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Nine LCC students graduate from Dental Assisting Program

Nine Luna Community College dental assisting students took the Dental Assistants Pledge at a recent pinning ceremony in their honor.

Brianna Abeyta, Dominique Archuleta, Gilbert Garcia, Sonya Gonzales, Vanessa Lucero, Alicia Maldonado, April Noche, Evette Ulibarri and Chelsea Visarraga are the official dental assisting graduating class of 2014.

"Dental assistants are the backbone in any dental office," said LCC Dental Assistant Program Administrator Gloria Pacheco. "They provide a service that allows the dentist to focus on high productivity procedures."

Friends, family and well wishers attended the pinning ceremony. This is the first time that dental students had their own ceremony. In year's past, the event included both dental and nursing students.

"We wanted something that would allow us to focus on dental assisting," said Pacheco who just finished her 12th year at LCC. "We wanted our students to have something memorable as they exited the program."

To complete the dental program, a student must take classes in the fall, spring and summer.

To read the full story, see Monday's Luna Light



Students Vanessa Lucero April Noche and Alecia Maldonado share the flame to light their candles before they take the dental assistant pledge.

Fall classes begin on Monday, Aug. 18. The last day to add classes is Friday, Aug. 25.



LCC students Victor Ramirez and Amberlynn Sena are pictured here with LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. The trio made a radio commercial at KNMX studios.