

The Luna Light



“The People’s College”

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Are we teaching the right stuff?

By Vidal Martinez, Vice-President for Instruction

A few months ago in Albuquerque, I met with a group of employers to discuss employment opportunities for several LCC graduates. During the conversation, I mentioned the importance of the associate degree, but to my surprise, they were not particularly interested in what I had to say. They were more concerned with the overall picture. They felt that the associate degree was valuable and a prerequisite for employment, but they were looking for something else, something more. They were looking for LCC graduates who had a set of skills.

The first skill they were looking for, in a graduate, was critical thinking and good problem solving skills. One employer stated: “In our line of work, we need people who can really think, logically, using their experiences, information and resources to solve any problem. These skills also include the ability to ask the right questions, constantly seeking improvements, and to evaluate all perspectives before making a decision.” The second skill discussed was the ability to communicate, including good oral and written skills. Another employer stated: “We need people who can speak clearly and concisely. They also need to be good listeners, public speakers, and know how to write good reports. Communication skills are the backbone of our organization.” The third skill included teamwork and interpersonal skills. They mentioned that teamwork and interpersonal skills is the ability to relate with co-workers, inspire one another and resolve conflict. One individual said: “Our people know how to work together, in a professional manner, with one common goal. Without teamwork, we would not be successful.”

The last skill was the ability to adapt to new situations, manage multiple assignments and have the flexibility to accomplish any task. One supervisor said: “Our people must adapt to changing environments and use a variety of tools and approaches. They need to think outside the box and be able to take on challenges and new ways of doing things.”

On my way home, I thought about those skills (*critical thinking, problem solving, communication, teamwork,*



Luna Community College auto collision majors Gabriel Aldana and Ethan Romero check for diagnostic trouble codes on a scan tool recently during a heating and air conditioning class. Aldana is from Santa Fe and Romero is from Mora. Aldana is working part-time at Chevrolet Cadillac of Santa Fe.

interpersonal skills, adaptation, multi-tasking and flexibility), and how they relate to curriculum and programs at LCC. I thought about traditional trades and health care, and I finally asked myself: are we teaching the right stuff? I looked out the window. Only time will tell.

CRS Tax Workshop

~FREE~

Las Vegas

July 21, 2011

LCC Student Services Conference Room

(1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

This workshop is designed to inform small business owners and self-employed people about their obligations to the state. Come learn about: Gross receipts taxes, withholding taxes, compensating taxes, non-taxable transactions, and the proper way to fill out the state required forms.

Hold on to special memories

By Dr. Pete Campos

Young people often ask me; why do I need an education? As I mature in life my response is becoming filled with stories of experience and genuine love and encouragement. When I first taught and counseled at-risk students in the 70's I would say something like "you need an education to get a good paying job." Now, after much education, a multitude of experiences and growth and maturity in my faith in God and fellow human beings - I truly believe the more education we have the more we grow in understanding of each other and take great pleasure in helping others succeed. *What a transformation!*

My energy, focus, maturity in life and full utilization of my time and talents has always been aimed towards helping others. I lost my brother Raymond over 37 years ago and it

seems like it was just yesterday. I still vividly remember his smile, generosity and willingness to help others when their cars broke down or they needed money. Before his life was taken and to this day I hold on to the special memories we created together during his twenty year life here on earth. Through my mom's daily prayers, I believe he's in heaven now.

While the pain of the loss of a loved one never goes away – we must never lose sight of what we really mean to each other. While we may not clear every hurdle in our lives, we must never stop trying and realize that our talents must never be suppressed because of our disappointments or losses. If we become depressed or disillusioned because of our failures or what we believe as injustices that others have inflicted upon us then we haven't given the gifts we have inside us a chance to truly blossom. If we let others get us down,

then we will never reach our full potential.

I know there is so much more in store for all of us to accomplish. Although there have been crushing heartaches in our lives, let us push forward and use the knowledge and internal will (gumption or ganas) we have within us to achieve our hopes and dreams, help others reach their goals and do it all dedicated in special memory to those loved ones we deeply miss and want to join some day. We can keep the memory of our loved ones alive by the example we exude and the lives we lead. Let's smile even though our hearts may be breaking – *others depend on us!* Life is truly worth living and our contributions will make a positive difference to others. Never forget - the sun will always break through our toughest times. *¡Que Viva Nuestra Familia y Luna Community College!*

LCC: "The People's College"

Jesse's quick hits

Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—Jesse

What dog always knows the time?
A watchdog.

How did dogs travel in the Old West?
In waggin' trains.

Where does a rabbit catch a plane?
In the hareport.

How did the rabbit win the race?
He won by a hare.

Luna Community College's Andrew Duran recently took over the lead security job. He will also remain as the life safety coordinator. For more information on LCC security, call 454-5334 or 660-0386.



Luna orientation needs team effort

By Jesse Gallegos
*A Different
Perspective*

Imagine yourself leaving home for the first time. Leaving what your familiar with can sometimes be a very tough experience, especially if your shy and sensitive.

This could very well be the case for many of our students who are scheduled to participate in the Annual Luna Community College Orientation on Thursday, Aug. 4.

It is going to be important for us as staff, faculty and administration to make both the students and their parents feel as comfortable about our college as possible.

Like in every case, you have only one chance to make a first impression.

In talking to orientation coordinator Melissa Lopez, she is calling for unity and participation from everyone. For the 2011

LCC Student Orientation to be successful, we will need a team effort.

Like has often been said around here, every employee is a building block and every block is important. Even when one or two blocks are missing, things aren't right.

I am the first to understand that many other colleges have more resources than us. They can put on a better show because they can afford more things, but there is no price on customer service. If we continue to treat our students well, it makes up for our lack of resources.

It appears that as every year passes, our orientations get better and I am confident that 2011 could be a banner one for us.

From the looks of it, more effort has been put forth initially, but one thing for sure the success of this orientation will be built on participation and availability of our staff, faculty and administration.

I can recall being an 18-year old leaving home for the first time and attending college

orientations. It was such an eye-opening experience.

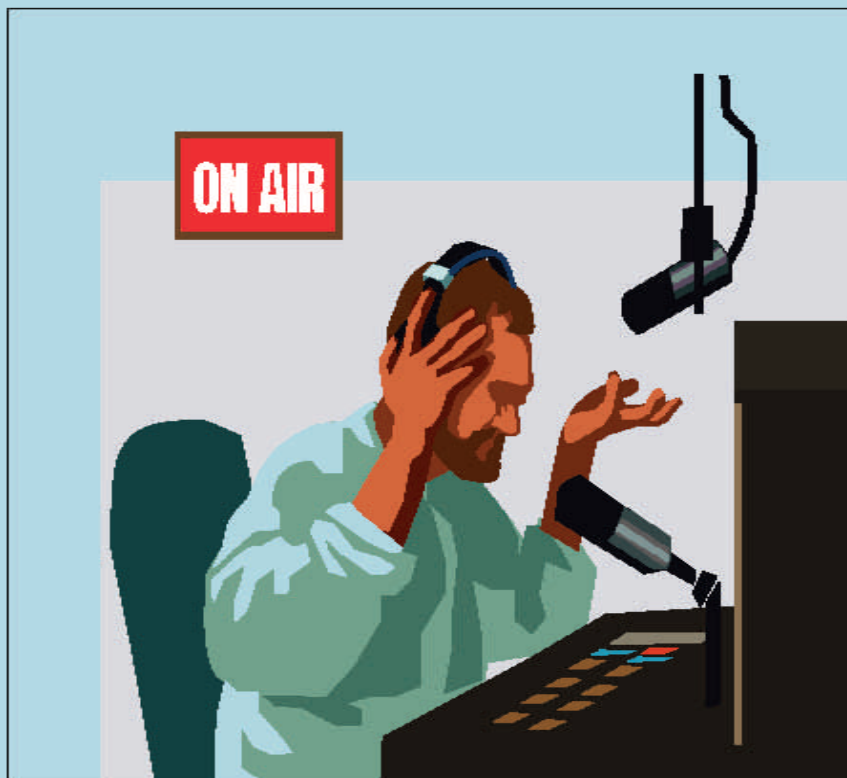
When you are an entering freshmen at a college, the majority of us do not realize what is available to us from counseling to health; to financial aid to faculty expectations.

Although student orientations are geared to help out the student and parents—in a very ironic way it can help LCC employees as well. In a school our size, we are able to make initial contact with our students and develop a solid foundation with them.

At Luna Community College, our students aren't social security numbers, they are human beings. That in itself is a huge advantage.

My recommendation is that we all give a solid team effort come Thursday, Aug. 4 that will help us start the fall semester on the right foot.

I know Luna Community College and the people that work here. There is so much talented people. We need to share more of our talents with our students.



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.

JULY 12, 2011 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



Annual Fourth of July Parade in Las Vegas







LCC President Dr. Pete Campos (center) looks over documents with water expert Richard Trujillo and former NFL Rookie of the Year Don Woods. The trio talked over water issues, education and the LCC Foundation Golf Tourney in an effort to build links. Woods will be playing in the LCC Foundation Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27 in Pendaries. For more information on sponsor or registration requests, please contact: LCC Foundation Executive Director Sarah Flores at 505/454-5367 or LCC Foundation Golf Tournament Co-Chairman Ernesto Salazar at 505/920-3696 LCC Foundation Golf Tournament Co-Chairman Phil J. Wolff at 505/425-2080.



Luna Community College Dental Assisting Instructor Dawna Gallegos talks to a group of El Paso students last week. Over 170 high and mid school students have toured the LCC campus over the last couple of weeks.

Reduced Rate Season Pass

\$400 for Adults**
\$350 for Seniors (55 & Up)**
\$180 for Students (NMHU and LCC)**
\$120 for HS Students**

**By purchasing the "Reduced Rate Season Pass" members will pay the following rates:

9 Holes = \$3
18 Holes = \$4

Along with the reduced rate on golf, carts will be reduced as well with the "Reduced Rate Season Pass":

Cart for 9 Holes = \$5
Cart for 18 Holes = \$9

Patrons who purchase the "Unlimited Play Season Pass" for \$1,000 will get Free Range Balls, Club Storage, and Reduced Rate on Golf Carts (same as above)

There will also be a "Senior Unlimited Play Season Pass" (55 and Up) priced at \$750 per year. The "Senior Unlimited Play Season Pass" will include the same benefits as the "Unlimited Play Season Pass" above.

The "Couples Unlimited Play Pass" with Range Balls included will now be reduced from \$1,500 down to \$1,250.

All Membership Dues are Payable Monthly via Direct Deposit, NMHU Payroll Deduction or by Cash or Credit Card at the Gene Torres Golf Course. If you are interested in becoming a member, please ask any of our Pro Shop Personnel for more information.

The NMHU Frisbee Golf Course is now FREE to all patrons
New Additions Coming Soon to the Gene Torres Golf Course:
Horseshoe Pits located next to the Gene Torres Pro Shop
as well a Walking Trail that will be open to the public.
The Gene Torres Golf Course is a Dog Friendly Facility

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING THE GENE TORRES GOLF COURSE

Weekly Activities

Monday, July 11, 2011

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies/102B)

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Class Presentations/Public Speaking (LRC/Lecture Hall)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. LCC Student Academic Institute Seminar (Allied Health/LO-1)

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Luau Activity (IPC/Cafeteria)

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Voice Acting Workshop (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees "Work Session" (Student Serv./Conf. Rm.)

Thursday, July 14, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Class Presentations/Public Speaking (LRC/Lecture Hall)

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Lokota Hot Stone Technique /Community Ed. Course (IPC/Cafe)

Friday, July 15, 2011

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, July 16, 2011

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

Money saving ideas for your small business

By Luna Community College
Small Business Development Center

Today is the day to start saving money for your business. Let's face it, we're in a recession and in order for businesses to survive, they need to start thinking of ways to save money. Here are some ideas for your business to start saving:

Network

Networking your business with other businesses could help you establish leads or get you referrals for potential customers helping to cut down on your marketing and advertising costs.

Barter

If you have a business you should try bartering goods and services with other businesses before you buy it. Barter deals usually require little or no money and is something you should do even when not in a recession.

Free Shipping

Buying supplies from sites that offer free shipping can save you a ton of money.

Publicity

Using free publicity for your business is an effective way to increase sales and not costs. Sharing something about you or your business that is newsworthy is a great way to get free publicity.

Plan Ahead

Make a list of business supplies or equipment you'll need in the future. Keep an eye out for stores that have big sales. Purchase the supplies when they go on sale before you need them.

Used Stuff

You can find used furniture or equipment at yard and garage sales,

used stores, flea markets, or online on various sites or message boards.

Negotiate

You should always try negotiating a lower price for any business equipment or supplies. You may be able to negotiate free shipping as well. It doesn't hurt to try. Pretend you are talking to a salesman at a car lot.

Research

You can always research for new suppliers for your business supplies and equipment. Look for suppliers with lower prices and better quality. Don't just be satisfied with a few.

Control

Review your inventory for items that can be dropped or order less of something that may not be selling as well or perhaps sourcing some items elsewhere from other suppliers.

Just because you have always done things a particular way doesn't mean you should keep on doing them that way. You should always look for new and innovative ways to save your business money.

For more information on any business related topic contact the Small Business

Development Center at 425-2582 or 1-800-588-7232 ext. 1759. The assistance is FREE and confidential. The LCC SBDC can assist all small businesses existing or start ups. Call to set up an appointment at (800) 588-7232 ext. 1759 or (505) 454-2582 or visit our website at www.nmsbdc.org for more information and make sure to keep an eye out for more small business tips brought to you by the Luna Community College Small Business Development Center.

Energy
You'll save money on your utility bill by unplugging simple items such as lamps or turning off your surge protector cords at the end of every day. Changing light bulbs to energy saving bulbs. Set energy saving features on your equipment to sleep mode when not in use.



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- Community Bank
- A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION COLLEGE



SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 27, 2011
Pendaries Golf Course

THE LCC FOUNDATION
Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
(Over \$50,000 raised for Title V in 2010)

For sponsor or registration request please contact:

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