



Luna Community College: "The People's College"

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**Luna
Community
College's
Title V
Mission:**

"Developing a comprehensive online learning network for rural, time and place-bound students."

Point To Ponder

I Cant Afford It...

According to the last U.S. Census, people with an Associates Degree make an average of \$7,800 a year more than those with only a High School Diploma. In these trying economic times, we should not ask ourselves if we can afford to go to college, but rather, if we can afford NOT to go to college.



PATHWAYS WEBSITE EXPANDS



Over the last year, students at Luna Community College have been indoctrinated in the use of a new LCC website called Pathways. This website has introduced our students to exciting online functionality such as online registration, course history, and midterm and final grade reports. Soon, this website will become even more useful for our students with the implementation of two additional services: online financial aid and online account payment.

"Online financial aid will consist of several parts," says John Tiernan, online student services developer.

"Students will be able to apply for financial aid with a quick links to the FAFSA website, check their award status, and even track any documents they may need to complete their financial aid packets." According to Tiernan, this functionality will be combined with an interface that will streamline the data entry of data and make the financial aid data available even sooner.

Online account payments are also in the works for the Pathways website. Currently, students have the capability of looking at their current and historic account balances, as well as view their 1098-T information for tax purposes. Coming this summer, students will be able to login to the Pathways website, click on the "My Account" tab, and make a payment on their balance using a credit or debit card. "This simple and secure process will allow students

to pay on their account without having to come to campus," says Tiernan. "This will be a wonderful feature, especially for our distance learners who don't live around Las Vegas."

The setup and training for these features is currently underway and both online financial aid and online account payments are scheduled for completion this summer. Please visit

<http://pathways.luna.edu> to utilize our existing services and for news on the release of these and any other future services.



The Pathways website will soon be helping students manage their finances with online financial aid tracking and online account payments.

Endowment Update

Over the last two years, The Title V grant has matched \$55,000 that has been raised by the LCC Foundation. The total \$110,000 has been invested and will be used for future scholarships for LCC students. This year, Title V can match, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000 more. When this goal is reached, a total of \$210,000 will have been invested.

Title V would like to thank former LCC Foundation Director, Theresa Vigil, for her fundraising effort last year. We would also like to welcome the new LCC Foundation Director, Sarah Flores, and say we are looking forward to working with her in this years fundraising activities.



New LCC Foundation Director, Sarah Flores.

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