

# The Luna Light



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

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## LCC student Amanda Crespin to box on April 24 in Las Vegas



**LCC student Amanda Crespin is pictured with fellow boxers Holly Holm and Terry Blair. In the top photo she is being interviewed by Rick Wright of *The Journal*. Crespin was also one of the models in the recent 6th Annual LCC Hair Show.**

Luna Community College student Amanda Crespin is scheduled to be one of the headliners in Saturday’s “Boxeo en Las Vegas” match which will be held at West Las Vegas. The first bell is at 6:30 p.m.

Crespin, who is majoring in business management, is scheduled to be the fourth fight on the card. She will be boxing Linda Castro from Colorado. Castro is 1-0 with one KO. Crespin is 0-2-1.

“I’m coming into the ring hungry. I’m ready to fight,” said Crespin. “Even though my record isn’t outstanding, I’m ready to put my first victory win on my record. I’ve been training hard; my dad has me in tip-top shape right now.”

Crespin has been sparring Victoria Cisneros and Monica Lovato. Cisneros is from Albuquerque. Lovato is from Española.

How does she maintain both an educational career along with a career in boxing?

“School comes first, but boxing is my job,” said Crespin. “I have to work through both my schedules which includes homework and training.”

Crespin also works at the mayor’s office.

“I want to invite all the students, staff and faculty to watch me box on Saturday. I’m pretty sure I’ll do pretty well,” said Crespin.



**The LCC Softball team had its first sweep in team history recently when they beat Lamar Community College in four straight games. LCC student athletes pictured are: Adri Gabaldon sliding into home base along with Vanessa Vigil winding up for a pitch and Devonne Martinez setting up on defense.**

# Ron Gonzales says he's enjoyed the relationships he's built over the years at LCC



**Name:** Ron Gonzales

**Position:** Physical Plant Director

**How many years at LCC (what year did you start)?** 14 years 9 months (1995)

**Favorite food and why?** Mexican food

**Favorite hobby and why?** Team Roping, I have been a member of the USTRC for 10 years. The thing that I enjoy most about this sport is the competition and the friendships you build. This sport is all about team work.

**Favorite TV show and why?** I don't have a favorite show per say but I enjoy watching the *Discovery Channel*, hunting shows and team roping events.

**Where would you like to see yourself five years from now?** With the changing technology which is going into new buildings, I would like to keep up with the changes so that I can bring better facilities to Luna students in the future.

**What do you like best about LCC?** The things that I have enjoyed over the years of working at Luna are the friendships that I have built with faculty, staff and students.

**What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution?** The resistance to change and the negativity that is sometimes shown towards LCC. Possible solution would be to treat people (students, faculty and staff) with dignity, respect and consideration. Be open minded.

**What is your greatest strength?** My greatest strength is the support I receive from my family, friends and colleagues.

**Ron Gonzales says that he does not like the resistance to change and negativity about LCC.**

## 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

“Obstacles are necessary for success because in selling, as in all careers of importance, victory comes only after many struggles and countless defeats,”— Og Mandino

# LCC:

## “The People’s College”



# johan khalilian

Johan Khalilian has dedicated his life to helping people dream great dreams and foster the courage to live them out. Johan connects easily with audiences of all ages and racial backgrounds and keeps their attention with his warm charisma, witty humor, comical story-telling and thought provoking message. He uses his life story to compel his audience to make healthy choices, avoid destructive behaviors, and pursue their life dreams and passions. Johan does a masterful job of meeting audiences where they are and easily relates to their lives, effectively breaking through walls and touching hearts.

His story has fostered interest by various media sources. He has been featured on the front cover of Chicago's premier young adult newspaper, "The Redeye". He has been a special guest on a number of TV and radio shows, including two appearances on "The Tyra Banks Show", "Fox News in the Morning", WLS Radio Chicago, and the critically acclaimed "Today Show".

Along with being a nationally known speaker, Johan currently works as a counselor/educator for the non-profit community program called CANDO in Chicago. He is an actor with DPM talent agency and a former Ford Model. Johan earned his BA from Northeastern University in Communications and currently lives in Los Angeles, California.

## Johan is coming to Las Vegas!

Join us for an evening with Johan! Come laugh, have fun and share a meal while Johan shares his message of achieving health and success!

Luna Community College Auditorium

Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

5pm to 8pm

It's FREE!

Everyone welcome, but especially 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders & parents

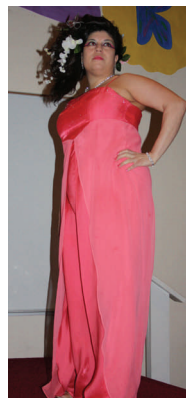
For more info or to RSVP, contact Meghan at 505-425-9368, ext. 119

To schedule Johan for a student presentation please contact:

**Johan Khalilian**  
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johanspeaks@gmail.com



# “The Wow Factor”



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# “The Wow Factor”



The 2010 Luna Community College Hair Show was another success. A near-capacity crowd saw the first show at noon. A capacity crowd took part in the evening show. LCC would like to give special thanks to Richard Trujillo.

**Pictured clockwise (page 4) are: Jamie Montañó; Christiana Razo; Francine Gonzales; Michelle Maestas; Danielle Duran and Deanna Valencia; Kathleen Garcia; Crystal Rae Martinez and Carolina Palomino; Sandra Cordova; Alaina White and Natasha Sena and Angelique Medina and Roxanne Gonzales. Pictured Clockwise (page 5) are: Roxanne Garcia, Kianna Gallegos, Francine Gonzales and Amberlyn Gonzales; Jewell Vigil and Selena Ortiz; Denise Baca and Jaylene Martinez; Tirisha Dirmeyer; Maria Elena Gallegos; Marcia Garcia and Michelle Maestas; Amber Garcia and Christiana Razo and Germaine Sandoval and Connie Ortiz.**

# Register for Summer Classes at....



View and print the Summer 2010 Schedule of Classes @ [www.luna.edu](http://www.luna.edu)  
**CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010**



## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!**



THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE **ROADRUNNER AND HORIZON SCHOLARSHIPS** FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR.

STOP BY THE LCC OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS  
JUNE 1, 2010**

# Student aspiration and quality education leads to achievement

By Dr. Pete Campos

Wow, what a week! Last week our students moved forward at a record pace. They built a solid base for lifelong learning, serving as community leaders and prepared to enter or move up a notch in the job market. The beauty of it all is our students are not shy! Students are becoming more confident in their abilities, they are speaking out regarding ways to improve our college and they are contributing in many unselfish ways to support and assist each other. To paraphrase Jean Jacques Rousseau, "Plants are shaped by cultivation and humans by education. We are born weak, we need strength; we are born totally unprepared, we need aid; and, we are born clueless, we need judgment. Everything we do not have at birth and which we need when we are grown is provided to us by education." Let's not short-change ourselves at Luna Community College by falling short of this responsibility. *Let's all rise to the occasion of working with each other and learning from our personal experiences and the education we can share with one another.*

Students are growing in their involvement on campus and in the community. For example: 1] I have observed students resonating and connecting more with their programs of study, building friendships and going all-out by participating in student activities; 2] Student curiosity and creativity and their sense of adventure is coming through loud-and-clear by their quest for academic excellence, honing their skills and sharing their best practices with family and friends at various on-campus events; 3] A sense of accomplishment, leadership and responsibility is highly evident and authenticated when student academic and athletic ability surfaces and showcasing the results of their talents attracts hundreds from the community to see; and, 4] Students are taking their education seriously and enjoying the pathways they have chosen. **Dr. James G. Bilkey stated; "you will never be the person you can be if pressure, tension and discipline are taken out of your life."**

Our educational compass has directed us due north. *We are providing a quality education!* That is our mantra. We are pushing the envelope and ensuring there is academic rigor or in other words pursuing student programs that are aligned, relevant and leading students to good paying jobs. The real-life skills we are teaching and students are learning evolve around what the student really wants out of an education, the effort she/he is willing to put into mastering a course of study and ultimately how we can all become better

because of the interaction we have with each other. We learn from students and they learn from us. Together we strengthen our society, bridge long-term friendships and truly, prepare the roads that lead to our joint successes.

When students aspire to meet a goal and we provide the mechanism (quality education) to reach that pinnacle the formula's outcome is achievement. To me, achievement is something accomplished because of a mastered ability, a dedicated effort and great courage. Does that sound familiar? Hopefully so, because I have personally witnessed students this past week who have definitely mastered skills, put the time in to professionally display those skills and then display the boldness in their presentation to stand before others and confidently show who they have become. **Samuel Johnson said, "Your aspirations are your possibilities."**

This past week was very special to me because: I heard our maintenance and custodial leaders speak eloquently and proudly of the services they provide on campus; I participated in an impressive presentation by our recruiting team to encourage high school students to further their education; I witnessed the result of over 3,000 hours that culminated in student creativity and modeling at our annual hair show; I was humbled (on a Friday night) by the genuine commitment of the record breaking number of new inductees into our honor society; and, I was told of our Rough Rider Softball Teams' accomplishments.

I know there was more, but this overview depicts a common theme: It is about our students! When students seek positive educational and related outcomes, there is no limitation to their achievements! We'll never stop building Luna Community College; the learning center for thousands.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us achieve this broad plateau that includes integrity, transparency, due process, honesty, proper disclosure and more importantly, quality education targeted towards helping students achieve their aspirations.

Together, we are enjoying the fruits of our efforts. We'll keep going forward for our student's sake! Howard Cosell once said, "Your ultimate victory is derived from your inner satisfaction of knowing you have done your best and that you have gotten the most of what you had to give." ***Never settle for anything less than what you have to offer!***

## 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, April 19. Remember this is all in fun.**



Juan Ortega

and



Frankie Avalon

or




Dr. Andrew Feldman

and



Cooper Anderson



# You Are Invited

TO OUR

# Open House

Thursday, April 29

5:30 PM

Luna Community College

Springer Campus

Room 106

Please join us in celebration of our completion of the  
2010 Spring Quilting Class.

Our Quilts and samples of other blocks will be  
on display. Refreshments will be served and  
Awards will be presented.

**The "Ladies Night Out" quilters will present three lap  
Quilts to the Colfax General Long Term Care facility.**



**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**

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# Students at Springer campus learn machine quilting techniques



**Lisa Wolf and sister Louise Portillos hold up a Log Cabin quilt that was pieced in last semester's Quick Cut Rotary quilting class at Luna Community College's Springer Campus. They will complete the quilts with machine quilting techniques that they have learned this semester. At right, quilting student, Roselee Baca, displays the Log Cabin quilt that she plans to machine quilt during the spring semester at Luna Community College in Springer. (Photos by Laura L. Brewer)**

Every Thursday evening at Luna Community College's Springer campus in room 106, the Luna "Ladies Night Out" quilting class, set to work finishing individual projects. At times peals of laughter can be heard down the halls as the ladies share funny stories and anecdotes with each other. Yet at other times, groans float through the air after a mistake is discovered and the nifty ripper, a quilter's best friend, is taken in hand.

The quilting class, in its third semester, has several ladies who have returned to take the class again, either to finish a project started in an earlier class, or to learn more advanced quilting techniques. The original quilting class, which was offered in the spring semester of 2009, was aimed at teaching beginning piecing techniques while making a sampler quilt.

The fall 2009 semester built on those techniques and offered a few

more advanced techniques to the students, focusing on assembly line piecing while making Log Cabin quilts. The spring 2010 class, comprised of mostly the same students, with a few new additions, has challenged the students with machine and hand appliqué, kaleidoscope blocks, and quilt-as-you-go. In addition, curved piecing will be introduced in the upcoming weeks, specifically for construction of the Double Wedding Ring.

Laura Brewer, the quilting instructor, is a former quilt shop owner, who has a real passion for quilting, and loves sharing her knowledge with her students. She will be teaching two quilting classes in fall 2010 at the Springer campus: Beginning Quilting on Monday and Tuesday evenings, and Advanced Sewing and Quilting will continue on Thursday evenings. Students must complete the Beginning Quilting class in order to enroll in the advanced class.

## **RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES (and other events) — WEEK OF April 19 thru April 24**

**Monday, April 19 – First day to register for Summer Session 2010. Campus Tour, 1 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 20- Transition/Transfer Fair, IPC, 8 a.m.-noon, Recruitment booth.**

**Wednesday, April 21 – LCC Caravan of Speakers, Mora HS, 9-**

**9:30 a.m.. Atrisco Heritage Academy College Fair, Alb., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Thursday, April 22 – KNMX Radio, LCC Show, 1 p.m. promoting SAAI Summer program; Recruitment Booth @ Isleta Pueblo, Indian Child Welfare Conference (w/AHEC)  
Friday, April 23 – no activities planned**

**Saturday, April 24 – Recruitment Booth @ Las Vegas Synergy-Fest, NMHU campus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

## Several LCC students inducted to Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society



**Pictured clockwise are: Dr. Pete Campos congratulates Sandra Cobos; a group photo; Denise Baca and Jolie Ann Baca lighting candles and students taking the Phi Theta Kappa Oath.**

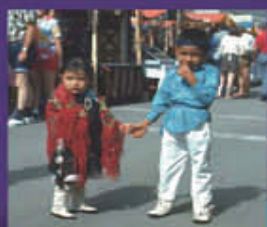
### 2010 inductees—largest group ever at Luna Community College

It's safe to say that Luna Community College's Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's Beta Mu Nu Chapter is getting bigger and better. The 2010 introduction ceremony produced the largest group since its inception in June, 2003.

The new inductees are: Annette Monica Alderete, Ryan Adrian Aragon, Brian L. Archuleta, Kimberly Jeannette Archuleta, Michael D. Armijo, Denise F. Baca, Jolie Ann Baca., Adolfo Armando Bachicha, Ky Alonzo Baeza, Monica M. Cano, Laurie E. Carrillo, Sandra M. Cobos, Roberta Conway, Joe Albert Dean, Stanley Ike Ekeoha, Roberta

D. Fernandez, Ashley Blyth Hensley, Jennifer Marissa Inocencio, Dorothy Ann Lopez, Miguel E. Lozano, and Chrystal Rae Martinez.

James G. Montoya, Lawrence Michael Montoya, Martin Morales, Jennifer Leigh Muniz, Victoria N. Olguin, Peter Angel Olivas, Joshua David Parsons, Kristin Denise Pick, Ethan Allen Romero, Miranda L. Romero, Eloy L. Sena, Michelle A. Stinnett, Kristin Anna Tiernan, Destiny Ann Marie Torres, Melissa Acelina Trujillo, Joanna Elisabeth Tsyitee, Alaina M. White, Shantiana Augustin White, Anne Wu and Michael Finn Zamora.



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APRIL 22-23, 2010

Hosted at Hard Rock/Isleta Casino and Conference Center

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**Registration Fee: \$50**

*Free information booth space available; for more info call (505) 454-2583*

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*Continuing Education Units for social workers and counselors are being applied for*

**FEATURED TOPICS**

- Children of Incarcerated Parents
- California Customary Adoptions Act
- Enhancing Federal, State, Tribal Relationships and Resources: A Federal Tribal Perspective
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing: Resolving Trauma and Disorders
- Coordinated Community Response
- Vicarious Trauma/Compassion Fatigue for Helping Professionals
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Death and Dying
- Building Workforce Capacity
- Native American Professional Parent Resources
- Independent Living
- Children Witnessing Violence
- ICWA Understanding Its Laws and Implications

**REGISTRATION FORM — Limited to 200 participants**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$50 Registration Fee:**

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Requesting CEUs?  Yes  No

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