

# The Luna Light



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*“The People’s College”*

*Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America*

## Luna CC student Sequoia Romero builds tornado machine from scratch

*Someday Romero wants to teach at Luna Community College*



**LCC student Sequoia Romero is pictured here with a tornado machine that he built recently. Romero’s tornado machine demonstrates the physics and vectors inside of a real tornado.**

Luna Community College student Sequoia Romero says that one day he would like to teach science and engineering at this college. He may have taken an important step to one of his goals recently when he built a tornado machine.

The tornado machine is currently placed at the LCC Physics Lab where other LCC students can view it.

“It took me about one month to build,” said Romero a native of Pecos. “This machine shows the forces you would see in a tornado. There is so much forces that go into a tornado. By sharing this with students, I’m hoping this enhances the program here at Luna Community College.”

Romero, who has an electronic engineering degree from ITT Tech in Albuquerque, is taking pre-requisite classes in computer engineering at LCC.

“This tornado machine represents a physical example of a real tornado. It is run by a 2.5 horsepower engine,” said Romero who has worked at Boeing Research Labs. “Someday I want to teach here. There’s something about this place that I like.”



**These two photos were taken at noon on Saturday, March 20 around the campus of Luna Community College. Keep in mind that March 20 marked the first day of spring.**

# Sherry Goodyear-Romero says that we are all part of the solution here at Luna CC

**Name:** Sherry Goodyear-Romero

**Position:** Humanities Instructor

**How many years at LCC (what year did you start)?** 2001

**Favorite food and why?** All kinds – depends on my mood.

**Favorite hobby and why?** Writing stories because I love writing about places and people that only exist in my imagination.

**Favorite TV show and why?** *Lost* - because of the amazing creativity of the writers.

**Where would you like to see yourself five years from now?** As an author with my new bestseller hitting all the stands... and still teaching.

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

The fact that we, through our distance learning program, are creating learning opportunities for those who might not otherwise be able to attend classes; people like the single mother or the individual living 50 miles from anywhere. I



**Sherry Goodyear-Romero says the reason she is a successful teacher is because she appreciates what her students go through.**

just think it is awesome what we are doing and how we are bettering New Mexico's "brain power" because of it.

**What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution?** I know it is said all the time, but Luna's weakness is its lack of communication; however, we are all the solution. We all have to get in the habit of sending out the memos or making the phone calls that explain what is going on. I think we are getting better, but I know it is easy to forget that what we know maybe not everyone else knows. We have a call tree for inclement weather...perhaps we need one for important information to be disseminated.

**What is your greatest strength?** My greatest strength is my ability to see the other's person's perspective. I am successful as a teacher because I appreciate what my students are going through. It is my ability to feel compassion and empathy for them that allows me to help them be successful in my classes.

## 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

"No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow,"— Alice Walker

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# Cosmetology takes mini-board test



Students at cosmetology recently took their mini-board exam that will help them prepare from their licensure exam. Pictured clockwise are: Alicia Martinez and instructor Germaine Sandoval, students in the LCC Cosmetology Classroom, Gina Garcia, Angelique Medina and Sandoval (bottom photo) and Christina Cre-spin.

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# Luna brings northeastern N.M. together



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LCC recently hosted a regional meeting emphasizing the importance of "working together to plan our future" in northeastern New Mexico. Several dozen people representing northeastern communities were in attendance. Pictured clockwise are Gladys Hightower who sang the national anthem, LCC Board of Trustee member Abelino Montoya Jr., retired General Edward D. Baca with Springer Schools Superintendent Zita Lopez, Mary Helen Baber of the attorney general's office, Las Vegas Mayor Alfonso Ortiz and Phil Gallegos, director of community outreach at the school of architecture and planning at UNM.

# Robertson baseball team looking good in early part of season



Robertson High recently took first place at the Socorro Invitational.

## By Shannon Aragon RHS Baseball Coach

The Robertson High School baseball team is looking to compete for the district title and will make a good run at state. Robertson has 12 lettermen returning who earned quite a bit of varsity experience—eight of those lettermen were starters.

Robertson is returning one senior, five juniors, and six sophomores who earned a win in versus Sandia Prep in the two out of three series. For the 2010 season, the Cardinals look to have approximately 18 players vying for a starting position.

As of March 20, the Cardinals are 6-1 on the season.

Robertson's early season assessment is that we have a lot of speed on the base paths and have deep pitching staff of 10 players.

Currently, Robertson's weakness is the

execution of the fundamentals. Covering throws while on defense and discipline at the plate. I am confident that the players will grasp the importance of playing fundamentally sound baseball.

For the 2010 season, Robertson is returning their three top pitchers from last year. These three pitchers will be the foundation for success at Robertson High School. The pitchers are Nicholas Aragón, Fabian Montoya and Adrian Jaramillo. Mike Martinez, Girard Maestas, Antonio Arguello will also be seeing a lot of mound time this season. Nick Archuleta will be doing most of the catching assignments this season.

Robertson has strong core of hitters. Mike Martinez, Girard Maestas, Nicholas Aragon, Peter Campos, and Fabian Montoya have shown a lot of promise as contact hitters. Adrian Jaramillo, Nick Archuleta and

Antonio Arguello have the ability to provide long ball power.

Adrian Jaramillo is the lone senior to watch for the Cardinals and his leadership will be relied on to guide this team. His potential to succeed will be shown by his effort to get there.

With the supporting cast of Nicholas Aragon and Fabian Montoya, Robertson will have three proven players, providing leadership throughout the 2010 season. Other varsity players are who will be earning playing time are Dalan Abreu, Luke Aragon, Justin Bustos, Dominic Yara, Estevan Montoya and Curtis Lucero.

Shannon Aragon is the first year head coach. Mike Salazar is the assistant varsity and pitching coach. Mark Ortega, Kenneth Sandoval and Ryan Klassen are this year's assistant coaches.

# Meet your Rough Riders



**Dominic Mendoza**

**Name:** Dominic Mendoza  
**Nickname:** Dom or Gallup  
**Position:** Third base  
**Major:** Sports Performance  
**Classification:** Freshman  
**Hometown:** Gallup, N.M.  
**High School:** Gallup High  
**Previous college or high school:** Gallup High  
**Parents and family:** David Mendoza, father and Angela Mendoza, mother.  
**What are your interests?** Baseball, video games and friends.

**College or high school**

**honors:** All-District and academic honorable mention student-athlete.

**Plans after graduation?** Continue life and become a physical therapist or trainer.

**Favorite pro athlete:** Ivan Rodriguez

**Whom do you admire the most and why?** My brother, he has shown me that anything is possible.



**LCC RN student Ruth Rosenbarker takes Eudelia Tarr's blood pressure as fellow nursing student Irasema Peña stands in the background at a Women's Health Fair sponsored by AHEC recently.**

## 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 22. Remember this is all in fun.**



**Pablo Montoya**

and



**Hank Williams Jr.**

or



**Antonio Siqueiros**

and



**Freddie Prinze Jr.**

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Student Academic Advancement Institute  
Summer 2010

The mission of the LCC Student Academic Advancement Institute (SAAI) is to help high school students achieve academic success and to support their educational goals. The program recruits high motivated high school juniors and seniors who can matriculate to Luna Community College. Along with college course enrollment (refer to web-site for course listing), students also participate in academic advancement seminars. The seminars provide academic support for student success.

**Seminar Schedule**

- Week 1 – “How to Succeed in College”
- Week 2 – “Increase Motivation”
- Week 3 – “Leadership in City Government”
- Week 4 – “Increase Self-Esteem”
- Week 5 – “Develop More Confidence”
- Week 6 – “Money and Finances”
- Week 7 – “Managing Stress”

**Who is eligible?**

High School students who are classified as a Junior or Senior for the 2010-2011 academic school year.

**How do I apply?**

The **first step** in applying for the SAAI Program is to fill out an application at the LCC Dual-Credit Office located within the Technologies Building in Room TE-144.

The **second step** is to complete the LCC COMPASS Assessment with the LCC ACCESS Center in the Student Services Building if COMPASS has not yet been completed or student has not taken the ACT.

The **third step** is to bring in a copy of your LCC COMPASS Assessment or recent copy of ACT scores and meet with LCC Dual-Credit staff to complete career cluster survey and advisement.

Each student who is accepted in the SAAI Program will receive an Educational Care Package (ECP) that includes:

- Book Fee Waiver
  - \$150 Stipend
  - Each student will be assigned to a College Success Mentor.

Summer extracurricular activities will also be available for students participating in the SAAI Program.

\*Prerequisites may apply (505) 454-5377 or 1-800-588-7232 X1075

Please refer to the LCC web-site for a complete listing of Summer Courses

## LCC to host SANE public meeting

Luna Community College will be hosting a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) public meeting from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 25 at the Student Services Building Board Room. The purpose of the meeting is to recruit nurses and other health professionals and to inform the public of the plan to provide these services here in our own community.

Registered nurses, nursing students, other health students and professionals, law enforcement and legal professionals and social work students and professionals are encouraged to attend.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) are specially trained nurses who provide immediate comprehensive assessments and treatment for sexual assault victims.

For more information, contact Yolanda Cruz, coordinator at the San Miguel County Family and Community Health Council at 505/425-9770 or e-mail her at [smhealthcouncil@desertgate.com](mailto:smhealthcouncil@desertgate.com). You may also contact Joan Krohn, a health volunteer for the Las Vegas Peace & Justice Center at 505/425-0715 or e-mail her at [joankrohn@gmail.com](mailto:joankrohn@gmail.com).

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## Luna Continues Classic Film Series with “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid”

Luna Community College continues its classic film series this month with a showing of “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 25 at the Luna Learning Resource Center. The movie is free to the public. Seating is limited, so reservations are recommended.

“Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” is an essential Western classic starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford. The film won three Academy Awards: Cinematography, Burt Bacharach’s Score and Song “Raindrops Keep Fallin’ on My Head”, and William Goldman’s story and screenplay.

The movie is based on historical events. Butch and Sundance lead the hole-in-the-wall gang, who make their living robbing trains until their success leads to the formation of a special posse formed specifically to catch or kill the bandits. Realizing that the super-posse is not

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going away, Cassidy and Sundance decide to move to Bolivia. They take their lady friend, Etta Place (Katharine Ross) with them. But old habits die hard and they start robbing banks again until the film's climactic finale.

Made in 1969, "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" was a huge box office success. Raking in over \$30 million, it was the highest grossing western movie ever released at that time. Today (accounting for inflation), it is still one of biggest selling films ever made.

"We chose this movie for our second showing for a couple of reasons," said Rand Kennedy, director of Luna's new mass media communications program. "First, it is among the most entertaining and enjoy-

able Westerns ever made. With a great storyline, outstanding performances and an award-winning soundtrack, "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" is a classic film that is not to be missed. Second, we wanted to acquaint younger audiences with the work of Robert Redford, who was catapulted to stardom by the film." Redford recently announced the launching of the Milagro at Los Luceros in New Mexico, a training venue for Hispanic and Native American filmmakers. Modeled after the Sundance Institute founded by Redford in Utah, Milagro will offer free directing, acting and screenwriting workshops.

The screening will include a brief introduction to the movie and refreshments will be available. For reservations or more information, please call (505) 454-2564

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MASS MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTS



LOCATION: LCC LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER  
DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010  
CALL 454-2564 FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION

ADMISSION: FREE  
TIME: 5:30 PM

## "Pennies for Patients" raises more in week 2

The following is the total of money that LCC students, staff and faculty raised in week 2 of a nationwide fundraising effort to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients Program. LCC's goal is to raise \$500. LCC will continue to raise money for another week.

Humanities	\$5.75
Library	\$4.76
Financial Aid, Business Office And President's Office	\$10.83
HR/IT/Dual Credit	\$59.60
Wellness Center	\$4.41
Registrars	\$24.44
SMET	\$2.42
Bookstore, AHEC, Small Bus.	\$4.27
School of Business	\$3.95
Board of Trustees	\$75.00

### From Dr. Vidal Martinez

"There is a difference between an organization that is offering higher education and a business that is selling a consumer product. Higher education is not indoctrination; nor is it training. It is an enterprise in which qualified professionals first determine what students should know and be able to do as a result of their education and then create processes to determine that students actually know and can do these things. It also seeks to equip people to be self-motivated and self-sustaining learners throughout their lives. It is to fulfill this very critical set of goals that colleges and universities create structures to enable their achievement." – Handbook of Accreditation, Third Edition, The Higher Learning Commission