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“The People’s College”

Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America

LCC’s Kathy Maes No. 1 in state *Jaramillo and Trambley take second in nail competition*

The streak continues. For the last seven years Luna Community College students have either brought home a championship or placed at the state SkillsUSA competition.

And LCC cosmetology students Kathy Maes, Ashley Jaramillo and Julie Trambley continued the tradition.

The trio took first and second place respectively in Saturday’s state competition in Albuquerque.

Maes, a native of Las Vegas, took first place in the hair competition. Maes, last year, took third in this category.

Jaramillo, a native of Las Vegas and Trambley a native of Mora, took second in the nail technology category.

“First of all, I want to thank my fellow students here at Luna Community College,” said Maes. “They are absolutely great to be with everyday. Secondly, I want to thank my instructors; they have done an extremely good job teaching us from the first day we got here. It is an honor to continue the great tradition here at Luna Community College.”

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers along with high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations including health occupations.

“This makes my day,” said LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. “I’m extremely proud of our students; this speaks well for the program and for the future careers of our students.”

All three will participate at the SkillsUSA Nationals in Kansas City, Mo. in June.

“From what I observed, all of our students were confident in their skills and articulated themselves very professionally,” said LCC SkillsUSA Advisor Anthony Baca who helped judged the collision repair category. “Luna Community College has a very good reputation in this competition and this year’s group didn’t disappoint. This shows the rest



Kathy Maes, a native of Las Vegas, took first place in the SkillsUSA state competition in Albuquerque on Saturday. She will represent New Mexico in the national competition. In Kansas City, Mo. in June.

of the state that Luna Community College students can compete against the best in the state.”

Baca says that all three national qualifiers will be fundraising during the next couple of months.

A year ago, Laura Hurtado and Trambley took first-place in the nail technology category. They went on to finish 11th in the national competition. Johnny Garcia, also a LCC student, took first-place in the state competition and finished 14th in the automotive refinishing category at the national level. In 2007, Rebecca Padilla, an LCC student, took a silver medal in the hair competition.

Important financial aid information

The last processing cycle of student financial assistance for the 2009 Spring Semester will take place on **April 24, 2009**. Any student who has applied for financial assistance for Spring 2009 whose file is incomplete, must have their file complete and verified by **April 17, 2009** in order to be awarded.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of Student Financial

Assistance at 505/454-2560.

During the month of May, the Office of Student Financial Assistance will be reviewing Spring 2009 grade reports for all financial aid applicants to determine if satisfactory academic progress requirements have been met for continued financial assistance eligibility.

Students placed on financial assistance probation will receive financial assistance for their next period of enroll-

ment on a “probationary status.” However, students placed on financial aid suspension will be denied further financial assistance until an appeal is reviewed and approved by the Financial Assistance Appeal Committee.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at 505/454-2560.

Baca says she likes recruiting students

She says she wants to see more teamwork between management and employees



Georgia Baca, right, and Urszula Abeyta work side-by-side in the fiscal department. Baca, a 10-year veteran at Luna Community College, says she likes fishing and camping during her free time.

Name: Georgia A. Baca
Position: Fiscal Analyst/Grants Manager
How many years at LCC? 10 years.

(1999)
Favorite food and why? Everything, because it's good.

Favorite hobby and why? Fishing/camping—It is very relaxing and I love family time.

Favorite TV show and why? CSI – NCIS. I used to be a volunteer Fire fighter/ EMT, and I like forensics.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? Being part of an environment that will strive to encourage one another and others to be the best they can achieve.

What do you like best about LCC? The department I work in, my work and day-to-day co-workers that I work with; the opportunity to continue my education; being allowed to work with recruitment and other departments; the social activities LCC sponsors and being allowed to work out at the wellness center. Oh, and of course Jesse- his jokes and *The Luna Light*.

What do you like least about LCC? At times poor teamwork—not working together as a team. The lack of communication between management and workers—hearing info from outside sources first. Also, starting new programs when we are losing some programs that could be reorganized programs not being accredited.

What is your greatest strength? Detail.

Anyone wishing to nominate an LCC employee to be featured in this section should call Jesse Gallegos at 454-2510 or e-mail him at jagallegos@luna.edu.

LCC student Lawrence Montoya to attend National Fire Academy

LCC student Lawrence Montoya will attend the National Fire Academy in September for advanced training in the field of fire science. Not only will Montoya gain a life-learning experience outside of New Mexico, he will compete at a national level with other emergency service personnel.

The National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md. is known for its top-notch specialized training in fire protection, and it will give Montoya an added learning experience as he peruses his Fire Science Degree at Luna. He will spend seven days in Maryland, and FEMA will pay for his expenses.

Dr. Vidal Martinez, vice president for academics, believes Montoya is setting the example for advance training in fire science.

“He is definitely committed, not only for his public service, but for his leadership and academic abilities,” says Martinez. “I am proud of him! Luna Community College plans to send other students majoring in fire science to Maryland for advanced training. It’s a great educational experience for our students. We believe in them and in their future.”

Montoya will be one of the first students at LCC to graduate with a degree in fire science. He is also a firefighter with the Gallinas Volunteer Fire Department, serving San Miguel County.

If anyone is interested in the field of fire science, please contact Moses Marquez or Tom Herrera in the office of admissions and recruitment at 505/454-5312 or 505/454-5311.

Gutierrez, Tenorio and Valdez sworn in as trustees at Luna Community College



Don Perkins, former NFL star and CBS sportscaster, will be speaking at Luna Community College at noon on Tuesday, April 21. Look for future editions of *The Luna Light* for an exclusive interview with Perkins.

Deadline for financial aid applications due on April 15

Please be advised that the priority deadline for filing financial aid applications for the 2009-2010 school year is April 15, 2009. If you are planning to attend LCC during the 2009-2010 school year (Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Summer 2010) you should apply by April 15, 2009. You may pick up a "Regular" FAFSA from LCC's Office of Student Financial Assistance, or submit your application via the web at WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV.

For information regarding the application process, stop by the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

!APPLY EARLY AND AVOID DELAYS!

Las Vegas Municipal Judge Eddie Trujillo (top photo) congratulates Luna Community College Board Trustee Tony Valdez during an inauguration ceremony at the college on Wednesday, April 1. Valdez represents District 2 (Las Vegas-based). Guadalupe County Magistrate Judge James Moncayo (middle photo) swears in Luna Community College Board Trustee Frankie Tenorio. Tenorio represents District 4 (Santa Rosa-based). Moncayo swears in Luna Community College Board Trustee David Gutierrez (bottom photo). Gutierrez represents District 6 (Springer-based).



LCC's Gerald Ortega Wellness Center welcomes students, faculty, staff and community to join

By A. Dennis Lopez
LCC Wellness Staff

The staff at Luna Community College Gerald Ortega Wellness Center would like to thank our students/members for their cooperation concerning attendance and valid IDs. We are excited to announce that in the near future we will be utilizing a magnetic decoding stripe machine which the member will swipe upon entering the gym and exiting the gym. This will allow members to request a hard copy of days and hours of workout time the individual has accumulated in the gym. This will also assist the employees of the gym to accurately account for all registered membership.

We also would like to remind our students/members of our staff assistance promise



Las Vegas resident Ralph Archuleta has been lifting weights for about seven years, the majority of the time at the LCC Gerald Ortega Wellness Center.

that if you have any questions concerning the use of any machines or weights our knowledgeable staff will demonstrate the safest techniques that will maximize your workouts. We will answer your questions concerning weight loss, toning, and muscle strength.

We offer physical training, weight training, step aerobics, kick boxing and self-defense karate.

Classes start at \$34 per semester. Early registration for current students begins April 20 and classes begin June 1.

For information call 425-8767.

Ralph Archuleta, who has been lifting weights for seven years and has used the Gerald Ortega Wellness Center, says that he likes working out at LCC.

"I like the environment here and the staff is great. It has everything I need," says Archuleta.



Lucas Serna, a senior at Raton High, signs a national letter of intent to play baseball for Luna Community College. Serna, who has a batting average of about .500, plans to major in drafting and design technology. Also pictured are LCC President Dr. Pete Campos (left) and LCC Baseball Coach Peter Ortiz.

Blast from the past

Can you guess which LCC employee's baby 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. LCC employees are encouraged to turn in a baby photo of themselves to Jesse Gallegos at the LCC Student Services Building.



Last week winner: Jessica Montoya
Last week's picture: Deborah Varela

Quote of the Week

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one,"—Malcolm Forbes (1919-1990).