Several LCC students and employees took part in Halloween activities. Winners of the Halloween Costume Contest are: Amberlynn Lucero (Ninja turtle, third place); Sharon Montoya Ponce (Pancho Villa) and Carol Romero (Dia de los Muertos el vorracho, first place) and Dawna Ortega Gallegos (Minnie Mouse, third place).

The following is an interview with Luna Community College Culinary Arts Instructor Adrienne O’Brien. Students from her restaurant experience class are running the Rough Rider Grill at lunch on Friday’s until the end of the semester. Lunch is served from 11:30 to 1 p.m. on a reservation-only basis. For reservations, e-mail Fridays@luna.edu or call 454-5346.

How did the first two restaurant sessions go?
They both went relatively smoothly. The students were busy enough to learn from their experience, but not so busy that they became frustrated and incapacitated by it. Despite the rushing around and disorganization in the kitchen, I think customers were largely unaware of this fact. They perceived a smooth, professional performance.

How would you rate your students’ performance over the last couple of weeks?
Brilliant. I was so pleased with the level of commitment, intensity and creativity they have brought to this course. Their dedication would be the envy of any instructor! I am impressed by their professionalism and willingness to accept constructive criticism from their peers and customers and to solve problems that present themselves during our work day. I’m taking a collaborative approach to running this restaurant and I’ve been very happy with the way in which they’ve accepted the responsibility for running this venture.

How is your class preparing for the public over the course of the next month or so?
We’re trying to control the number of guests we have through the reservations system. If we find ourselves overwhelmed with Continued on page 2
Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—
Jesse

How do whales stretch the truth?
They tell fishy stories.

When do whales get into trouble?
When they spout off.

What’s a fish’s favorite country?
Finland.

Ready to serve...

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customers, we’ll have to stop taking reservations, but we
haven’t approached that level of interest yet. Being busy is
a good problem! In anticipation of serving larger numbers
we’re doing more preparation the day before service, meet-
ing after service to discuss ways to improve our product
and efficiency, and not changing the entire menu from last
week so that we can build on what we started last week.

At the very least, for the novelty of trying
some new food. At the most, to support the
professional aspirations of some of Las Ve-
gas’ best students!

What does this practical experience do for culinary
arts students?

This experience gives students the confidence that they
can successfully apply the culinary skills they’ve learned in
a relatively relaxed lab situation to a real life situation.

How much work goes into serving lunch for 1 ½
hours on Friday’s take?

A lot. Students are prepping food three to five hours
before lunch service, cleaning up for one and a half hours
after service and then doing research on recipes and menu
items during the week. This is in addition to doing as-
signed book work, lecture and pricing their recipes. These
last assignments can take from two to four hours a week.

Why should LCC students, employees and com-

community members go have lunch at Friday’s at the
Rough Rider?

At the very least, for the novelty of trying some new
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LOW THE LCC AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.
Luna Community College’s Title V Mission:
“Developing a comprehensive online learning network for rural, time and place-bound students.”

Title V welcomes Lisa, Jessica and Tiffany!

The students and community members who are taking online courses not only have a state-of-the-art smart lab, but now have a tutor! Lisa C’de Baca has recently been hired as the Pecos online tutor. C’de Baca will help in assisting students with their academic studies and help students achieve a better understanding in specific subjects. C’de Baca will present the information to the students so that they will achieve a better understanding of subject matter. C’de Baca wants all of the students she helps to feel success. C’de Baca has three children; her and her husband own and operate C’de Baca Sand and Gravel.

Another asset to Title V is Tiffany Young. Young will be the administrative assistant for the duration of the Title V grant. Young is highly skilled in her communication skills. Her interpersonal skills are very important in what she does with staff, faculty and students.

Young comes to us from California; her husband is the head football coach at New Mexico Highlands University. Young has three children.

Jessica Flores was recently hired as the Luna Community College and Pecos Independent School District liaison. Flores will oversee the Title V student smart lab as part of her duties.

We welcome Lisa, Jessica and Tiffany to Luna Community College!

Title V Staff
Lorraine Martinez, Project Director
Tiffany Young, Administrative Assistant
Larry Pate, Instructional Designer
John Tiernan, Online Student Services Developer
Rick Roybal, Distance Education Technician

Point of Information
Study finds that online education beats the classroom! An interesting article, “Continuing Education special section,” by Steve Lohr, states that “on average, students in online learning conditions performed better than those receiving face-to-face instruction.”
LCC Halloween Highlights

SMET took first place in the department contest.

LCC “The People’s College”
LCC-Springer Halloween Highlights

Pictured clockwise are: Director Louise Portillos aka hippie chick took third place; Instructor Sherry Goodyear as fall; Instructor Kaye Goodyear as a Hershey’s bar; Springer Satellite costume contest participants: Kaye Goodyear, Allisha Frye, Amberly Hildebradt, Louise Portillos, Carissa Duran, Daniel Montoya, Vanessa Rollings, Odelia Romero and Amber Wardell; Office manager Vanessa Rollings aka Dallas Cowboy Fan, work-study Daniel Montoya aka Guido and Director Louise Portillos aka Hippie chick; Carissa Duran aka Cindy Lou Who took first place and Odelia Romero aka “hot babe” took second place.

LCC: “The People’s College”
Weekly Activities

Monday, November 7, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Student Speech Presentations (LRC/Lecture Hall)
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies/102B)

Tuesday, November 8, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NM Game & Fish Training Class (Student Serv./Conf. Rm.)
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Student Speech Presentations (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Wednesday, November 9, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. LEPC Monthly Meeting/San Miguel County (LRC/Lect.Hall)
5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees “Work Session”(Stud.Serv/Conf Rm)

Thursday, November 10, 2011
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Grant Writing Workshop/SBDC (Student Services/Conf.Rm)
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Student Speech Presentations (LRC/Lecture Hall)
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Ear Chandelling Class/Community Ed. Class (IPC/Cafeteria)

Friday, November 11, 2011 (Veterans Day Observed)
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Grant Writing Workshop/SBDC (Student Services/Conf.Rm)
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Relationships 101 /Community Ed. Class (IPC/Cafeteria)
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Early Childhood Professionals Training (Early Childhood Center/Room 101)
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Class (General Studies/102B)
The following was written by one of the inmates at the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility.

On Sept. 20, the Education Department at Guadalupe County Correctional Facility, under the guidance of Education Director, Mrs. L. Bradley, recognized the accomplishments of the facility students. In the visitation room, over 60 men received recognition for their initiative and perseverance in their educational achievements. All of the facility education staff was present, along with Luna Community College representatives presenting the students with their certificates and degrees.

The graduates and their families were fortunate to have LCC Vice President of Instruction Dr. Vidal Martinez as a guest speaker who congratulated all the students for all their hard work, but encouraged them as well, to let these accomplishments be only the beginning of their educational achievements, and the beginning of all the success that they are truly capable of in life. Everyone who had the opportunity to listen to Dr. Martinez was definitely able to take his positive message with them into their next stage of education.

Luna Community College, which provides the barbering program at the facility, as well as the support the students have received from Instructor Ms. Rosalie Ortega, has been very successful.

The barber program had seven students attending graduation (nine not in attendance), from students who were awaiting their state board exam results, along with those who are entering their last semester of the program and readying themselves for the state licensing exams in the new year.

The Luna Community College Barber Program, under the direction of Ortega is still going strong. Now completing its third year at GCCF, the barber program is very successful. The barber program was started in 2009 and has flourished to become a leading example of vocational training inside the prison setting. Students are learning the basics of not only hair cutting, but the state required aspects of the trade, like safety and sanitation. Not only are the students progressing in the trade, but four recently took their state board exams and passed with scores ranging from 96 percent to 99 percent in the practical exams and 81 percent to 90 percent in the written portion. Now having passed the state board exams, they are licensed barbers by the state of New Mexico to perform hair services such as: haircuts (men and women), chemical services (permanent waving, chemical straightening), hair coloring, shaving, hair styling, and client consultations. In addition, a second group of students consisting of four inmates are also preparing to complete the program in December through Luna Community College and take their state board exams in January, along with a third group in their third of five semesters. Enrollments are currently being processed for a new group which will begin in January.

Part of the requirements to complete the class is the mandatory performance of a number of haircuts.

To achieve the required haircuts, and to gain experience, the barber class is allowing volunteers from the population to come to the class for a haircut and/or facial. To volunteer for a haircut, all you have to do is sign up on the list that will be posted in the pods. There are limited slots, so only 10 volunteers will be allowed to receive a haircut per scheduled days. Also to volunteer for a haircut, you must not be programming during the haircutting hours.

Due to time and Security constraints, shaves will not be performed. All haircuts are performed by student barbers under the direct supervision of a licensed instructor.
5 tips for start-up success

The following story was written by the Luna Community College Small Business Development Center.

When starting a new business it's important to be as prepared as possible for the chaos that is a new business. Here are 5 tips you must make sure you follow in order to give your business the start it needs to succeed:

1. Plan your week - When you set up your own business things can be quite overwhelming. A plethora of things have to be done so it's very important you plan out when they will be completed. At the start of each week construct a detailed plan of what you are going to accomplish on each day.

2. Money - It's a good idea to do a daily tally of your finances. Remember every dollar you spend on your business you have to earn back in order to create a positive cash flow. So invest in advertisement wisely, and start small and test the water as promoting your business is vital in order to get customers and clientele. You should have a marketing strategy and plan in place before you spend any money on advertising.

3. Know your customers - You need to make sure you know your customers back to front. This is so you can target them correctly and also so you know where you can find new ones. You don't want to advertise on the oldie's radio station if you're targeting teens.

4. Seek Council - It's advisable to seek council from people who specialize in the area of business, and you should certainly seek advice from someone who has been in your position before. Using the resources available to you is going to be vital to your success. The LCC SBDC is one resource that is FREE for you.

5. Learn from your competitors - Your competitors can be very useful, you can find out their business plans, see what they tried and see what has worked and what has failed. It doesn't hurt to have friends in your niche, so working with them can be advisable.

Just remember that along the road you will encounter challenges and potentially tough times ahead. The most important thing is to truly be passionate about your business and to plan ahead and have some solutions in place for those tough times. In summary by following these tips you can ensure your business goes down the road of success.

For more Free assistance for your business, call the Luna Community College Small Business Development Center at (505) 454-2582 or (800) 588-7232 or visit our website at www.nmsbdc.org/lasvegas.
Luna Community College’s
4th Annual
Holiday Fair

The LCC Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, December 10th, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Rough Rider Grill.

Entry fees are listed below. LCC will provide one table, or “booth,” for the showcase of your crafts and inventory. If you would like additional booths, you may purchase each additional booth for $15:

- Students: $5
- Faculty & Staff: $10
- Community Members: $15

Please make all checks payable to: Luna Community College

All entry fee proceeds will go to LCC Activities.

Please complete the bottom portion and return with your entry fee to:
Melissa Lopez
366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas, NM 87701
Phone: 505-454-5357 or x1217
Fax: 505-454-2520
*Please contact Melissa with any questions

All applications and booth fees must be received by December 5, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

LCC Christmas Fair Application

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________

Number of Booths Needed: ____________________________

Entry Type: (Check One) □ Student □ Faculty/Staff □ Community Member

Do you need an outlet? (please circle) □ Yes □ No

*Internal Use: □ Full Payment Received
More resources needed — now — for education at all levels

By Dr. Pete Campos

Policymakers, community leaders and educators have spent decades debating how best to improve New Mexico’s public school system. Although we have seen great results, the debate rages on and causes division. We become critical, or cynical, of one another when what we truly need is to work together.

It is time to focus on solutions. School funding as a percentage of state spending, student achievement and the public’s satisfaction with the state’s public schools are all down. The general public applauds educators and is demanding that community leaders listen and support a plan for educators to help all our students become lifelong learners.

A renewed focus along with the necessary resources is needed now to support everything from early childhood education, nutrition and health programs to family support and income programs. Not only is a good education one of the foundations for a healthy, happy childhood and success later in life, a good education is also dependent upon a healthy, happy childhood. Everything is connected. Children will not learn if they are hungry, distracted or withdrawn because of problems at home or are simply not in school because they are sick. And one of the keys to our long-term fight against hunger, poverty and domestic violence in New Mexico is to ensure that our children — tomorrow’s adults — are better educated.

It is not easy to spend more money on education and social programs in the best of times, but it is especially difficult when the state budget is as tight as it has been for the last four or five years and is likely to be for several more. But while not easy, it is important to do so because this is precisely the time when New Mexicans need a better education, more financial support and more robust social assistance.

While early childhood education is critical, we must also emphasize secondary and post-secondary education, recognizing the twin goals of our schools: to instill a lifelong desire to learn and appreciate life’s diversity and to prepare students for the hard task of finding, keeping and excelling at jobs that pay the bills.

Specifically, we must:
+ support public health efforts so that every child starts school healthy and stays healthy throughout the child’s school years;
+ support after-school and summer programs so that students stay interested in school and make wise choices to stay in school;
+ implement new strategies for early childhood reading programs, like hiring reading coaches, and support early intervention programs for students who need assistance;
+ invest in post-secondary educational academic and training programs to encourage and prepare young New Mexicans to enter the honorable profession of teaching and continue to make teachers’ compensation competitive for those who make that commitment;
+ strengthen curriculum, align education with employment trends and improve our vocational educational system to attract manufacturing;
+ ensure that technology reaches all corners of the state so that all students can access the world of research, discovery and current information;
+ evaluate the educational offerings in all our communities and work to correlate and maximize educational opportunities for all students, whether they reside in Maxwell, Deming, Tatum, Vaughn or Albuquerque;
+ increase funding for special education programs to ensure that all students have a chance to succeed;
+ boost student post-secondary support services, such as career education, guidance, counseling, life skills building and tutoring, so that students have the tools to contribute to society in an effective way and provide for their families; and
+ strengthen concurrent enrollment and dual credit programs to allow students who enter college to save money by enrolling as upperclassmen, and strengthen vocational education so that those who do not enter college can enter the work force better prepared.

The social and economic vitality and viability of our entire state depend on effective strategies that keep quality educational opportunities available in rural, suburban and urban communities so that students can decide when they leave home, how they wish to pursue their education and where they choose to live.

New Mexico has a unique opportunity during the 2012 legislative session to unite and to improve education.
Several Luna Community College nursing students recently helped give out flu shots. Pictured (top, l-r) are: Beverly Sanchez, John "Bugs" Papastathis, Katie Kolosovsky, Susan Olson-Smith RN, MSN. (Bottom row, l-r) Elicia Martinez, Janel Alcon, Adam Gonzales, Michelle Stinnett. The nursing students helped out the community by giving over 238 flu shots at LCC as well as the local Public Health office and Vida Encantada.

Luna Community College employees displayed their school spirit by participating in Halloween activities. Pictured (l-r) are: Janice Medrano, Melissa Lopez, Trini Martinez, Renee Maestas and Jodi Wolff-Torrez.
A “Dia De los Muertos Altar” in memory of Henry Sanchez has recently been set up at The Teacher Education Center at Highlands University. The reasoning behind the project was to commemorate the life of Henry Sanchez and what he stood for.

My Spanish II class at the WLV Family Partnership helped to gather all published information from the time of his death. Our intention was to use pictures, words, and quotes that others had spoke about him. The middle poster was intended to show the true character of what he meant to so many others. Shaped like a tree, the “foliage” speaks of him as a second father, mentor, humanitarian…and a great man to many who knew him.

As you continue to read the “trunk” speaks about his love of education, sports, community and, most of all, family. The “roots” tell of his faith in god and mankind. I was already putting together another exhibit for Casa De Cultura at Burris Hall when I was asked by Dr. Loretta Salazar if Family Partnership would participate in exhibiting an altar on All Saints Day and All Souls Day, but it took on a life of its own. People that have seen the finished exhibit get only a small glimpse of who he was.

It was also my intention that we need to honor all people that have such a lasting positive impact on us. I never remembered Henry saying anything negative. He was always so optimistic and had a way of letting others see differing viewpoints to anything. My contribution to the memory of Henry Sanchez is small in comparison to the time spent with him, conversing, watching sports, sharing a meal, and enjoying his company for so many years. He gave his time freely and enjoyed always helping others.

Once in a life time we meet someone with a spirit that can only be described as magnanimous. People wishing to visit the Altar can view it at NMHU Teachers Education Center on the main floor.

By David Marlow
WLV Partnership

LCC’s Sanchez honored by WLV, NMHU

A display was recently set up at Highlands University to honor Henry Sanchez who passed away recently. Sanchez was a sports performance instructor at Luna Community College.

Spring Registration

Starts November 28th

Hard copy schedules will be available first week in December—You may view and print spring schedule online at www.luna.edu.