what will be needed to care for them in your home.

What should I do if my kids have to stay home because illness or a school closure?

Plan home learning activities, exercises and recreational activities that your children can do at home and have educational materials, such as books, on hand. Arrange for childcare and check with your employer in advance about working from home if your child must stay home. You should also plan for a possible reduction or loss of your income if you are unable to work while your children are home.

Is there anything I can do to help New Mexico prepare for H1N1?

Yes. Due to the increase in the number of vaccinations, the Department of Health is recruiting additional health care professionals to help vaccinate people or potentially respond to an emergency. We will also need volunteers to assist in other ways at vaccination clinics. To volunteer through the NMserves database, a statewide registry of volunteers, go to www.nmserves.org or call Bobbie MacKenzie at 505-476-8302.

Information provided by Elaine Luna, Area Health Education Director at Luna Community College

The Department of Health is planning for the potential increase in the number and severity of H1N1 flu cases in the fall.



Academic Center for Excellence



ARMAS
in education

Presents

a Meet and Greet with
Ernest Montoya

Electrical Engineer

Thursday September 24, 2009
2:00 pm at the SM & ET Patio
on the LCC Campus

Musical performance **donated** by



after the presentation.

Our course is charted

By Dr. Pete Campos

The first fifteen months of my tenure here at Luna Community College have flown by like an eagle soaring down and with the blink of an eye grabbing a large trout from the waters of a crystal clear lake. The time has passed by that quickly. Now, our quilt squares have been laid out and are ready to be sewn together with the most creative and colorful pattern possible, all in the name of students regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, sexual preference, age, gender, religion or any other human placed hurdle to be known to stand in the way of equal educational opportunity.

Luna Community College is a magnificent institution destined to reach every student who works to achieve the ambitions, goals and dreams of a satisfying future. I am confident, within a short period of time the old adage “crab syndrome” will be minimized to very few trying to hold back the majority. *¡Soy confidente, que podemos seguir como un poblacion unido! But, it is going to take genuine sweat equity and truly believing and trusting in each other.*

It is now time for the full-blown implementation of our strategy and master plan! The LCC bond did not pass, the Luna Charter Academy was not approved but we have thirteen recently approved academic programs; an effective dual credit and concurrent enrollment program for 11th and 12th grade students; great one-on-one counseling, guidance and tutoring services; a bold outreach effort underway to have downtown Luna presence in each of our service area communities; two highly successful athletic programs; plans for new dorms, a mega filmmaking and mass communication learning center, major renovation of our trades area, a film production set, a new baseball and softball complex and a new “Missouri Model” complex that



Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President

will address the issue of youth being confined while being challenged to prepare for the outside world, thus reintegration into a productive society; a General Equivalency Diploma program that is second-to-none with more students planning to receive their GED than ever before. WOW! *The list goes on-and-on. Luna Community College is truly reaching new peaks, thanks to the students who believe in our leading-edge initiatives.*

We will not stop! When it comes to education, there is no limit. It is not about us. It is not about personal compensation; instead **it is about the full development of students.** They will provide the outcomes, destiny, legacy and ultimate accomplishments for which we have prepared them. ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL FREEDOM and OPPORTUNITY have been *the fresh breezes* every student deserves, hopefully will experience and should expect at Luna Community College.

To some, this may be just rhetoric, but here at Luna Community College the majority of our family members indicate, **we are heartedly, mindfully, bodily and soulfully committed to student success!** This level of attainment is not experienced everywhere, but it is acknowledged within the northeastern quadrant of New Mexico as our entire platform of educating students evolves, is realized, revealed and fully lived.

There is a respectful place for everyone who wishes to participate in the dream, plan and real-life experience of moving from education into the job market at the best position and salary possible. Then and only then will we live in harmony, peace and comfort with each other. *Together, we will carve-out a better life for those who choose to live in northeastern New Mexico.*

Letter to Editor

To: Luna Community College

We want to thank you for your support of the Raton Public Schools. Your participation with Luna CC in our first Back To School festival helped make it a success. Traveling up here to Raton on a Saturday made an impression to all of us present.

LCC's generosity is greatly appreciated by parents, students and school district.

David Willden
Superintendent
Raton Public Schools

Quote of the Week

“Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of being,”—Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe (1749-1832) German Playwright.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

IS HERE!!!

Register for 8 week courses today!

@

<http://pathways.luna.edu>



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>

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

Weekly activities

Monday, Sept. 14, 2009

▣ 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009

▣ 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(IPC/Café Patio)

▣ 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(LRC/Lecture Hall)

▣ 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

(Mora Site/Admn.)

▣ 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

ies/Room 112)

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009

▣ 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Lecture Hall)

▣ 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(Bus. Stud./Rm.101)

▣ 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

DWI Class (General Studies/Room 102-B)

National Hispanic Month Celebration

National Hispanic Month Celebration

LCC Board of Trustees Board Meeting

Study Hall – LCC Softball (General Stud-

Basic Health Training/Spons. CDD (LRC/

Ethics Telehealth Telephone Conference

Line Dance Class (IPC/Cafe)

Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009

▣ 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mtg. (IPC/Cafe)

▣ 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

(Tech/Room 126-B)

Friday, Sept. 18, 2009

▣ 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(Mora Site/Library)

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009

▣ 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Care

& 103)

▣ 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(LRC/Lecture Hall)

▣ 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

N7&3)

LCC Foundation Board Trustees Luncheon

Monthly Water Board Advisory Meeting

Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority Mtg.

Annual RECEC Conference Regional/Early
(General Studies/Rooms 109, 110, 101, 104,

County/City Fire Fighters WIPP Class

C.N.A. Testing (Allied Health Center /

Legislative Finance Director David Abbey gives talk to community at Luna CC



Pictured clockwise are: KNMX owner Matt Martinez, Dr. Pete Campos, Rep. Lucky Varela (chairman of the legislative finance committee) and David Abbey talk on the radio; Abbey explains state fiscal prognosis for 2010 year; Ray Litherland emcees the event and Varela gives a speech. About 30 community members representing several public entities were in attendance.



LCC:
"The People's College"





LCC
"The
People's
College"



Pictured clockwise are: LCC Softball Coach Meredith Gilpin. Her softball team participated in the annual black and teal game over the weekend. They travel to El Paso this weekend; LCC Baseball Coach Peter Ortiz and his team went 1-3 over the weekend versus Seward County College. The baseball team travels to Albuquerque this weekend; LCC Allied Health Assistant Director Annette Weinkauff will take part in the Sept. 22 "A Conversation with the Community" scheduled to be held at noon at the LRC and student Naki Lucero and faculty member Brendaleigh Lobato walk to class.