

# The Luna Light

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The 2014 LCC Softball Team. Pictured (bottom, l-r) Maria Gonzales, Ariel Archuleta, Marissa Valencia, Ashton Burundi, Michelle Gallegos, Keri Mays and Brittany Moya. (top, l-r) Selena Gonzales, Alexis Murillo, Mercedes Baleen, Gabriella Negreiros, Larrissa Gallegos, Maribel Chavez, Montanna Martinez, and Jennifer Applezoller. The softball team made history last week by sweeping Western Texas College.

## Luna CC President Dr. Pete Campos gets one-year contract extension

The Luna Community College Board of Trustees voted to give President Dr. Pete Campos a one-year contract extension at Monday's Board of Trustees Work Session.

"It's important that Dr. Pete Campos remains as president during the accreditation process," said LCC Board Chairman Abelino Montoya Jr. "I have witnessed his achievements while he's been president and he has taken the college to a new level."

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Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos gives a speech as Gov. Susana Martinez claps Tuesday at Plaza Park. LCC did well at the legislature this year including extra funding for nursing expansion, athletics and student retention and completion. The total funding is \$8,683,900.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH (STEM)  
SUMMER 2014 COURSE OFFERINGS  
MAIN CAMPUS

Intro. To Computer Science	MTWR	8:00 – 9:40
Security +	MTWR	10:00 – 11:40
General Math	MTW	3:00 – 5:50
College Algebra	MTWR	10:00 – 11:50
Intermediate Algebra	MTWR	1:00 – 2:50
Algebra with Applications	MTWR	8:00 – 9:50
Survey of Earth Science	MTW	10:00 – 11:40
Survey of Earth Science Lab	R	8:00 – 12:00
Environmental Science	MTW	1:00 – 2:40
Environmental Science Lab	R	1:00 – 4:50

**Jesse's  
quick hits**

Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—Jesse

*Knock, knock*  
Who's there?  
*Olive.*  
Olive who?

*Olive to here new knock-knock jokes.*

*Knock, knock.*  
Who's there?  
*Snow.*  
Snow who?

*Snow body likes knock-knock jokes like me.*



# COME ENJOY THE HEAD START EXPERIENCE

At  
*West Las Vegas Head Start*



## Who is eligible to enlist?

- All Families who live in San Miguel County
- Children who are age three or four before September 1st
- Families must be income eligible
- Children with disabilities
- 10% (20) over income families can be selected
- Be sure to register early for 2014/15 school year

Providing comprehensive early childhood services to the community of Las Vegas and surrounding areas:

- Research Based Curriculum "Where Bright Futures Begin" by Houghton Mifflin
- Every Day Counts Math Curriculum
- Health Curriculum (CHILE) Child Health Initiative for Life Long Eating & Exercise
- Physical Education
- Growing Up Strong (GUS) Mental Health

## 6 easy steps to register

1. Application
2. Current Physical & Dental Exam
3. Immunization Record
4. Birth Record - State/Baptismal/Hospital
5. Verification of Income - (W-2/Income Tax/Check Stubs etc.)
6. Insurance/Medicaid



West Las Vegas Head Start  
Main Site  
2730 Romero St. LVNM, 87701  
Ph: 505-426-2821 or 505-426-2823  
Website: [www.wlvheadstart.com](http://www.wlvheadstart.com)

West Las Vegas Head Start  
Los Niño's Site  
474 East Legion Drive LVNM, 87701  
Ph: 505-454-2714 or 505-454-2764  
Website: [www.wlvheadstart.com](http://www.wlvheadstart.com)

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# LCC softball sweeps Western Texas; baseball team splits with Clarendon



Luna Community College's Marissa Valencia thinks about throwing to first base in Wednesday's second game against Otero Junior College. Valencia will play at Highlands University next season.



Luna Community College's Paul Canepa scores a run against El Paso Community College in a recent game while Bronson Pulgados sprints to first base.

The Luna Community College softball team did something they had never done before — sweep a conference opponent. The Lady Rough Riders swept Western Texas College 6-5, 5-3, 10-6 and 14-13 this past weekend at home in its conference opener.

‘Coming in and sweeping for the first

time in school history in conference play our team is excited and confident,” said LCC Head Coach Nathan Trujillo. “We have more confidence and experience in our conference which will help us handle the tough situations.”

The team was coming off two losses to Otero Junior College, 11-2 and 11-3.

“We let them refocus a little bit and for the girls to come back and sweep, it shows their character; they came out ready to play,” said Trujillo. “The girls are hungry. We settled for sixth place last year (in conference) and we want to show the conference that we are a formidable opponent. Our sophomores are helping our freshmen out quite a bit.”

The Lady Rough Riders are 8-9 on the year and 4-0 in conference play. They play at Alamosa this Wednesday and host conference foe Clarendon on Friday and Saturday with games beginning at noon each day.

The LCC baseball team took two from Clarendon losing the first game 5-2 and bouncing back to win games two and three 3-1 and 3-1. They lost the final game of the series 9-6. The Rough Riders are 9-18 overall and 5-7 in conference.

Their next game is on Sunday, March 23 at Otero Junior College.

## Weekly calendar

### Monday, March 17, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Training (LRC Lecture Hall)

### Tuesday, March 18, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Training (LRC Lecture Hall)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. LAT Meeting (Student Services 102)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)

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

### Wednesday, March 19, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Training (LRC Lecture Hall)

12:00 p.m., 2:00p.m. LCC Softball v. Adams State University (Alamosa, CO)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. HELP NM Training (Education 101)

### Thursday, March 20, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Training (LRC Lecture Hall)

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (IPC Dining Hall)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (VoAg)

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Meeting (General Studies 104)

### Friday, March 21, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Training (LRC Lecture Hall)

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. LCC Student Government Meeting (MEC Atrium)

12:00 p.m., 2:00p.m. LCC Softball v. Clarendon College (HOME)

### Saturday, March 22, 2014

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CNA Testing (Allied Health NO-7 & MO-11)

12:00 p.m., 2:00p.m. LCC Softball v. Clarendon College (HOME)

### Sunday, March 23, 2014

12:00 p.m. LCC Baseball v. Otero Junior College (La Junta, CO)

# Luna CC improvements over the past few years

*Editor's Note: The Luna Light will be publishing information on improvements for different departments.*

**By Wanda Martinez/LCC Mora Site Director**

Since our inception, providing an educational opportunity to the community of Mora has been the purpose of the Mora Site, as is the overall mission and vision of LCC in creating opportunities and preparing our students for success. The guiding principles we have created and implemented as an institution is also practiced at the satellites and here in Mora. We are proud by the fact that our contributions made here at the Mora Site have benefitted the main campus and our progress can be seen in the number of staff, courses offered, partnerships made/kept, and the overall success of students meeting their educational goals.

In the 10 years that LCC has had a site in Mora, we relocated from having an office at the Mora High School with a staff of one, to maintaining the David Cargo Library with two full-time and one part-time staff. We have also increased in the number of work study positions needed as well as a part-time tutor because we are not only open 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to the public, but in order to accommodate our students, we have extended hours of 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. We are also open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-noon.

Courses offered have steadily risen from four classes that "made" to an average of 10 per semester in both live and ITV instruction. Adjunct faculty from Mora who also teach at the school district not only allows us the utilization of classroom space, but also the opportunity for the students to receive dual credit for many

of their courses. A computer lab funded by Title V has also increased the number of students taking distance learning courses, thus elevating the convenience of educational opportunities to our rural community.

Partnerships with the Mora Independent School District as well as Mora County have remained strong and continue with committee participation by the staff. Other committee participation by staff includes, the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, Sangre de Cristo Livestock Association, Los de Mora Growers Coop., and most recently summer business student interns have been hired by La Jicarita Rural Telephone Coop and Mora San Miguel Electric Coop Inc., with MOUs in place for future students.

Collaborations with local, state and federal entities/grants include but are not limited to: NM Legal Aid, United Healthcare, HELP NM, Inc., NM DVR, Mora/Colfax Head Start, Work Force Connection, Santa Fe Housing Authority, NMSU 4-H Live Stock Board, US Military Recruiters, US Congressmen, US Dept. of Interior/National Parks Services, NM Library Association, Mora Volunteer Fire Department, Russell's, Little League Organization, Mora PTA, YCC program, local restaurants and logging/lumber businesses.

Our student success can be measured by the number of graduates (25+) in spring 2013, four of who were high school students receiving their general education certificate, proving that we are fulfilling our part in meeting our mission and vision for LCC at the Mora Site. By all these accounts, progress is evident and continuing our dedication to our community and students is ongoing.

## Tip of the week: Be a role model

Anyone interested in sending a column, article, photo or information that they would like to see included in The Luna Light, please e-mail [jgallegos@luna.edu](mailto:jgallegos@luna.edu) or call him at 505/454-2510.

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Westley Shooter, a 2013 graduate of Springer High, is on the United States Navy Wall of Fame for welding. He enlisted in the United States Navy while a senior in high school and completed boot camp and A School this past February in Chicago. He learned his welding skills from taking classes at Springer and Luna Community College. He sends thanks to all his former instructors who are dedicated to helping students learn life skills.





## Luna CC Purge policy changes

The Luna Community College board of Trustees approved purge policy changes based from recommendations from the LCC Education Committee.

As per mandate of the Higher Education Department, students are obligated to make a financial commitment upon registering for courses. In the event that the student fails to make financial arrangements, LCC is required to dis-enroll them for non-payment.

The new purge/dis-enrollment dates are:

- Summer Session – Thursday before classes begins and first Friday of the semester.
- Fall and Spring Session - Thursday before the semester begins and the second Friday of the semester.



The Robertson High School Mariachi Band played for Gov. Susana Martinez last Tuesday at Plaza Park. Pictured with Martinez is Las Vegas Mayor Alfonso Ortiz and Robertson High Mariachi Instructor Martin Senna.

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## Contract extension...

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“His ability to use his senatorial seat to keep Luna Community College in the forefront is important to students, staff and the community. More of our programs are now nationally accredited which gives our students an opportunity for better jobs and better pay.”

Dr. Campos’ salary and benefits will remain the same.

“I am grateful to the Luna Community Board of Trustees for the opportunity to continue serving as president,” said Dr. Campos. “I am confident that we will be able to work together to move the college forward and focus on the overall well-being and education

of our students. They deserve the best we can offer and I am committed to that. I also believe through our faculty, staff, administration and service area, we will collectively improve our college to be recognized as a strong competitor by preparing our students for the job market.”

Luna Community College is currently going through its accreditation cycle which includes a self-study and an evaluation site visit in October, 2014 by the Higher Learning Commission/North Central Association.

## Position Announcements

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

- Instructor-Family Nursing (closes 5-30-14)

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

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL POSITION POSTING FOLLOW THE LCC AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.

# Casa de Cultura invite LCC students to participate in community development

Miguel Angel has been the director of Casa de Cultura for about seven years now. And one of his goals is to develop the consciousness of college students about the importance of culture in organizing the citizens for community development.

“We underestimate the ability of youth to contribute to community development,” said Angel. “We think students are vital to achieving this objective. They can be the backbone of development because they have the energy if they are inspired to do it.

Casa de Cultura is a tax exempt non-profit community organization that seeks to create a cultural environment for Las Vegas and surrounding community.

“Culture has been so devalued over time which makes it seem that culture is not important,” said Angel. “Culture is important because it is an organizational tool for community development.”

Currently, Casa de Cultura is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Seed Exchange (compartiendo semillas) that will be held on Saturday, April 12 at the LCC Rough Rider Grill.

“It’s a free and open to the public event,” said Angel. “There will be discussions on organic agriculture, water issues, fracking, global warming. It would be important for the student body to attend and to learn about the essence of what the most issues are in northern New Mexico.”

There will be a free meal and Casa de Cultura will be giving free heirloom seeds to all participants. There will also be door prizes and raffles.

“Casa de Cultura is seeking to foster trust and cohesion among diverse and ethnic groups through the participation in educational and cultural activities.

For more information call Casa de Cultura at 505/454-6771.



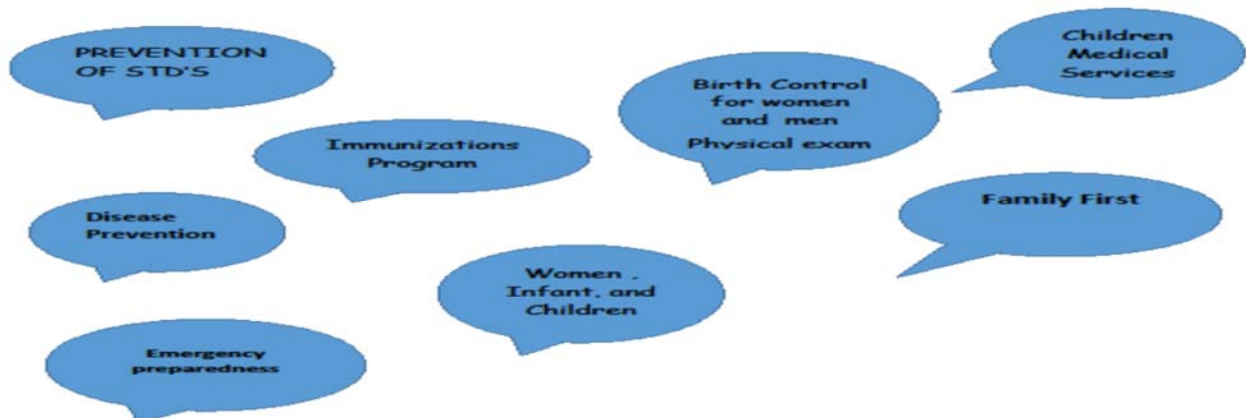
**Miguel Angel**



**LCC STUDENTS: FIND OUT WHAT YOUR SAN MIGUEL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS TO OFFER YOU!!!**

**ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1pm Nursing Auditorium**



# Community outreach continues

By Dr. Pete Campos  
LCC President

Luna Community College is known for its community outreach within its service area. The benefits of that outreach are priceless. Community involvement has led to students: securing part-time jobs, making new friends, feeling right-at-home in the community, learning in a comfortable environment and preparing for their future in a positive atmosphere geared towards producing success.

We have visited with school district officials and personnel, business owners and their employees, area residents, club and organization members and community activists to enlist their support of LCC students and their quest to successfully complete their programs of study. It's worked!

Community members have helped students in numerous ways like providing conversations of encouragement and contributing towards living expenses. Robert Brault, writer, said, "The willingness to share does not make one charitable; it makes one free."

Our community college has become well renowned throughout the region. Our employees who work on the main campus, satellites and designated site locations have built strong and reputable on-line, in-class and hybrid educational classes and strategies that have effectively blended with student apprenticeships, jobs and quality of life extra-curricular activities to make a notable difference in the lives of students and their families. Mahatma Gandhi, who led India to independence, said, "I shall not pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

The efforts of: Tom Herrera who directs our highly effective community education program leads efforts to engage community members in classes that inspires them and provides learning they have been seeking; Sarah Flores, executive director and the entire LCC Foundation Board of Directors hosts an annual – highly successful – golf tournament to raise scholarship funds for students;

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LCC employees who generously contribute hard-earned dollars to scholarships and help with daily student life expenses; business owners and individuals who donate to college activities like our – hugely successful – car show; regional clubs, organizations, hospitals, businesses and individuals who donate scholarships to students are the reasons most students complete their certificates and de-

grees; Don Bustos and the valued staff members of the New Mexico Small Business Development Center Network (NMSBDC) have a strong regional partnership that reinforces efforts to effectively support small business development that in-turn serves as a pipeline for our students to enter the world of work at the regional and state levels; and, representatives of state, county and local governments offer student-related oppor-

tunities such as summer internships and jobs that support growth in hands-on experience and receiving compensation for their work are some of the community outreach initiatives and support that encourages students to persist, stay with their program of study, get their certificate or degree and northeastern New Mexico is very unique because it is made up of many small communities.

Luna Community College has a strong presence in every community within the region. School, state, county and municipal governments support our college because we provide valuable education, economic support, future skilled entrepreneurs and employees and needed services to their community.

Activists like Lorenzo Flores continuously encourage students to earn a better education, gain hands-on experience and prepare for the world of work. A recent idea Mr. Flores has proposed and we will implement is to sponsor – A Luna Appreciation Cookout – where the community will be invited to attend an outdoor cook-out and show their support for the students who attend Luna Community College. Anne Frank, one of the most discussed Jewish victims of the Holocaust, said, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Thank you Lorenzo for your commitment to our students!

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