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Estevan Flores and Ryan Sena find their niche with fire science

Dr. Vidal Martinez an inspiration to Pecos duo

In their own estimation Estevan Flores and Ryan Sena weren’t too sure about their educational endeavors while taking dual credit courses at Luna Community College. But a conversation with LCC Vice President for Instruction Dr. Vidal Martinez changed all that.

Martinez introduced the two friends to fire science and the rest is history.

“When we met with Dr. Martinez while we were seniors at Pecos High, he asked us to try some courses in fire science and since then we continued on with the program,” said Flores, a 2010 Pecos High graduate.

Sena echoed Flores.

“I really liked fire science, it’s something I see myself doing for the rest of my life,” says Sena. “I started off with criminal justice but the more classes I took in fire science I found how interesting it was to see how fire science helps and influences so many people.”

Both will graduate with a fire science degree in December. Flores has his mind set to transfer to Highlands University and major in exercise science. Sena is applying at the Los Alamos Fire Department. If that doesn’t work out, he also plans to attend Highlands.

“It’s absolutely great here at Luna,” says Sena. “The instructors are very good and in general people are pretty cool. I probably wouldn’t have felt the same if I would have gone to a bigger school.”

The two friends first met as freshmen in high school.

“He was the first guy I met at Pecos,” said Estevan.

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Estevan Flores and Ryan Sena

Voters pass both Bond B and Bond C

New Mexico voters passed both General Obligation Bond B and C in Tuesday’s election.

“Bond C is very significant to Luna Community College,” said Luna Community College Public Information Coordinator Jesse Gallegos. “It will cover the renovation of the building trades, welding, automotive and auto collision departments on the main campus. Our faculty in these areas do a tremendous job teaching, and having state-of-the-art facilities will only enhance the instruction that our students receive.”

Students will be the primary beneficiary of Bond C.

“It is so important for a lot of our students to be able to stay in northern New Mexico and get a quality education at

an affordable price,” says Jesse Gallegos. “As “The People’s College,” our goal is to offer the best education to every student, regardless of who they are.”

In addition, Luna Community College will place itself in a position to create a partnership with the auto, construction and fabrication industries providing our graduates more opportunity when it comes to finding quality jobs.

With Bond B, the Luna Community College Library will use resources for books, data bases and subscriptions for data bases.

According to KOB.com, Bond B had 62 percent for and 38 percent against. Bond C had 61 percent for and 39 percent against. This was with 99 percent of precincts reporting.



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LCC quilting students donating to CASA

Luna Community College quilting and sewing students will be donating pillows, pillow cases and stuffed animals to children that are with Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Las Vegas.

"This is the second year we do this," said LCC Quilting and Sewing Instructor Lin Chibante. "Last year we gave 18 pillow sets to CASA; our goal is to give them 80 to 100 this year."

Chibante said that the reason for the dramatic increase is to ensure that every child receives a pillow set and a stuffed animal.

"All the stuffed animals are donated and we have to buy the pillows. The fabric is also donated," said Chibante.



Luna Community College quilting and sewing students work on pillow cases and stuffed animals that they will donate to CASA. Pictured (l-r) are: Josette Martinez, Monica Maestas, Instructor Lin Chibante, Frances Casey, Emilia Rivera, Kathy Archuleta, Pauline Marquez and Bonny Lopez.

"We have 26 students that are working on this project. They all bring in fabric and stuffed animals. We try to do a community project once a year."

Next semester, the LCC quilting and sewing classes will showcase their quilts in May at Gallery 140 on Bridge St.

"The students learn a lot in these courses," said Chibante. "Students learn techniques that you can't learn at home. Students also study and design and explore current trends in quilting."

Chibante says that there is a big movement in quilting across the United States.

Anyone interested in taking classes can call Chibante, 505/454-2530.

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Is National Diabetes Awareness Month

**Think Blue.
Wear Blue.**



**Join Dr. Thomas Strain
Family Medicine**

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

**FREE Diabetes Prevention Doc Talk
& Mini-Health Expo**

12 noon

**Holiday Inn Express Conference Room
816 South Grand Avenue, Las Vegas**

FREE Light Lunch, Giveaways & Information

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Flores and Sena...

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During their spare time, Flores and Sena have taken advantage of the Gerald Ortega Wellness Center on campus.

“Physical fitness is important in fire fighting,” says Flores. “We really didn’t work out in high school, but now we work out on a regular basis. We both knew we had to get more physically fit.”

All the weight lifting and conditioning they have done over the last two years will help them this summer as they both intend to fight forest fires in the summer.

“We don’t have the experience but we have the knowledge,” says Flores. “Once you get a degree it will make a difference.”

And with their degrees both hope to move up in the fire fighting ranks.

“In 10 years I see myself up there in a department,” says Sena. “I’m nervous and excited at the same time. I’m nervous to go out there and fight a fire for the first time. But I see myself retiring from this profession. I want to help people. I want to treat people’s houses when it’s on fire like it my own house.”

Flores says that he is very happy that

“I want to help people. I want to treat people’s houses when it’s on fire like it my own house,”—Ryan Sena.

LCC has a fire science program.

“Nothing really has interested me like fire science has; there was a time there that I didn’t think I was going to come to college,” he said.



Luna Community College Dental Assisting Instructors Dawna Ortega Gallegos (left) and Gloria Pacheco will both play bigger roles with New Mexico SkillsUSA this year. Ortega-Gallegos was recently voted as a board member for the 2012-13 school year and Pacheco is the Dental Assisting Champions Chairperson. Ortega-Gallegos joins LCC Auto Collision Instructor Anthony Baca as a board member. 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.

The current Luna Community College district boundaries and the five new plans can be viewed on our Website at www.luna.edu. They are also on display at the administration hallway.

Weekly Activities

Monday, November 12, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. *Weight Training (Vo-Ag. Bldg.)*
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *DWI Class (General Studies Room 102B)*

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. *Line Dancing (Wellness Center)*
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Safety Belt Class (General Studies Room 102B)*

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. *Tri-County Family Justice Center Training (LRC Lecture Hall)*
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *United Blood Services Blood Drive (Allied Health Rm. NO-3)*
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Board of Trustees “Regular Board Meeting” (Student Services Bldg.)*
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Noches de Familia (IPC Cafeteria)*

Thursday, November 15, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. *Line Dancing (Wellness Center)*
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. *USDA Farmers & Ranchers Meeting (LRC Lecture Hall)*
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Student Govt. Thanksgiving Luncheon (IPC Cafeteria)*
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. *LV Community Water Board Meeting (Tech. Bldg. 126A)*

Friday, November 16, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. *Weight Training (Vo-Ag. Bldg.)*
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. *Public Speaking Class (LRC Lecture Hall)*
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Restaurant Experience (IPC Cafeteria)*

Saturday, November 17, 2012

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *C.N.A. Testing (Allied Health/NrsgLab#3, CompLab#7, MO-11)*

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Student Government

Would Like to Invite you
To their 3rd Annual
Thanksgiving Luncheon
Thursday, November 15, 2012
12:00pm-2:00pm
Rough Rider Grill



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First come first served



Title V Newsletter

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1 OCTOBER 2012

"Creating a Pathway to Success in High-Demand Programs"

LCC Simulation Lab in Beginning Stages



Above, virtual simulation lab

Fewer nurses and an increase of patients means one thing: inexperienced nurses dealing with complex situations. Greater emphasis has been placed on all nursing students to provide quality nursing care by the use of simulations is the wave of the future. Due to the remote, isolated location of Luna Community College, many of our nursing students have to travel between 110 to 250 miles to reach qualified clinical sites. Simulations come into play as a way to reduce their time on the road commuting and to offer a way to increase their knowledge of more complex medical complications they may not have the opportunity to see in live clinical rotations.

Title V's Year 1 initiative focusing on renovating the existing simulation space into a simulated hospital setting for students. This will bring Luna Community College into the 21st century with instructional technology. Simulation labs are an accepted educational practice that has been used in both rural and urban community college settings. The pictures show what a simulation lab looks like in a hospital setting. These mannequins can be programmed to simulate different

diagnosis. The student has to do a head-to-toe assessment or even sometimes perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). As the students come into the room, they will have a general idea of their patient's history and are required to respond to any changes to their conditions as well as administer medication or IV therapy. Each scenario is programmed into the mannequin giving the instructor control of the obtained experiences of the students.



Above, control room

A layout design has been drafted of how the simulation lab should be set up to facilitate student learning:

1. The room will be renovated for updated flooring, painting, and technology.
2. Quotes on all mannequins and equipment will be needed to provide the intense learning and student focused experiences to be initiated.
3. The redesigning of courses to accommodate simulation learning is another factor.
4. Finally, the guidance through the patient care scenarios will promote learning and success for our students.

LCC simulation lab is projected to open Fall 2013.

On the right, Title V staff reviewing floor plans of new simulation lab designed by Susan Olson-Smith.



Online Admissions Module

This second Title V grant initiative to be accomplished Year 1 is to enhance infrastructure to improve instructional quality and data systems. This initiative focuses on building the underlying infrastructure necessary to improve instruction, increase student access, success, and enrollment. Other components needed are: addressing deficiencies in instructional space, developing hybrid courses, increasing access to clinical education and purchasing

equipment required by accrediting standards, Title V will acquire software to dramatically reduce human error and improve data driven decision making. Currently, every application for admissions has to be entered into the student management system by a staff member at the LCC Admissions Office. This online admissions project being initiated by Title V will help to streamline the admissions process by allowing students to enter their own information directly

into the system. Admissions staff will then simply review the applications rather than manually enter each application. This is projected to significantly decrease the application processing time, as well as reduce all typos and other incorrect data, especially during peak registration periods.

Title V Staff

Lorraine Martinez, Director • Veronica Serna, Activity Director • Tiffany Young, Office Manager
Susan Olson-Smith, Sim Lab Supervisor • Larry Paiz, Instructional Designer

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Luna Community College Student Government President Amanda Martinez is sworn in as an ex-officio member of the board of trustees during a ceremony on Wednesday. Martinez is a cosmetology student.

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANT JOB POSITIONS:

- Adjunct Faculty/Per Course Instructor
Math (Santa Rosa)
- SMET Adjunct Faculty
Drafting Technology
Electronics Engineering Technology
- Temporary Part-time Substitute Teacher/
Caretaker (until filled)
- Family Nursing Instructor

FOR JOB DESCRIPTION(S) AND/OR CLOSING DATES, CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AT (505) 454-2503 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.LUNA.EDU

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**Healthy adults over the age of
18, provided by the LCC Nursing Students
in cooperation with the NM Public Health
Department, San Miguel County.**

**Location: Nursing Lab between Cafeteria
and Allied Health.**

**Date and Time: Tues. Nov. 27th from
9am-3pm**

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