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Online student from Taiwan thanks Luna CC

The following is a letter by Diana Watson who is taking an online class from Taiwan.

Greetings from Taiwan! My name is Diana Watson and I am originally from Philadelphia, Pa.; however for the past seven years I would call Taiwan my home. I originally came here as an international teacher. In Taiwan the people are so friendly and everything is so safe. I guess that is the reason I am still here!

Living here is so easy; the only challenge is learning Mandarin. In many ways I think astrophysics would have been easier, for after seven years living and speaking the language, I still speak like a five year-old!

The food is probably the most interesting part about living here. The Chinese have a saying that anything that flies, anything that swims, or anything that crawls can be eaten. So the Chinese eat about anything you can possibly imagine. There's nothing like going to a restaurant for dinner and looking at a chicken's head with its eyes staring right at you!

For now I have stopped teaching in international schools, but I keep busy substitute teaching, tutoring special-needs students, studying Mandarin and participating in Toastmasters.

This year is Dragon Year, which is supposed to be a lucky year for everyone. Already I feel lucky that I was able to enroll in this course, learn so much from Instructor Elaine Ortega, and meet such wonderful classmates, all for such an amazing price! Taking e-Commerce is a lot of work, but I am trying to do my best to learn as much as I can because one day I would like to have my own business out of my house. So far the Introduction to E-commerce Mktg 203 class is getting me started on my way! Thank you Luna Community College!

LCC Half Hour Radio Show to air again this summer

The Luna Community College Half Hour Radio Show on KNMX will resume this summer. KNMX owner Matt Martinez and LCC's Jesse Gallegos met on Friday to discuss the show.



LCC Student Ralph Archuleta recently finished 5th at the GNC San Diego Bodybuilding Championships. Archuleta competed in the combined light heavyweight and heavyweight division. He is pictured here with his daughter Affinity.

Convenience of online

Hi everyone. I am sharing a story of a wonderful student who is currently enrolled in my online class E-Commerce this spring semester. In communicating information with this student regarding cultures, I found Diana is currently living in Taiwan. She shared with me the culture of Taiwan which I found quite interesting and thought I'd share with Luna Community College and the Community.

It's amazing how she indicates that she either rides her bicycle or scooter to her destinations; saving fuel gas and exercising at the same time. It just reminds me how feasible and convenient it is to (for any student from a distance) sign up for our classes in Business Administration (AAS), as they can earn an associate completely on-line or just take classes to enhance their careers.—Elaine Ortega, LCC Business Instructor



This photo and its graphics of the Luna Community College Rough Rider Grill was done by the LCC Intermediate Media Arts Class under the direction of John Lujan. The Rough Rider Grill is located on the northwest part of campus.

LCC baseball and softball have tough weekend

Both the Luna Community College baseball and softball teams had a tough weekend as each lost four games.

The Lady Rough Riders lost four to Western Texas College 9-0, 4-3, 4-1 and 7-6. LCC bounced back to beat Adams State JV 11-10 on Sunday. A second game on Sunday was called due to darkness with the score at 6-all.

The LCC baseball team lost three to Mesa Community College 22-12, 3-1 and 10-0. They split with Phoenix Community College winning 12-2 and losing 7-6.

The LCC softball team is now 5-20. The LCC baseball team is 13-23. The Lady Rough Riders next play Clarendon on the road on Wednesday. The baseball team hosts Western Nebraska on Monday, April 2.

Luna Community College pulls together to meet grant challenge

The following was submitted by LCC Vice-President of Finance Donna Flores-Medina.

Grants.gov Submission Validation Receipt; that's how the grant application team spells relief! The team submitted an application for 3.5 million on March 15, 2012. The e-mail below speaks of the situation we found ourselves in:

From: Ramona Munsell

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012

5:02 PM

To: Donna Flores; Lorraine Martinez

Cc: rma

Subject: Title V due date is March 15! Tomorrow's Federal Register will include a closing date announcement for Title V. This is totally unexpected, as everyone predicted a May due date. With only one month to develop a competitive application, we need to schedule a conference call this week with the decision-makers at Luna to decide on an activity for funding. Normally an application requires at least 4 months to write. I'm not sure Luna can gather the information/data in less than a month, yet we'll need three weeks to write the grant. Let's visit ASAP about the proposed activity and timeline.

Please provide acceptable days and times when your folks can get together.
Ramona

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Gary Martinez, Susan Gorman, Elaine Luna, Lorraine Martinez, Tiffany Young, Larry Paiz, John Tiernan and I became the lead team. With the main focus of the grant being Creating a Pathway to Success in High-Demand Programs,

Susan and Gary were saddled with the vast majority of the assignments. Over a few weeks, to include late nights and weekends, all the data was submitted to our professional grant writing team, Ramona Munsell and Associates (RMA), who were superb and efficient and yes, demanding because that is what it took to get it done under extreme conditions. RMA had been put in place as a result of the President's approval in November followed by the board's next level approval to hire the firm.

A BIG thanks goes to the many LCC staff from whom we requested a quick turnaround time for data.

Say a prayer, cross your fingers, knock on wood, whatever it is you do in hopes we get funded for the fine application submitted for our LCC students. We should hear results sometime this summer.

LCC USASkills competitors

The following are registered Luna Community College students and advisors that are registered to participate in this week's SkillsUSA State Competition in Albuquerque.

Auto Service Technology

Name	Registered
Tom Nitzcznski	Advisor

Automotive Refinish Tech

Anthony Baca	Advisor
Max Bustamante	Contestant
Gilbert Martinez	Advisor
Michael Montoya	Contestant
Roger Romero	Contestant
Eugene Sandoval	Advisor
Christopher Trujillo	Contestant
Earl Varela	Contestant

Dental Assisting

Amanda Gonzales	Contestant
AmberLynn Lucero	Contestant
Gloria Pacheco	Advisor
Shannon Saiz	Contestant

Trade Areas

Dominique Anaya	Nail Care Model
Danielle Carpenter	Contestant
Danelle Duran	Nail Care Model
Celerina Finnestad	Contestant
Amberlyn Gonzales	Contestant
Valerie Martinez	Nail Care Model
Marcus Montaño	Contestant
Dawna Ortega-Gallegos	Advisor
Connie Ortiz	Advisor
Victoria Perea	Contestant
Marisa Saiz	Contestant

Luna Community College Car Show Committee members met recently to plan the 8th Annual event. This year's LCC Car Show will take place on Saturday, June 16 at the LCC campus. It will also be sponsored by the LCC Foundation. Pictured clockwise are: Gene Sandoval, Anthony Baca, Tom Nitzcznski, Charlie Gutierrez, Michael Montoya and Adriana Montoya. The proceeds of this car show will be used for a student scholarship fund.



Scholarship information

2012 NOPHNCSE Scholarship Application

In 2012 the National Organization of Hispanic NRCS Employees (NOPHNCSE) will award two \$1,000 aca-

ademic scholarships to deserving students that are pursuing a degree in an agriculture, natural resources, or natural resources conservation-related field of study at an accredited school of higher education. Applications must be post-marked by April 2, 2012.

For more information, call Melissa Lopez at 454-5303.

Corporate Foundation Golf Sponsors



The Luna Community College Foundation would like to thank Southwest Capital Bank (top right) formerly known as Bank of Las Vegas as corporate sponsors of the 2011 Foundation Golf Classic. Thank you to Bank President Mr. Greg Levenson for the \$5,000 contribution.—Sarah Flores, LCC Foundation Director.

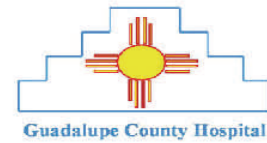
Thank you to Alta Vista Hospital for their \$5,000 donation to the LCC Foundation Golf Classic. Pictured with Sarah Flores (top left photo) is Maridel Acosta CEO of Alta Vista Regional Hospital.—Sarah Flores, LCC Foundation Director.

Thank you to LCC Foundation Chairman Ernesto Salazar and Mr. Keith Tucker from Community First Bank for their \$5,000 corporate sponsorship to the LCC Foundation Golf Classic.—Sarah Flores, LCC Foundation Director.



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-  **Distance Learning Fee Waiver**
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**For more information regarding the Luna Community College Student Academic Advancement Institute please contact:
Renee Maestas - 505.454.5377 or Janice Encinias - 505.454.5374**



Luna Community College fiscal office employee Georgia Baca works on a dual credit/concurrent enrollment chart last week. Several departments got together to discuss dual credit/concurrent enrollment at the college.

SBDC sponsoring Legal Structures Class on March 29

This class is focused on current and potential business owners who need to understand the various types of business structures such as sole proprietorship, partnerships, and limited partnerships, limited liability companies, Corporations, and non-profits. You will learn the pros and cons of each structure, the tax responsibilities, which structure would be best for you, and how to properly register your business.

~\$25 fee~
(Payment accepted at the door)
March 29, 2012
LCC Student Services Conference Room
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

To register:
Online: <http://www.nmsbdc.org/lasvegas>
Phone: (505) 454-2582
E-mail: tromero@luna.edu

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Student Government Office Hours

<u>Member</u>	<u>Day and Time</u>
Joanna Tsyitee, President	Mondays from 12:15pm – 1:30pm
Joelynn Sanchez, Vice-President	Tuesdays from 8:00am – 9:00am
Shannon Saiz, Secretary	Fridays from 9:00am – 10:00am
Ben Casey Encinias, Treasurer	Wednesday from 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Danielle Archuleta, Senator	Fridays from 10:30am – 11:30am.
Diane Carrillo, Senator	Tues/Thurs. from 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Richard Flores, Senator	Thursdays from 10:00am – 11:00am
Tyler Piña, Senator	Wednesdays from 9:00am – 10:00am

Student Government office hours provide the perfect opportunity to ask questions or share an opinion. We are located right next to the Registrar's Office in room SS-104.



Open meetings
will be held on
the dates below
at 11:30 am in
the LRC.

- February 24th • March 9th • April 20th • May 4th

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Weekly activities

Monday, March 26, 2012

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

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. *Speech Presentations (LRC/Lecture Hall)*

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *Las Vegas Juvenile Justice Continuum Board
Retreat Sponsored: AHEC (Student Services/Conference Room)*

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. *Speech Presentations (LRC/Lecture Hall)*

Thursday, March 29, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Legal Structures Workshop /Sponsored:SBDC
(Student Services/Conference Room)*

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Nurses Workshop/Spons: Vida Encantada (LRC/
Lect. Hall)*

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Prevention Art Programs for Community Families
Sponsored: Noches de Familia (Early Childhood Center)*

Friday, March 30, 2012

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony (IPC/
Cafe)*

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Spay/Neuter Vaccination Clinic (LCC Motor
Pool)*

Saturday, March 31, 2012

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

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Spay/Neuter Vaccination Clinic (LCC Motor
Pool)*

Sunday, April 1, 2012

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Spay/Neuter Vaccination Clinic (LCC Motor
Pool)*