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Luna's Weber, Trujillo take first, second at Wolves Den

It's safe to say that Luna students Jessica Weber and Richard Trujillo took a bite out of the wolves.

The duo took first and second-place, respectively at the Wolves Den Competition at New Mexico Tech in Socorro on Saturday, April 14. The Wolves Den, modeled after the television show Shark Tank, is an inventors and entrepreneurs competition.

Weber brought home \$5,000 for winning first-place and Trujillo was awarded \$3,500 for his runner-up position. The competition was sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

"(Luna) must be fostering some entrepreneurs," said Stephen Yelity, President and CEO of BusStim out of Riverdale, N.Y. and one of the five "wolves" that judged the competition. "I'm happy for these young folks. The people that won had the best plans."

Weber's idea was a fender well de-icer. Trujillo presented a squeeze-n-brush portable toothbrush.

"I can't believe it, I'm super-excited," said Weber. "I want to thank everyone that helped guide and support me."

Both Weber and Trujillo are graduating from the Luna STEM Program this semester



Luna Community College students Jessica Weber and Richard Trujillo took first and second-place, respectively, at Saturday's New Mexico Tech's Wolves Den Competition. Pictured (l-r) are Luna STEM Instructor Geno Castillo, Trujillo, T.J. Cook from ABQid, Weber and Luna STEM Director Francisco Apodaca. Weber's first-place prize was \$5000 while Trujillo won \$3500. The Wolves Den is part of Tech's Inventors and Entrepreneurs Workshop sponsored by the Kansas City Kauffman Foundation.

and will be attending New Mexico Tech in the fall.

"Wow," said Trujillo. "It's a big honor to even place in this. I think Luna showed they can produce quality students regardless of where they come from."

Weber is from Golondrinas and Trujillo is from Mora.

T.J. Cook from ABQid

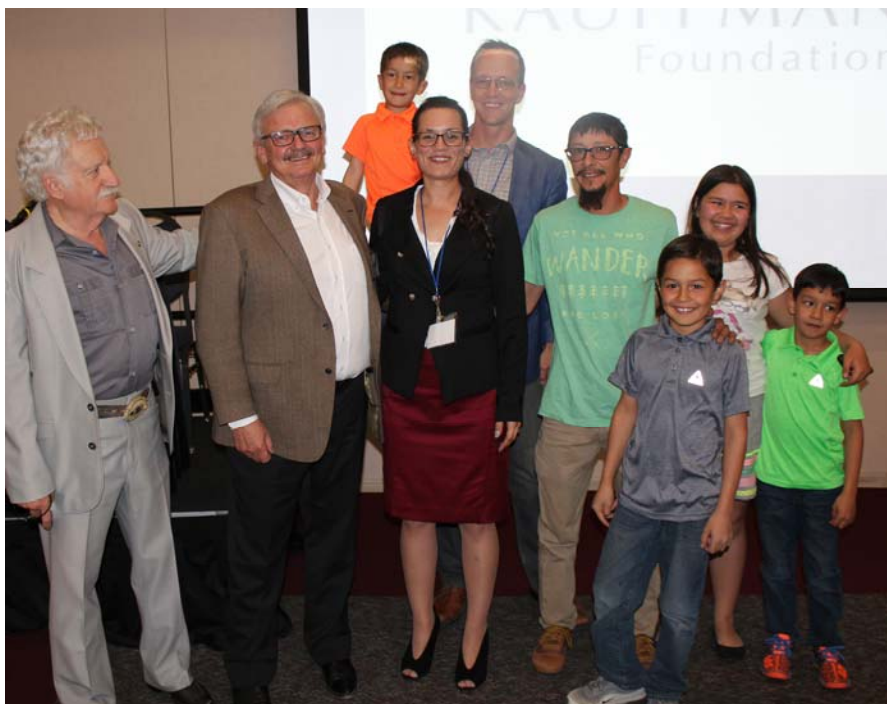
tutored Luna students throughout the process.

"I was impressed from the start and impressed in the end, but not surprised," said Cook. "They have a growth mindset. There's something good in the water at Luna.

Their presence here is a huge

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Weber and Trujillo...



Pictured clockwise are Jessica Weber with her husband and children Adam Weber, Penelope, Linus, Oryn and Silas along with NM Tech President Dr. Stephen Wells and master of ceremonies Larry Udell, and T.J. Cook from ABQid; Trujillo, Maria Armijo along with her cousin Marisol Rael; Carlos DeHerrera and Weber along with Luna Vice-President of Instruction Dr. Sharon Lalla with Stephen Yelity, one of the wolves (judges) from New York.

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win. They were exposed to important ideas and important people.”

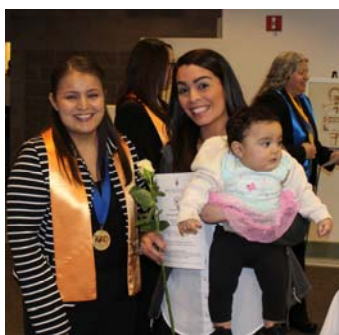
The Wolves Den was the culmination of the two-day inventors and entrepreneurs workshop. During the workshop, students and mentors participated in several seminars and networking with marketing experts, patent attorneys and investors from throughout the country.

Luna STEM students Carlos DeHerrera and

Maria Armijo also competed. DeHerrera presented a snow free threads idea while Armijo presented a Unity wrist band which will monitor a persons key vital signs.

“I’m proud of all our students who competed and attended this year’s inventors and entrepreneurs workshop and the Wolves Den Competition. They really showed what Luna is made of,” said Luna STEM Director Francisco Apodaca.

14 Luna students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa



Congratulations to Luna Community College Phi Theta Kappa Spring 2018 inductees: Kwei-Hsuan M. Coates, Domanique M. Crisostomo, Alisha D. Garcia, Desirre L. Herrera, Austin J. Jensen, Mari K. Lopez, Dominique Maes, Justin A. Miller, Shanaya L. Pacheco, Jayden A. Padilla, Mackenzie M. Pineda, Laura E. Sandoval Andrea Sedillo, Jessica Weber and Kristy R. Williams.



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Luna Nursing Program accredited by ACEN through 2024

The Luna Community College Nursing Program received some great news from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), recently.

In a letter written to Luna Nursing Director Maxine Hughes, ACEN informed the college that their Board of Commissioners voted to affirm continuing accreditation for the associate nursing program following the implementation of a revised curriculum, as the program is in compliance with all accreditation standards and criteria reviewed during the focused visit.

The Commission also affirmed the next onsite



Luna Community College Nursing Director Maxine Hughes.

accreditation review for the Spring 2024 cycle.

“We look forward to the continued successes for your nursing program,” wrote ACEN Chief Executive Officer Marsal P. Stoll, EdD, MSN. “On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, we thank you and your colleagues for your commitment to quality nursing education.”

Hughes was elated with the news.

“The nursing department is very proud and excited about receiving accreditation until 2024. We work very hard and will continue to do so to provide our community with excellent



Luna CDL students of instructor's Manny Barela, Steven Padilla, and Larry Moore listen to job opportunities presented by Southwest Regional Manager for Werner Trucking Company's Pam Akins. CDL theory and lab classes are one of the most popular programs in the vocational trades department.

“I chose Luna!”

Jessica and Harain Aldama say they love Luna Community College



Jessica and Harain Aldama both love Luna Community College. The sister, brother combination are originally from Chihuahua but grew up Lafayette, Colo.

“It has a home feel to it,” says Jessica. “I went to Metropolitan State University of Denver and I just didn’t get to know any of my professors. Everyone was just caught up in the fast life. Here people take the time to get to know you.”

Lafayette is a little bit bigger than Las Vegas, but still a pretty small town,” says Jessica.

“My brother and a professor from the University of Colorado-Denver recommended Luna to me,” says Jessica. “The professor said that Luna would be a good school to continue my education and not lose focus.”

Jessica is majoring in criminal justice and one day would like to go to law school and become a prosecuting attorney.

“People said I am very good at proving my point,” says Jessica. “I like standing up for what I know is right.”

After high school Harain was working as an electrician apprentice when the same professor came up to him and recommended Highlands and Luna.

“I started comparing tuition costs and program offerings to schools in Colorado and didn’t hesitate to apply to Luna,” said Harain.

Harain first came to Luna in fall of 2016. Jessica arrived at Luna in the fall of 2017.

“Ever since day one Luna has received me with open arms,” said Harain. “The only thing that I had to wait for was the time it took to transfer credits here but that got taken care of within the first month. Luna has a nice community here. I made a good choice.”

Harain will walk the graduation line in May in criminal justice. One day he would like to be a social worker. He has been accepted to Adams St. University and will be playing soccer for the Grizzlies.

Jessica is the vice-president for Phi Theta Kappa’s
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Aldama's love Luna...

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Northern District. Harain held the same position last year.

"It's helped me create a stronger connection with people that have similar goals as I do," says Jessica. "We are equally motivated."

Harain says Phi Theta Kappa is about opportunity.

"I have never been part of a honor society," says Harain. "A lot of people, when they hear honor society, think of formal and boring. Phi Theta Kappa is formal, but not boring. It gives me motivation to do better in classes."

Jessica has an edge on her brother carrying a 3.7 to Harain's 3.5 grade point average.

"It would be terrible to see Luna lose its accreditation because this college gives so many people the opportunity to further their education who otherwise

may not be able to afford it," says Jessica. "I would still be working three jobs back home if it wouldn't be for Luna."

Luna is special, says Harain.

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"Luna is about opportunity," says Harain. "Luna is affordable and Luna has opened a huge door for a lot of people. For example, in my job as translator/interpreter I am currently helping out a lady from Mexico and she wants to become a nurse and Luna is giving her this opportunity. If it wasn't for Luna, she may not have this opportunity. She has a dream and Luna will help her fulfill it."

The Aldama's want to recruit for Luna.

"This professor and I are

looking into coming out with a plan to give a presentation at our church and local high schools to get the name out of Luna," says Harain. "I will give a personal testimony on how well I have been treated here with hopes of getting people to come to school here. I will always remember Luna; its been a huge door open for me. I've actually thought if I don't

become a social worker I will get a Spanish teaching degree and work here at Luna."

Jessica feels the same as her brother.

"I look forward to finishing my associate degree here and transferring to a four-year university. I've told some of my friends about Luna and their looking to coming to school here," says Jessica. "I like how much instructors and tutors help you achieve your degree or certificate."

Position Announcement

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANT JOB POSITIONS:

- Bilingual Adjunct Instructor, Allied Health, Closes: Until Filled
- Full-Time Vocational Studies Faculty-Welding, Closes: Until Filled
- Adjunct CDL Instructor, Closes: Until Filled
- Adjunct Electrical Instructor, Closes: Until Filled
- Adjunct Cabinetry Instructor, Closes: Until Filled

- Adjunct-Allied Health, EMT Instructor, Closes: Until Filled
- Adjunct-Allied Health, CNA Instructor, Closes: Until Filled
- Temporary Part-Time Substitute Teacher Caretaker-Preschool, Closes: Until Filled

FOR JOB DESCRIPTION(S) AND/OR CLOSING DATES, CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AT (505) 454-2574 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.LUNA.EDU
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Luna Community College students Timothy Goetsch, Jessica Weber and Luna STEM Director Francisco Apodaca are pictured with Los Alamos National Labs Director Dr. Terry Wallace. Several Luna Community College students and employees participated in the LANL Community Leaders Breakfast, recently at Santa Fe Community College. Goetsch and Weber have been selected to work as summer interns at LANL this summer and both will attend New Mexico Tech in Socorro this fall.

Softball and baseball updates

Baseball Record: 8-34, 2-22 in WJCAC

Recent scores

April 13 El Paso CC	W	12-2
April 13 El Paso CC	L	11-9
April 14 El Paso CC	W	9-6
April 14 El Paso CC	L	20-10

Softball Record 11-32, 3-17 in WJCAC

Recent Scores

April 15 Clarendon	L	11-3
April 15 Clarendon	L	13-2
April 16 Clarendon	L	10-1
April 16 Clarendon	L	24-1

Vanetia Gonzales is one of 20 nursing students in the state awarded a Nightingale Nursing Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of financial need, academic standing and professional commitment. This scholarship is funded by the NM Board of Nursing. Gonzales (left) is pictured with Luna Community College Nursing Director Maxine Hughes.

