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Winning the battle Luna CC's Daniel Martinez wants young men his age to get early detection

Daniel Martinez says that when it's all said and done, he wants to be remembered as a good guy and a good nurse. He is on his way to being both.

Martinez, 22, a nursing student at Luna Community College has accomplished quite a bit at his young age, but none bigger than overcoming testicular cancer.

Perhaps one of the most decorated athletes in Robertson High history with 12 state championships combined in wrestling and track, Martinez was shocked to learn that he had testicular cancer. At the time he was wrestling for Doug Moses and Highlands University.

"On Jan. 13, 2013 I was diagnosed," says Martinez. "It is the most common cancer among young men. Anything that is weird going on, go see a doctor right away. It will save you a chemotherapy situation."

Martinez felt discomfort, but he thought it was a wrestling injury.

"Since I ignored it, I had to have chemotherapy and surgery," says Martinez. "I've been cancer free for a year and it changes you a lot. A big part of it is having support and a having a positive attitude."

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The Luna Community College spring schedule of classes is now available online at <u>www.luna.edu</u>. Hard-copy schedules are also available. The first day of spring classes begin on Monday, Jan. 12. The last day to add classes is Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Luna Community College will be closed from Monday, Dec. 22 through Friday, Jan. 2

Luna Community College nursing student Daniel Martinez has been cancer free for over a year. He says early detection is the key for individuals his age. In addition, while undergoing treatment, Martinez saw the importance of good nurse. He wants to dedicate his professional life to being one of those nurses.



LCC named one of America's most affordable colleges

Luna Community College was named one of America's 50 most affordable community colleges by AffordableColleges.com. Luna Community College was rated No. 25 by their study.

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