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## “I’m getting that Ph.D.”

*Rachel Ridgeway honored at Capitol as an all-state academic team member*

Today, a Luna Community College physical science student, tomorrow a P.h.D. candidate.

This is the goal of LCC student Rachel Ridgeway, who along with several other community college students, were honored as All-State Academic team members at the Capitol on Wednesday.

Dr. Dan Lopez, president of New Mexico Tech in Socorro, one of the guest speakers at the event, spoke on the importance of an education. He said that those that attain a doctoral degree will make an average of \$5 million in their lifetime and that the unemployment rate for them is right about two percent.

“I’m getting that Ph.D.,” says Ridgeway, who will get a full-paid tuition scholarship to New Mexico State Uni-

versity in the fall. “It’s super-amazing after all the struggles and downfalls that I’ve had. Maybe one day, I can come back and be president or come back and donate scholarship money for people like me.”

The New Mexico All-State Academic Team works in conjunction with Phi Theta Kappa. Ridgeway is LCC’s Phi Theta Kappa President.

“I am extremely grateful for the representation by Rachel Ridgeway during this awards assembly,” said LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. “Her achievement has brought great recognition to Luna Community College.”

**To read the full article, see Monday’s Luna Light**



**Rachel Ridgeway with Dr. Pete Campos.**



**The 2013 Luna Community College baseball team. Bottom Row (l-r): Arturo Castro, Jose Ortega, Eddie Pacris, Ronald Asuncion, Elec Esquivel, Allen Casillas and Justin Burkeen. Middle Row (l-r): Jesus Rodriguez, James Edwards, Bryson Aoki, Marcos Gomez, Daniel Garcia, Rafael Rivera, Nicholas Aragon, Joe Acevedo, Jacob Skorka, Lloyd Edwards, Ridge Hoopii-Haslam, Nicasio Gonzalez and Carl Vigil (Coach). Top Row (l-r): Darren Wheat (Coach), Edwin Huez, Jacob Heredia, Rudy Gutierrez, Daniel Huffhines, Eddie Gonzalez, Paydden Khun, Marco Velez, Luis Chavez, Quentin Mansfield, Taylor Uselman, Spencor Hill, Erick Santiago, Roberto Santana, Coleman McKinney and Antonio Siqueiros (head coach).**