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The 2013 Luna Community College Softball Team opened up its season last week with three victories. Pictured are: (bottom, l-r) Celeste Paez, Kari Mays, Alexis Murillo and Marquita Zamora; (middle row, l-r): Veronica Holloman, Marissa Valencia, Shannon Taraddei, Kayla Roberts, Renee Roybal, Denise Otero, Ashton Borunda and Savannah Miller. (Top row, l-r) are: Montana Martinez, Mary Medina, Kaitlyn Gross, Larissa Gallegos, Mercediz Bileen, Stephanie Rose, Gabriella Negeiros, Amber Harding, Yadira Carrasco, Krynisha Betoni, Jasmine Hernandez and Adrienne Chavez.

YouthBuild at LCC to build youth *Grant to help students age 16-24*

Luna Community College's exciting new program, YouthBuild, is a highly successful alternative education program that will assist local area youth ages 16-24 obtain their GED and pursue post-secondary education. Likewise, program participants will earn construction industry-related job skills by renovating or building affordable housing in our community.

YouthBuild students will participate in leadership development activities, all while earning college credit and nationally-recognized credentials through the Na-

tional Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). Additionally, YouthBuild will provide career placement opportunities and case management services to its participants.

All costs incurred for college tuition, lab fees, textbooks, and tools of the trade will be paid for by YouthBuild. Participants will also receive monetary incentives totaling \$2,000. Specifically, a \$1,000 stipend will be given for completing either a renovation or construction project and a \$1,000 graduation stipend will also be awarded. Moreover, students

who successfully pass their GED with a score of 530 (or higher) automatically qualify for the New Mexico Lottery Scholarship.

The LCC YouthBuild program has two local operational partners. The City of Las Vegas and Habitat for Humanity will be directly involved in the actual renovation or construction phases of the program. Additionally, Luna has referring partners and supportive partners who will continuously provide services to YouthBuild and its participants.

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2013 SkillsUSA Week is from Sunday Feb. 10 through Saturday, Feb. 16. During SkillsUSA Week, members will raise awareness of SkillsUSA bringing positive recognition to SkillsUSA, local schools and fellow students. In addition, it underscores the importance of SkillsUSA's purpose and mission, which is to help prepare America's high-performance workers in public career and technical programs. For more information or to join LCC Skills USA call Dawna Ortega-Gallegos at 505-454-5382 or Anthony Baca at 505-454-2591. Participants pictured include: (Back row, l-r) Dawna Ortega-Gallegos, Joe Esquibel, Krystal Marquez, Amanda Silva, Amanda Leora Martinez, Kimberly Gonzales, Max Bustamante, Patrick Villanueva, Steven DeSantos, John Adam Dimas, Joe Montoya, Roger Romero, Rachel Trujillo, Gene Gonzales, Maria Chavez and Anthony Baca. (front row, l-r) Frances Martinez, Danielle Carpenter, Chris Castellano and Devinn Martinez.

**LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
FOR THE FOLLOWING VA-
CANT JOB POSITIONS:**

- Director of Institutional Research/Development/ and Effectiveness
- 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
- Temporary Part-time Assistant Softball Coach

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

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POSTING FOLLOW THE LCC
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.**

Weekly activities

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SBDC Government Contracting
(Student Services 102)**

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Safety Belt Class (General Studies 102B)

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. United Blood Services Blood Drive (Allied Health Lab)

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees Regular Work Session (Student Services 102)

LCC English students share some thoughts on descriptive, cause and effect essays

The following excerpts are taken from random students enrolled in the course: English, Grammar and Usage, 095 during the fall, 2012 semester. Listed are a few of the learning/outcomes for this course. Final writings must meet these objectives with 70 percent or better in order to pass the course satisfactorily.

Assignment: Students are provided a choice of three topics to arrange and write a 'Descriptive' Essay or a 'Cause and Effect' Essay. Students finalized their final essay after submitting a clustering format, formal outline, a draft copy with edits, and a final essay. The following are excerpts of this assignment:

LEARNING OUTCOMES/ OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:

- Demonstrate competence in the writing process by editing final product for grammar, language conventions and format.
- Demonstrate the use of strategies in the writing process, utilizing persuasive writing, autobiographical writing, essays that speculate on cause and effect.
- Demonstrate proficiency in creation of narrative texts to engage the reader by establishing a context.
- Demonstrate proficiency in variety of compositions utilizing multiple source's primary sources.
- Plan and write informal outlines by taking notes and producing pre-written documents.
- Gather relevant information for research topic from a variety of print and electronic sources.

College Sports vs. Professional League . . . rivalries between college schools can be erratic and delirious . . . tailgate parties go wild supporting their team. . . . wardrobe and body and face painting with school colors, wearing school jerseys . . . mascots go berserk . . . Professional leagues are less intense and competitive as professional play-

ers are often greedy, arrogant or selfish because of their champion reputation, media frenzy and gifts they are treated with . . . by M. Bileen

Hunting in northern New Mexico . . . as my father and I positioned ourselves underneath a large pine tree . . . I pulled my rifle up, aimed; and it was the first time to put my trust in everything I had learned about game hunting . . . time stood still, birds chirping, elk running off in the distance . . . as the 700 pound elk beast hit the ground . . . by R. Trujillo

College Sports vs. Professional League . . . athletes who don't get paid to play sports seem to be better athletes. . . it all comes down to performance . . . and the main factor is that the public watch as sport teams improve and become better when star athletes play like stars . . . by AJ

Effects of Hurricane Sandy . . . at least one hundred homes were burned due to broken natural gas lines . . . temperatures will most likely drop which will cause problems for people who don't have heat . . . 8,500 Red Cross workers are focusing on providing food and shelter . . . and have been deployed from 50 states . . . by M. Bileen

Mares

College Sports vs. Professional League . . . professional baseball uses wooden bats. . . hitting more home runs than college baseball . . . professional basketball, NBA, get paid. . . with only five playing in the game . . . professional sports have older, smarter superstars, but college players have more heart and energy . . . by M. Valdez

Teen Mothers vs. Adult Mothers . . . most teen and/or young mother's face most of the time is dealing with the father of her child. . . Nine out of ten times, he becomes frightened of the situation and leaves . . . by J. Romero

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Las Vegas Night at the Legislature has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 21 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the La Fonda Hotel

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Meet your Rough Riders

Name: Stephanie Rose

Position: Pitcher, first base, second base and utility

Major: Radiology

Classification: Sophomore

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colo.

High School: Mesa Ridge

Parents and family: Brenda and Steve Rose, parents; Corey Rose, brother.

Favorite movie, why?: Pitch Perfect, because it is funny.

If you could trade places with someone, who would it be and why?: I would like to trade places with younger softball players so they can enjoy the chance I got.

How important is academics to you?: Very important.

Plans after graduation: Continue school for radiology and coach.

What is on your bucket list: To travel the world and help people and coach.

Favorite food, why?: Italian. No particular reason.

Favorite athlete: Cat Osterman and Jennie Finch.

What would you like to contribute to society?: I would like to help change people's lives.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My parents, because they do so much for me.



Stephanie Rose



Alexis Murillo

Name: Alexis Murillo

Nickname: Lex

Position: Centerfield

Major: Nursing

Classification: Freshman

Hometown: Las Cruces

High School: Las Cruces High

Parents and family: Lisa Murillo, David Murillo and Cody Murillo.

If you could trade places with someone, who would it be and why?: Jeff Dunham. I wish I could be as funny as him.

How important is academics to you?: It is very important.

Plans after graduation: To continue with my

nursing career.

What is on your bucket list: To go to a Wisconsin football game.

Favorite food, why?: Pizza, because I can eat it cold or hot.

Favorite athlete: Albert Pujols.

What would you like to contribute to society?: Everything I possibly can to benefit people.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My mom, because she's become my best friend throughout the years. She is the most caring person I know.

Attention students:

LCC is continuing to register for late starting courses and 8-week courses that begin the week of March 17

Employee winner

Last week's winner was Dr. Elizabeth Juarros as Alanis Morissette.

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.



John Tiernan



Lou Ferrigno

or



Moses Marquez



MacGyver

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SPRING 2013

Luna Rough Rider Baseball

Date	Opponent	Location	Games	Times	Results
2/1/2013	Cisco College	Cisco, TX	2 7's	12:00 p.m.	
2/2/2013	Cisco College	Cisco, TX	2 7's	12:00 p.m.	
2/8/2013	Eastern Arizona CC	Thatcher, AZ	2 7's	12:00 p.m.	
2/9/2013	Eastern Arizona CC	Thatcher, AZ	2 7's	12:00 p.m.	
2/15/2013	Western Oklahoma	Altus, OK	1 9	12:00 p.m.	
2/16/2013	Western Oklahoma	Altus, OK	2 7's	12:00 p.m.	
2/17/2013	Western Oklahoma	Altus, OK	1 9	12:00 p.m.	
2/23/2013	Trinidad State JC	Trinidad, CO	2 7's	12:00 p.m.	
2/24/2012	Trinidad State JC	Trinidad, CO	2 7's	12:00 p.m.	
3/1/2013	*El Paso CC*	El Paso, TX	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
3/2/2013	*El Paso CC*	El Paso, TX	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
3/6/2013	*Odessa College*	HOME	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
3/9/2013	*Odessa College*	HOME	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
3/15/2013	*Clarendon College*	HOME	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
3/16/2013	*Clarendon College*	HOME	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
3/21/2013	Adams State JV	Alamosa, CO	TBA	TBA	
3/23/2013	Adams State JV	HOME	TBA	TBA	
3/29/2013	*Frank Phillips College*	Borger, TX	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
3/30/2013	*Frank Phillips College*	Borger, TX	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
4/5/2013	*New Mexico Junior College*	Hobbs, NM	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
4/6/2013	*New Mexico Junior College*	Hobbs, NM	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
4/12/2013	*Western Texas College*	HOME	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
4/13/2012	*Western Texas College*	HOME	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
4/16/2013	Trinidad State JC	HOME	2 7's	12:00 p.m.	
4/19/2013	*Howard College*	Big Springs, TX	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
4/20/2013	*Howard College*	Big Springs, TX	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
4/26/2013	*Midland College*	HOME	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
4/27/2013	*Midland College*	HOME	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
5/3/2013	*New Mexico Military Institute*	Roswell, NM	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	
5/4/2013	*New Mexico Military Institute*	Roswell, NM	1-7, 1-9	12:00 p.m.	

* Indicates Conference Games



Head Coach: Antonio Siqueiros
 Head Assistant Coach: Darren Wheat
 Assistant Coach: Carl Vigil





COLLEGE NIGHT 2013

WHEN: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

TIME: 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

**WHERE: ABE MONTOYA REC CENTER
LAS VEGAS, NM**

**FOR INFORMATION CALL: 1.800.588.7232
OR 1.800.338.6648.**

Complimentary t-shirt and Light buffet

Lady Rough Riders off to great start



The Luna Community College Softball Team travelled north to play Lamar Community College and while there, they traveled north in the standings. The Lady Rough Riders took three of four winning 8-3, 7-6 and 5-3. They lost the last game of the series 7-5.

"It was great to see how well this team played together," said LCC Interim Head Coach Nathan Trujillo. "It was a great start to the season." Kaitlyn Gross had an excellent weekend with eight hits. Alexis Murillo matched Gross with eight hits. Gabriella Negeiros, Renee Roybal and Veronica Holloman took the wins for the Lady Rough Riders. The Lady Rough Riders travel to Midland, Texas this weekend and participate in the Midland Classic.

Kaitlyn Gross

The LCC Baseball Team continue to compete at a high level.

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Credentials and reputation lead to success

By Dr. Pete Campos

Have you heard the term, all I need to do is get my foot in the door? My experiences as a supervisor and employer in the private and public sectors for the past four decades have taught me a lot about human nature. I've had individuals tell me - before they were hired – things like: I need a job, I have the experience, I'll work for minimum wage and do what needs to get done! Then, almost immediately after I've hired that person, he or she has said, "I'm not being paid enough to do what you want me to do. Fire me! Anyway, I'll collect unemployment." Or, if a person was not hired for a job, he or she became upset and began to tell others, "He promised me a job" and then that person spreads falsehoods to get even because he or she did not get the job. Lao Tze, philosopher of ancient China, said, "Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. **Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.**"

During my career, I've applied for many jobs such as the associate superintendent for support services with the Las Vegas City Schools. During the hiring process, I was not one of the top choices. I remember thanking the superintendent at the time for allowing me the opportunity to compete for the job. The unexpected chain of events that followed – which included the top choice being hired and then declining the position – led to the opportunity for me to be hired. I was later told it was my positive attitude, credentials, reputation and professional persistence that convinced those who would approve my employment to give me a chance. I also applied twice for the presidency at New Mexico Highlands University. I was not hired, but I thanked the committees and regents that made the recommendations and selections and left the documents I prepared for my interviews – which laid out my plans for the university's future – as idea pieces for university leaders.

I share part of my story with you because employers look at many things when they are considering hiring you. They look at – among other things - your **credentials** (do you qualify for the job), your **demeanor** (how you present yourself, are you a good fit and do you have potential), your **reputation** (are you known as a positive, trustworthy and hardworking person) and your **respect for yourself and others**. Colin Powell, an American statesman and retired four-star general in the United States Army, said, "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure."

YouthBuild at LCC...

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LCC YouthBuild is primarily being funded by an \$852,920.00 United States Department of Labor YouthBuild grant (or 75 percent of the total cost of \$1,136,196.00). It joins 273 other YouthBuild programs in 46 states, Washington, D.C., and the Virgin Islands, engaging approximately 10,000 young adults per year.

The primary target population of YouthBuild is out-of-school youth, adjudicated youth, and youth aging out of foster care. However, 25 percent of available slots may be filled by individuals who may have already obtained their high school diploma. These particular participants will qualify for YouthBuild if academic assessments reflect significant deficiencies.

Individuals interested in joining LCC's First-Year YouthBuild Co-

hort are encouraged to submit their applications by or before Friday, Feb. 15, 2013. Classes begin on March 18, 2013. The Second-Year YouthBuild Cohort is scheduled to commence spring 2014.

For additional information regarding YouthBuild, Luna Community College's exciting new program, please call 454.2592, 454.2593, or 454.2594, or visit LCC YouthBuild on Facebook. YouthBuild administrative offices are located in Rooms 101 and 110 of the Business and Professional Studies Building at LCC and are open from 8

a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Start building your future at Luna Community College by applying for YouthBuild today!

For a bio on the LCC YouthBuild Director, see page 10.



Springer Mayor Danny Cruz introduces Town of Springer employee, Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Treasurer to the Springer Economic Development Committee during an economic development meeting held at the LCC Satellite last Wednesday. Also pictured are: Nancy Jespersen, Member, Juanita Baker, Guest, Reynaldo Gaytan, Chairman, Mel Root and Don Compton, Friends for Life, Gary Reece, Member, Robert Portillo, Member, Bill Sauble, Guest (Colfax County Commissioner), Luis Ortiz, Economic Developer, and Reynaldo Gaytan, President.

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8 WEEK COURSES

Course	Sec	Hours	Title	Days	Dates	Times	Campus	Bldg	Room	Instructor
AH091	01	1.0	TEAS Prep - Science	-M---	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	1:00PM - 2:40PM	Main Campus	AHC	NO10	Gilland, E
AH092	01	1.0	TEAS Prep - Mathematics	-M---	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	3:00PM - 4:40PM	Main Campus	AHC	NO10	(Staff)
AH093	01	1.0	TEAS Prep - English	-M---	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	4:00PM - 5:50PM	Main Campus	AHC	NO9	Ortega, D
AH094	01	1.0	TEAS Prep - Reading	--W--	03/20/13 - 05/10/13	4:00PM - 5:50PM	Main Campus	AHC	NO10	Ortega, D
CSA150	08	3.0	Computer Fundamentals	-T-R-	03/19/13 - 05/10/13	4:00PM - 7:50PM	Main Campus	BUS	103	Gutierrez
CUL107	01	1.0	Current Topics in Food Safety	-T-R-	03/19/13 - 05/10/13	1:00PM - 1:50PM	Main Campus	CAFE		O'Brien, A
CUL115	01	1.0	Serv-Safe Certification	-T-R-	01/15/13 - 03/08/13	1:00PM - 1:50PM	Main Campus	CAFE		O'Brien, A
DENT103	01	5.0	Dental Materials	-T-R-	01/15/13 - 03/08/13	9:00AM - 5:00PM	Main Campus	AHC	DO02	Pacheco, G
DENT170	01	7.0	Clinical Training/Practicum I	-MTWR-	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	8:00AM - 3:50PM	Main Campus	OFFS		Ortega, D
DENT170L	01	0.0	Clincl Trng Practicum I/Seminar	--F-	03/22/13 - 05/10/13	10:00AM - 11:00AM	Main Campus	AHC	DO01	Ortega, D
DENT226	01	1.0	Dental Pharmacology	-M---	01/14/13 - 03/08/13	10:00AM - 11:50AM	Main Campus	AHC	DO10	Ortega, D
DENT233	01	2.0	Laboratory Procedures	-M-W-	01/14/13 - 03/08/13	1:00PM - 4:50PM	Main Campus	AHC	DO10	Ortega, D
FCMK130	20	3.0	Advanced Woodworking Projects	-T-R-	03/19/13 - 05/10/13	1:00PM - 6:50PM	Springer	BTRD		Kuhlman, P
HPS115	01	3.0	First Aid and CPR for Sports	-M-W-	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	5:30PM - 9:20PM	Main Campus	GEN	101	Aragon, M
PE117	02	1.0	Kickboxing and Step Combo	-MTW-	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	1:00PM - 2:10PM	Main Campus	WELL		Marr-Monto
PSYC101E	21	3.0	Introduction to Psychology (DL)	-M-W-	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	4:00PM - 6:50PM	Online Course	SPRG		Harris, R.
PSYC242E	02	3.0	Developmental Life Span (DL)	-T-R-	03/19/13 - 05/10/13	12:30PM - 3:20PM	Online Course	MAIN		Hughes, R.
SOC101E	20	3.0	Introduction to Sociology (DL)	-M-W-	03/18/13 - 05/10/13	7:00PM - 9:50PM	Online Course	SPRG		Harris, R.

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Rough Riders...

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The Rough Riders won 8-6 and lost 7-0, 3-2 and 5-2.

"We're a couple of hits away from a couple of victories," said LCC Coach Antonio Siqueiros. We're not capitalizing on opportunities. We're getting better each day."

J.D. Heredia continued to pitch well this season taking the win for the Rough Riders.

Ridge Hoopi-Haslam is also having a stellar season. He is hitting at a .440 clip.

Erick Santiago, the starting shortstop, is playing tremendous defense and coming up with solid hits.

The road does not get any easier for the Rough Riders as they take on the nation's No. 2 team Western Oklahoma this weekend.

The games are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Altus, Okla.

The Rough Riders are no strangers to tough competition. They opened up the season versus No. 9 Cisco College.

To see the full schedule, see page 5.



Ridge Hoopi-Haslam

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*Meeting: Friday, Feb. 15
12:30 pm, Gen. Studies Room 104*

Discussion/Action Items:

- * Chapter Update
- * Spring 2013 Projects and Activities
- * March 2 NM Regional Convention - LCC Host
- * Chapter Officer Nominations
- * Other Business

If you have any questions, please contact Advisor Cindy Armijo at 454-2558 or stop by General Studies, Office 100.



Luna Community College baseball players practice at the Gerald Ortega Wellness Center recently. Both baseball and softball teams practice indoors when severe weather occurs.

YouthBuild Director Eddie King has over 32 years as a professional educator

King says program will convey perseverance, courage and vision

Celebrating over 32 years as a professional educator, YouthBuild Director Eddie King is a former high school principal and past high school Acting Principal and Assistant Principal. Prior to holding his public school administrative posts, King taught at the middle school and high school levels. Moreover, he has been a member of the adjunct faculty at New Mexico Highlands University and Luna Community College.

King was conferred BA and MA degrees from NMHU and is credentialed in English, Spanish, bilingual education, secondary education and educational leadership. He holds professional licensure, a Level Three-A Instructional Leader License and a Level Three-B School Administrative License, from the New Mexico Public Education Department.

During his tenure as a public school administrator, King served as project coordinator of various school/community workforce curricula, including School-to-Work Externship Programs and Learn and Serve America service learning projects. He has administered high school work study programs and further, has managed work release programs where he oversaw students' job performance. Similarly, King has served as a school/community liaison with the New Mexico State Department of Workforce Solutions, having worked alongside state personnel in the development and implementation of various youth employment initiatives.

Regarding his pivotal role as Director of one of LCC's exciting new programs, King said: "At YouthBuild, the three most important things we will impart to our students is perseverance, courage and vision. It takes practice for a person to get better at anything.



Luna Community College YouthBuild Program Director Eddie King has also taught at both LCC and Highlands University.

To be good at something, an individual must persevere. Every person has a unique perspective on life that allows him or her to see things differently than anyone else. Believing in oneself and having the courage to put our personal vision out there in the public eye is being real. We will ask our YouthBuild students to be true to themselves ... to be real."

For more staff bios, see a future edition of The Luna Light.

LCC: “The People’s College” welcomes all YouthBuild students