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Business Education—your capstone for personal actualization

By Renee T. Garcia
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My 22-year old son shared a profound insight with my marketing students last fall. He stated that the most affluent people in today’s world are entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs, irrespective of their “aha moment” actualize the ideas by becoming business people. Growing up I held fast to the belief that doctors, engineers, lawyers and the president of the United States held the most lucrative positions for financial success. My son’s statement placed a new meaning on profitability!

I have always been a firm believer in business degrees, whether it is the only degree a student will pursue in his/her lifetime, or better yet, as a degree complementary to any other program of

study. A person with business studies knowledge and software applications will always be working, even if it is in self-employment.

The panorama of job-related positions for business oriented people is wide. If you are employed in an organization that creates profit or supports profit generating entities, or you are a small business owner generating profit, business acumen enhances your day-to-day effectiveness. In this day and age, where everything evolves around and is advanced through and by technology, business information is strongly supported by software applications, networks for accessibility, and the vast potential of the global market.

Upon completion of my M.B.A. program I was attending career and job fairs in search of employment opportu-

nities. Every one of the well-known scientific incubators (i.e. G.E., Raytheon, Exxon-Mobil, General Electrical, IBM to mention a few) all told me, “Great! You have an M.B.A, now go get your engineering degree and you’ll be perfectly marketable!” It made perfect sense to me, as these organizations attract the most knowledgeable, and competent people in their organizations. That is why they are successful – “organizations compete through people!” And they realize that knowledge in business is essential in understanding the overall goals and objectives of the organization.

LCC Business and Professional Studies offer four degree programs: Business Accounting, Business Administration, General Business, and Office

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Luna Community College’s Culinary Arts Department catered the New Mexico National Education Association’s Legislator’s Reception in Santa Fe on Jan. 20. This is the second year the LCC Culinary Arts department has been asked to cater this affair. Shown are Chef Adrienne with some of her Spring 2010 Catering Class. Back row (l-r): Michael Fram, Randy Benjamin and Hannah Alisiani. Front row (l-r): Samantha Garcia, Chef Adrienne, Ashley Hensley and William Evans. Alisiani, Garcia, Hensley and Williams will be graduating from the program this spring.

Stephanie Vigil says that Luna CC is a great place to work at

Name: Stephanie Vigil

Position: Dual Credit, Administrative Assistant

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

2005/5 years

Favorite food and why? Bologna Mountains. Because my mom made the best and my older sister and I would always fight for the last one left.

Favorite hobby and why?

Spending time with my three sons because they mean the world to me.

Favorite TV show and why?

Anything on "Lifetime." I'm hooked on that channel. And what is great is I have two Lifetime channels!!

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now?

Happily married, successfully advancing in my work place, enjoying life to the fullest with my husband and my sons!

What could be any better?

What do you like best about LCC? I enjoy the day-to-day work



Stephanie Vigil says that Luna Community College is moving forward with meaningful goals and objectives.

activities, the students and the many friends I have made while working here!

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? I feel LCC is moving forward with goals and objectives that are meaningful.

Every workplace has its own set of problems, and we are not exempt, however I believe we have professional people employed here who truly care about the overall success of this institution and know that we need to continue working as team-players to reach our goals successfully. I don't believe that criticism or complaining about problems ever made a situation better! Therefore, I want to remain positive and note that LCC is a great place to work and I am grateful for my job.

What is your greatest strength? A combination of

several things—My faith in God, my love and loyalty to my family and friends, and my ability to make trustworthy friendships!

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 or calling extension 1200. One winner per month.

Quote of the Week

"When I get ready to talk to people, I spend two thirds of the time thinking what they want to hear and one third thinking about what I want to say,"—Abraham Lincoln.

Meet your Rough Riders



Melanie Alderette

Name: Melanie Alderette
Nickname: Baby Mel
Position: Center Fielder
Major: Liberal Arts
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Albuquerque
High School: Valley High
Previous college or high school: Luna Community College
Parents and family: Darlene Alderette, mother; J.T. Alderette, brother and Joseph Alderette, father.
What are your interests? Softball, music and dancing
College or high school honors: Honorable mention junior year,

MVP, all-district senior year and most hustle award.

Plans after graduation? Attend a four-year college and play softball for two more years.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My parents.



Jesus Beltran

Name: Jesus Beltran
Nickname: Chuy
Position: Pitcher
Major: Business Administration
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Las Cruces
High School: Las Cruces High
Previous college or high school: Las Cruces High
Parents and family: Dolores Beltran, mother and Aurelio Beltran, father
What are your interests? Playing baseball and working on my car.

Plans after graduation? Attend a four-year college.

Favorite pro athlete: Vicente Padilla

Whom do you admire the most and why? My parents for pushing me to play college baseball.



Alicia M. Gabaldon

Name: Alicia M. Gabaldon
Nickname: Lisha
Position: Catcher
Major: Liberal Arts
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Los Lunas
High School: Los Lunas High
Previous college or high school: Los Lunas High
Parents and family: Marcos Gabaldon, father; Dannette Gabaldon, mother; Marc Gabaldon, brother and Adri Gabaldon, sister.
What are your interests? Reading, coloring, laughing, long boarding, make-up, hair, heels and hearts.
College or high school honors: 2008 Triple Crown USSSA; Blazers

All-American; 2008 All-Star team; state honors in choir and 3-year lettermen in softball

Favorite pro athlete(s): David Beckham, Tony Romo and Manny Ramirez.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My father, he is where he is today because he worked hard for it. He pushes me to

do my best and never settle for less. Also, my best friend Jennifer Garcia. Her guts are made of steel. It's so honored to have a friend who is in the navy.

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Several inches of snow fell in the northern part of the state on Thursday. This picture, taken in El Barranco, a small village about 30 miles south of Las Vegas, shows the sun breaking through on Friday morning.

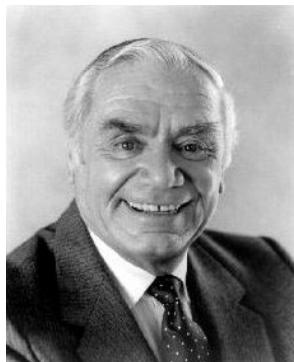
Celebrity Look-Alike Contest

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 or by calling extension 1200. Votes will be taken until 3 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1. Remember this is all in fun.



Ernest Roybal

and



Ernest Borgnine

or



Dawna Gallegos

and



Valerie Bertinelli

Business Education...

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Administration. Computer applications are incorporated into the instruction of the courses within each program to ensure that students are building proficiency on a day-to-day basis. Within the department we utilize state-of-the-art equipment and the most current software. The instructional information being presented evolves around current local, national and global classroom discussions. The strength of the department is apparent in the intrinsic educational backgrounds, experience and knowledge that each instructor brings into our classrooms. Each of these instructors has earned at least an M.B.A. or Master's in an area other than Business Administration.

Their dedication and commitment to the values of education and instruction is manifested in the success of their students and graduation rates!

Please come by and meet our staff and faculty. Observe our classroom instruction. Tour our computer labs. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss your interests in business studies, and moreover, the many opportunities that await you in the various fields of business. Call me, Renée T. Garcia, at (505) 454-5327 if you have questions or would like more information on our degree programs. *You deserve to be prosperous and successful!*

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

Turning the corner

By Dr. Pete Campos

Have you ever seen the picture-statement stickers on the back of a semi-trailer truck that indicates “This vehicle makes wide turns” or “If you don’t see me in your mirror, then I can’t see you.” These picture-statement stickers are posted as safety messages to prevent drivers from finding themselves in an unavoidable situation. The same is indicative of the strategic planning we undertook 19 months ago to strengthen academic rigor, build relevant programs, build and upgrade facilities to better accommodate instructional needs, align and bring current policy and protocol processes, and adjust our budget to maximize efficiencies.

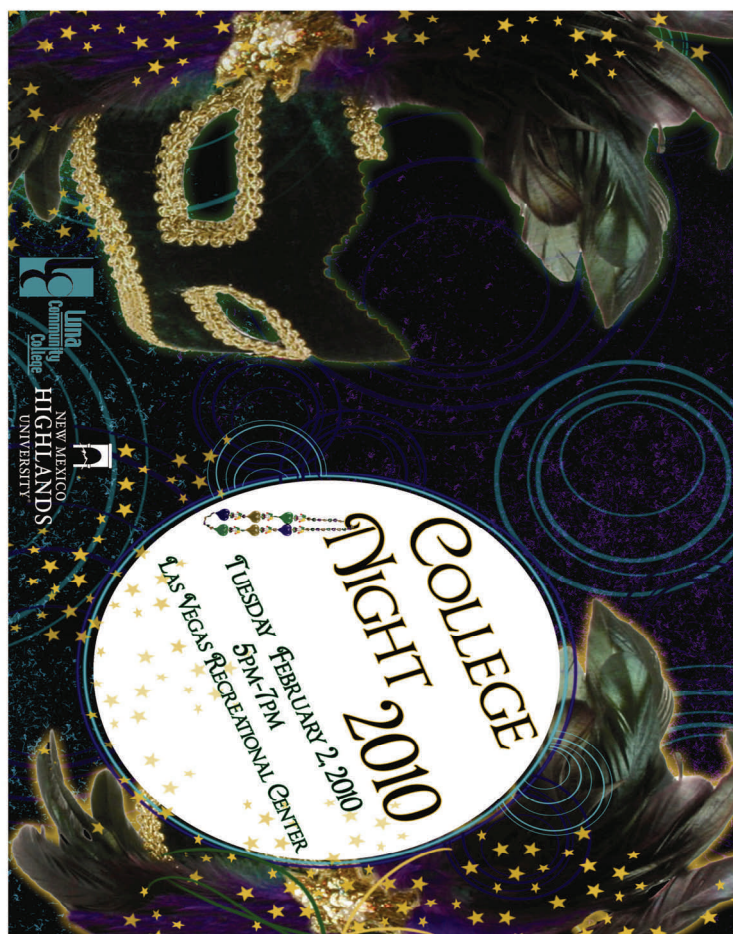
As the state continues to address approximately \$600 million in revenue shortfalls for FY11, we must proceed with extreme care and offer each other our utmost level of respect, cooperation and understanding. We want to engage in the best situation possible to provide an optimum teaching, learning and support service environment for our Luna Family.

When Ms. Donna Flores joined me for the Higher Education hearing before House Appropriations and Finance Committee (HAFC) last week at the Capitol in Santa Fe, we heard recommendations to cut funding and raise tuition. While that increases our level of caution and we take the finance based discussions very seriously, we can’t stop the progress we have made. Our students deserve more! An unknown author said, “When the world says, give up, hope whispers, try it one more time.”

Students depend on us to guide, educate and provide them the best opportunities possible for their future. The plans we have laid out are to meet and address, but not limited to: the *changing* needs and *expectations* of our students; the growing expectations for institutional accountability, process and transparency; the requirements to revamp our curriculum for alignment and relevancy and to assess student competency and improve upon our instructional delivery methods; and, the deficiencies in our infrastructure and facilities. These efforts along with many others are implemented, taking root and being recognized in a positive regard by those who monitor our efforts, vision, direction, follow through and progress.

If you’ll notice our dual credit and concurrent enrollment programs are better coordinated, our memorandums of understanding (MOU’s) have been reviewed by legal counsel and changes tailored for the benefit of students and to protect all parties involved from undue liability, our on-line education initiative is strong in its first year of offering classes, our new programs are keeping students at home and our organizational structure holds every person accountable for their duties and responsibilities.

I am very proud of our Luna family for the strides made to meet the present educational needs of students and prepare for the upcoming expectations of our changing economy. For instance, the different developments in alternative energy; the need for every person from Raton to Pecos, Mora to Santa Rosa and Vaughn to work together on efforts to share in a regional economy and attract jobs that match the skilled labor we are preparing at Luna Community College; and, the huge steps taken by our Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board and Director to align policies and promote our college wherever they go. An unknown author stated, “The race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep on running.”



NEED HELP NAVIGATING YOUR ONLINE CLASSES?

Then you need to attend one of LCC's

Blackboard Student Trainings

- Tuesday, January 12, 2010
- Wednesday, January 13, 2010
- Wednesday, January 20, 2010
- Thursday, January 21, 2010
- Tuesday, January 26, 2010
- Wednesday, January 27, 2010
- Wednesday, February 3, 2010
- Thursday, February 4, 2010



All trainings will be held at 10:00am in the
Student Online Learning Lab

Student Services Building Room 204

For more information please call 505-454-5362

* Times and Dates subject to change due to weather conditions and/or work schedule changes.



The 2010 Luna Community College Baseball Team. Pictured back row (L-R): George Dellos, Ian Farris, Jordan Bernal, Michael Padilla, Anthony Archibeque, Hector Nevarez, Arthur Trujillo, Lucas Serna, Marcos Griego, Isaiah Dominguez and Joshua Rodriguez. Middle row (L-R): Joshua Parsons, Dylan Silverthorne, Michael Ormseth, Samuel Alvarado, Cameron Fafard, Martin Morales, Jesus Beltran, Gregory Siqueiros, Edgar Vela and Daniel Martinez. Front row (L-R): Isaiah Aguilar, Ky Baeza, Vicente Fernandez, Mark Montoya, Dominic Serna, Nick Martinez, Antonio Soto, Manuel Chavez, Arthur Davenport, Ryan Marquez and Derelle Owens.



The 2010 Luna Community College Baseball Coaches. Pictured (l-r) are: Chris Perez, Marcos Aragon, Antonio Siqueiros, Kevin Christians on and Head Coach Peter Ortiz.

LCC Dental Assistant Program seeking accreditation

The Luna Community College Dental Assistant Program is currently working on accreditation through the ADA-CODA, (American Dental Association: Commission on the Dental Association). Students will benefit greatly as well as the community and the dentists who serve the community. Students will be able to apply for their CDA (certified dental assistant) through DANB (Dental Assistant Nation Board) and will be recognized nationally upon completion of the program rather than waiting to complete the current 3,500 clinical hours as a full-time dental assistant, which comes to about two to four years practicing in the dental office.

One-on-one with Luna CC Head Baseball Coach Peter Ortiz



Peter Ortiz

The following is an interview with LCC Baseball Coach Peter Ortiz.

What are your goals for this season?

First, to graduate a higher percentage of sophomores than ever before and to place them in colleges at the next level to continue their careers as student/athletes. Second, to go deep into the post season. Third to win 40 games in the regular season. Fourth but not last, to hit over .300 as a team.

How are things going up

to this point?

We had a successful fall semester as 50 of 54 baseball players produced final grades that qualified them to be academically eligible to participate in the spring Season. This is by far the highest number of players we have had eligible for a spring season since our five years of existence. We had two student/athletes earn perfect 4.0 grade point averages and several others earned GPAs of 3.2 or better. A big thank you to the Luna Community College Access Center staff and of course the faculty for doing a good job. On the diamond we represented LCC very well. We competed in our fall scrimmages aggressively and found out a lot about ourselves. We should produce more runs than in the past and if we can remain healthy on the bump our pitching staff and defense should be able to minimize our opponent's offensive production. On the physical side of it, Assistant Coach Antonio Siqueiros has continued to train and condition the team effectively thus enabling our players to improve.

How good will your team be this year?

A lot of factors come into play when a coach responds to that question. I know as a team we are preparing well for the 2010 spring season. Some factors that come in are the number of days we are able to practice on the field as we are at an elevation of 6500 feet. Another fact to consider, of our 55 scheduled games, 41 of them are on the road. Our competition is some of the best in the country and that motivates us. I have more confidence in our team this year than ever before. We are bigger, stronger, and faster. This is the best pitching staff we have had, we are deep behind the dish, and our subs are solid. Our defense hustles and our offense is hungry. How good are we going to be? Well, we will just have to wait and see.

What is your team's strength?

We have a great deal of unity. Our players respect each other, and have responded well to the coaching staff.

What is your team's weakness?

I am not pleased with our graduation ratio to this point and I would be happy to see this improve greatly. I've seen some improvement but not enough. I believe our institution is addressing this situation well and I'm looking forward to seeing the results.

How is the attitude on your team?

As I mentioned earlier, we are hungry. These student-athletes know we haven't made postseason play, and are eager, not only to make the playoffs but to win and win big. Our work ethic is good and rather than complain, our players are willing to go the extra mile to improve the team and themselves in the classroom and on the field.

Why should people go out and watch your team this year?

First of all, to be part of the first Luna Rough Rider Baseball Team to enter the post season. We are going to bring excitement to the diamond, fun to kids, satisfaction to fans, and pride to LCC, Las Vegas, and the great state of New Mexico. PLAY BALL!!!