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Luna CC's Daniel Martinez leading nation in home runs

Luna Community College softball team 14th in batting average

Luna Community College sophomore baseball player Daniel Martinez is leading the nation in home runs. Martinez, a pitcher and catcher from Carlsbad, has 10 home runs to lead all junior college baseball players in Division II.

The statistics show Martinez with 10 home runs in 101 at bats.

Also in the national rankings is LCC freshman softball player Evelyn Caballero. Caballero, a first baseman from Española, is ranked 21st in batting average. She is hitting at a .442 clip. Caballero is also ranked 22nd in on base percentage at .500.



Daniel Martinez



Evelyn Caballero

The LCC softball team is also ranked 14th in batting average. As a team, LCC is hitting .335.

"I'm very proud of their accomplishments. It's nice to see players from both the baseball and softball team represented on a national level," said LCC Athletic Director Ron Gonzales. These statistics were taken as of press time.

To view a full list, go to njcaa.org.

The LCC softball record is 12-11. The LCC baseball team is 6-28.

The softball team is in the running for post-season play.

Gilbert Martinez: Let's take care of each other

Saying that it's time to put petty things aside, Luna Community College veteran faculty member Gilbert "Guba" Martinez said that LCC employees need to start focusing on the good.

In an exclusive interview recently, Martinez, an auto body instructor since 2004, said because of the state's economy he believes this has led to many employees morale being down and it was time for him to speak up.

"I see that employees aren't as happy recently and morale is hurting a little bit," said Martinez. "We need to make it a better place and do with what we have. There's cutbacks everywhere and we need to step up to the plate and people need to give credit where credit is due."

Martinez said that while employees are at work, professionalism should be at the forefront.

"If people have differences with one another, put everything aside while they're at



Gilbert "Guba" Martinez says that LCC can be a top college. Martinez says that every employee should believe in teamwork.

work," said Martinez. "And at the end of the day go home with your family." Martinez says that he has always believed in Luna Community College and more so now.

"I still think we can be one of the top colleges," said Martinez. "We just need to keep on working at it. It's never easy. There's a lot of good people here."

Martinez says that there is one word that every Luna Community College employee should always keep in mind—teamwork. "We're all a family here," says Martinez. "We need to take care of each other and not worry about what people say. People are going to talk anyway. Remember, there is no 'I' in team."

Martinez says that employees No. 1 concern should always be students.

"We're all about students. We need to give them good services. They are our customers," says Martinez.

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Friday, April 1

2-3 pm

**Luna Community College
Tech-102 Lecture Hall**

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New Mexico Highlands University Sustainability Club,
Sustainable Las Vegas, and the
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WHY A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE WATER CRISIS?

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Friday, April 1 at 2:00 pm

A closer look at your Rough Riders

This is a continuation in a series of taking a closer look at your Luna Community College softball and baseball players.



Mariah Urbina

Name: Mariah Urbina
Nickname: Riah/Mod
Position: Pitcher
Major: Criminal Justice
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Española
High School: Pojoaque High
Parents and family: Anthony Urbina, father; Emilia Urbina, mother; Michael Urbina, brother and Ashley Urbina, sister.

Favorite movie, why? I have too many to name.
If you could trade places for a day with someone who would it be and why? Probably Coach Meredith, just to see how she puts up with us.

How important is academics to you? Very important, because with-

out it, I can't have the future or career I want.

Plans after graduation: To continue my education at four-year college, get my bachelor's and attend the Albuquerque Police Academy.

What is on your bucket list? To travel the world.

Favorite food, why? Chinese and New Mexican food.

What would you like to contribute to society? Everything and anything that God wants me to do.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My family, because of the support that they have given me.

Name: Anthony Archibeque

Nickname: Archie

Position: Pitcher

Major: Fire Science

Classification: Sophomore

Hometown: Albuquerque

High School: Valley High

Parents and family: Donna Archibeque, mother and Anthony Archibeque, father.

Favorite movie, why? Sandlot, because I like that it shows the love for the game of baseball.

If you could trade places for a day with someone who would it be and why? Tim Lincecum. I would like to be able to pitch like him. I think he is the best pitcher in the game today.

How important is academics to you?



Anthony Archibeque

Academics is very important to me. School comes first.

Plans after graduation: To hopefully move on to a four-year school.

Favorite food, why? Pasta, because it tastes really good and it is also very healthy for you.

Favorite pro athlete: Tim Lincecum

What would you like to contribute to society? I would like to speak and teach others the importance of being kind and respectful and to make the world more peaceful.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My father, because he is a hard worker and supports his family well.



Evangeline Samora

Name: Evangeline Samora

Nickname: Eevee

Position: Left fielder

Major: Nursing

Classification: Freshman

Hometown: Albuquerque

High School: Manzano High

Parents and family: Arthur, father; Eileen, mother; Crystal, sister and Christopher, brother.

Favorite movie, why? The Notebook, because it's romantic.

If you could trade places for a day with someone who would it be and why? Kim Kardashian.

How important is academics to you? It is important because education is my future.

Plans after graduation: To start my nursing career, get a house and start a family.

What is on your bucket list? Traveling to different places, such as Paris and Australia. I also want to bungee jump and snorkel.

Favorite food, why? Steak, because it's delicious.

Favorite pro athlete: Jennie Finch.

What would you like to contribute to society? Help others get better.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My family, because they are there for me through everything and always believed in me.

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Friday, April 1 at 7:00 pm



Luna Community College is offering a noncredit course called "GETTING PAID TO TALK: INTRODUCTION TO VOICE OVERS".

Students will learn the basics of recording voice-overs for TV and radio commercials, cartoons, audio book, documentaries, the Internet and more. Attendees will also have the opportunity to record a mock commercial under the direction of a *VoiceCoaches* producer.

APRIL 5 Tuesday 6:30-9:00pm
 LCC Main Campus, LRC Lecture Hall
 \$20 (\$10 for high school or college students)

For more information, call LCC Community Education at 505-454-5311, or 800-588-7232, ext. 1204



Celebrity Look-Alike Contest

We are asking individuals to vote on which picture looks closer to our Luna Community College employee. Please e-mail your vote to jgallegos@luna.edu or by calling extension 1200. Votes will be taken until 3 p.m. on Tuesday. If you would like to volunteer for a look-alike, please call ext. 1200. Remember this is all in fun. Last week's vote on Gilbert Martinez –3 Sylvester Stallone and 5 for The Lion King.



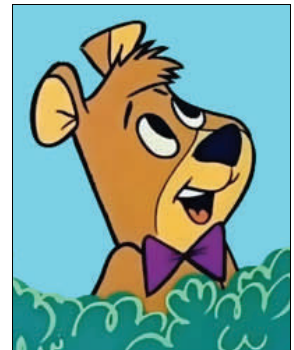
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or



and



Dr. Pete Campos

Barney Rubble

Dr. Pete Campos

Boo Boo Bear



Luna Community College nursing student Michelle Stinnett (left) is the 2011 recipient of the Nightingale Scholarship from the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence. Pictured with Stinnett is LCC Allied Health Science Director Conni Reichert.

Phase I of the Luna Community College Mass Media Center is on schedule to be completed this summer. As you can see, plenty of progress has been made.



Invitation to Bid

Luna Community College (LCC) invites the public to view and bid on lots of outdated, obsolete or otherwise unusable computers, type writers, chairs and other items that are being removed from LCC inventory and are available for public purchase. All items are sold "as is" with no warranties implied or expressed.

Viewing of the items and submission of sealed bids per lot of equipment is open from 8:30 am on Monday, March 28, 2011, through 3:00 pm on Friday, April 1, 2011, at the LCC Purchasing Department Warehouse, 366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas NM, 87701, (505) 454-2516. Point of contact is Eric Cummings.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to **Luna Community College, Attn: Miguel Martinez, Purchasing Director, 366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas NM 87701.** The corresponding lot number must be clearly marked on the envelope. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened at 3:30 pm on Friday, April 1, 2011, in the Purchasing Department Warehouse. Successful bidders will be contacted via telephone by 5:00 pm on Monday April 4, 2011.

The successful bidder(s) will be required to: 1) pay via cash, credit card, money order or cashier's check payable to LCC; and 2) remove equipment from LCC premises, at their own expense **no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, April 8, 2011.** Items not paid for or removed by the deadline will be disposed of in accordance with NMSA 1978, 13-6-1 through 13-6-4.

Luna Community College reserves the right to reject any and/or all bid(s) to waive technicalities, and accept the bid(s) it deems to be in the best interest of Luna Community College.

PUB: Las Vegas Optic, 3/14/11, 3/18/11, 3/25/11, 3/28/11 and 3/30/11
Luna Light, 3/14/11, 3/21/11 and 3/28/11



Concurrent Enrollment/Dual-Credit
366 Luna Drive - Las Vegas, NM 87701
(505)454-5377 (800) 588-7232 Fax (505) 454-2520 - www.luna.edu

March 21, 2011

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Luna Community College is providing a Student Advancement Academic Institute in summer 2011 to students classified a junior or senior for the August 2011-May 2012 academic year. Students can take college courses free of cost including waivers for LCC student ids, textbooks, distance learning fees, and access codes. If students receive an acceptable passing grade, students will be eligible to receive a \$100.00 stipend if they are registered for at least one academic or vocational course.

Students have the opportunity to earn both high school and college credit by taking dual-credit courses as approved by their high school. There are 200 available slots for the SAAI program and acceptance is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is a great educational opportunity and access to post-secondary education for your child.

Pre-registration for summer 2011 courses begin on April 26, 2011. If your child has not taken the LCC COMPASS entrance assessment or ACT/SAT, please call us, so we can provide your child with COMPASS study guides and a COMPASS assessment referral slip before they take COMPASS prior to April 26, 2011.

Orientation for all students in the SAAI program is scheduled as follows:

May 24, 2011 at 5:00p.m. or **May 31, 2011 at 3:00p.m.**

Students only need to attend one session. Please call us to schedule the day and time which is most convenient for your child to attend. Parents are welcome to attend. The orientation session will provide valuable information to your child regarding the CE/DC program, resources, student responsibilities, timelines, and valuable seminar information regarding college success and managing stress.

Other seminars will be offered throughout the summer term for students to attend. Students will receive a certificate of attendance for each seminar attended. Summer extracurricular activities will also be available to students. A list will be provided online and during orientation.

Please call Concurrent Enrollment/Dual-Credit staff for more information and application packets:

Patricia Romero (505) 454-5377 or 1-800-588-7232 ext. 1075 or promero@luna.edu

Janice Encinias (505) 454-5374 or 1-800-588-7232 ext. 1076 or jencinias@luna.edu

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Romero, CE/DC Director

Casey Martinez may be gone, but he certainly isn't forgotten

By Henry Sanchez

This is the sixth of a series of articles written on old-school athletics by Luna Community College sports performance instructor Henry Sanchez.

Arthur S. Martinez, better known as "Casey", was born in La Madera, N.M., a small village just outside of Española on Oct. 23, 1933. He had a full and rewarding life that ended at the age of 70 on Dec. 26, 2003. I would like to share his life's journey with you.

He attended the Española Public Schools from first through 8th grades and graduated from New Mexico Normal High in El Rito where he was student body president and a great athlete in all sports.

1952-55

In 1952, after graduating from high school, he signed a professional baseball contract with the San Francisco Giants. He played for the Giants' farm clubs (at the time was the New York Giants) in class D for the Sooner League in Muskogee, Okla., in class C for the Lake Charles, La. team and in class AA for the Eastern League in Springfield, Mass.

In a great article written by Jesse Gallegos many years ago, Casey in AA ball, roomed with the great Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente and was a close friend of San Francisco Giants Manager Felipe Alou.

1955-57

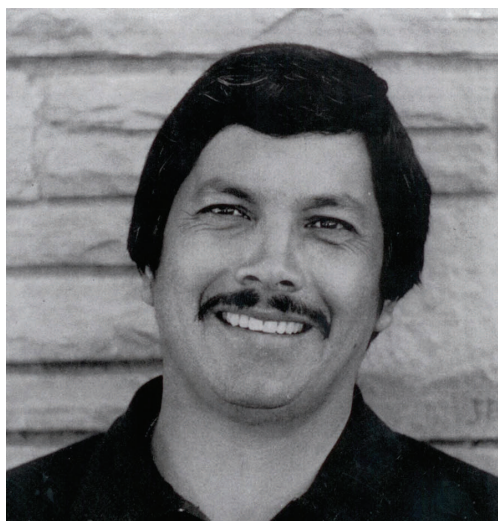
Casey served two years with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict where he was honorably discharged. He served in the fields of communication and artillery (Air/ground forward observer—155 Howitzer Battalion).

1957-60

He returned to Las Vegas and enrolled at New Mexico Highlands University, earning a BA in three years. Casey majored in biology and health/physical education. He was also elected as senior class president. A friend and fellow classmate of Casey's said, "Casey was a very gifted man, exceptional athlete, intelligent, and classroom work, especially biology and anatomy came easy to him. In baseball, he was a gifted shortstop that made everything look easy."

1960-63

He accepted a teaching and coaching position at St. Peter's High in Roswell. He worked at St. Peter's for three years and in 1963, his basketball team made it to the state tournament losing to the



Casey Martinez

Bernalillo Spartans 64-62, a team that was coached by NMHU graduate Dave Rostro.

1963-65

He took a teaching and coaching position at Santa Cruz High in Santa Cruz, N.M. where he remained for two years. In 1964, Casey coached George Maes who signed and played for the New Mexico Lobos. On Nov. 21, 1964 Maes scored 81 points in a game against Coronado High which is still the all-time single game scoring record for one individual. The irony is that record he broke belonged to Nick "The Stick" Pino from St. Michael's High who on Jan. 12, 1963 scored 80 points against El Rito High, the same school that Casey graduated from in 1952.

1965

During the summer he was selected to attend the prestigious foundation for National Science at the University of Oklahoma.

1965-69

He accepted a position to teach and coach at Española High.

1968-70

He attended The Ford Foundation Leadership Development Program for rural educators at Stanford University.

1970-71

He earned his master's degree from Stanford and worked on his doctorate in education administration. During this time he was the dean of students at Mountain View and Awalt High in Los

Altos, Calif.; he was the assistant superintendent of minority affairs and staff development in Los Altos School District in Mountain View, Calif.

1971-72

Casey came back to New Mexico and worked for the Pueblo of Pojoaque as a personnel director.

1972-80

Casey accepted a position at NMHU to teach and coach the men's basketball team. It's amazing that during his tenure at NMHU he became the athletic director, head of the P.E. department, taught a full load and coached the basketball team all during the same year. Imagine what we would have to pay in today's world for doing all these jobs?

In 1974-75, his team won 20 games and lost eight, but is best remembered for defeating Grand Canyon College 73-72 which went on to win the NAIA championship that year.

1980-86

He left the teaching and coaching at NMHU and became the Pecos School District superintendent. He was very well prepared to take on this challenge and the Pecos School District benefited.

1987-91

The records show that Casey was superintendent of Pojoaque Schools from July 1, 1987 to June 26, 1991. Everyone I talked to in the Pojoaque area remembers Casey with fond memories and total respect.

Casey retired and moved to Conchas, N.M. and taught a few classes at NMHU as a visiting professor in exercise science. He also taught graduate classes in school administration, curriculum development, school law, research methods, educational classes and supervised student teachers.

Casey was survived by his loving wife Onofre, three daughters, Elena, Christin and Lea, two sons Daryl and Barry. His two brothers are Andres and Fernando. His three sisters are Nora, Cora and Henrietta.

Casey went to see his maker on Dec. 26, 2003 at the age of 70. He knew he had a terminal illness, yet he never told his friends and lived his life without worrying or bothering anyone. Casey left the way he lived his life, that of always being in control.

Casey you have been gone for eight years, but you are not forgotten.

Transforming employee thinking

By Lawrence Quintana

How can Luna Community College continue to transform? In the past few months Luna Community College has been involved in institutional evaluation, program evaluation, and employee evaluation.

This week I was approached by an employee asking why the human resources department was questioning competencies within their job description. After sitting down with the supervisor and the employee, gaps in the job description were noted. The supervisor asked who is responsible for changing or addressing the gaps in the job description. LCC policy states that the supervisor must review the job description during the annual evaluation and note any additional job duties as assigned. Why should job descriptions be reviewed and if they change how do they impact the college? If the job description does not reflect the function of the position an employee's job begins to shift. This may cause competencies with the department to erode.

The college is changing all the time. Changes occur when department services, programs, or functions are modified, increased, or realigned. Each department is established on structure, description of work, and processes conducted as part of the institution. Each employee position within the department is established as a function within that structure, description of work, and process. An employee position is a component of the department function, designed through a job description which consists of competencies consisting of skills,

knowledge requirements (credentials), characteristics, and behaviors, if followed by the employee the results are usually successful job performance. It is very important that department directors understand performance based management, and when institutional transformation occurs department directors must also understand competency based management which incorporates collaboration with the human resources department as a participant familiarized with the departments strategic planning goals.

Department strategic plans are conducted so that all employees within the department understand how the department will achieve goals and objectives through shared vision. When a department makes an effort to align competencies with a strategic planning process positive results occur. The department will ultimately focus on students. Students are provided better service, better instruction, and more opportunity for success.

The continued transformation of LCC will take place as department leadership focus on the functions of their department in the college and department leaders ensure department employees understand their role and function in the department.

From 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 31 a director training provided by the human resource department will focus on institutional governance, leadership responsibility, performance and competency management.

Weekly Activities

Monday, March 28, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Income Tax Preparation (Springer Site/Forrester Bldg/Rm. 111)*

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *US Census Bureau/Job Recruiting Survey (Student Serv/Conf.Rm)*

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *US Census Bureau/Interviewing Recruits (LRC/Lecture Hall)*

Thursday, March 31, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. *LCC Policy & Procedure Manual Training (LRC/Lect.Hall) (For: Supervisors, Managers, & Directors)*

Friday, April 1, 2011

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Merging Traffic "Ethics for Counselors & Social Workers" Workshop/Sponsored: AHEC (Student Services/Conf. Room)*

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Lecture "Running Dry" by Jim Thebaut (Technologies/Rm. 102)Sponsored by:LCC Science, Math, Engineering& Tech./Andrew F.*

Saturday, April 2, 2011

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

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *NM Tax Help Volunteer Tax Preparation (Bus. Studies/Rm. 107)*

The Luna Community College Summer Class Schedule

is available to view online at www.luna.edu.
Hard copy schedules will be available in April.



**LUNA
COMMUNITY
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March 30, 2011

12pm – 1pm

**Technology
Lecture Hall**

Tech—102

Engineering Experience

**By
Richard E. Duncan**

**Do you have what it takes to be a successful Engineer?
How Mr. Duncan became an Engineer and succeeded
in the industry!**

