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Secretary of Education challenges LCC, northern New Mexico



New Mexico Higher Education Secretary of Education Dr. Jose Garcia spoke on the importance of a strong educational system.

New Mexico Higher Education Secretary Dr. Jose Garcia says that glaring statistics on graduation rates are keeping him up at night.

"In New Mexico, the older generation is better educated than the younger generation," Dr. Garcia told Luna Community College Board of Trustees and full board room on Wednesday. "We need to try and reverse this statistic. We need to work harder and really start educating our people."

Dr. Garcia said that the bottom line is that New Mexico has been slipping down in performance compared to other states over the course of the last 20 years.

"New Mexico needs to double in college graduates to be globally competitive," said Dr. Garcia. "For the rest of this century we have major challenges that can only be addressed through education. Imagine all of us better educated. We need to get our act together in higher education now, not tomorrow."

Garcia emphasized that colleges, including LCC need to graduate more students with either degrees or certifications. He also said that LCC plays a vital role in helping out students that are at high risk. LCC, like other colleges, will receive initiatives by getting these students to earn a degree.

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

LCC receives national recognition on fire science program

By Vidal Martinez

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security – FEMA, has recognized Luna Community College for its commitment to standardize education for the fire and emergency services by adopting the National Fire Academy's model fire science curriculum. LCC is the second school in New Mexico to obtain national recognition which allows students enrolled in specific fire science courses to obtain National Fire Academy (NFA) certificates. Not only will students earn college credit toward their degree, but they will earn certificates in specific fire related fields, such as fire prevention, investigations, fire behavior, building construction and principles of emergency services.

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A black bear was on campus on Wednesday night. The bear climbed up this pine tree in front of the administration building. This photo, taken at 11:10 p.m., depicts the flash bouncing off the bear's eyes.

