

# LCC CE/DC Newsletter



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## The Benefits of the LCC CE/DC Program



**Luna Community College Administration Building**

Luna Community College’s Concurrent Enrollment/Dual-Credit Program provides beneficial opportunity and access to post-secondary education for high school juniors and seniors. Students can earn both high school and college credit simultaneously. The program empowers students and bridges the gap from high school to college. Students have become motivated regarding their education and their potential future.

This summer, LCC is sponsoring a Student Academic Advancement Institute (SAAI) which helps high school students achieve academic success and to support their educational goals. The program recruits motivated high school juniors and seniors who can matriculate to Luna Community College. Along with college course enrollment (refer to Website for course listing: [www.luna.edu](http://www.luna.edu)), students also participate in academic advancement seminars. The seminars provide academic support for student success. The program runs from June 1 through July 23.

Students will need to enroll in a minimum of one academic or vocational course and attend at minimum three seminars, which will provide valuable information and resources for students, qualify for: book waiver, access code waivers, and distance learning fee waivers. Each student will be assigned to a college success mentor and is eligible for a \$150 stipend at the completion of their course(s) at the end of the summer 2010 term.

Students begin to earn college credit and those credits remain in an “educational savings account” until those students graduate from high school and attend the college of their choice. Students receive quality advisement regarding courses towards their educational and career endeavors. Students are provided career cluster surveys to identify their interests and potential careers which match their interests. Students are also provided information regarding LCC programs of study, occupations in demand and other pertinent workforce information. Students can apply those earned credits to certificates, associates degrees or baccalaureate degrees of their choice.

On May 8, LCC had two high school students earn their general education certificates. The general education certificate is a 36 credit hour certificate under the 2006-2009 catalog which primarily comprises of the general education core curriculum. The certificate in general education is tailored for students with an interest in a broad range of courses that would be helpful in a well rounded liberal education. Additionally, the certificate program will give the student the opportunity to sample various disciplines to determine their educational futures.

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This past May, students who simultaneously earned both their high school diploma and Luna Community College Certificate are Sarah Bustos of West Las Vegas High School and Kori Archuleta of Pecos High School. The students through CE/DC advisement declare an educational path, which is continuously monitored and tailored to meet each individual's need. Students are committed to their educational path and consistently attend class.

LCC has had many students who have earned numerous credit hours at LCC and remained at LCC to complete their associates' degree or transfer to the post secondary institution of their choice.

Jolene Quintana was a 2008 graduate of Pecos High and Luna Community College. Quintana received her general education certificate in May, 2008 from LCC. Quintana graduated from the University of New Mexico in May with a bachelor's degree in criminology and a minor in psychology. Quintana plans to apply to UNM Law School. The credits Quintana took at LCC did transfer to UNM and Quintana did not lose out on any credits.

Bennie Gallegos a 2007 graduate from West Las Vegas High School, also participated in the LCC CE/DC program and was accepted into the LCC nursing program and earned his LPN certificate in May, 2008 and his RN in May, 2009 at the age of 20. Gallegos is employed RN in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Gallegos stated: "If it wasn't for the LCC CE/DC program, I would still be in school. The CE/DC program did speed up the process for me. It is a great program."

Through concurrent enrollment and dual credit, students have the accessibility and opportunity to increase and enhance their skill sets. Students can earn elective or core credit at their respective high school and college at the same time. The program and collaboration with the high school provides students the opportunity to earn credit recovery toward their high school diploma.

It is a wonderful program which provides students a positive and rigorous avenue to finish their high school education, earn college credit while in high school, quality and free education. LCC encourages families to come by the LCC CE/DC Office to meet with staff in regards to all the positive opportunities available for their children.

**A quality opportunity with great incentives is provided to students. Please call Patricia Romero at 505-454-5377 or Janice Encinias at 505-454-5374, for more information.**



**Jolene Quintana, a 2008 high school graduate of Pecos HS and Luna Community College, graduated from the University Of New Mexico on May 15, 2010 with a bachelor of arts in criminology and minor in psychology with honors. Quintana participated in LCC's CE/DC program and plans to apply for Law School at UNM.**



**Alma Sanchez, a 2010 West Las Vegas HS graduate, graduated a year early from high school by participating in LCC's CE/DC Program. Sanchez is attending LCC to pursue an associate of science degree in life science.**



**Sarah Bustos, a 2010 West Las Vegas HS and Luna Community graduate, earned her general education certificate from LCC. The certificate required a minimum of 36 credit hours and prepares students for continued studies toward an associates or baccalaureate degree. Bustos plans on attending New Mexico Highlands University and pursue a bachelor of science in nursing.**



**Kori Archuleta, a May 2010 Pecos HS and Luna Community College graduate, earned her general education certificate from LCC. The certificate required a minimum 36 credit hours and prepares students for continued studies towards an associates or baccalaureate degree. Archuleta plans on attending the University of New Mexico in Fall 2010 and pursue a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.**

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