LCC’s Melissa Serna earns sixth place: Iisha Trujillo 13th at National SkillsUSA

Luna Community College cosmetology student Melissa Serna just missed finishing in the top five at the SkillsUSA National competition in Louisville recently. Fellow student Iisha Trujillo took 13th in her category.

The two students had taken first place in their respective categories at the state SkillsUSA competition in April. Serna competed in nail care while Trujillo competed in cosmetology. Katrina Gonzales, a recent Luna Community College cosmetology graduate, was Serna’s nail care model.

“All our students did very well,” said Luna Community College Cosmetology Instructor Clarice Bonney who also serves as a SkillsUSA advisor. “They competed at a very high level. They were competing against a lot of students that had already graduated. I couldn’t be prouder of our students.”

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Cosmetology Instructor and SkillsUSA Advisor Clarice Bonney (left) along with students Melissa Serna, Iisha Trujillo and Katrina Gonzales participated at nationals in Louisville.
LCC Foundation
Annual Golf Classic

August 29, 2015
Pendaries Golf Course
Rociada, NM

All proceeds go towards Scholarships
for LCC students who qualify

9:00am Shot Gun

$1,000.00 per Team Entry
$250.00 per Hole Sponsor

Entry Deadline: August 14, 2015

For more information contact Sarah Flores at
505-429-7371 or 505-425-3567 or
email sflores@luna.edu
Luna Community College students Melissa Serna and Katrina Gonzales competed in nail care while Iisha Trujillo competed in cosmetology.

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Serna, who finished sixth, is a freshmen at Luna Community College. Trujillo is also a freshmen.

Because Serna finished in the top 10, she was considered a finalist in her category. Both Serna and Trujillo earned certificates and were recognized at a national level as being career ready.

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Luna Community College Gerald P. Ortega Wellness Center Manager Carl Vigil is welcoming returning and new students, community members, and LCC employees who want to register for the fall and spring semesters.

“We are very excited about the opportunities that our members will have for the upcoming fall and spring semester. The Gerald Ortega Wellness center is a welcoming and inviting place for all,”—Luna Community College Gerald P. Ortega Wellness Center Manager Carl Vigil.

Currently the Wellness Center is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays. It is closed on Saturday and Sunday. The hours of operation will remain the same during the fall and spring semester with Saturday and Sundays closed.

Vigil said that the wellness center will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day and on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. In addition, the wellness center will be closed from Monday, Dec. 21 through Friday, Jan. 1 for winter break. It will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 18 for in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. During Easter break from Friday, March 25 through Monday, March 28, the wellness center will also be closed.

“I would like to send a big thank you to Dawnette Garcia-Najar and all my mentors that have assisted in my professional growth throughout the years,” said Vigil. “I would also like to recognize physical education instructors Jeff Ortzow, Louie Trujillo and Henrietta Griego for their time and effort in...”
Wellness center...

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their accredited courses. Community education instructor’s Aaron Gallegos, Evelyn, Marquez, Erin Grassie, and Denise McElroy have continued to dedicate their time to keep the Luna Community College members active and healthy. I am truly grateful to everyone.”

The cost per student for each semester is $41 with senior citizens paying only $28.

“Aside from the several classes we offer, we have a variety of equipment students can use,” said Vigil. “Students can work out on their own with cable machines, free weights or cardio equipment, as well as functional training equipment such as sandbags, bosu balls, box jumps, medicine balls and much more. We are here to help you; come by and see us. Our motto is No Excuses, Just Results!”

For more information, call Vigil at 505/425-8767 or if you need information on community education classes contact Martin Garcia at 454-5335.

Pictured is Luna Community College Gerald P. Ortega Wellness Center Manager Carl Vigil. The second photo is of the bottom floor weight room.

“Our motto is No Excuses, Just Results!”

Luna Community College students Liz Herrera and Kristen Rogers enjoy pizza during an end-of-the-year gathering at the college on Tuesday. Also pictured are Student Services Advisors Janice Medrano and Cindy Branch.
Luna Community College student Lawrence Martinez (second from the left) passed his American Welding Society (AWS) certification on Wednesday, July 22. Mike Thomas, (far left) from Rocky Mountain Testing, was on campus to administer the test. AWS is a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a goal to advance the science, technology and application of welding and related joining disciplines. Martinez currently is working with a large contractor in Questa, N.M., and earned his certification to advance his opportunities within the welding industry. Also pictured are LCC’s Vocational Department Director Gary Martinez and LCC Welding Instructor Donnie Adkins. Gary Martinez says that in today's industry certifications are a big part of advancing a career. Martinez says that one of the biggest reasons students enroll in vocational programs is because of the licensing and certifications that the college offers. For more information on credentials that are being offered at Luna Community College, call Gary Martinez or the Karen Wezwick at 505/454-2530 or 505/617-6020.

Luna Community College's Santa Rosa Satellite students Jessica Bell and Danielle Romero took part in an online class recently. For more information on the Luna Community College Santa Rosa Satellite, please call 575/472-1400.
Luna CC to offer nationally recognized heavy equipment certifications

Luna Community College will soon begin offering nationally recognized heavy equipment certifications. Students will be able to get certified in scrapers, bulldozers, all-terrain forklifts, skid loaders, backhoes, wheel loaders, excavators, motor graders and compaction equipment, according to Luna Community College Building Trades Instructor Joseph Montoya.

“It’s something that’s needed,” said Montoya. “The heavy equipment operation programs is comprehensive, industry developed and offers national recognized certification. It’s getting to the point where employees need certification.”

The classes will be two-credits each. Montoya said that the first class will be on backhoe operations. Montoya intends to have this week-long class beginning soon.

Among some of the benefits of the classes, students will be taught heavy equipment operations with a variety of classroom instruction. Students successfully completing the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) specialized training will receive an NCCER certification card and will be put on the national registry. This NCCER database is a list of names of individuals who have successfully completed any NCCER standardized construction and safety training by an accredited organization.

Among Montoya’s qualifications, he is an NCCER master trainer, an NCCER craft instructor in nine pieces of heavy equipment, an NCCER construction site safety master trainer and an OSHA outreach trainer.

The total contact hours for each piece of the heavy equipment certification will vary. The heavy equipment certifications are designed to give students the fundamental skills and knowledge needed to operate heavy equipment. In addition, students will attend a 10-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration training course by an authorized OSHA outreach trainer.

Students may qualify for free tuition on the courses through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act if eligibility requirements are met.

For more information on Luna Community College heavy equipment certifications, please contact Montoya at 505/795-0930.

The Luna Community College campus is looking green with the recent rains. Northern New Mexico received plenty of rain over the summer.
Heavy Equipment Certifications

The Heavy Equipment Operation programs is comprehensive, industry developed, and offers nationally recognized certification. Candidates will be taught heavy equipment operations with a variety of heavy equipment and classroom instruction. Trainees successfully completing the National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER) Specialized Training will receive their NCCER Certification Card and be put on the national registry, which is a database maintained by the NCCER. It lists the names of individuals who have successfully completed any NCCER standardized construction and safety training by an accredited organization.

These programs are designed to give trainees the fundamental skills and knowledge needed to operate the following equipment listed below. In addition to operating heavy equipment, trainees will attend an OSHA 10-hour Occupational Safety and Health training course delivered by an authorized OSHA Outreach Trainer. Trainees successfully completing the course will receive an OSHA-10 Hour Completion Card. Funding is available through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) if eligibility requirements are met. WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

- Scrapers
- Bulldozers
- All-Terrain Forklifts
- Skid Loaders
- Backhoe
- Wheel Loaders
- Motor Graders
- Compaction Equipment

Call: 505-795-0930 or email Joseph Montoya at jjmontoya@luna.edu or josephmontoya777@live.com for more information and for class registration.
This aerial view shows Luna Community College’s east side of the campus. Luna Community College stands on a hill that overlooks Las Vegas. (photo by Erin Grassie)

Joseph Cruz is Luna Community College’s new veterans specialist. Cruz will be assisting veterans and dependents with GI Bill benefits, veteran scholarships and educational programs. Cruz has over 20 years of service with the New Mexico National Guard. Cruz served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He would like to thank all veterans for their service and is looking forward to working at the ACCESS Center. He can be reached 505/454-5317. He is located at the Student Services Building, room 114.
Springer Satellite student excels in ornamental welding class

The summer heat didn’t keep welding students at Luna Community College’s Springer Satellite out of the shop. Francisco Caro drove to Springer every Monday from Las Vegas for Art Arguello’s ornamental art welding class. This was Caro’s first semester at Luna Community College, but has a great deal of welding experience. Since Caro fabricated a headache rack with a Broncos logo for his truck. In addition to the Broncos theme, he has made a metal cooking disc. For more information on the Luna Community College Springer Satellite, call 575/483-5009.

LCC: “The People’s College”
High Intensity Interval Training
Instructor: Aaron Gallegos
Days & Times: Mon & Wed 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center
Cost: $35.00/4-week course

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention
Instructor: John Arnold
Course Dates: Sept 1 - Nov 19
Days & Times: Tues & Thurs 10:00am - 11:00am
Location: LCC Media Education Center
Cost: $45.00/12-week course

PIYO (Pilates/Yoga)
Instructor: Erin Grassie
Course Dates: Aug 25 - Oct 22
Days & Times: Tues & Thurs 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Location: LCC Media Arts Atrium
Cost: $40.00/8-week course

Self-Defense Karate
Instructor: Jeff Ortzow
Course Dates: Aug 24 - Dec 10
Days & Times: Mon & Wed 5:30pm - 7:30pm or Tues & Thurs 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center
Cost: $41.00/semester

Morning Zumba
Instructor: M. Evelyn Marquez
Course Dates: Aug 24 - Oct 19, Oct 21 - Dec 14
Days & Times: Mon & Wed 9:00am - 10:00am
Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center
Cost: $35.00/8-week course

Evening Zumba
Instructor: Louie Trujillo
Days & Times: Tues & Thurs 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center
Cost: $35.00/8-week course

For more information, contact Martin Garcia @ 454-5335 or mgarcia@luna.edu
LCC Foundation Golf Tourney set for Aug. 29 at Pendaries

Money raised to be used for scholarships

The 2015 Luna Community College Foundation Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Pendaries Golf Course in Rociada. A shotgun start is scheduled at 9 a.m.

A four-person team sponsor is $1,000. A hole sponsorship is $250. The entry fee covers green fees, a cart, and a lunch. Money raised will be used for scholarships.

Prizes will be given for longest drive (men and women’s division) and closest to the pin (men and women’s division). A hole-in-one for a cash prize will also take place. Team prizes will be awarded for first through third place plus a first place gross score in a four-person scramble format.

For more information, call Luna Community College Executive Foundation Director Sarah Flores at 505/454-5367.

The Pendaries Golf Course is located about 30 minutes north of Las Vegas and is known for its stunning views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

This photo was taken at last year’s Luna Community College Foundation Golf Tournament at the Pendaries Golf Course in Rociada.

Luna Community College Springer Satellite employees Tina Gallegos and Robert Arrellin were recognized for their diligent work. Pictured with Gallegos and Arrellin is LCC Board of Trustee David Gutierrez.

Luna Community College “The People’s College”
Student Orientation

New, Returning & Prospective Students, Parents and Community members are urged to attend.

Friday, August 21, 2015
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Luna Community College
213 S. 4th Street
Santa Rosa, N.M.

Come by & meet with President Sanchez, Directors, Faculty, Staff and other students!

Get information about student support services and learning opportunities.

Enjoy a hot dog, chips and a drink!
Win cool prizes!
Have fun!

“Creating Opportunities for You!”
Luna Community College
ACCESS Tutoring Lab gets 15 new computers

The Luna Community College ACCESS Center Tutoring Lab recently got 15 new computers. The tutoring lab is located in room 113 in the Student Services Building.

“Both the students and tutors are excited to have these new computers,” said Luna Community College ACCESS Center Student Services Advisor Janice Medrano. “These computers will be utilized quite a bit throughout the school year.”

The ACCESS Center provides tutoring for many programs of study. During the summer semester, students can use the computers from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. During the fall and spring semesters, the ACCESS Center Tutoring Lab is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information on the Luna Community College ACCESS Center and its tutoring lab, please call Medrano at 505/454-2546.
The Veterans Resource Center at Luna Community College is an area where Veterans and their dependents may seek information, guidance and support regarding educational opportunities as well as peer to peer mentoring.

Location
Access Center
Room #114
Student Services Building

Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Come and meet your
Veteran Student Specialist Joseph Cruz or
call the Veteran Resource Center at 505-454-5317
This picture of the Pecos High School Baseball and Softball Complex shows a birds eye view. Luna Community College and Pecos High School are currently talking about having a Rough Rider softball and baseball game at Pecos High. (Courtesy photo Pecos Schools)

Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and community, a Rough Rider Meal Card is available. The Rough Rider Meal Card can be purchased at the LCC Fiscal Office. For more information, call LCC Food Services Manager Paul Sandoval at 505/454-2581.

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NEED HELP NAVIGATING YOUR ONLINE CLASSES?
Then you need to attend one of LCC’s

Blackboard Student Trainings

10:00am & 2:00pm

- Tuesday, August 18, 2015
- Wednesday, August 19, 2015
- Tuesday, August 25, 2015
- Wednesday, August 26, 2015 (ITV)

All trainings will be held in the Student Online Learning Lab
Student Services Building Room 204
For more information please call 505-454-5331

* Times and Dates subject to change due to weather conditions and/or work schedule changes.
Former Rough Rider standouts playing professional baseball

Ridge Hoopii Haslam, Michael Ormseth and will Mathis all put on Rough Rider uniforms. Today, the three former Luna Community College baseball players are currently in the professional ranks.

Hoopii-Haslam is on the Grand Prairie AirHogs roster. Grand Prairie is part of the American Association. The AirHogs are an independent minor league baseball team located in the Dallas-Forth Worth Metroplex. The American Association is an independent professional baseball league.

Hoopii Haslam, most recently, was second in team home runs with six and third in RBI’s with 21.

Ormseth was the 2015 Pecos League Pitcher of the Year. Ormseth went 6-3 this season for the Las Cruces Vaqueros. He led the Pecos League in strikeouts with 94 in only 86 innings.

Mathis play in the High A division for the Seattle Mariners organization in Bakersfield, Calif. Most recently, he had a 4-2 record and a 3.76 ERA to go along with 50 strikeouts.

Hoopii-Haslam played at Tennessee Wesleyan after playing at Luna Community College. Ormseth and Mathis played at New Mexico State University and New Mexico University, respectively.

“I’m very proud of our program that has provided a roadmap for many of our student-athletes that have gone on to four-year universities and represented Luna Community College in the right way,” said Luna Community College Baseball Coach Antonio Siqueiros. “We wish all current, future and past student-athletes the best in their journey.”
**Community Education**

**Fall 2015 Community Education Courses**

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**Climate Change**
Instructor: Dianne Lindsay  
Course Dates: Aug 26 - Dec 9  
Days & Times: Wed 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
Location: LCC Main Campus  
Business Studies BUS112  
Cost: $25.00/semester or $5.00/class

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**Ego-Architecture & the Climate Change Holocaust**
Instructor: Daniel Matthias  
Course Dates: Sept 2 - Oct 14  
Days & Times: Wed 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Location: LCC Main Campus  
Business Studies BUS112

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**Sewing Basics**
Instructor: Susan Bailey  
Course Dates: Aug 25 - Oct 14, Oct 20 - Dec 9  
Days & Times: Tues & Wed 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Location: Santa Rosa Campus Room 101  
Cost: $60.00/semester

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For more information, contact Martin Garcia @ 454-5335 or mgarcia@luna.edu
July Construction

The Year 3 project for the Electrical Lab continues and it should be complete by the time school starts in the fall.

The Electrical Lab will provide students the opportunity to gain the knowledge and technical skills necessary to enter into the field of electrical trades.

Students in the class are taught residential blueprint reading, application of the National Electrical Code (NEC), New Mexico Electrical Code (NMNEC) and local electrical codes, installation of branch circuits and feeders, residential services, single pole, three and four way switch circuits, door chime installation, dryer, range and swamp cooler circuitry and conduit bending.

Hands-on training for personal and tool safety, meter reading, electrical circuitry, electrical formulas, electrical calculations, material identification and AS/DC motor operation and troubleshooting are areas that will be taught by Lorenzo Barreza, instructor.

Building Trades project is coming together in Phase 1 of the initiative. Cross Connection Contractors are following the timeline before FA2015 semester starts.

Cross Connection Contractor Foreman Mark Sanchez, Title V Director Lorraine Martinez go over measurements in the Electrical Lab.

Theory and lab courses are designed to be taken together to give students an in-depth understanding of the concepts of electrical trades.

Title V Staff
Lorraine Martinez, Director • Veronica Serna, Activity Director • Tiffany Young, Office Manager
Lucia Gomez- Vaughan, SimLab Supervisor • Larry Paiz, Instructional Designer
**Students excelling at Mora Site**

**By Wanda Martinez**  
**Mora Site Director**

The Mora Site begins yet another semester on a positive note. We raised the bar this past spring by graduating eight high school students with a general education certificate and one receiving her general studies AA! They are: April Gallegos, Genoveva Hurtado (magna cum laude, Phi Theta Kappa), Andres Martinez (cum laude, Phi Theta Kappa), Julianne Mendoza (cum laude, Phi Theta Kappa) (AA), Melissa Montoya, Onnica Pino (summa cum laude, Phi Theta Kappa), Gilbert Ramirez (cum laude) and Alexus Trujillo (magna cum laude, Phi Theta Kappa).

Each of them are registered for the fall semester at the university of their choice as sophomores. Two of these students, Andres Martinez and Gilbert Ramirez, have joined the National Guard and will be beginning their educational journey in the spring semester as they are currently in Georgia and Missouri, respectively.

This is the first time in Mora High School history that so many students have received their certificates and the first time any student received an associate’s degree prior to their high school graduation! Congratulations!! This is quite an accomplishment and it just proves the impact and effectiveness Luna Community College has in a rural community. The possibilities are indeed endless and we will continue to strive to do all we can for our community and all its educational needs.

**LCC: “The People’s College”**
JOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT & BE THE VOICE OF THE STUDENTS!
MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT LCC!

NOMINATIONS OPEN
AUGUST 24TH

DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS
SEPTEMBER 4TH BY 5:00PM

CANDIDATES WILL BE VERIFIED BY
SEPTEMBER 8TH

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE
SEPTEMBER 16TH & 17TH

For more information contact SG Advisors Dawna Ortega-Gallegos & Joyce Garcia at 505-454-2500 or email studentgovernment@luna.edu
Seven LCC student-athletes earn all-conference academic honors

Six Luna Community College baseball players and one softball player were recognized by the Western Junior College Athletic Conference for earning a spot on its spring 2015 Honor Roll Team.

To make the 2015 Honor Roll Team, a student-athlete had to earn a 3.25 grade point average or higher for the spring semester.

Anthony Acevedo, Daniel Brennan, Ryne Niemi, Manuel Parra, Jose Mondragon and Thomaslee Mares represented the baseball team. Corteney Torrez represented the softball team.

Torrez, a sophomore from Gallup, is a general studies major.

“Corteney is a very intelligent young lady who is going to continue college at the University of Wyoming; she is very dedicated to her work,” said Luna Community College Softball Coach Nathan Trujillo.

Acevedo is a freshmen from Anthony, N.M. He is majoring in general studies.

Brennan, is a general studies major from Las Cruces. He is a freshman. Niemi is a freshman outfielder from Belton, Texas. He is a general studies major. Parra, a sophomore from Albuquerque, is a business administration major. Mondragon, a sophomore first baseman from Albuquerque, is a pre-engineering major. Mares is a freshman from Albuquerque. He is a liberal arts major.

“It is very difficult to maintain a high grade point average while playing baseball,” said Luna Community College Baseball Coach Antonio Siqueiros. “These student-athletes are very focused and dedicated; they applied themselves.”
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WELCOME BACK WEEK

Monday, August 24, 2015
Doughnuts & Coffee
7:00 am to 10:00 am
Financial Aid Office

Tuesday, August 25, 2015
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Hot Dogs, Drinks, & Meet your Rough Riders
Behind Student Services

Wednesday, August 26, 2015
Root Beer Floats
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Student Services Building

Thursday, August 27, 2015
Pizza Party, Live Music, & Volleyball
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Behind Student Services

Friday, August 28, 2015
Free Popcorn
ACCESS Center
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

FREE PRIZES ALL WEEK LONG!