Recognize people while they are here with us
Their legacy will be left with us when they depart

By Dr. Pete Campos

When Coach Henry O. Sanchez left suddenly I noticed many recognizing him for who he was and his many unselfish contributions to our lives during his 74 years here on earth. We often hear that old adage when a person departs from this earth: *she or he was such a good person!*

Something struck me about this loss that has propelled me to accelerate my thanking others publicly for their contributions to Las Vegas, the region, New Mexico, our United States and the world.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the President’s of New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) with whom I have had the honor and pleasure of working with during the past twenty-one (21) years while serving as a State Senator and eighteen (18) of those years while serving as an educational administrator in Las Vegas.

I recall when I first began my service as a Senator and had the opportunity to work with President Gilbert Sanchez, who had an aggressive long-term progressive vision for NMHU and worked tirelessly so the campus and programs of study would be top-notch. Then, President Selimo Rael entered office with enthusiasm and high-level energy strategically setting the process in motion to expand and establish the Rio Rancho campus; President Sharon Caballero conducted herself with the highest level of dignity and focused her efforts on student success and gave credit where it was due; President Manny M. Aragon worked to steward educational opportunity for more students both locally and to those who came from abroad; and President Jim Fries has focused efforts on bringing all the facets of a second-to-none campus to fruition and to add his own flair to our long-term educational stability.

I am honored to be among the first to congratulate Dr. Jim Fries, on his term as interim President and his successful tenure leading up to his five year anniversary as the 17th President of our esteemed New Mexico Highlands University. On April 21, 2012 we will enjoy a Gala Event honoring Dr. Fries and in true Presidential spirit, Dr. Fries has asked that the proceeds of this auspicious and fun-filled event go to scholarships for students who are attending or plan to attend NMHU and Luna Community College. **Dr. Fries, I wish you many more years of satisfaction and accomplishment as President of our Century plus University.**

We’ve been blessed and fortunate over the years to have these leaders guide us at the helm. They have all left us with a footprint from which we have learned to follow and better navigate through our educational journey.

Let’s use our boundless energy to encourage and support each other’s efforts to strengthen a complete and tightly-knit local and regional teaching and learning system with the system’s doors wide-open to prepare our youth and adult learners for their next step in the world of work or step-forward to reach their personal aspirations.

**When we do this together, the brightness of knowledge and wisdom will shine through like the early morning sun.**
Luna Community College history instructor Laura Gonzales gives a presentation on the history of Las Vegas during National Hispanic Celebration Month. Gonzales’ topic was “Las Vegas, New Mexico: The Place of Encounter.”

Luna Community College auto collision students Max Bustamante and Lawrence Gomez are both members of the SkillsUSA Automotive Technologies Club. Gomez along with Earl Varela will compete again this year. If the two finish first and second again this year, it will mark the first time in LCC history that the college will have done this.

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANT JOB POSITIONS:

- Adjunct Faculty/Per Course Instructor
- Full-Time Faculty-Medical Surgical Nursing
- Full-Time Faculty- Nursing Retention Specialist/Instructor, Medical Surgical Nursing
- Temporary Full-Time Administrative Assistant-Title V

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Jesse’s quick hits

Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—Jesse

Why was the bird arrested? Because he was a robin.

Why did the robin get a perm? She thought the curly bird catches the worm.

How do birds dance? They just wing it.
Weekly Activities

Monday, October 3, 2011
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  DWI Class (General Studies/102B)

Tuesday, October 4, 2011
No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, October 5, 2011
No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, October 6, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Veterans Women’s Business Develop.
Training/Spons./SBDC
(Student Services/Conference Room)
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Athletics Presentation (Allied Health/LO-1)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  Basic EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique)/Community Ed. Class (IPC/Cafeteria)

Friday, October 7, 2011
No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, October 8, 2011
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  C.N.A. Testing(Allied Hlth/Nrsng.Lab#3,Comp.Lab#7,MO-11)
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Defensive Driving Class (General Studies/102B)
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Automotive/Motorcycle Swap Meet/Skills USA Club (By Tennis Courts/Parking Lot)
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  CDSMP Community Workshop (Student Serv./Conf. Room)

Carl Ferrill scheduled to talk to LCC student-athletes on Oct. 6

Former Highlands University football coach and NFL advanced scout Carl Ferrill is scheduled to talk to Luna Community College student-athletes at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6 at the Nursing Auditorium.

“I will give a talk on communication and motivation,” said Ferrill. “I will do my best to identify what it takes to be a leader. One of the things people forget is that to be a good leader you must be a good listener and a good communicator. I would like to see Luna student-athletes identify themselves as individuals and then as a team. As student athletes they need to find what they are look for and realize there is a small window of opportunity. You have to get all you can get now.”

This is the second time Ferrill talks to a group of students at LCC. He was on campus on June 18, 2009.

“It was outstanding and great,” said Ferrill about his first experience at LCC. “People were very gracious.”

Ferrill has given several hundred talks on leadership. Ferrill has given talks in most states and a few of years ago was the guest speaker for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life Banquet. Ferrill is a two-time cancer survivor.

Ferrill has worked for several NFL teams including The Los Angeles Rams, Seattle Seahawks, San Diego Chargers and the San Francisco 49ers. He has been Coach of the Year eight times in three different conferences and one year received National Coach of the Year honors.

Ferrill, who has a doctoral degree from California Coast University, has coached and taught at Highlands University, UNLV, Los Angeles Valley College, Chaffey College, San Bernardino Valley College, West Hills College, University of Idaho and Santa Ana College. He has been inducted in several Hall of Fame organizations around the country.

Although he has won many games as a coach, his most important victory may have been his two victories over cancer.

“I was very blessed to overcome cancer,” said Ferrill. “I fought through it; I had the right frame of mind to defeat it.”

Carl Ferrill last spoke at Luna Community College on June 18, 2009. Ferrill is scheduled to speak to LCC softball and baseball players on Thursday, Oct. 6.
First year cosmetology students start cutting hair

LCC: “The People’s College”
Pictured clockwise (starting on page 4): Frances Martinez, Danielle Carpenter and Domonique Anaya; Amanda Silva and Cynthia Montañó. (Page 5 photos): Alexendra Romero; Tabitha Martinez and Kimberly Gonzales; Bernice Esquibel; Sabrina Sena; Melecia Vigil; Ginger Crespin, Amanda Silva and Angel Torres and Marcus Montañó and Jacob Cordova.
Excercise and Wellness
Kickbox & Step Combo

October 17 -- December 9
(M, T, & W)

1:00 -- 2:15 pm
8 week course

LCC Wellness Center

- Cardiovascular machines
- Cardio-conditioning equipment
- Free weights
- Boxing equipment
- Exercise balls
- Toning & abdominal equipment
- Wellness staff available

Last day to enroll, October 21st
(LCC Registrar's Office)

Wellness Center 505-425-8767  Registrar's Office 505-454-5314

Fee $41.00
8 week-course
Excercise & Wellness
Persistence and education

By Lawrence Quintana
Human Resource Director

This past weekend I was riding the tractor with my dad talking about education and the lifelong commitments that people in our community have made. After reading “The Great Stagnation” by Tyler Cowen I discussed with my Dad his perception on education and the change that education is undergoing in this declining economy. He simply stated that we should not give up on educating people in our families or our communities. He provided me with an outstanding example of what we should all try to be. Henry O. Sanchez was a teacher dedicated to education and the community up to the last day that he lived. His example of life long teaching and caring for people in our community impacted so many students and people in New Mexico. The contributions that Coach Sanchez gave to students and our community will continue to benefit in many ways for a longer time than we can measure.

Teachers who go beyond the classroom and continue to educate people in their community is the persistence that we as a community need to appreciate. Las Vegas is very fortunate that we have two high schools, a community college, university, and a world college. Many of the educators continue to teach well beyond their careers, and are persistent about educating people in the community. As a citizen Henry O. Sanchez gave back to schools as a community volunteer serving on numerous boards and participating in many activities such as the Stu Clark Tournament, H-Club, and the North/South All-Star Committee.

Tyler Cowen stated that investment for education has more than doubled since 1970 with no significant change in test scores. However, determining the benefit to children and life long learners can’t be determined through test scores. In the Luna Community College service area, some of the benefits that students experience through your investments in education, are better instructed courses, modern facilities, lower tuition rates and courses that are linked with industry standards and career opportunities.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the educational opportunities at their local high schools and programs offer, and the access available to them for higher education courses offered through institutions in northern New Mexico. The opportunity to obtain an education is more accessible than ever. Students who are taking full advantage of the accessibility have experienced life changing opportunities and benefits for their families and an increase in their own knowledge.

All of us should persist that we continue to fund education and encourage our youth to take advantage of the opportunities we have in Las Vegas and surrounding communities.

LCC Student Government results

The following students were elected student government representatives for the 2011-12 school year. The elections were held last Thursday and Friday.

Ashley Hensley
President
Joanna Tsyitee
Vice President
Ben Casey Encinias
Treasurer
Shannon Saiz
Secretary

Senators
Danielle Archuleta
Diane Carrillo
Richard Flores
Tyler Pina
Joelynn Sanchez
Angel Torres

Luna Community College’s Payroll Manager Leticia Archuleta along with Human Resource Office Manager Sandra Rivera take a couple of minutes to enjoy the warm weather recently. The LCC campus, which is considered one of the nicest in the entire state, is especially picturesque during the transition from fall to winter.
The Luna Community College SkillsUSA Automotive Technology Club will be hosting a swap meet from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the LCC Campus.

This swap meet is where a vendor can sell new and used automotive and motorcycle parts. The vendor fee is $10 per booth.

For more information call Anthony Baca at 454-2591 or any SkillsUSA member.