

# The Luna Light



*“The People’s College”*

*Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America*

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**Students of the Luna Community College Commercial Driver’s License Program include (bottom, l-r) John Ludi (instructor), Christopher Montoya, Patrick Delgado, Valentino Montoya, Martin M. Sanchez and Jessie Gold. (Back, l-r) Manuel A. Silva, Kevin M. Varela, Nash Gold (instructor), Robert Maestas and Dennis Lovato. Not pictured are Greg Hebel, Mike Nicholls, Louie Sandoval and Frank Dimas.**

## Luna Community College addressing economy issues through career development program

The trucking industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the United States and Luna Community College is doing its share in helping provide a certified licensed and trained workforce.

This year, Luna Community College brought back a commercial driver’s license program that enables students to receive a Class A certification that allows them to drive tractor trailer semis (the more common name is an 18-wheeler). Within the Class A certification, students can get passenger and school bus endorsements.

During the program, a student has to make a choice to either be a Class A truck driver or become a passenger or school bus driver.

“About 98 percent of our students have passed the testing requirements of the motor vehicle department to receive their student permits,” said Cruz Flores, instructor of the program. “Luna Community College is offering great oppor-

tunities for local and surrounding community members to acquire meaningful and respectful skills.”

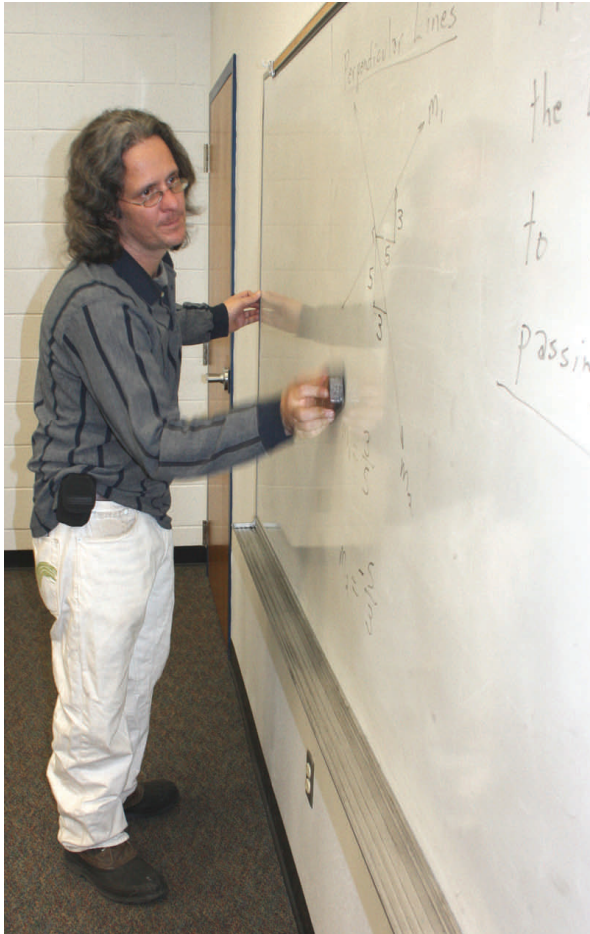
The CDL program consists of 80 classroom hours and 64 hours of over-the-road driving. Additional remedial and tutoring services are offered to individuals that may have difficulty in meeting the required minimum competency test scores administered during the CDL course.

“These group of students have reflected strong commitment and dedication to their studies in acquiring their chosen field,” said Flores. “These students are seen by their instructors as a highly competent group.”

This semester, the CDL program got strong financial support from the Workforce Solutions Program.

The CDL program is also quite fortunate to have the skills and talents of CDL instructors John Ludi and Nash Gold. For more information on the program, call Cruz Flores 505/454-5337.

# Samuel B. Stockett says that LCC is a very human place



**Samuel B. Stockett says that Luna Community College's in-service should be replaced with more instruction time.**

**Name:** Samuel B. Stockett

**Position:** Instructor of people where at all possible.

**How many years at LCC (what year did you start)?** Spring 97. That was back in the 20th century. Lucky year thirteen.

**Favorite food and why?** Scrambled, bacon, grits, biscuit, coffee, green chili on the side—sticks to your ribs.

**Favorite hobby and why?** Skydiving and scuba. Because they both teach control in their own different ways.

**Favorite TV show and why?** Don't have a TV, but I kind of like YouTube and ted.com.

**Where would you like to see yourself five years from now?** Flying my jet pack. We were all supposed to have jet packs and personal robots by the 21st century. So where's mine?

**What do you like best about LCC?** The people are funny and friendly. The faculty goes the extra. The classes are varied enough to accommodate everyone and I have guided the same students from bottom to advanced. It's a very human place.

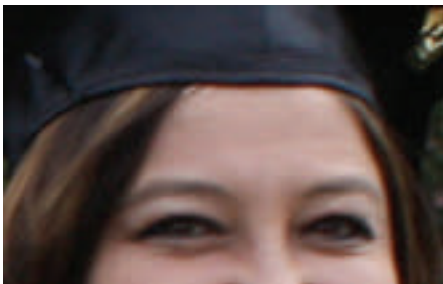
**What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution?** The wasted motion. The committees, workshops, meetings, orientations and pep talks. I think college faculty can be trusted with the simple things. I would suggest flipping over "in service weeks" to be used for two more weeks of instruction.

**What is your greatest strength?** My overarching modesty of course!

## 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

"Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire,"—W. B. Yeats

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# LCC Springer Freshman Comp. I students share their thoughts on “What makes you smile?”

*The following are responses to a journal topic “What makes you smile” in Sherry L. Goodyear’s Freshman Comp. I (ENG111E Sec. 20) class.*

My children make me genuinely smile. They each have strong and different personalities. Each one of them makes me smile in different ways. My oldest son is 10 year old. He is loving and patient with his siblings. When he tells me he loves me and gives me hugs, it melts my heart. This brings on a genuine smile every time. My seven year old is a clown. He is always coming up with jokes to tell. His interesting jokes and contagious smile instantly makes me smile. My two six year olds are quite a pair. They are both very creative. Watching them build their clubhouse in their bedroom, playing together and hearing them giggle make me smile. My two year old makes me smile all the time. The way he expresses himself, pronounces his siblings names and plays with his trucks. He does a thing his brothers taught him called the “Cute Attack.” When he wants something, badly enough, he looks straight into my eyes, turns his head to side and tells me “Mommy please...” This tugs at my heart and puts a big smile on my face. My five month old is just precious. When I look at him, I smile and sometimes I do not notice but those around me do. He is my miracle baby. I had him very early and almost lost him.

**By Aixa Arellano**

My son makes me smile all the time. Looking at pictures of him as an infant never fails to put a smile on my face. The other day he was acting tough and was having a pretty bad attitude. I had to send him to bed early because of it. When I sent him to bed he was pretty angry, telling me that he wasn't a baby anymore, and he shouldn't have to go to bed early. I went in to check on him, and couldn't contain my smile. He was all curled up, sound asleep, cuddling his favorite stuffed monkey, just proof that he will always be my baby, no matter how old he gets.

**By Jennifer Buell**

What makes me smile the most are my children. I have a beautiful daughter who is 17 years old and a handsome son who is 15 years old. Both my children have done wonderful in school. They show so much affection towards other and are helpful. I could not have been blessed anymore than I am with them. I never knew that being a mother could be so rewarding. I thank the dear Lord everyday for them.

**Anonymous**

There are so many things and people that make me smile. Though, there is one thing in mind that has me smiling right now. My birthday just recently passed and that day my husband had

picked up the kids and told me that he would meet me at home. I agreed and thought nothing of it. With my hands full and the door closed, I knocked for help, with no response, frustrated and tired I put the stuff I had in my right hand down to get in the house. Well, when walked into the living room, I could see a flame coming from the kitchen and my family jumped out and yelled surprise. Boy was I ever surprised. My three kids, my husband and family, put many smiles on my face.

**Anonymous**

There are two people in life that make me genuinely smile, my son and my daughter. The way my children look at me is an unexplainable feeling. Their laughter and smile just tug at my heart and I have no choice but to “smile from ear to ear.” At most times, I have a smile on my face without even knowing. Being called mom is another way my children make me smile. It is the best name that has been given to me.

**By Chantal Montoya**

Watching my pups playing in the snow brought smiles and made me laugh. Since four of them are under 2 1/2 years old snow is new to them. Seeing them walk on snow slowly, steady and then all of sudden fall through the white, wet and cold stuff really brings a smile to my face. They look at me, as if I had something to do with the situation they were in. But, to see them out in the meadow running, jumping and playing tag surrounded by the white soft ground, I know that all is peaceful in our world. Thinking of the situations my husband was in on many of our adventures brings a smile and laughter to me. We took family trips, the two of us and two dogs in a semi-truck for a week at a time—two times a year. After the holiday was over and he dropped us off, I think he was so thankful to get back on the truck by himself, to peace and quiet. Oh, the memories, how sweet they are. I have a smile on my face as I am writing this discussion.

**Anonymous**

A lot of things make me smile but I always seem to smile when I talk to my best friend. He just seems to be one of the only people that can get me to smile. We have always had that type of connection maybe because we have been friends for the past 14 years.

**By Destiny Torres**



# Student of the Month



**SEPTEMBER**  
Back Row: James Ortiz (8th), Maricela Lopez (7th), & Anthony Rivera (6th). Second Row: Jolene Gonzales (5th), Jasmine Montaño (4th), Elina Quintana (3rd), & Felicia Sena (2nd). Front Row: Julisia Barcla (1st) & Cruzito Encinias (K).



**OCTOBER**  
Back Row: Maria Montoya (8th), Faith Gonzales (7th), George Padilla (6th), Brooke Gallegos (5th), & Kyanna Gonzales (3rd). Front Row: Estrella Encinias (4th), Devon Tenorio (1st), & Maylín Griego (K).  
Not Pictured: Joselyn Tapia (2nd).



**NOVEMBER**  
Back Row: Thomas Salinas (6th), Julian Ramirez (3rd), Zachery Lucero (8th), Julia Gonzales (5th) & Adrianna Nailor (7th). Front Row: Elysia Lopez (K), Alexis Aragon (1st), Brenda Ramirez (2nd), & Seryna Rodriguez (4th).



**DECEMBER**  
Back Row: Karl Bazan (4th), Tiffany Encinias (5th), Jacob Zamora (6th), Andres Gallegos (7th), & Elena Benavidez (8th). Front Row: Damian Gallegos (K), Joaquin Vigil (1st), Mateo Stewart (2nd), & Mikayla Gonzales (3rd).



**JANUARY**  
Back Row: Anthony Tapia (4th), Lucia Lopez (5th), Dominick Quintana (6th), Marissa Bishop (7th), & Julian Lucero (8th). Front Row: Olivia Archuleta (3rd), Chris Villanueva (2nd), Bianca Gallegos (1st), & Alyssa Lucero (K).



**FEBRUARY**  
Back Row: Jared Gallegos (5th), Fermin Gonzales (6th), Frankie Palacio (8th), Emilia Lovato (7th), & Marcelina Gallegos (3rd). Front Row: Carlos Gonzales (4th), Elijah Gallegos (1st), Makenzie Gonzales (2nd), & Laila Gonzales (K).

The New Mexico Highlands University  
School of Social Work  
Bilingual/Bicultural Program proudly presents



¡Ay, Qui Mí Baza! by Naomi L.L. Ortega

5th Annual  
**Latina Colloquium**  
in celebration of International Women's Month

Ilfeld Auditorium  
Monday, March 8, 2010  
five to eight p.m.

(2) Cultural Competency SW CEU's will be available at a rate of \$10.00 each per CEU



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# Meet your Rough Riders



**Tasia Yara**

Softball, writing, reading, weightlifting, God and music.

**Plans after graduation?** To further my education and get a master's degree in exercise medicine.

**Favorite pro athlete:** Bob Sanders.

**Whom do you admire the most and why?** I admire my brother the most because he has always been there for me.

**Name:** Tasia Yara  
**Nickname:** T-Bomb, Beast Box, Big Dogg  
**Position:** Third base, designated hitter, first base  
**Major:** Business Administration and Small Business Management  
**Classification:** Sophomore  
**Hometown:** Las Vegas  
**High School:** Robertson High/Bridge Academy  
**Previous college or high school:** Bridge Academy  
**Parents and family:** Salome Rains, mother; Damian Yara, brother and Fares Rains, grandmother.  
**What are your interests?**

**Name:** Jessica Aragon  
**Nickname:** Scooter/Jesse  
**Position:** Pitcher/second base  
**Major:** Teacher Education  
**Classification:** Sophomore  
**Hometown:** Albuquerque  
**High School:** Albuquerque High  
**Previous college or high school:** Luna CC  
**Parents and family:** Roberta Sohm, mother and Steve Aragon, dad.  
**What are your interests?** School, softball, church and work.  
**College or high school honors:** Lettered four years in softball and three years in volleyball.  
**Plans after graduation?** My plan after graduation is to get married and start a family.  
**Whom do you admire the most and why?** I admire Yahwa and Yesha the most.



**Jessica Aragon**

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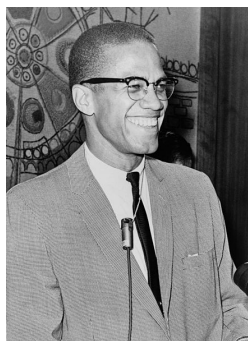
### Celebrity Look-Alike Contest

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, March 1. Remember this is all in fun.



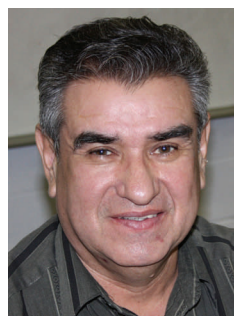
**Harry Anderson**

and



**Malcolm X**

or



**Augustine Valencia**

and



**Ted Kennedy**

Bake sale!

# Tournament

MODERN WARFARE 2

March 5th @ 3:30

LCC TECH Building Lobby

\$10 Entry Fee

Brought to you by LCC's GAMERZ Club  
and the students of LCC's  
Video Game Design and Development program.

For more information contact  
Mary Duran at 454-5370 or email [fromero@luna.edu](mailto:fromero@luna.edu)

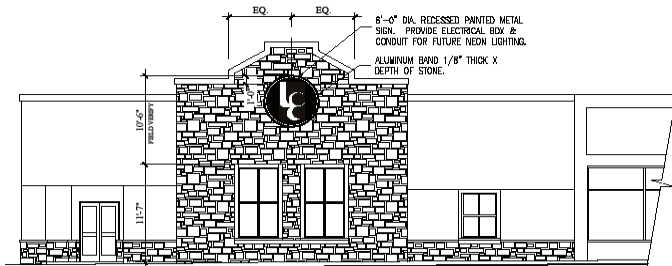
## 8-Week Course Schedule

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 Microsoft 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	Microprocsr Design & Interfacing	TF	02/23/10 -- 05/07/10	8:00am -- 9:50am	Main	Garcia, J
ELEC209L	2	0	Microprocsr 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





**Luna Community College's-Santa Rosa Satellite is nearing completion of the first phase of construction on the new "Luna Downtown" building renovation. The Santa Rosa Satellite is excited about the future of expansion. They are planning a wellness center in the downtown area that will attract many new and returning students to its campus. Most learning institutions promote wellness in through course offerings and they feel that their campus should make those offerings available as well. (Photo and illustrations provided by Santa Rosa Satellite).**



**EAST ELEVATION**  
 SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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# LCC, friends establish Dana T. Konno Scholarship Fund

Luna Community College and the friends and family of Dana T. Konno are pleased to announce the establishment of the Dana T. Konno Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to students enrolled in its nursing program who require temporary financial assistance to continue their nursing studies.

The Dana T. Konno Scholarship Fund was started with donations from friends and family of Dana Konno, a local nurse who passed away unexpectedly in 2009. Ms. Konno was well-known for the personal interest she took in many of her nursing students at Luna Community College, where she taught part-time and where she obtained her first nursing diploma.

In addition to direct contributions, the scholarship fund was bolstered by a generous contribution from the Las Vegas Fiesta Council, which approved the application of the proceeds from the Las Vegas Fiesta Run to the fund. Dana Konno was a runner and walker who participated in local and national running events for many years. Joe Whiteman, the director of the Fiesta Run in 2009, stated that all participants and volunteers in the Las Vegas Fiesta Run deserve acknowledgement and thanks for making the run and the scholarship



**Dana T. Konno**

fund a success and has expressed his hope that the proceeds of the Fiesta Run will be directed to the scholarship fund in subsequent years in honor of all the Las Vegas area runners who have passed away.

Constance "Connie" Reichert, director of

nursing at Luna Community College, was instrumental in forming a committee to administer the scholarship fund in accordance with the wishes of Konno's family. Reichert, who knew Dana well, stated: "Dana was loved by her students and fellow nurses and would be pleased that her gift of caring is being carried on even after she is no longer here to give it personally." The Dana T. Konno scholarship will benefit currently enrolled nursing students who apply for special financial assistance or are nominated for such assistance by a fellow-student or a faculty member. Many students in Luna's Nursing Program are local residents who struggle to remain in good standing despite the demands of family obligations and the challenge of their first attempt at advanced education.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Dana T. Konno Scholarship Fund may do so by making a donation to "Luna Community College Scholarship Fund" and specifying the Dana T. Konno Scholarship, c/o Regina Madrid, Luna Community College, 366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas New Mexico.

Reichert may be reached at 505-454-2527, for information regarding the application process.

## Are you interested in equine science?

**Are you interested in working with horses?**

**Are you currently a horse enthusiast and want to build new skills and strengthen those that already exist?**

**Would you like advanced educational opportunities in the horse industry?**

**If you answered yes to any of these questions, Luna Community College can help you attain your EQUINE educational goals. Look for the summer courses offered.**

**For more information, contact Mr. Gary Martinez, program director at 505/454-2522.**



# This is your time

By Dr. Pete Campos  
LCC President

There is a song by Michael W. Smith entitled: This is your time. A key verse from this song that has stuck with me is: *this is your time, this is your dance, live every moment - leave nothing to chance!* To me, these words are profound. Why? Because they remind me of the precious gift of life, not giving up, overcoming daily obstacles, making things better and processing what I did and didn't do at the end of the day.

To me, some points to ponder that tie in with this key verse are:

1] If we all threw our problems into a pile and viewed everyone else's, we would grab ours back; 2] We can't compare our lives to others – we have no idea what their journey is all about; 3] Everything can change in the blink of an eye, don't take it for granted; 4] No one is in charge of your happiness except you; 5] Believe in miracles; 6] However good or bad a situation is, it will change; 7] Envy is a waste of time – we already have all we need; 8] Take a deep breath, it calms the mind; and, 9] *The best is yet to come.*

How many times have you fought to defeat - within your own mind - demoralizing news from doctors, jump through unnecessary hoops because of an agency's regulations or respond out of fright instead of reason because of a message received from your supervisor? We don't like negativity when it affects us, yet we sometimes bask in the buzz of the day because it's about someone else and not us.

Well, today is about all of us. Not just one individual or a click singled out. We are all being affected by the sign of the times. It is about our learning community and how we are going to overcome the personal and collective hardships, financial quandary and weight of the economy that has struck us all. The outcome we expect is not easily reached. In fact, it is complex because of our personal debt and gen-



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos (middle) is pictured with Senate Pro Tempore Timothy Z. Jennings (left) and Senate Finance Committee Chairman John Arthur Smith.

eral economic downturn. Unfortunately, we are detracted by the daily economic message discussed by the media, our friends, family and our bosses. Is that all we have to live for? No. We have so much more for which to be grateful. Things like good health, a good sense of humor and new opportunities. You may ask, how can he say we have good health when we are under a lot of stress, or how can we laugh at something when the bill collectors are knocking at our doors or even still, what new opportunities is he talking about? Let me explain. If we eat well, the nutrients we digest will feed our internal system and that stimulates positive energy and thinking; if we laugh with each other – we forget our

troubles, even if it is for a split-second and calmness and contentment zooms through our mind; and, new opportunities surface because everyone wants to be around a positive, can-do person, especially during these uncertain times.

So, when you realize and readily accept this is your time and the importance of treating yourself well at work, at home and in the community, you really have very little, if anything to lose. Sophocles said, "The greatest grief is that which we cause ourselves." Immanuel Kant said, "Science is organized knowledge, wisdom is organized life." Mohammed Ali said, "Don't count the days - make the days count." Seneca the Younger said, "Things that were hard to bear are sweet to remember." Hopefully you can resonate with these quotes because they remind us - we are in charge of who we are and how we handle our daily lives.

Martin Luther King, Jr. stated, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." **Because you care - the first day of the rest of your life has just begun!**