



# Luna welcomes students, community to participate in Writing Club

Luna Community College is introducing a writing club this semester and interim president of the club Sergio Hartshorne is inviting Luna students and the community to join.

“We welcome all types of creative writing,” says Hartshorne. “I love writing and there is no such organization devoted to this at Luna and the inspiration is that it would be a good idea to start one.”

The basics of the writing club will consist of novel excerpts, short stories, poems, memoirs and song lyrics. The concept is to look at everyone’s work and get feedback on it. Hartshorne says the club will not work on any class assignments. Any-



**Sergio Hartshorne is starting a Luna Writing Club at Luna.**

one wanting assistance on class assignments can go to the ACE Lab at the Student Success Building.

“I see the writing club as a place

for individuals to get positive, productive insight on their writing,” says Hartshorne. “We will be very informal and make it a fun, engaging environment.”

Hartshorne says that one of his goals is to do something the college has never done before, a unique opportunity.

Hartshorne has been working at Luna as a media technician, writing tutor and library assistant for the last nine years.

“My background is in writing and we hope to give people an opportunity they haven’t had at Luna,” says Hartshorne.

Anyone interested in joining the Luna Writing Club, can email Hartshorne at [shartshorne@luna.edu](mailto:shartshorne@luna.edu).

**Luna first-year cosmetology students participated in a Anything but Hair Challenge, recently. The mannequins were displayed at the Maria H. Paiz Administration Building. Winning first was Mariah Herrera, second was Ariana Garza, third was Eliza Rios and fourth was Alyiah Romero.**



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# Dental assisting classes scheduled to begin in fall of 2024

After a brief hiatus, Luna dental assisting classes are scheduled to begin in the fall 2024 semester.

“I’m excited this year because we are going to offer some online courses which dental assisting has never done before,” says Denise Fox, dental assisting faculty. Some of the classes will be in the evening and we are looking at having labs one day a week.”

Fox says that there is a need for allied health professionals including dental assistants locally and statewide.

“Dental assisting is a specialized career and dentists are always looking for qualified dental assistants,” says Fox. “Students can expect to begin learning to do practical work the first week of classes. We want them to start learning hands-on skills early.

The entire program will take a

year. It’s the fall semester, spring semester and half of the summer semester.”

Fox says that Luna recently got new dental equipment which includes a new panoramic 3D imaging system and two new intraoral cameras.

Fox says that she will be visiting Luna service area high schools as part of introducing dentistry work to students. Fox intends to make it interactive visits where students can participate in dental related activities.

“If anyone is interested in visiting with me and seeing the clinic floor we are more than welcome to accommodate them,” says Fox.

For more information on Luna’s Dental Assisting Program, call Fox at 505-454-5382 or via email at [dfox@luna.edu](mailto:dfox@luna.edu).



Denise Fox

**Luna automotive technology instructor Gene Sandoval (middle) is pictured with AutoZone’s Noel Roybal and Gerald Encinias. AutoZone donated a TPMS (Tire Pressure Monitor Sensor) to Luna. A TPMS is used for diagnosing and programming sensors in today’s vehicles.**

“Gene has always been loyal to AutoZone and we wanted to give something for his students to learn with,” said Roybal.

“I appreciate AutoZone, they are always willing to help out our students,” said Sandoval.





# TEAS

## Nursing school entrance exam

# February 2024 dates

**Scheduling for the following dates is taking place now.**

Friday, February 9 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday February 15 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday February 22 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday, February 29 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Vanessa Torres  
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Passing TEAS score is 58.7% overall or higher. There are 30 slots available for qualified applicants for admission in Fall 2023.

Please provide student ID number, phone number, and exam date in the e-mail.

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**Congratulations to Luna's adult basic education students, who along with other students from across the state, participated in the Adult Education and Literacy Day at the State Capitol on Tuesday, Feb. 13. Luna's Samuel Gabaldon was also recognized for being the Coalition on Adult Basic Education Adult Learner of the Year. Gabaldon gave a great speech to a packed State Roundhouse.**

## Luna's Dubois earns accreditation as a NAFI master ground instructor

The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member William E. Dubois has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Ground Instructor. This is Dubois' third NAFI Master Accreditation.

Dubois is a half-time faculty member at Luna Community College in Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he runs the College and Career Readiness Institute's flight simulators. The institute uses aviation training and projects to help adult education students apply classroom lessons to real life, gain confidence, and boost critical thinking skills. He also travels the country for the AOPA Foundation, teaching Rusty Pilot seminars as one of the organization's 14 professional presenters.

Dubois has been an FAA advanced and instrument ground instructor since 1984 and holds a commercial pilot certificate with an instrument rating and has a degree in aviation technology.

In addition to instructing, Dubois is a prolific aviation writer whose credits include AOPA Pilot and Flight Training, EAA Sport Aviation, FAA Safety Briefing, FLYING Magazine,



**William Dubois**

CFI to CFI, Redbird Landing, SUN 'n FUN Today, and The Pulse of Aviation. He pens two monthly columns for General Aviation News: Questions from the Cockpit, which answers reader's aviation questions; and Human Factors, which looks to improve safety by analyzing incidents and accidents for lessons learned that can benefit all pilots. He additionally crafts many of the Air Safety Institute's Training and Safety tips and is a NAFI representative to the General Aviation Joint Safety Committee's Safety Analysis Team.

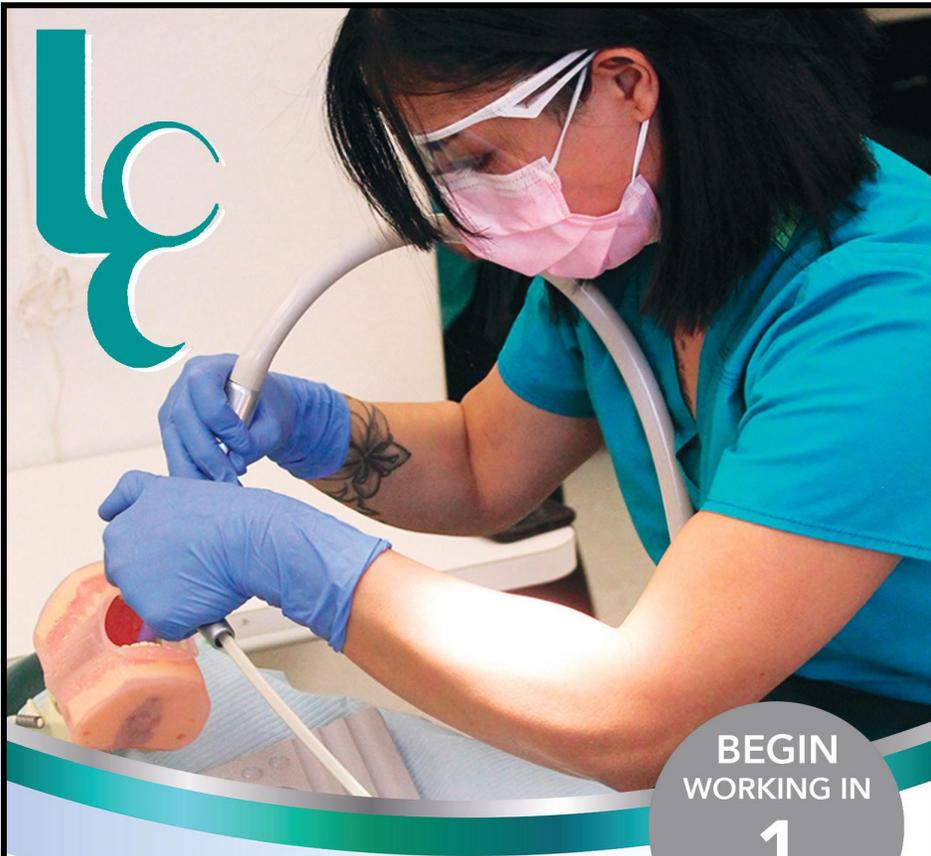
On the flying front, Dubois holds world and national speed records and is active with the Sport Air Racing League, where he is a two-time national champion. He is an aviation history buff with a fondness for old and antique airplanes. He chronicled his adventures re-flying

one third of the transcontinental airmail route, using nothing but the 100-year-old written instructions for Smithsonian Air & Space magazine in 2020.

In addition to NAFI, Dubois is a long-time AOPA member, and is a lifetime member of the Ercoupe Owners Club.



Dr. Tony Schicktanz, Cassie Sandoval, CDA and Kristy Vigil all participated in providing dental care to elderly residents from the NMBHI. The dental care took place at Luna's dental clinic. The trio were a few of many individuals that assisted in this endeavor.



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Luna's recruitment team Andrea Lucero and Savannah Vigil Lujan recruited at the State Capitol, recently.



Luna staff senate gave out Valentine treats to Luna employees in appreciation for their diligent work at the college. Pictured are Tammy Marujo, Emily Ulibarri and Shannon Ortiz. In the photo at right, a Luna CDL student takes a left hand turn uphill onto the college campus after a day of road training. For more on the college's CDL program, call Tracy Morales at 505-454-2533.

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