

# The Luna Light



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

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Special Edition: Luna CC Day at the State Legislature

## LCC will never forget Sen. Ben Altamirano

It’s clear that the late Sen. Ben Altamirano cared about the young people in this state.



**Ben Altamirano**

Because of his efforts, Luna Community College was able to develop the Ben D. Altamirano Leadership Institute. Teenagers from Roy, Springer, Wagon Mound, Mora, Pecos, Santa Rosa and Las Vegas were brought together on campus for a five day intensive forum designed to prepare and inspire youth in leadership qualities and to form awareness of a wide array of professions and career paths.

As part of the institute, these youngsters from northern New Mexico participated in a series of presentations from personalities and leaders from New Mexico and were able to experience the realm of leadership values.

These inspirational people shared their stories of success and the choices they made. The students were provided with workshops in career choices and content-rich activities. The students at the institute networked with educational advisors and instructors at Luna Community College and were able to carry their dreams to fruition with tools for success among other business and organizational leaders.



**Nina Altamirano, wife of Sen. Ben Altamirano, is pictured here with LCC Title V Director and LCC Day Committee Chair Lorraine Martinez.**

Students were also involved in academic activities such as team partnerships, banking and investments, building credit, career possibilities, field trips to a variety of educational locations around Las Vegas, composing resumes, goal setting and options in community service.

The Leadership Institute had an exceptional group of leaders from throughout northern New Mexico that varied in industries, organizational and careers that provide an unprecedented experience that enhanced the choices they make. They were able to join other young adults who shared their dreams and develop the tools for accomplishing their dreams. This was an extraordinary time of discovery, mentorship and teambuilding that guided each one to new endeavors.

The institute was funded through the state legislature. Here at Luna Community we want to thank the late Sen. Ben Altamirano along with the entire state legislature for their efforts. We look forward to someday having the privilege and honor to host an-

other institute of this caliber. LCC is proud to host a ceremony in honor of Altamirano from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Friday, March 13 at the State Capitol.

**Notes:** Sen. Altamirano served as state senator for nearly 40 years and was the Senate Finance Committee Chair for 16 years. He also served a stint as Senate President Pro Tempore.

### Luna Community College Day at the New Mexico Legislature on Friday, March 13

**9-9:45am** Ceremony for the late Sen. Pro Tempore Ben D. Altamirano with Dr. Pete Campos and Nina Altamirano as guest speakers. (Light refreshments and entertainment)

**10-2 p.m.** Displays from LCC Departments (East Hall)

**Noon-1 p.m.** LCC Mariachi group to perform in the Rotunda

# Luna Community College Proclamation

## The Legislature of the State of New Mexico Forty-Ninth Legislature First Session, 2009

*The New Mexico State Senate, having learned of the achievements by  
Luna Community College does hereby extend its recognition; and*

WHEREAS, since 1970 Luna Community College (formerly Luna Vocational Technical Institute) has prepared students for employment opportunities through a broad range of vocational, technical and professional education programs; and

WHEREAS, Luna Community College has always opened its doors to educate students from all over the world, the vast majority from northeastern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Luna Community College produces top-notch students in the departments of business and professional studies, education, science, math and technology, vocational, health sciences, humanities and developmental studies; and

WHEREAS, Luna Community College has always been committed and continues its dedication to its service area which consists of San Miguel, Mora, Guadalupe, Colfax and Union County; and

WHEREAS, Luna Community College continues to provide not only a quality education to those they serve, but genuinely cares for each individual that passes through its college because at Luna Community College everyone is a person not just a social security number; and

WHEREAS, Luna Community College is a quality institution promoting academic rigor, strong athletic competition and exciting extra-curricular activities which leads to educating a diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, Luna Community College's core courses are transferrable to four-year colleges in New Mexico and to hundreds of other universities across the country; and

WHEREAS, Luna Community College is known as "The People's College"; and

WHEREAS, Luna Community College is on a pathway to becoming the premier rural community college in America.

*Now, therefore, be it resolved by the legislature of the state of New Mexico that on Friday, March 13, 2009, be proclaimed "Luna Community College Day" at the Legislature.*

Notes: This proclamation will be read at the state legislature during Luna Community College Day on Friday, March 13. It was written by Jesse Gallegos.

### Quote of the Week

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher strates. The great teacher inspires,"—  
**William Arthur Ward**

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People's College"*

Luna Community College cosmetology instructor Germaine Sandoval along with students Alicia Martinez and Miranda Romero promote their program at Las Vegas Day at the Legislature recently.



# A tribute to the New Mexico Legislature



## Condolences to legislators who recently lost a loved one

Luna Community College expresses its condolences to the following senators and representatives who have lost loved ones during or right before the session started: Sen. Timothy Jennings—wife; Rep. Gloria Vaughn—husband; Rep. Mary Helen Garcia—husband; Sen. John Ryan—mother-in-law; Sen. Clinton Harden Jr.—father; Rep. Ray Begaye—mother; Rep. Zachary Cook—father and Rep. Eliseo Alcon—son.

# LCC participates in Las Vegas Day at the Legislature



Pictured clockwise: Culinary Arts Instructor Adrienne O'Brien and Interim Admissions and Recruiting Director Moses Marquez; Learning Resource Director Janet Maes, Ty Chambers and Roger Moyers; LCC Board Chairman Ambrose Castellano, LCC Students Naomi Ortiz and Shalena Bailey and LCC President Dr. Pete Campos with Las Vegas Mayor Tony Marquez.



## 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](mailto: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's winners: Mike Adams, Marcella Cannone and Urszula Abeyta  
Last week's picture: Theresa Vigil

