

# The Luna Light



*"The People's College"*

*Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America*

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## Fortitude, dedication equals success for Santa Rosa Satellite's Nadine Wade

*Bachelor's, master's from UNM next on list*

Six years ago Nadine Wade walked into the Luna Community College Santa Rosa Satellite inquiring about GED classes. Last week, Wade submitted a petition to graduate with an associate's in teacher education.

It took perseverance, dedication and fortitude, but for Wade it has all been worth it. And a two-year degree is not where it stops. Wade intends to enroll at the University of New Mexico and begin earning a bachelor's. Wade has not ruled out on earning a master's degree as well.

"When I first started college, I was kind of scared," says Wade. "I don't do well with a lot of people. The instructors at Luna have helped me out a lot. They have been very considerate every



**Nadine Wade is pictured with her daughter Amillia who will be one on Jan. 22.**

step of the way."

Wade moved to Santa Rosa from Palm Springs before she graduated from high school.

"If I would still be living in California there would be no way I would have gone to college," says Wade.

After earning her GED, Wade found out she had cervical cancer.

"I was treated for it and doctor's told me I couldn't have kids," said Wade. "My boyfriend and I were thinking of adopting. In April, 2010 I found out I was pregnant."

Her daughter Amillia will turn one later this month.

"She's the best thing that ever happened to me," says Wade. "Having her makes me want to continue to go to school."

Wade began her education program in 2009 taking most of her classes online or via ITV.

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"The People's College"

**Luna Community College Mass Media Communications student Alexandria Burnquist prepares to begin doing filming for the college's commercial. Students will begin editing the commercial this semester. LCC President Dr. Pete Campos has committed to finding resources so the commercial can run statewide.**



# Nadine Wade...

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"I like Luna; instructors work with you," says Wade. "They have always understood my circumstances; they didn't hold it against me."

Today Wade inches closer to her career dream—becoming an art teacher.

"I like drawing: I really enjoy it," says Wade. "I want to have my own classroom and having art classes and offer art classes on the weekend. Eventually, I want to develop a portfolio and open an art gallery."

Santa Rosa and Luna Community College may have just been the answer for Wade.

"Growing up for me was a little rough,"

says Wade. "Coming here has changed my life dramatically. I'm doing things I never thought I was going to do. My family is so proud of what I've done."

**"They have always understood my circumstances; they didn't hold it against me,"—LCC student Nadine Wade on instructors.**

Wade says she has close to a 3.4 grade point average.

"Nadine is a classic example of a success story," says longtime Santa Rosa Satellite Director Albert Campos. "You see a lot of people come and go. She took the initiative to

finish what she started. She has been able to multi-task and succeed in completing the first part of her education."

Wade knows that this is just the beginning.

"I'm very, very happy," says Wade. "I'm happy for what I've been able to accomplish up to this point and I feel confident I can do anything I want to do. I won't let anything stop me. No matter what happens in your life, do something for yourself."

**Luna Community College Auto Collision students Samson Vallejos and Earl Varela recently completed a custom paint job on a Harley Davidson motorcycle. LCC Auto Collision Instructor Anthony Baca had this to say of his students: "I am very proud of all our students; they are producing very high-quality professional jobs."**



**LCC:**  
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# Pecos' Antonio Varela: the best in the state

When Antonio Varela runs, his lone companion is the wind.

The Pecos High senior is coming off back-to-back-to-back state championships in AA.

"I do a lot of training," says Varela. "The past five years, every summer I push myself to the limit."

Although he has received several offers from several colleges, Varela says he is leaning toward running in the Air Force.

Although Pecos is a small high school (in New Mexico there are five divisions), Varela is considered the second best runner in the entire state. Only Cleveland High's Luis Martinez gets the nod over Varela.

Varela's best time of the year was running 3.1 miles in 15:17.

"During the season I run anywhere from 50 to 60 miles a week," says Varela. "I also watch what I eat and I don't drink sodas. I drink mostly water."

So why has Varela dominated running in the state for the last three seasons?

"It's because of all the effort I put into it," says Varela. "I also give a lot of credit to all my coaches."

You can't mention cross country in New Mexico without mentioning Varela and Pecos



**Pecos High Senior Antonio Varela has won the state cross country championship for three consecutive years. Several Pecos High students take classes at Luna Community College. They are bussed to campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

High.

"I'm proud to be from Pecos," says Varela. "All the hard work I have put into it

has paid off. If you don't love running it's really tough to be in cross country. You have to truly love the sport."

## **NEED HELP NAVIGATING YOUR ONLINE CLASSES?**

Then you need to attend one of LCC's

## **Blackboard Student Trainings**

- Wednesday, January 11, 2012
- Wednesday, January 18, 2012
- Thursday, January 19, 2012
- Tuesday, January 24, 2012
- Wednesday, January 25, 2012



**All trainings will be held at 10:00am in the Student Online Learning Lab Student Services Building Room 204**

**For more information please call 505-454-5362**

**\* Times and Dates subject to change due to weather conditions and/or work schedule changes.**





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## Top 10 Reasons for Completing Community College

1. You'll earn more! Students who complete their associate degree or certificate can expect to earn as much as \$8,000 more per year and about \$400,000 more in a lifetime than a high school graduate.<sup>1</sup>
2. You'll be prepared! People change jobs up to 10 times in their working lives – and when you are job-hunting, a college credential will always give you an edge.<sup>2</sup>
3. Credential holders also are more likely to retain jobs. Unemployment for community college graduates is typically 30 percent lower than for high school grads.<sup>3</sup>
4. You'll encounter fewer barriers to transfer! Many state college systems have articulation agreements that guarantee transfer of community college credits when associate degree students enter state universities. You'll save time and money by not having to repeat courses or take courses you did not know you needed.<sup>4</sup>
5. You'll have the personal satisfaction of reaching your educational goal and having something tangible to show for it – something valued by employers, scholarship officials and transfer recruiters.
6. You'll help reverse a national trend in the declining number of college graduates, and you'll also open doors for your children. Children of college graduates are more likely to graduate themselves.<sup>5</sup>
7. You and your family's health will improve. Research links greater educational attainment to longer life, healthful eating, exercising and avoiding risk factors. Better-educated people are quicker to change behaviors in response to new evidence. Better-educated people have higher incomes, making them more likely to have health insurance and live in safer neighborhoods with better access to recreational facilities and grocery stores.<sup>6</sup>
8. You will be more likely to promote environmental sustainability.<sup>5</sup>
9. You'll be more likely to volunteer, vote, contribute to charity, serve on boards and run for office.<sup>5</sup>
10. You'll be an educated, prepared and higher-paid employee, providing support for federal, state and local governments and helping the national workforce be competitive and productive in the global economy.<sup>5</sup>

**Fiction: You can get a good job without finishing college.**

**Fact: 60 percent of jobs by 2020 will require a college credential.**

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 data

<sup>2</sup> Rosenberg McKay, D. "How Often Do People Change Careers?" Guide to Career Planning since 1997 (2006)

<sup>3</sup> Internationally, College Graduates Fared Better During Recession, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 2010

<sup>4</sup> The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, American Association of Community Colleges, The National Articulation and Transfer Network

<sup>5</sup> With Their Whole Lives Ahead of Them, A Public Agenda Report for The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

<sup>6</sup> Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Commission to Build a Healthier America



**Luna Community College's Title V Mission:**

**DECEMBER 2011**

*"Developing a comprehensive online learning network for rural, time and place-bound students."*

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## Year 4 Accomplishments!

**Online Nursing Classes**



**Online Nursing Tutor  
Michelle Trujillo**

**Federal Program Officer**



**Rick Gronberg**

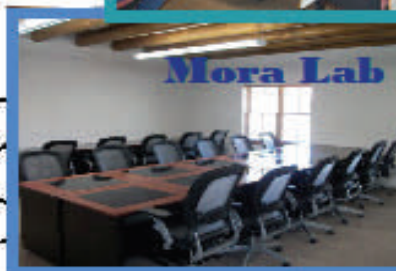
**Attends IMT**



**Blackboard & WIMBA  
Faculty Trainings**



**NCA Focus Visit**



**Mora Lab**

### TITLE V SUCCESS WHEEL



### Online Services

- Financial Aid
- Account Payments
- Career Advising

### Title V Staff

- Lorraine Martinez, Project Director
- Tiffany Young, Administrative Assistant
- Larry Paiz, Instructional Designer
- John Tieman, Online Student Services Developer
- Rick Roybal, Distance Education Technician



## Attention LCC students

Please note: If students are asking you for a degree check to complete a Financial Aid Suspension Appeal, please include the following on the degree check print-out:

- Your signature
- The students anticipated date of graduation
- Highlight courses that the student still needs to take to complete their degree/certificate and also note which semester and year these courses will be taken. Students will be required to abide by these dates.

Your cooperation and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

**Michelle Bencomo**  
*Financial Aid Advisor*  
*Luna Community College*  
505.454.2536 or

## Weekly Activities

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Welcome Back Day for LCC Students (Administration & Student Services)*

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. *Zumba Fitness Class (Vo-Ag. Bldg./101)*

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. *Hip Hop Class (Vo-Ag. Bldg./101)*

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *LCC Board of Trustees Board Meeting (Stud. Serv./Cnf.Rm)*

Thursday, January 19, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Evaluation & Job Description Analysis Training (LRC/Lecture Hall)*

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. *Zumba Fitness Class (Vo-Ag. Bldg./101)*

Friday, January 20, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. *Hip Hop Class (Vo-Ag. Bldg./101)*

Saturday, January 21, 2012

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

**Luna Community College Auto Collision student Lawrence Bustos recently finished painting his 1957 Chevy. Pictured with him is LCC Auto Collision Instructor Anthony Baca. For more information on auto collision, call 454-2591.**



# Save The Date Batterers Intervention Program (BIP) Training

February 28 & 29, 2012  
Luna Community College, Las Vegas NM

## Synopsis:

This course is intended for anyone working with families affected by domestic violence. Participants will learn the Emerge curriculum and how it compares to other models. The training is structured to be highly interactive. Trainees will learn techniques and discuss special topics related to running abuser groups.

Registration begins early January 2012  
Brochure Forthcoming - Limited Capacity  
Approved for 12.3 CEU's through NASW NM

For more information on the event contact Amalinda Arguello @ 505.454.2583, aarguello@luna.edu



Resources:  
[www.emergedv.com](http://www.emergedv.com)  
[www.luna.edu](http://www.luna.edu)

LCC Spring Class  
Registration  
is ongoing.  
The last day to  
register is Jan. 24.

Hard copy schedules are now available—You  
may view and print spring schedules online  
at [www.luna.edu](http://www.luna.edu).

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ACCEPTING AP-  
PLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANT JOB  
POSITIONS:

- Adjunct Faculty/Per Course Instructor
- Full-Time Faculty-Medical Surgical Nursing
- Full-Time General Maintenance I

FOR JOB DESCRIPTION(S) AND/OR CLOSING  
DATES, CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DE-  
PARTMENT AT (505) 454-2503 OR VISIT OUR WEB-  
SITE AT [WWW.LUNA.EDU](http://WWW.LUNA.EDU)

## Government Contracting 101

Presenter: Elaine Palin, Advisor

Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP)

Will provide a fast-paced, yet enjoyable workshop on government contracting.

Time: 9 a.m. - noon, Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Place: Las Vegas, NM SBDC  
Luna Community College  
366 Luna Drive  
Las Vegas, NM 87701-9838

FEE : \$29 (fee includes continental breakfast)  
make checks payable to SFCC/PTAP

RSVP: To register visit:

[http://www.nmsbdc.org/ptap\\_calendar.html](http://www.nmsbdc.org/ptap_calendar.html)  
For additional information contact: Julianne Gutierrez-Ortiz  
at 505-428-1343 or [julianne.gutierrez-or@sfcc.edu](mailto:julianne.gutierrez-or@sfcc.edu)

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Welcome Back  
Semi-Formal

Dance Party

Date/Time:

Jan 20.12 / 10pm-2am (Bring Student ID)

Location:

NMHU Student Center Ballroom, Tickets on Sale 1/9/  
-1/19/12 cost \$3.00 to all NMHU and LCC Students

[www.nsls.org](http://www.nsls.org)

Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LeadershipOrg](http://www.facebook.com/LeadershipOrg)

Call 505-795-3295 for Tickets.

## LCC students invited to NMHU dance

A welcome back semi-formal dance will take place at the Highlands University Student Center Ballroom this Friday for both Highlands University and Luna Community College students.

It is sponsored by National Society of Leadership and Success Chapter at

**Time:** 10 p.m.—2 p.m.

**Date:** Friday, Jan. 20

**Where:** NMHU Student Center Ballroom

NMHU.

The DJ for the dance will be Jac Christiaens. Attendees must be students that attend NMHU or LCC. Student IDs are required. The cost \$3 per person. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets can call 505-795-3295.