



August 17 – 21, 2026

First week of the Fall 2026 semester.

Welcome back to school, everyone!



Last Day of the Main Event at the Main Campus - July 9, 2026.

What's Happening at LUNA

Important Dates:

- **August 17, 2026** – Luna Classes begin
- **August 28, 2026** – Faculty Senate Meeting
- **August 28, 2026** – Last day to Opt-out of First Day Complete book service
- **August 28, 2026** – Last day to drop without a grade
- **September 5, 2026** – LCC Culinary Arts Club Fundraiser Breakfast. 8:00-10:00 A.M. 518 ½ Douglas. 2nd Floor. Contact Cristino Griego cgriengo@luna.eduor 303-880-1457 for tickets which are \$10 each.

Welcome back to School!

Culinary Arts Club



FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

**SUPPORT THE
LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CULINARY CLUB**

**DELICIOUS
HOME-COOKED
BREAKFAST!**

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 5TH
TIME: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
COST: \$10 A TICKET

LOCATION: 518 1/2 DOUGLAS
Second Floor

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST!

**YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US FUND CULINARY
TRAINING, EVENTS, & EQUIPMENT.**

GET YOUR TICKETS!

**FOR TICKETS & INFORMATION:
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First Day Complete Book Opt out Process

Hello Rough Riders and welcome to the Fall 2026 semester,

Just a reminder that we have launched our First Day complete program at LCC. Students now receive access to course materials by the start of classes. Students may also opt out of the program (details below) but must do so by the deadline (no exceptions).

Students have the option to opt-out of the First Day Complete program each semester during the opt-out window.

- By opting out, students will not receive their required materials in a convenient package and access to digital content will be removed after the opt-out window closes.
- Be aware if you opt out of one class you opt out of all classes. It is an all-in or all out program

The deadline to opt-out from participating in First Day Complete:

The opt-out window for Fall 2026 courses is August 28, 2026

To Begin the opt-out process Click the link below:

<https://sso.bncollege.com/bes-sp/bessso/saml/lunaedu/fdcopt/logon>

If for some reason this does not work Call 1-866-638-5930

Customer support can opt you out manually

Please check your Luna student email for important Bookstore updates and to verify your shipping address for Hardcover and paperback books. If you still have questions or concerns please contact Ron Duran the LCC Bookstore at: (Office) 505-454-2569 (Cell) 505-617-7647.

New Website

Welcome to the newly redesigned Luna Community College website at luna.edu, crafted to provide an intuitive, modernized digital hub for our entire college community! For students, the revamped site delivers streamlined access to vital academic tools and resources—including direct portals for student accounts, Blackboard, email, course schedules, financial aid, and academic support services—making it easier than ever to navigate your educational journey. For faculty and staff, the site introduces a brand-new Employee Intranet, offering a dedicated, centralized space for internal governance, HR

forms, IT support, facility work orders, and campus announcements. Explore luna.edu today to experience effortless navigation, enhanced accessibility, and seamless connection to everything Luna has to offer!

Shared Governance Meeting Schedules

Faculty Senate - Faculty Senate will meet Friday, August 28, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. and then will continue to meet throughout the academic year on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Email Faculty Senate Chair, Kevin Williams at kwilliams@luna.edu for more information.

Staff Senate -Staff Senate's monthly meeting will occur every third Thursday of the month at 10 am and all staff is welcome to attend. We will not have another meeting in August due to in-service week. Email Amberlyn Gonzales at agonzales@luna.edu for more information or to ask to be added to the invite list.

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The advertisement features a maroon background on the left with white text. On the right, there is a photograph of a smiling female student in a light blue shirt and jeans, holding a water bottle and books, standing in front of a building. A blue banner with a white QR code is overlaid on the bottom right of the photo.

Veteran's Services

Veteran students and dependents! If you are receiving educational benefits, please contact me to complete your certification process in order to continue receiving your benefits. If you have questions, please email me and we can schedule a meeting.

Have a wonderful semester and don't forget to thank a Veteran!

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Rough Rider Mentorship and College Readiness Summer Program in Pictures

The Rough Rider Mentorship and College-Readiness Summer Program occurred in Springer, Santa Rosa, Las Vegas and Mora during June and July of 2026. Over 50 students from our surrounding areas participated in the events held both at our local satellites and sites as well as in our Main Event at the Main Campus the week of July 6-10, 2026. Come along on a pictorial journey of some of the many activities the children engaged in over those two months.

Springer





Resin creations



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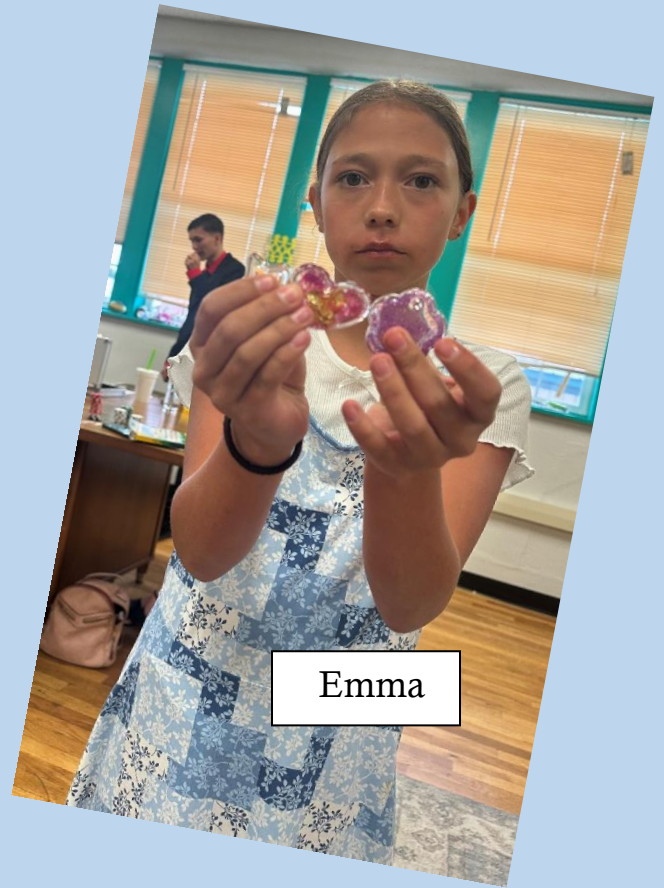


John

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Emma



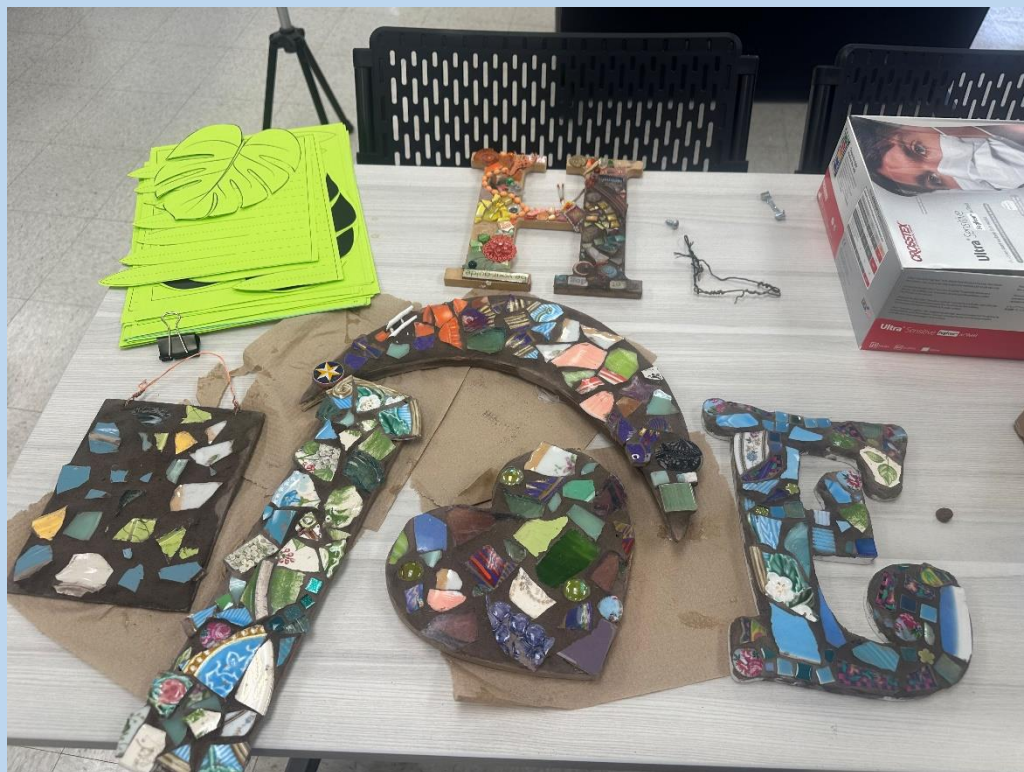
Making mosaics in Las Vegas with Denise Fox



Lucas and Blaze



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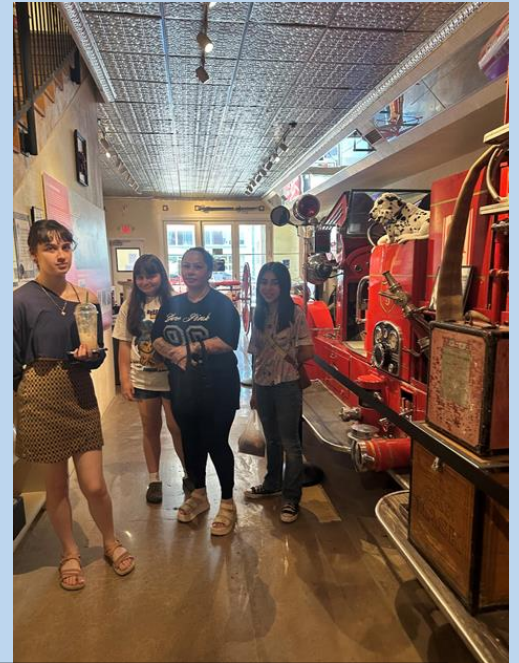




In the garden with
Crystal Western Ford

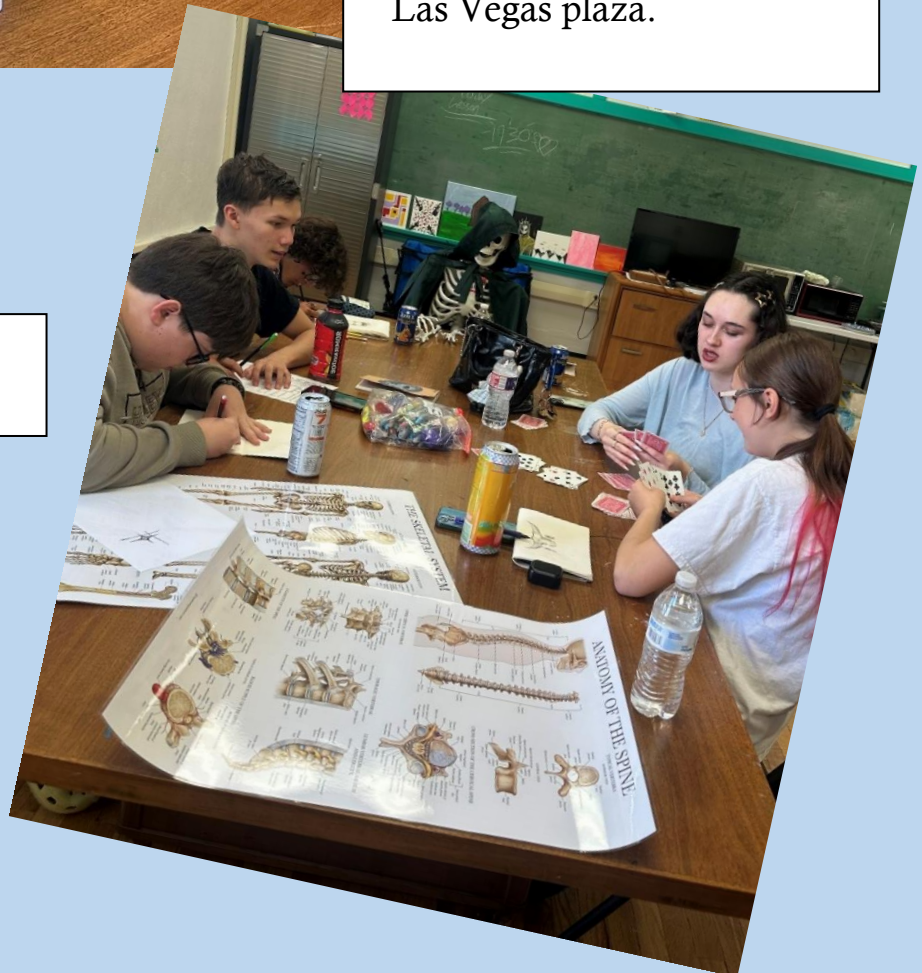


See the marble run...



Kim Baca with students at the historic fire station in the Las Vegas plaza.

Anatomy and Physiology and cards.





CDL Simulators with Tracy Morales, and the Luna Truck with Eric Garcia.





Autobody
Repair with
Dominic
Garcia





Welding with Gene Martinez





Wearing Tie Dye and
doing Art with Leota
Harriman





In the kitchen and cafeteria with Cristino Griego and Crystal Western Ford.

And Dr. Linder welcoming the students on day one.



Dental Assisting with Denise Fox.





Nursing with Valerie
Montoya and Andrea Yee





Geology with Geno Castillo



Bubbles with Amberlyn Gonzales





*When Sherry Goodyear and Springer students visited Mora for their week on Mora history organized and lead by Tina Crunk and the St. Vrain's Preservation Society.

Springer and Mora students making Junk Journals at the David Cargo Library in Mora.

And this is just a drop in the bucket of the many fun and entertaining things the students did this summer. Thanks to all the students who participated, and all of the teachers who helped. You all are amazing and none of this would be possible without you!





*Dr. Billy Mathews portraying Maria Luisa Branch St. Vraines and Greg Baker portraying Ceron St. Vraines at the historic St. Vraines' Mill in Mora.



A Skittles experiment



Las Vegas Community Events

- To learn more about the many community events happening in Las Vegas currently and in the future, visit <https://www.plugin.events/space/-/las-vegas-new-mexico-united-states/events> and sign up for notifications.

Reminders

- All committees, departments, and individuals with information to share are encouraged to send their knowledge to sgoodyear@luna.edu each week by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday (unless otherwise noted) for inclusion in the week's update. If you miss a deadline, don't worry, your information will be included in the following week's update provided it is still timely. When possible, your information should be in tidy bullet points that can easily be added to the basic update format. It is also helpful if you respond to the request for information for the week of the update in the reminder email that was sent out, as it makes it easier for me to find and include what you send in the update. Please submit any pictures in the form of jpegs.
- Things to consider contributing: News about your departments; community event flyers, news regarding personal triumphs and achievements; classified ads, cool, beautiful, or unusual photos you took and want to share among other things.
- Thanks to all who shared information for this week's edition of "What's Happening at Luna."
- If you missed an edition of "What's Happening at Luna," find it here: https://luna.edu/whats_happening.

Have a Wonderful Weekend, Everyone!