

The Luna Light



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

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Don’t stop thinking about tomorrow; think about the Luna Charter Academy

By Dr. Vidal Martinez

LCC Vice President of Academics

I have always believed in opportunities, especially opportunities in education. We all know the benefits of education, both as personal growth and for our community.

On Tuesday night, the Luna Community College Board of Trustees provided another opportunity by approving the use of facilities for the Luna Charter Academy (LCA). This was historical because it is another step toward making LCA a reality.

The LCA will provide an avenue and assist students in gaining equitable accessibility to educational opportunities. It will also give students access to a full college preparatory program, attain workforce readiness, and/or participate in a school-to-career program.



This is the proposed area that will house the Luna Charter Academy. The Luna Charter Academy was approved by The LCC Board of Trustees recently.

It will be the premier early college high school education for students that will transform their life prospects!

I would like to publicly thank the

LCC Board of Trustees for their continuous support of educational opportunities for our community. Without them, this would not be possible.



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos talks to student-athletes and their parents during an orientation on Saturday. Families representing 30 communities from across New Mexico attended.

Tiernan says co-workers easy to work with, but college must get away from status quo

Name: John Tiernan

Position: Online Student Services

How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? 1 ½ years.

Favorite food and why? That changes daily. My wife is in the culinary arts program here at LCC and she's always bringing home something new and delicious.

Favorite hobby and why? Music. Both listening and playing. I play the drums well and several other instruments not so well.

Favorite TV show and why? *Lost*. Because every episode leaves you with more questions than answers.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? Right where I am but making a larger contribution. I feel like I have more that I can give than what I am currently doing.

What do you like best about LCC? My job requires that I get cooperation from many different people and areas. Up to this point I have had very few problems working with other departments and getting their cooperation and for that I am extremely grateful.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? There seems to be a general feel of complacency and a strong urge to maintain the status quo. My job is all about bringing in new and exciting services and sometimes it feels like I'm swimming upstream. To solve this, I would ask everyone at LCC to remember that we are trying to prepare our students for the future, and we cannot do that if we are stuck in the past.

What is your greatest strength? I believe that my greatest strength is my ability to learn quickly and adapt to new situations.

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.

John Tiernan would like to see Luna Community College more open to progression. He says he likes his job and would like to be here five years from now.



RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES— Week of July 20-July 25

Monday, July 20-No activities planned

Tuesday, July 21-Recruitment Display, 12-2 p.m., Tech Prep Parent Day, LCC Cafeteria

Wednesday, July 22-No activities planned

Thursday, July 23-Pecos Orientation, 6-7 p.m., Pecos High; KNMX Radio, LCC Half Hour Radio Show. Call Jesse @ extension 1200 if you wish to be a guest.

Friday, July 24-No activities planned

Saturday, July 25-Mora Fiestas Parade, 10 a.m., Mora Highway 518

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MONDAY
July 20, 2009
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We had our chance

Now it is time for us to give with all our hearts, minds and experience to educate students!

**By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President**

This past year has been astronomical! Time has passed quickly, Luna family members have worked passionately to align curriculum with today's employment standards and there has been a genuine, unselfish and unconditional buy-in to "student success." We had our chance! Remember when we were in high school; we knew it all. Some graduated and some dropped-out. Regardless, when we reached the age of adulthood; *respectfully, you be the judge of when that happened in your life*, we chose whether to continue with our education, go into the military, enter the world of work or blame others for our shortcomings and just sulk.

My candid observation is, as a genuinely united family, we have wholeheartedly and unconditionally accepted our mission and risen to the level of providing the best educational environment possible so **students will succeed!** We truly have no other choice. About six days ago, President Barack Obama conceded unemployment will get worse before it shrinks. So he unveiled a \$12 billion plan to assist community colleges prepare for a new generation of jobs. Fortunately, we envisioned this a year ago and prepared to move our students into the coveted position of career opportunity.

We have developed and had 13 new academic and vocational programs approved to meet today's world-of-work demands and we are on the cusp of having the first New Mexico community college charter academy implemented. Additionally, we are aggressively seeking stimulus funding to upgrade our trades facilities and bring our entire programmatic offerings to a rigorous level that will offer students the right

education, training, proper credentialing and overall opportunities to move directly into the world-of-work or next level in higher education and be prepared for upward mobility because of their education at Luna Community College.

President Obama stated to an outdoor crowd at Macomb Community College where he told them about his multi-billion dollar initiative; my job is to solve problems, not to stand on the sidelines and harp and gripe. This statement reminded me of our Luna family. I have personally witnessed great undertakings, bold direction and a positive movement towards making Luna Community College the premier college in America. Can it be done? Yes, without a doubt!

The evolution of our human spirits, confidence in each other and collective approach have already sparked change in New Mexico. Other community colleges are considering including charter schools within their institutions, reaching to have a portion of their campuses in the downtown areas of their towns and cities and returning to their original missions of vocational education. This year, we have led the charge in emphasizing these extensions and return to grassroots objectives.

It is through constant revitalization, revolution, research and reflection that we keep our educational engine finely tuned to ensure primo performance. The regular observation and servicing this educational engine receives is intended to produce the RPM's necessary to achieve student success with the smoothest and most assertive acceleration possible! When students are well prepared; aspirations, hopes and dreams are achievable!

Blast from the past

Can you guess which current 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 or nostalgic LCC photos to Jesse Gallegos at the LCC Student Services Building.

Last week winner: Manuel Valdez
Last week's picture: Ted Ortiz



Quote of the Week

"The people who influence you are people who believe in you," Henry Drummond (1851-1897), British religious leader and writer.



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos (left) discusses plans to develop instruction and outreach to better inform the general public of water issues affecting northeastern New Mexico with State Water Engineer John D'Antonio recently. Also present were local water experts Hilario Rubio and Richard Trujillo. Also attending was John Romero Jr. from the state engineer's office. Romero Jr. is a native of Mora.

Luna CC employees differ in what sport college should bring in

In last week's *Luna Light*, individuals were asked to answer the following question:

There has been talk that Luna Community College at some point will bring in another athletic program. Currently LCC sponsors softball and baseball. If LCC were to bring in another athletic program, what should it be?

Here are the answers:

"Volleyball is the sport to have next,"—Tom Herrera.

"The sport would be basketball. I love the game, it is exciting,"—Cathy Gonzales.

"Golf would be ideal to start for Luna at the present time if

any because cost would be minimal and one thing Las Vegas has is a golf course....(HU),"—Michael Adams.

"Rodeo, rodeo, rodeo..."—Ron Gonzales.

"Basketball is my choice,"—Eloy Garcia.

This week's question of the week is:

Of the 12 new programs approved by the New Mexico Department of Higher Education for Luna Community College, which will be the most successful?

*E-mail your opinions to jgallegos@luna.edu. Your answers will be printed in upcoming editions of *The Luna Light*.*

DOT Commissioner Jim Franken to speak at LCC on July 21

Jim Franken, New Mexico Department of Transportation Commissioner, will be the guest speaker at Luna Community College's Leadership Symposium which will be held at noon on Tuesday, July 21 at The Rough Rider Grill.

The public is invited to attend.

It is the second Leadership Symposium sponsored by the college this summer. On June 18, Carl Ferrill, Dr. Pete Campos and Henry Sanchez each gave a speech on the subject of leadership.

LCC will resume its "A Conversation with the Community" lecture series in the fall.

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Don Bustos is the SBDC Director



Students!

Are you looking for on-the-job training? Are you seeking skills for a new career? Do you want to gain experience in your field of study? Do you want to gain college credit? If you answer yes to any of these questions, the LCC Small Business Internship Program can help.

LCC – Connecting Students to the Workforce!

Luna Community College will “launch” a pilot program this fall called the Small Business Internship Program. The purpose of the program is to provide LCC students opportunities in workforce experience by applying educational skills and knowledge to meet the needs of the statewide workforce community.

Program Goals:

- Provide students access to business experience that could lead to gainful employment
- Involve students in community projects, collaborations, and partnerships
- Provide students an opportunity for a stipend salary contingent on available funding

Program Benefits:

- Classroom instruction is integrated with practical on-the-job experience
- Create future employment opportunities
- Students can make career decisions based on practical work experience.

If you want to participate in the Small Business Internship Program please contact Don Bustos at 505-454-2595 or dbustos@luna.edu for further information.

LCC Foundation Golf Tourney set for Aug. 22

The 2009 Luna Community College Foundation Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Pendaries Golf Course in Rociada. A shotgun start is scheduled at 9 a.m.

A four-person team sponsor is \$1,000 or \$250 per individual. A hole sponsorship is \$250.

The entry fee covers green fees, a cart, and a prime rib dinner. All money raised will be used for scholarships.

For more information, call Tournament Co-Director Ernesto Salazar at 505-425-7584 or Theresa S. Vigil at 505-454-5367.

LCC Foundation Scholarship Fundraiser

Friday, August 28, 2009

Plaza Hotel

Reverse Drawing begins at
7:30 p.m.

GRAND PRIZE

\$5,000.00

Other Prizes Include:

First Ticket Drawn Wins
\$300.00

Every 50th Ticket Drawn Wins
\$100.00

The 100th Ticket Drawn Wins
\$200.00

For More Information Please Contact:

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Toll Free: 1 (800) 588-7232 - Ext. #: 1019

Your \$100.00 Donation includes a Beef Brisket Dinner for two provided by The Plaza Hotel.

Dinner served from 6 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

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The best way to predict the future is
create it.



Where you need to be...

For information visit www.luna.edu

Early Registration for Fall 2009	June 1-August 14
Campus Closed 8am to 12 noon <u>only</u> for Faculty/Staff Training	August 11
Classes Begin	August 17
Last Day to Add Classes	August 24
Campus Closed—Labor Day	September 7
Deadline to Change from Audit to Credit	September 11
Midterm Week	October 5-10
Deadline to Change from Credit to Audit	October 16
Advisement Week	November 16-20
Early Registration for Spring 2010	Nov. 16 –Jan. 8
Last Day to Withdraw from Fall-term Classes	November 20*
Campus Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday	November 26-29
Final Examinations	Nov. 30– Dec. 4
Semester Ends	December 4
Campus Closed - Christmas Break	Dec. 21 - Jan.3



Luna Community College Board of Trustee Chairman Jerry Maestas (center) and Vice-Chairman Tony Valdez (left) meet with LCC auditors Jeremy Hamlin and Gerry Kardas during an entrance conference to discuss upcoming audit procedures.



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos presents a plaque to outgoing board chairman Ambrose Castellano Tuesday evening. Castellano served as board chair for six years.

The reorganization of the board includes: Jerry Maestas—Chairman; Tony Valdez—Vice-Chairman and Abelino Montoya Jr. —Secretary-Treasurer. Other board members include: Castellano, Levi Alcon Jr., David Gutierrez and Frankie Tenorio.

LCC initiates new process for program evaluation

By Vidal Martinez, Vice-President of Academics

Luna Community College will implement a new program evaluation process based on performance standards. Within the next month, all academic departments will be required to meet specific institutional program standards. This initiative will address program effectiveness, program accountability and academic rigor. The first standard has already been established, which includes minimal graduation rates per academic department.

Researchers draw attention to a strong connection between college

graduates and a better standard of living. Statistics also indicate the completion of a degree or certificate will open more doors, especially for job opportunities and economic prosperity.

Academic departments that fall short of the minimal graduation rates will go through an outcome-based evaluation process. This process will address the adequacy and effectiveness of the academic programs. For further information concerning academic performance standards or the outcome-based evaluation process, please contact my office.

*Summer is here and the
Luna Community College Activities
Office would like to help you cool off!*



Come join us for a

FREE

Ice Cream Social

on

July 22, 2009

from

11:00a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Student Services Bldg.

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LCC Tech Prep Summer Program students tour Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque. The Tech Prep Summer Program is designed to provide educational enhancement in the fields of math, science and technology. It is in its 21st year.

Volunteers needed for Mora Parade

By Tom Herrera

On Saturday, July 25 the Recruitment Staff will be parading along another parade ... the Mora Fiestas!

We are seeking a few volunteers to help out with the distribution of popsicles and a pilot to drive the van. This summertime parade is a blast! Come join us, you'll be glad you did.

Any volunteer call or e-mail Moses Marquez. His e-mail address is mmarquez@luna.edu. Moses can be reached at 454-2500, ext. 1202.

Weekly activities

Monday, July 20, 2009

- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *DWI Class (General Studies / 102-B)*
- 1:00 p.m. – ??? *Ice Cream Social/ Sponsored Student Gov. (Tech./Hallway)*

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

- 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *Parent Day Leadership Symposium Luncheon (IPC/Cafe)*

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. *CIS100 Class/ Student Presentations (Business Occupations/Main Lobby)*
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. *Ice Cream Social/ Summer Activity (Student Serv./Hallway)*
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *Computer Fundamentals Class Final Presentation (LRC/Lect.)*

Thursday, July 23, 2009

- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Presentation on Essential Oils (LRC/ Lecture Hall)*

Friday, July 24, 2009

- *No Activities Scheduled*

Saturday, July 25, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. *C.N.A. Testing (Allied Health/N7&3)*

Sunday, July 26, 2009

- *No Activities Scheduled*

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