The Luna Light

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Luna Community College student Tanya Romero looks over a textbook with LCC bookstore employee Nash Segura on Monday. The summer session started on Monday June 3. Fall registration is ongoing. Romero, a Santa Rosa native, is a full-time UNM student. She takes classes at LCC during the summer. Romero eventually would like to work as a pediatrician.

The final chapter *Inez, Bolivar finishing her schooling at LCC*

The following is a column written by Luna Community College nursing student Inez Bolivar. Bolivar would like to share her opinion with fellow students, staff, faculty and the community of the life of a nursing student. This is the last in a series.

My name is Inez Bolivar, and I am finishing my schooling as a nursing student at Luna Community College. I have had wonderful experiences during my time in the



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Inez Bolivar

nursing program. Caring for a precipitous labor and delivery patient and completing my first indwelling male catheter for an older male patient with congestive heart failure are amongst my most prized memories from nursing school thus far.

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Gov. Susana Martinez took time to take photos with LCC Physical Plant employees recently. Pictured (I-r) are: Gene Trujillo, Leon Roybal, Michael Jaramillo, Ron Gonzales, Gov. Susana Martinez, Juan Macias, Norman Sena and Reyes Sanchez.

The final chapter...

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I have cared for (with excellent nursing instructor supervision) patients at every stage of life, from birth to those gravely ill living their last months of life. To me, providing care and comfort to someone dying is unexplainably special, and being present and supportive for a joyous event in a family's life is the utmost

privilege. These moments have changed my life and molded me for a most fulfilling future in health care.

Last year, I began writing articles for the Luna Light to enable me to tell amazing stories, all the time maintaining patient privacy and human dignity. This medium has afforded me a way to share moments and interpretations regarding my

educational experience, during the time I have been an LCC nursing student.

My initial aspiration when writing these articles was to provide glimpses into the life of a nursing student. I believe it is important for those going through challenging life circumstances to share those experiences; some readers may be uncertain whether or not to take steps to pursue a similar road. It is my hope, by recording and sharing these experiences, that the articles have clarified the celebrations, struggles and demands that some LCC nursing students face; I hope to have inspired at least one person to take a leap of faith, and to dare

to be great.

The nursing program tried something different this year; the second-year class schedule was condensed to 13 weeks, with three-weeks remaining at the end of the semester, in order for students to fulfill an 80-hour preceptor-ship requirement. (A preceptor-ship consists of students working with an experienced nurse-

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> the preceptor. The nursing student--the preceptee, only shadows for the first few shifts, and then gradually takes on more responsibility, until the preceptee is experienced enough to fully assume the role of unit nurse.) The preceptor is to consistently remain close, observing the preceptee's actions, always guiding and vigilant to correct any possible misjudgments. I was especially grateful to have the opportunity to fulfill my preceptorship hours at receive our diplomas. The memories of our the end of the semester, without having to worry about any classes at all. (The thought of class work and squeezing in a full 12 hour shift was/ is frightening!) I finished my preceptor -

ship on Monday, May 13. It provided me a genuine foretaste to the life of an Intensive Care Unit nurse, and I now have a realistic insight for the stamina it takes to complete the 12-hour shifts that nurses are scheduled. Now I begin my nursing career in a health care facility. where I will gain further nursing skills and carry on my experiences as I continue to improve

> myself through more positive patient outcomes.

After graduation, the LCC Allied Health Department ensured our test taking skills were optimal for the New Mexico Nurse Licensing Exam. We were given a week of intense remediation and test taking tips accommodated by Kaplan. These lessons were tedious, but well worth the effort, as Kaplan has a proven

record of successful outcomes.

In conclusion, I am enormously pleased to have received my training from the wonderful nursing staff at Luna Community College. Our instructors are living examples of nursing excellence; it has truly been my honor to sit amongst my peers and have the final approval of these excellent instructors, as I and my classmates walk proudly across the graduation stage to time here at LCC Nursing Program, and the relationships formed, will remain in our hearts and will undoubtedly be remembered as one of THE best experiences of our lives.

Weekly Calendar

	Monday, June 10, 2013	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (Admin 112A)
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Driver's Ed. Course (LRC Lecture Hall)	5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees Regular Work Ses-
	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies 102B)	sion (Student Services 102)
	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)	Thursday, June 13, 2013
	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (Admin 112A)	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Driver's Ed. Course (LRC Lecture Hall)
	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lead Advisory Team (LAT) Meeting	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)
	(Student Services 102)	Friday, June 14, 2013
	Tuesday, June 11, 2013	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Driver's Ed. Course (LRC Lecture Hall)
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Driver's Ed. Course (LRC Lecture Hall)	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)
	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)	Saturday, June 15, 2013
	Wednesday, June 12, 2013	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. LCC 9th Annual Custom Car Show (Main
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Driver's Ed. Course (LRC Lecture Hall)	Campus)
	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)	8:30 a.m. LCC Board of Trustees Retreat (President's Office)
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Is sole proprietorship right for you?

By America's SBDC - New Mexico

A sole proprietorship is a business of one without corporation or limited liability status. The individual represents the company legally and fully. You are the business and the business is you, there is no separation. Common proprietorships include part-time businesses, direct sellers, new start-ups, contractors, and consultants. It is the most

basic of all business legal structures, especially for new start-ups, but is it the best? Learn the pros and cons of a doing business as sole proprietorship.

Pros of a Sole Proprietorship Quicker Tax Preparation: As a sole proprietor, filing your taxes is generally easier than a corporation.

Simply file an individual income tax return (IRS Form 1040) including

your business losses and profits. Your individual and business income is considered the same and self-employed tax implications will apply.

• Lower Start-up Costs: Limited capital is a reality for many startups and small businesses. The cost of setting up and operating a corporation involves higher set-up fees and special forms. It is also not uncommon for a lawyer to be involved in forming a corporation.

Ease of Money Handling: Handling money for the business is easier than other legal business structures. No payroll set-up is required to pay yourself. To make it even easier, set up a separate bank account to keep your business funds separate and avoid co-mingling personal and business activities.

Cons of a Sole Proprietorship

• **Personally Liable:** Your small business in the form of a sole proprietorship is personally liable for all debts and actions of the company. Unlike a corporation or LLC, your business doesn't exist as a separate legal entity. All your personal wealth and assets are linked to the business. If you operate in a higher risk business such as manufacturing or

consumables, the cost to benefit ratio is favorable toward a corporate structure.

• Lack of Financial Controls: The looser structure of a proprietorship won't require financial statements and maintaining company minutes as a corporation. The lack of accounting controls can result in the demise of your small business. No matter the legal structure of your

business, take time to set up the proper financial statements for your company.

• Lonely at The Top: Being a business of one can be lonely. All the decisions, actions, and results rest on you. Are you able to work alone and be productive? If not bringing in a partner can be necessary for your small business survival.

Difficult to Raise Capital: Imagine your business in five years. Will it still be a business of one? Growing your small business will require cash to take advantage of new markets and more opportunities. Outside investors will take your company more serious if you are a corporation.

Forming a Sole Proprietorship:

From the IRS's perspective, your small business is a sole proprietorship unless you have registered it as a corporation or other business structure such as an LLC. Setting up your proprietorship will require you to obtain a state tax ID number and local business license. The state tax ID number is free and the local license will cost approximately \$35 annually. For FREE information on how to properly license your small business contact the Luna Community College Small Business Development Center at 454-2582 or 1-800-588-7232 ext. 1759. For an up to date listing of all SBDC services and trainings visit our web page at <u>www.nmsbdc.org</u>.

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Attention students:

Luna Community College registration for the fall semester is ongoing. You may look at the schedule online at www.luna.edu.

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"Shots in the Dark"

The following creative writing fiction story was written by Adele Lucero a student in Sherry Goodyear's English 121 class. This is the first in a series.

By Adele Lucero

"I always enjoy our trips up to the mountains," said Amy, as she sorted through the variety of breakfast burritos at the Quik Stop convenience store.

"Me, too. It's been a while," said Casey. "It's our first hike of the year. Winter is always really beautiful up there."

"Are they forecasting any snow?"

"They're expecting something

is New Mexico, so who knows."

"Right," replied Amy as she laughed.

They paid for their goods, a bag of granola, two Vitamin Waters, and two breakfast burritos.

"That will be \$15.85," said the cashier.

"I got this," said Amy. "You brought lunch."

"Okay. Cool."

They got into Casey's vehicle, a forest green Toyota Tacoma, and Trail was their destination, but when they got to the trailhead parking area, they were disappointed to find that the trail was closed for maintenance until May.

"Well, what should we do then?" asked Amy.

cruise. I would hate to waste a trip up here."

"Let's go for a cruise. We'll just roam around for a while, until we decide what to do."

"That sounds good. We should at least stay for lunch."

about an hour of driving, they had seen most of the open areas with himself as he drove. paved forest roads.

"Where to next?"

"I don't know. Hey, why don't we go up to Jackson Mesa?"

"The road is closed this time of year."

"Don't you know the combination for the lock on the gate?"

"Yeah, but that doesn't mean we should go up there."

"Aw, come on. Where's your sense of adventure?"

"Eh, what the hell? Let's go."

"Robert, you sound strange. What's going on? Are you in trouto the questions she was asking. She always did. Robert could never money would be safe. win with his mother.

"No, ma. Everything is fine."

either tonight or tomorrow, but this "Robert, you sound strange. What's going on? Are you in trouble?" The barrage of questions from his mother continued. Even if he could have gotten a word in, he figured she already of Cheetos, two Snickers bars, a bag knew the answers to the questions she was asking.

"The news said a masked man in a white SUV robbed the Wells Fargo in Las Cruces yesterday. They say he stole over \$40,000. Was that you? Are you in trouble again?"

"No, ma. Don't worry, I'm fine."

"You're fine? What kind of answer is that?"

"Ma, I have to go. I'll talk to you soon." It was a mistake to call there. He didn't even get to talk to his mom about him going to visit her. He knew it was going to be an uphill battle to find a place to hide.

His plan was good. Knock over the bank, and hide out at Randy's house until he could get to his SUV and switch vehicles. He had a

> window of opportunity at the bank because he knew there was going to be a shortage of guards at the bank that day, due to a rash of failed drug tests two days earlier. Filling in for the regular guards were two old farts who had retired years ago. Randy was one of the few remaining security guards at the bank, and he had given Robert the

heads up. They planned the robbery together. Robert would rob the bank. Randy would warn him if anything spooked him. They would store the getaway car in Randy's barn until the day of the robbery and Robert would dispose of it and get his SUV. The plan went downhill headed toward Old Pine Mountain, eating their breakfast on the way. the night before the robbery, when one of the former security guards It was a 45 minute drive from Las Vegas to the trailhead. Black Bear ratted out Randy as being the person who sold them the drugs. Randy was now on the run from the cops. Great. No Randy to run interference, and on top of that, the cops were now doing surveillance on Randy's place, trying to track him down. Regardless, Robert wanted to push forward with the plan. He would take his own vehicle, since he "Well, we could try for another trail, or we could at least go for a had no other option. Really it wouldn't matter. He would be in a mask. He had gone to the junkyard and found a vehicle that still had its license plate. He removed it, and when he was ready to head to the bank, he put it in place of his license plate.

It was a great plan. It would have worked. But no, Randy can't They got back in the truck and head farther up the canyon. After focus on one thing at a time, and he screwed me over, he thought to

"Where the hell am I going to go?" He needed to hide the money.

He remembered his summers as a teen, working at the cabins up in the mountains. Working for richy people from California and Texas, who only went there in the summer, and looked down on Robert. He remembered working for Mr. Hanson a couple of years ago. Building the shed. Rebuilding the front porch. Painting the back porch. Different things. The guy was a jerk, but he paid well. That's when he got an idea. Mr. Hanson's place. It would be abandoned this time of year. In fact, the whole canyon would be abandoned. It's closed off in Noble?" The barrage of questions from his mother continued. Even if he vember. Robert headed north toward Las Vegas, where his mother could have gotten a word in, he figured she already knew the answers and brother still lived. It was only a few short hours until he and his

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The turn-off to Jackson Mesa was about two miles back down the Dammit." canyon. Casey could tell Amy was excited to go, and honestly so was sure no one would see them. There wasn't anyone else around, so she have gone all the way to the bottom." walked up to the gate. She grabbed the lock, turning the dials: 4-1-6-8. She pulled the lock down, and it gave way. She pulled the lock off we do now?" quickly and swung the gate open.

"Pull it forward, Amy." Amy climbed over to the driver's seat and drove forward, past the gate. Casey closed and locked it behind her and returned to the truck. Amy returned to her seat, and Casey drove off.

For the most part, the road was clear. Only in the shady areas was there still snow on the road. They took it fairly slow, about 15 miles per

there, Casey and Amy built a snowman, and took goofy pictures of sey. "Casey?" Amy looked calm, but the shakiness in her voice gave each other with the snowman. Then they had a snowball fight. When away her fear and anxiety. they got tired, they ate lunch. Casey had packed tomato soup in a thermos, and cold grilled cheese sandwiches.

like it wants to snow," said Casey.

"Yeah, it's starting to get pretty cold, too."

The two women packed up and started driving down the mountain. Casey drove about 20 miles per hour. The roads were pretty decent, dry or only slightly muddy in most areas.

"What a beautiful day," said Amy, as she sat with her knees bent and feet on the seat.

"Agreed. This place is beautiful any time of year."

"So did you tell JJ you were coming up here?"

"He knew we were coming up to Gallinas for a hike, but I didn't tell him we were going to Jackson Mesa," Casey said with a mischievous smile.

"Well, what he doesn't know won't hurt him," replied Amy.

Glancing out at a hawk high in the air, Casey said, "Yeah. Anyway, he doesn't worry. He knows I can take care of-"

"Look out!!!" screamed Amy."

Casey looked back toward the road just in time to see a deer run in front of her. She turned the steering wheel right to miss it. This caused the truck to swerve off of the road, down the snowy embankment, crashing into a huge pile of rocks. The impact sent the women toward the dashboard of the truck, but they didn't lose consciousness.

dripping off her forehead.

"Yeah. Are you okay? You're bleeding!"

"Yeah," Casey said as she wiped the blood off her face with a tis-

sue. She searched her pocket and found her cell phone. "No signal.

Casey opened the door, almost falling out as she pushed the door she. A little bit of rebellion never hurt anyone, right? They reached the to where it opened all the way. The truck was at a terrible angle, almost gate, which was in a secluded location. Casey looked around to make 45 degrees. "Thank God for that pile of rocks, otherwise we would

Amy shivered thinking about the possibilities. "Yeah. So what do

"We have to try to get the truck out."

"Can you do it? It's at a pretty steep angle."

"I have to try. We have no choice. I have no signal, and we're about six miles from the nearest phone.

After 15 minutes of trying to get the truck out, and only making a muddy mess, Casey gave up.

"What do we do now?" asked Amy, who was standing on the back of the

hour. It took about an hour to get up to Jackson Mesa. When they got truck to add weight. She climbed off the truck and walked toward Ca-

"Plan B."

Casey got out of the truck, and moved the seat forward. She pulled "Well I guess we should head back down. It's starting to get cloudy out a bright green backpack. She moved the seat back to its original position and poured the contents of the bag onto the seat. There was an assortment of camping gear: sleeping bag, tent, matches, food, flashlights and other items.

"Did you wear any cold weather gear today?" Casey asked.

"Yeah, I wore Under Armor."

"Good. Where's your daypack."

"It's on the floor on the passenger side. I'll get it."

Amy returned to where Casey was, holding her light blue daypack. "What are we doing? Are we leaving the truck?"

Casey continued sorting through the gear from her backpack. "Yeah. We have to. We can't stay here. Here, put these in your pack." Casey held out some hand warmers and an emergency blanket for Amy, but Amy just stood there staring at Casey. She stood there, saying nothing, but the expression said it all. She was scared.

"Amy it's ok. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to scare you. But we have to get moving. We have to get as far down the mountain as we can. We need to find shelter, make a fire.

"Won't anyone be looking for us? One of those rescue teams or something?"

"Yeah, but it could take days before they even declare us missing, and then they wouldn't even know where to look. Listen, I will get us "Are you okay?!" asked Casey, who had a small amount of blood out of this, but you need to trust me, and we need to work together."

Amy nodded and smiled. "Okay."

To be continued in next week's Luna Light

For the most part, the road was clear. Only in the shady areas was there still snow on the road. They took it fairly slow, about 15 miles per hour. It took about an hour to get up to Jackson Mesa. When they got there, Casey and Amy built a snowman, and took goofy pictures of each other with the snowman.

A grand journey

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

The past five years as President of Luna Community College have been filled with vision, transparency, accountability, quality and progress built into every aspect of our college operations. This period in time has been a splendid and memorable part of my 20 years in public education administration in Las Vegas. Since day one on August 16, 1993 as associate superintendent for support services with the Las Vegas City Schools, I have made daily decisions regarding academics, athletics, extra-curricular activities, personnel, budget, technology, facility improvements, support services and overall educational operations that affect students, personnel and our community, region and state. These decisions have been made with much experience, after a lot of thought, sleepless nights and always with the gen-

eral good of students and the public in mind. Mahatma Gandhi, preeminent leader of Indian nationalism in British-ruled India, said, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

When I first walked into the LCC President's Office on July 1, 2008, a stack of paperwork awaited my decisions. My first calls to action were to let all employees know we would follow a chain-of-command and to the general public that those seeking

employment would receive equal opportunity (our Human Resource audits have been without findings the past several years). These weren't popular decisions but they were the right things to do. We've weathered through those days and are better for it! Immediately after I began my tenure as president of LCC, the economic downturn began when state of New Mexico officials told us that over \$500,000 would be clawed back and our annual budget would be significantly cut because state revenues had declined. Since 2008, state revenues, through tax and fee generation, plummeted by approximately \$1 billion. We have steadily continued the climb back towards our 2008 state budget level.

My direction to our Leadership Advisory Team during this sensitive economic period was; we will do everything possible to enhance student services and there would not be employee furloughs or layoffs. Sure enough, we were able to work through this period by providing quality education to students and without ever considering any employee losing their job, going on a furlough or reducing their compensation. Because of our wise, conservative and fiscal experience we have survived the economic downturn of the past five years! In fact, we (the LCC employees, Board of Trustees, Leadership Advisory Team – and me, with my 40 years private and public sector budget experience and the fiscal approach led by Ms. Donna Flores-Medina, LCC Vice-President for Finance) have been responsible stewards of our institutional finances. *Our clean annual audits are evidence of that fact!* Robert Frost, American poet, said, "In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

During those tough economic times we were able to build upon the quality and delivery of education, keep our tuition affordable (among the lowest in the nation) and raise the bar by becoming nationally accredited in nursing, be admitted into a baseball and softball conference, earn a record

number of accreditations within different departments across campus and the list of achievements continues. Andre Gide, French author and winner of the Nobel Prize in literature in 1947, said, "It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not."

We've accomplished so much together! This has been done despite circumstances beyond our control and because of the sheer professional persistence to succeed on behalf of students and most importantly, because we have believed in the mission, vision, values and future of Luna Community College! Mark Twain (pen name), American author and humorist, said, "Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect."

Now, year six will soon be underway (July 1, 2013). In my final con-

To those who have known me since the first day on the job, remember the countless times I pointed to the middle of the conference table in the President's Office and said it was about our students. Well, the focus on student success remains within my heart, conscience and soul and that will never change!

tract year here at LCC, I will work with the highest level of vision, inspiration, leadership and energy to set the stage for the next phase of this excellent community college. This year will be filled with healthy and positive leadership, innovation and creativity, and vivacious activity! It will include, but not be limited to: a self-study in preparation for our reaffirmation of accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission based in Chicago, Illinois;

an application to apply for the roadrunner award issued by Quality New Mexico; accrediting our Business Department; renovating our Trades Department Facilities; strengthening our on-line, in-class and hybrid course and program offerings; apply to enhance our high school/college component so more of our area high school students can earn a high school diploma and college associate's degree simultaneously, and, making "the people's college" better. Friedrich Nietzsche, German philosopher, said, "That which does not kill us makes us stronger."

To those who have known me since the first day on the job, remember the countless times I pointed to the middle of the conference table in the President's Office and said it was about our students. *Well, the focus on student success remains within my heart, conscience and soul and that will never change!* Our students have come first and their accomplishments are proof they will have successful careers and be lifetime achievers. J.K. Rowling, British novelist best known as the author of the Harry Potter fantasy series, said, "It is our choices, Harry, that show who we truly are, far more than our abilities."

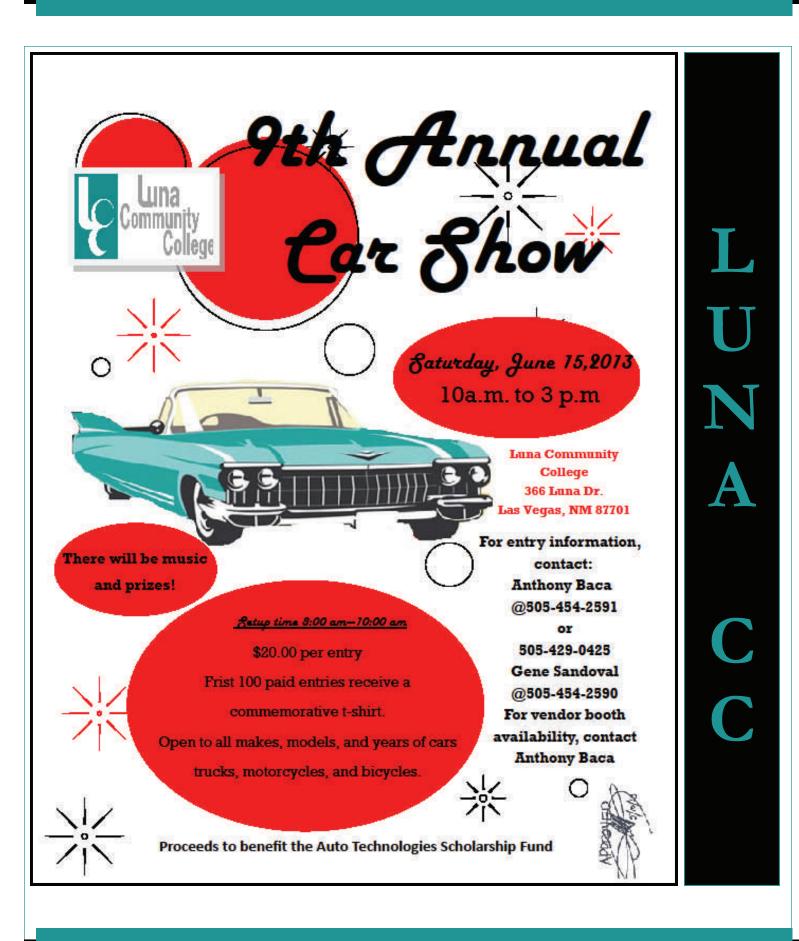
To the people of our service area; let's soar together and make Luna Community College the best we can so our mission "preparing students for their lifetime opportunities" will always be strong. Mother Teresa, a Roman Catholic nun, said, "People are often unreasonable and selfcentered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

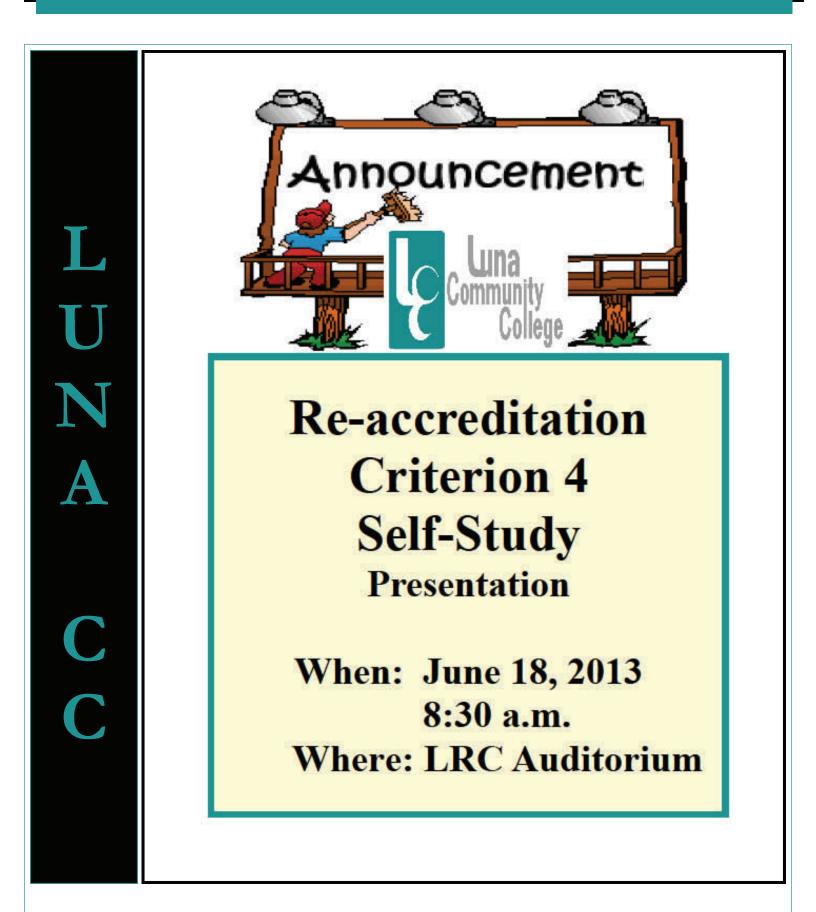


Lt. Gov. John Sanchez (white shirt in the front row) took part in a Tres Lagunas Fire Town Meeting held Tuesday at Luna Community College. According to KOB News on Sunday, the fire was 60 percent contained. A total of 600 personnel have been assigned to the fire which was caused by a downed power line. (Editor's note: containment changes day-today).

Las Vegas and surrounding communities got a muchneeded rainstorm on Wednesday, June 5. The rainstorm lasted for about one hour.







Title V Newsletter

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SimLab Open House a Success!



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On May 21, 2013, the Title V program had its Open House for the newly developed Simulation Lab. The successful event had New Mexico Governor, Susana Martinez along with Las Vegas Mayor Alfonso Ortiz, take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony. The nursing students and many community members took part in the celebration as well.

Our speakers, Board of Trustees Chairman Abelino Montoya, President Pete Campos, Keynote Speaker, Dr. Edward Gomez, Sammy Roybal and Carli Rae Montano all talked about how simulation in nursing education has seen significant growth over the last decade and how it has shown to be a useful and successful teaching methodology. Students can now connect theory to the practical environment.

Simulation Lab Supervisor Susan Oleon-Smith, provided demonstrations on techniques used o the mannequins she will use to provide inatruction for the nursing students this fall. Laendal representative Jason McKinney, programmed the mannequins to show possible medical scenarios to be used for instruction as well.

Overall the OPEN HOUSE went well and it will be a day worth remembering!

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Title V Staff Lorraine Martinez, Director • Veronica Serna, Activity Director • Tiffany Young, Office Manager Susan Olson-Smith, Sim Lab Supervisor • Larry Paiz, Instructional Designer C C



Several LCC employees earn degrees





Adrienne O'Brien



Donna Ortega-Gallegos

Five Luna Community College employees earned degrees following the spring 2013 semester.

Leticia Archuleta earned a bachelor's in business administration with a concentration in management from New Mexico Highlands University. She also graduated Phi Eta Sigma.

Donna Ortega-Gallegos earned a bachelor's in health education from New Mexico Highlands University.

Melissa Lopez earned a master's in guidance and counseling with concentrations in professional counseling and school counseling from New Mexico Highlands University.

Adrienne O'Brien earned a master's in education leadership from New Mexico Highlands University.

Gloria Pacheco earned a bachelor's in psychology from New Mexico Highlands University.

Editor's note: If other employees earned a degree, please send your information to jgallegos@luna.edu.



Melissa Lopez

Leticia Archuleta



Gloria Pacheco

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