

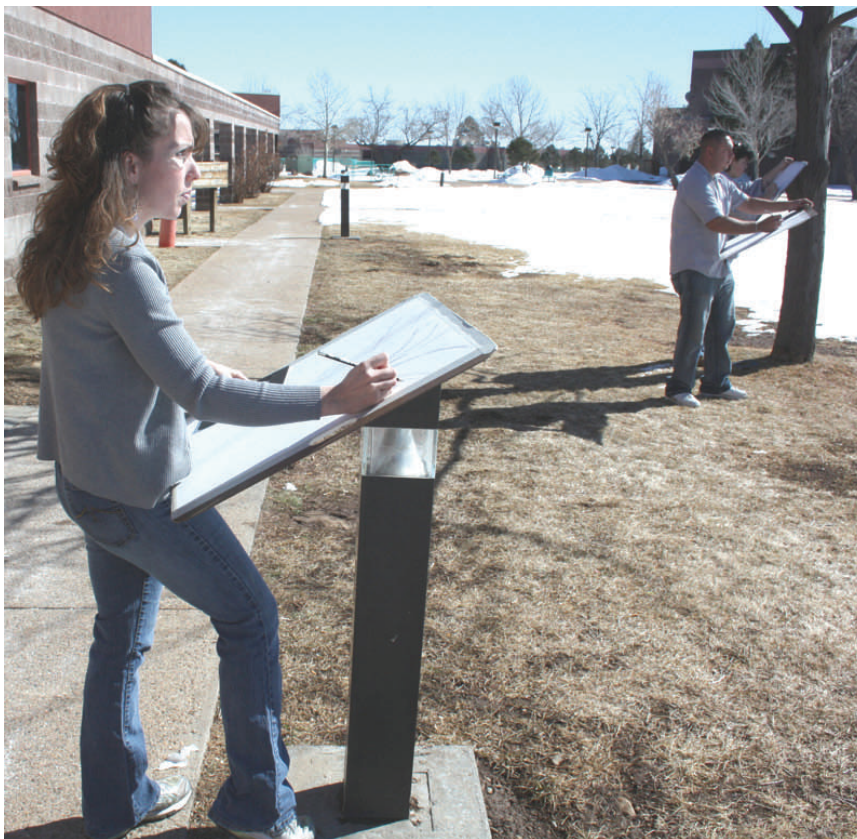
# The Luna Light



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

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**Luna Community College students Bernadette Aragon, Kraig Jaramillo and Tamara Baca do some freehand outdoor drawing recently on campus. The trio are part of an introduction to art class.**



**The three recipients of the \$1500/semester Alta Vista Regional Hospital Auxiliary Scholarships were first year nursing students (left to right) Robin Pilley, Roy Koehn and Catherine Perez. The generous gift was presented on Feb. 8 by Ms. Janet Remenyik, local president of the Alta Vista Woman’s Auxiliary.**

## LCC student Ricardo Roman shares his poetry

By Ricardo Roman  
*The Power Inside*

I feel this power that’s deep  
inside.

It’s love and hate and being alive.  
This power is great, it multiplies.  
It’s strange but true; it never lies.  
It moves me here; it moves me  
there.

It shows me how it really cares.  
Although at times, I start to doubt.  
No scary dream can put it out.  
I feel this power that’s deep  
inside.

I want it with me, until I die.

### **A Sunny Day**

A sunny day is here to come  
I’m from a place where no one’s  
from.

I’m full of fear from head to feet.  
I can’t stand up on my own two  
feet.

I’m always worried ‘bout what you  
think.

Should someone knock me with a  
brick?

Maybe, maybe, that’s what I need.  
Cause for some reason I can’t be-  
lieve.

And what is true, I can’t conceive.  
Something inside tells me be strong.  
Says it’s okay when things go  
wrong.

So that’s one thing I’ll think I’ll do.  
This scary boy that I once knew,  
Is standing here bright like the sun.  
I don’t look back to where I’m  
from.

I just look forward to the sun.

# Wanda Martinez says a quick “thank you” could go a long way here at Luna CC

**Name:** Wanda Martinez  
**Position:** Mora Site Director

**How many years at LCC (what year did you start)?** I've been working for LCC for five years.

**Favorite food and why?** Anything my mom makes is my favorite food.

**Favorite hobby and why?** Reading would be my favorite hobby because fantasy is always better than reality.

**Favorite TV show and why?** I like *The Big Bang Theory* because it is too funny and *NCIS* because I like the storylines and the characters.

**Where would you like to see yourself five years from now?** In five years, I still see myself running the Mora Site and doing what I can for the students and the community.

**What do you like best about LCC?** The best thing about



**Wanda Martinez says she likes the fact that LCC is able to provide higher education to rural areas.**

LCC is the fact that we are able to provide higher education to the rural areas and with technology improving at such a quick rate, the sky is the limit. I also enjoy working with my colleagues and knowing if (when) I ever need assistance, I know that all I have to do is ask.

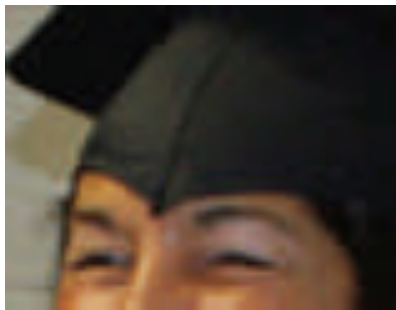
**What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution?** The thing that I like least about LCC is how low the moral has gotten within the college. I am unsure if there is ever a “quick-fix” for this type of problem, but it is amazing how far even a simple “thank you” will go.

**What is your greatest strength?** I think my greatest strength would be the fact that I love my job because it enables me to help everyone and I think

it shows and people appreciate it.

## 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. One winner per month.**



## Quote of the Week

*“Whenever you’re in conflict with someone, there is one factor that can make the difference between damaging your relationship and deepening it. That factor is attitude,”—*  
**William James.**

# Meet your Rough Riders



**Desiree Perez**

**Name:** Deserae Perez  
**Nickname:** Des  
**Position:** Utility  
**Major:** Nursing  
**Classification:** Freshman  
**Hometown:** Roswell, N.M.  
**High School:** Goddard High  
**Previous college or high school:** Goddard High  
**Parents and family:** Bonnie Acevedo, mother; Anthony Perez, father; Destiny Acevedo, sister and Ariana Perez, sister.  
**What are your interests?** Hanging with my family and friends, playing softball, going on hikes, swimming, eating, watching baseball and sleeping.  
**College or high school honors:** Lettered 4 years in softball and 3

in basketball.

**Plans after graduation?** Finish school and become a pediatrician.

**Favorite pro athlete:** Alex Rodriguez and Jennie Finch.

**Whom do you admire the most and why?** My mom, because she has pushed me to do my best and she is so strong. She has always helped me with everything.



**Carmelio Brown**

**Name:** Carmelio Brown  
**Nickname:** Tamahawk Slice  
**Position:** Shortstop  
**Major:** Electrical Engineering  
**Classification:** Freshman  
**Hometown:** Santo Domingo Pueblo  
**High School:** Santa Fe Indian School  
**Previous college or high school:** Santa Fe Indian School  
**Parents and family:** Florence Coriz, mother and Calvin Brown, father.

**What are your interests?** Music

**College or high school honors:** National Honor Society in HS.

**Plans after graduation:** Further education at a university.

**Favorite pro athlete:** Jose Reyes

**Whom do you admire the most and why?** My grandparents, because they are like my parents.

**Name:** Manuel Chavez  
**Nickname:** Manny  
**Position:** Outfielder  
**Major:** Liberal Arts  
**Classification:** Sophomore  
**Hometown:** Albuquerque  
**High School:** Rio Grande High  
**Previous college or high school:** Luna Community College  
**Parents and family:** Marty Chavez, father; Annette Chavez, mother and Odelia Chavez, sister.  
**What are your interests?** Paintball, snowboarding and hunting.

**College or high school honors:** First team all-district and all-metro team.

**Plans after graduation?** To continue my education and become a successful person.

**Favorite pro athlete:** Ken Griffey Jr.



**Manuel Chavez**

**Name:** Hector Nevarez  
**Nickname:** Hec  
**Position:** Pitcher  
**Major:** Electrical Engineering  
**Classification:** Freshman  
**Hometown:** Albuquerque  
**High School:** Rio Grande High  
**Previous college or high school:** Rio Grande High  
**Parents and family:** Ana Nevarez, mother and Victor Nevarez, father.  
**What are your interests?** Making it to the pros.

**College or high school honors:** Member of baseball and football team.

**Plans after graduation:** Get a good job and start my own family.

**Favorite pro athlete:** Andrew Jones

**Whom do you admire the most and why?** My mom and dad and my two brothers because they have helped me though a lot of stuff.



**Hector Nevarez**



The frost on these trees on the Luna Community College campus is just one indication of the snow that blanketed northern New Mexico last week. Plenty of fog followed the snow fall making road conditions on 1-25 difficult.

### ***Celebrity Look-Alike Contest***

***We are asking individuals to vote on which Luna Community College employee looks more like their celebrity look-alike. Please e-mail your vote to [jgallegos@luna.edu](mailto:jgallegos@luna.edu) or by calling extension 1200. Votes will be taken until 3 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15. Remember this is all in fun.***



Shirley Griego

and



Suzette Quintanilla

or



Dr. Julian Vigil

and



Benny Hill

# Why math is important

**By: Richard Duncan & Megan Larew– Adjunct Faculty  
Department of Science, Math, & Engineering Technology**

Math is the universal language used in science, engineering, and is a driver for technology. Math is a logical and precise language used to communicate ideas, concepts and to find related solutions. Math is a language used in everyday life: examples are, shopping, banking, measuring, building, agriculture, mechanics and many other aspects of daily life.

Math like any language requires practice, patience, and perseverance.

We can not think of any profession that does not require a knowl-

edge and proficiency of some level of math. For example, general math provides the knowledge and skill necessary to manage day to day activities. Most people can manage with a mastery of the level covered in Math 105 – General Mathematics; but any thought or need to graduate with a B.A. in the state of New Mexico requires at the least Math180 – College Algebra.

We believe the average person will need to learn and study all of their working life and the minimum preparation includes college

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## 8-Week Course Schedule

Course #	Sec.	Cr. Hrs	Title	Days	Dates	Times	Campus	Instructor
ASE101	4	3	Introduction to Renewable Energy	TR	02/23/10 --05/07/10	5:00pm -- 7:15pm	Main	Jencka, D
BIO103E	1	2	Medical Terminology (DL)	WF	03/10/10 - 05/07/10	4:00pm -- 5:50pm	EWEB	Roybal, E
BIO103E	3	2	Medical Terminology (DL)	M	03/08/10 - 05/07/10	1:00pm -- 5:00pm	EWEB	Olson, S
BIO210E	2	3	Nutrition (DL)	WR	03/10/10 - 05/07/10	9:00am -- 11:50am	EWEB	Olson, S
BUS105E	2	3	Introduction to Business	TR	03/09/10 -- 05/07/10	5:30pm -- 8:40pm	EWEB	Thomas, G
CS130	2	4	Introduction to Networking	MW	02/22/10 -- 05/07/10	5:30pm -- 7:45pm	Main	Staff
CS130L	2	0	Introduction to Networking Lab	F	02/26/10 -- 05/07/10	5:30pm -- 8:30pm	Main	Staff
CS240	2	4	Computer Science II	TR	02/23/10 --05/07/10	11:00am -- 1:05pm	Main	Staff
CS240L	2	0	Computer Science II Lab	T	02/23/10 --05/07/10	5:00pm -- 7:50pm	Main	Staff
CSA101	2	1	Introduction to the Internet	S	02/20/10 --02/27/10	9:00am -- 5:00pm	Main	Romero, F
CSA106	1	1	Introduction to Quickbooks	S	03/06/10 --03/13/10	8:00am -- 4:00pm	Main	Vega, Tana
CSA118	1	1	Introduction to Mirosoft Publisher	S	02/06/10 -- 02/13/10	9:00am -- 5:00pm	Main	Garcia, R
CSA126	1	1	Intermediate Quickbooks	S	03/27/10 --04/10/10	8:00am -- 4:00pm	Main	Vega, Tana
CSA150E	4	3	Computer Fundamentals	TR	03/09/10 -- 05/07/10	6:00pm -- 9:50pm	EWEB	Wolff, L
CSA150	5	3	Computer Fundamentals	MF	03/08/10 -- 05/07/10	9:00am -- 12:50pm	EWEB	Staff
CUL107	1	1	Current Topics in Food Safety	T	03/09/10 - 05/07/10	9:00am -- 10:50am	Main	O'Brien, A
DTEC109	2	3	Intro to Architectural Drafting	R	02/25/10 -- 05/07/10	4:00pm -- 8:30pm	Main	Ortega, L
DTEC208	2	3	Plane Surveying	R	02/25/10 -- 05/07/10	5:30pm -- 8:20pm	Main	Winston, T
DTEC208L	2	0	Plane Surveying Lab	S	02/27/10 -- 05/07/10	9:00am -- 11:50am	Main	Winston, T
ELEC196	2	4	Solid State and Active Devices	T	02/23/10 -- 05/07/10	5:30pm -- 9:15pm	Main	Garcia, J
ELEC196L	2	0	Solid State and Active Devices Lab	R	02/25/10 -- 05/07/10	5:30pm -- 8:30pm	Main	Garcia, J
ELEC209	2	4	Microprcsr Design & Interfacing	TF	02/23/10 -- 05/07/10	8:00am -- 9:50am	Main	Garcia, J
ELEC209L	2	0	Microprcsr Design & Interfacing Lab	R	02/25/10 -- 05/07/10	8:00am -- 10:59am	Main	Garcia, J
ENG104	5	3	Grammar Usage and Writing	MT-R	03/08/10 - 05/07/10	2:00pm -- 3:50pm	Main	Nolan, J
ENG111E	21	3	Freshman Comp I (DL)	TR	03/09/10 -- 05/07/10	6:00pm -- 8:50pm	EWEB	Otto, K
ENG115E	21	3	Freshman Comp II (DL)	MW	03/08/10 -- 05/07/10	3:30pm -- 6:20pm	EWEB	Goodyear, S
MS215E	1	3	American Military History (DL)	MTWRF	03/08/10 -- 05/07/10	12:00pm -- 1:00pm	EWEB	Montoya, M
PE117	1	1	Kickboxing and Step Combo	MT-R	03/08/10 -- 05/07/10	1:00pm -- 2:10pm	Main	Marr-Montoya, L
POLS151	1	3	American National Government	TR	03/09/10 -- 05/07/10	9:00am -- 11:50am	Main	Garcia, T
POLS167R	30	3	State and Local Government (ITV)	TR	03/09/10 -- 05/07/10	1:00pm -- 3:10pm	SROSA	Garcia, T
POLS167T	1	3	State and Local Government (ITV)	TR	03/09/10 -- 05/07/10	1:00pm -- 3:10pm	Main	Garcia, T
PSYC101E	20	3	Introduction to Psychology (DL)	MW	03/08/10 -- 05/07/10	6:30pm -- 9:20pm	EWEB	Robbins, J
PSYC242E	2	3	Developmental Life Span (DL)	WR	03/10/10 -- 05/07/10	6:00pm -- 8:50pm	EWEB	Hughes, R

# REVOLUTION



**Location:** Learning Resource Center  
(In Library) **Admission:** Free **Date:** Thursday,  
February 25, 2010 **Time:** 5:30 p.m.

## Why math...

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algebra. Also, we have found that many working people change professions numerous times in their career: An understanding of math makes for an easier transition. We live in a very technical world and it will continue to require education, training and new skills to compete. Language skills, including reading, writing, speech and mathematics are always important; math is one of the language skills we have used the most often in our working lives.

We challenge you to go through a week without using some form of combining numbers, relationships, and problem solving, or any technology involving math. We also challenge you not to use either your cell phones or your calculators remembering the design and engineering behind our current toys required math.

The LCC Department of Science, Math, and Engineering Technology at LCC is here to help you succeed with dedicated instructors and the LCC Academic Center for Excellence with their in-house math tutors. Please stop by and see us or call the department at 454-5370.



Springer got its share of snow last week. This photo, provided by LCC Springer Satellite Director Louise Portillos, was taken at the Springer Satellite Campus.

### LCC SKILLUSA

*selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.  
Call Connie Ortiz at 454-2572 to place  
order. Deadline for order is Feb. 25.*

# Gaming has gotten serious

By Francisco Romero  
SMET Faculty

Gaming has gotten serious. That's right, what used to be the annoyance of your teachers and parents is now leading the academic forefront at some schools. Many students are taking the plunge and moving from being video game players to being video game designers, testers and developers.

Video game profits have doubled since 2006 and part of those profits belong to "Indie" developers. There is a wide range of jobs available to graduates of video game development, you don't have to work for a big studio or even have to live by one! The internet and Microsoft have opened the door for "Indie" developers to get their games to the masses and get paid for it from the comfort of your snack infested computer desk!

Here at Luna Community College we worked hard to make our video game design and development degree well rounded and we followed some "Commandments for Game Development Education" from the video game developers' education summit.

**"Thou shalt integrate all the disciplines of game development unto the utmost of**

**thy institution's capacity."**

Here at Luna Community College We have a generalized associates of applied science video game design and development degree which covers the many fields of what video game development has to offer.

**"Thou shalt teach not only game development, but also the history of games, the analysis of games, and the sociology of gaming."**

In our classes we encourage heated discussions over the controversial social aspects of games past and present, allow play time for analysis and introduce the students to the past of video games and consoles.

**"Thou shalt NOT take an existing computer science, art, animation, media studies, English, or other program, add a game course or two to it, and call it a game program."**

Here at Luna Community College we designed a solid program covering the many different aspects of video game development from the ground up, not just a refried program.

**"Thou shalt require thy pupils to study other arts and sciences besides the craft of**

**game development, for the ignorant developer createth only the derivative game."**

In addition to the 37 credit hours of program requirements, we require 32 hours of General Education Core including "General Physics I."

In conclusion, not only do we have a great Video game development program you will be able to utilize industry leading motion capture equipment, software and computers!

**"Call of Duty  
Modern Warfare 2  
Tournament"  
March 5 @ 3:30 p.m.  
with a \$10 dollar  
entrance fee  
at the SMET lobby!**

## Bringing region leaders together

By Dr. Pete Campos

On March 10, 2010 community leaders from throughout the region will meet at Luna Community College to listen to reputable leaders on the topic of working together and planning for our future. The list of presenters and attendees is impressive. Our guest presenter will be former General Edward Baca; guests from the University of New Mexico School of School of Architecture and Planning, Community Outreach will be in attendance to observe and make recommendations regarding what we need to successfully update our regional plan for future sustenance and growth; and, area leaders will have the opportunity to come together, network and bond like never before to collectively design what Northeastern New Mexico can look like in the years to come.

If we embrace our region, work together and live our hope and dreams, we will succeed. We must put aside the negativity or as some say, the doomsday remarks of the naysayers and recognize that by being positive, sharing a unified approach and never giving up, we can strengthen the economics of the area, offer the best education possible to students and provide first-rate health care that will curtail and help

eliminate many long-term and serious ailments and life-taking diseases.

Much of the research shows that by helping others and spreading goodness, you will become happier and live a more fulfilling life. People work better and achieve more when they feel good about themselves and what they are doing. It is important, then, to provide direction and request changes in a manner that gets the message across in a palatable manner, one that, instead of sowing blame and division, draws people together. Henry Ford said, "Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right."

Eagles may soar but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines, said Doug Dvorak a motivational humorous speaker. Although life throws us curveballs: we can survive, enjoy life and grow in our careers. While some may work steadily through a 30 year career doing the same job and loving it, research indicates that many people will have at least seven jobs over the course of their lives. So, whatever category you may consider yourself to be a part of, it is time for us to enhance our whole experience as educators, community leaders, friends and family

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# Why pursue a career in culinary arts?

By Chef Adrienne O'Brien  
Culinary Arts Instructor

Luna Community College's recent interest in certifying its Culinary Arts Program through the American Culinary Federation (ACF) led me to attend the ACF Regional Convention in Albuquerque last weekend. Some 300 chefs from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii attended with me. During the four-day conference, I was lucky enough to speak with—and hear the stories of these chefs. The reasons they became chefs were very different: to exercise leadership, to feed the poor, to find redemption, to be creative. Despite these differences, all these chefs were able to realize their goals through the same path: daily practice of their craft.

The idea of bettering oneself through practice is not new. The practice of culinary arts can be all-consuming: chefs and cooks regularly work 12-hour days, are required to evaluate their skills dish-by-dish and are encouraged to pursue new ideas unceasingly. Sound exhausting? Then perhaps becoming a culinary arts professional isn't for you. Sound



**Chef Adrienne O'Brien (third from left), along with some of her students, enjoy some food after a recent catering.**

exhilarating? Then come see me at the IPC. You will find that a career in cooking asks you to use your brain, body and heart in equal proportions. If you like to think and work on your feet and want to create something beauti-

ful that nourishes others, I urge you to stop by the IPC to see what we're doing. You might just fall in love with our profession.

## Bringing region leaders...

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members. Through our passion and commitment to the region, we can stimulate, motivate, recreate and move forward in a positive way and boost each other up instead of gnawing away at an eagle's wing and experiencing the unexpected consequence of both the eagle and the one doing the gnawing crashing and dying. Elizabeth Kubler Ross said, "People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in; their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within." *Now is the time for us to let the light shine from within!*

Maybe you've heard: *Eye of the Tiger* by Survivor; *We are the Champions* by Queen; *It's My Life* by Bon Jovi; *What a Wonderful World* by Louis Armstrong; *Hero* and *When You Believe* by Mariah Carey; *I believe I can Fly* by R. Kelly; or *Live Like You Were Dying* by Tim McGraw. They all reference, in one form or fashion, the struggle we as humans have in our plight to overcome adversity, our need to be loved and the motivation within us to be the best we can be. It takes all we have as humans and it takes every day of our lives to produce great results. We must not give up, always give life our best and if we do, many good things will come our way. Please join us for our upcoming event, bringing a region together! As an old Chinese Proverb states, "The journey is the reward."

### Luna Community College BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, February 24th \* 10am - 4pm  
Thursday, February 25th \* 10am - 3pm

In the LCC Gym

Contact Jackie Romero-Arguello @ 454-5379  
to sign up, or log onto [www.unitedbloodservices.org](http://www.unitedbloodservices.org)  
Sponsor Code: Luna

### Legal Structures for Small Businesses

February 26, 2010

Angel Fire

Angel Fire Community Center

9:00am - 11:00am

Las Vegas

LCC Student Services Conference Room

2:00pm - 4:00pm