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LCC state champ Santiago Sena headed to nationals in Kansas City

He says instructor Carol Romero inspired him to continue education



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There was a time in Santiago Sena's life that he wasn't sure if education was a priority. Today, Sena will be the lone Luna Community College student representative at the National SkillsUSA Competition in Kansas City.

Sena will be competing in the Action Skills category. Essentially, Action Skills is where you do a demonstration in the trade that you are studying.

"I really appreciate Luna Community College," says Sena. "I started off with earning my GED here and one of the teachers Carol Romero influenced me to continue my education. She is probably the reason I came back to Luna Community College to take more classes. She is a great teacher."

Skills USA is a national nonprofit organization serving students from both the college and high school level who are preparing for careers in trade,

technical and skilled service occupations including health occupations. This year's national competition runs from June 21 through June 28.

"SkillsUSA has allowed me to have new experiences," said Sena who admittedly is shy. "I get real nervous when I'm in front of people. It's a big accomplishment for me to just give a presentation. I have learned a lot of people skills through SkillsUSA."

Romero is not surprised with Sena's success in his post-secondary education.

> "When he was in my class, he took initiative to learn," recalls Romero. **To read the full story, please see Monday's Luna Light**



Santiago Sena Representing LCC and New Mexico at nationals

Life is life: seek awareness

By Dr. Pete Campos LCC President

Have you recently stopped to think for a few moments where your life is going? Have you reflected upon what has influenced your thoughts and actions? Has your life been affected by: the way you were raised, your current family or financial circumstances, the attitude you have developed towards others because things have or haven't gone your way, the feelings you have let evolve towards your job without taking time to adjust and stay on a positive track, or possibly, letting the influence of someone else guide you?

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