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Criminal justice classes host National Constitution Day

Jonathan Maestas was one of several Luna Community College Criminal Justice students that participated in Wednesday's National Constitution Day. His message was short and simple.

"As American citizens, we should all know our rights that we are entitled to," said Maestas, a native of Mora. "A lot of people don't know what their rights are."

As part National Constitution Day, literature, along with candy with facts on the constitution were available to students.

"People had the opportunity to learn more about the Bill of Rights or the Amendments," said Maestas. "It's so important to know what your rights are, so you can protect yourself. A lot of students are asking questions. We know what we're studying; we want to let other people know what we're doing as a program."

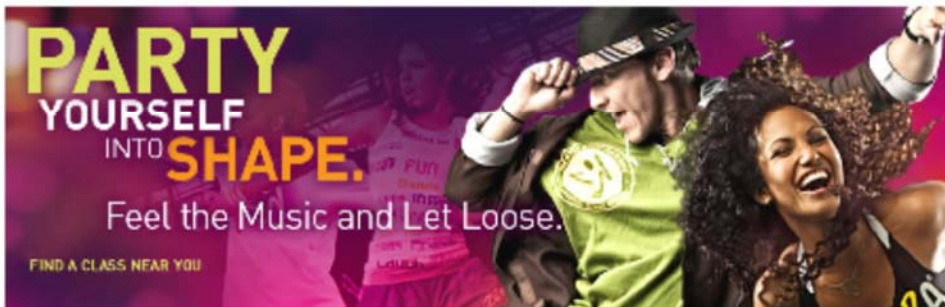
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Luna Community College's Jonathan Maestas, a criminal justice major, shows some books that were given to students during National Constitution Day on Wednesday.

Luna Community students taking Dr. Twila Quintana's American National Government class attended a board of trustees meeting, recently. Quintana said meetings such as this are a great way for students to learn outside the classroom. Students had to write a summary of government structure. This particular class is taught from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. Quintana said she has 18 students sign up for this class.





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Luna Community College Criminal Justice Instructor Cindy Armijo provided several facts about Constitution Day.

Sept. 17 is the birthday of our government. Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing, on Sept. 17, 1787, of the U.S. Constitution by 39 of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention. The ideas on which America was founded—commitments to the rule of law, limited government and the ideals of liberty, equality and justice—are embodied in the Constitution. The U.S. Constitution is the oldest written constitution of any nation. Constitution Day is intended to celebrate not only the birthday of our government, but the ideas that make us Americans.

“Attending National Constitution Day activities furthers our interest in learning and understanding the significance of our Constitution to the United State of America and to the freedoms and protections our Founding Fathers secured for us,” said Armijo. “Schools and federal agencies are required to hold educational programs on the Constitution on Constitution Day. National Constitution Day is important to college-age students because college is an arena for knowledge acquisition. Learning about our government and our rights helps create a more informed citizenry. Additionally, registering our students to vote means their voices will be heard during the election process.”

Constitution Day fits right into the criminal justice program.

“This has become a tradition that criminal justice students participate in sharing information and hosting Constitution Day activities on our campus,” said Armijo. “Students in our criminal justice program learn about how the entire criminal justice system interacts with the three branches of government – the judicial, executive and legislative. Furthermore, students are required to learn the 27 Amendments to the Constitution, with special attention being placed on the Bill of Rights. Each criminal justice course covers aspects of the Constitution.

Luna Community College’s National Constitution Day event had over 80 participants between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Armijo said over 20 criminal justice students participated and co-sponsored the event with the faculty senate. Students received educational information including: U.S. Constitutions, booklets about the structure of the U.S. Government, New Mexico Constitutions and activity/game handouts. Participants enjoyed a variety of snacks while they watched the Election Edition of School House Rock and the HBO series John Adams.

As part of Constitution Day, San Miguel County Clerk Melanie Rivera was on-site to register students to vote.

“To quote philosopher Francis Bacon “Knowledge is power.” The activities and information provided during our National Constitution Day celebration were designed and intended to provide an educational aspect so yes, students gain an understanding of the significance of participating in the political process through voting. Partnering with San Miguel County Clerk Melanie Y. Rivera allowed us to provide voter registration to all eligible students, faculty, staff and administration,” said Armijo. “Several individuals took advantage of this service and filled out the required form to register to vote. Once their applications are processed, each applicant will receive a New Mexico voter registration card through the mail.

Overall, Armijo said that the entire day went well.

“I would like to thank all of the criminal justice students, Luna stu-



In the top photo, LCC Criminal Justice student Vanessa Mendez shows a U.S. Flag cake she made. She is pictured with LCC Criminal Justice Instructor Cindy Armijo. In the bottom photo, LCC student Brian Dominguez registers to vote with San Miguel County Clerk Melanie Rivera.

ents, faculty and staff who took time from their busy schedules to participate in our National Constitution Day event,” said Armijo.

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One-on-one with Luna CC's Dental Assisting Instructor Gloria Pacheco

Tell us about your professional experience and educational background.

I began dental assisting in 1983-84 after a providential meeting of a local dentist who asked spontaneously if I was interested in dental—after careful consideration, I said yes. I went from being a bank teller to practicing as a dental assistant. The transition was not an easy one—I had to do a lot of independent studying of the terminology that was completely foreign to me, learning the instrumentation and the proper way of suctioning, to sterilization and infection control was extremely stressful, however, I was determined and interested to learn it all.

Though it was a challenge, fact remains I sincerely appreciate and truly venerate the experience. To this day I am extremely grateful for the dentist who saw potential and provided me with a career I never gave much thought to, let alone think that I could do. I worked in the dental office for 12 years, during that time the dentist send me to classes in Albuquerque for radiation health and safety, and fabrication of temporary provisional, as well as, other pertinent courses that enabled me to take and pass New Mexico state boards. In addition to certification from the New Mexico State Board of Dental Health and the Dental Assisting National Board, I have an AA in liberal arts from LCC, and a BA from NMHU in psychology, presently working on completion of a MA in human performance, health and sports/teacher education with an emphasis in health. I have been a proud member of Luna Community College going on 13 years in January, and can honestly say I am delighted for being part of the LCC family and to work with the outstanding staff and students.

Describe your teaching style or teaching philosophy.

I strongly believe that each student who comes to LCC or any educational institution possess individualized learning skills at various levels, it s up to the instructor to recognize that, and work close along side with the student to ensure their success, which can be very challenging at times for the instructor and the student as well. But with good will, determination and strong effort we can accomplish much. As for my philosophy: I strive to educate students who come in to the dental assistant program toward the de-



Gloria Pacheco

livery of an ethical and morally responsible, clinical competent dental assistant and one who will facilitate quality care to clients that come under their care along with, commitment to their employer.

What is your favorite part of your current job and why is it your favorite part?

I am the administrator of the Dental Assisting Program, however, the best part of my day is when I am with my students, teaching and interacting with them, it is a privilege to share my knowledge and experience as a dental assistant. Dental assisting is a passion that I embrace dearly, while in the dental office I developed a special bond with clients, needless to say, now with students that bond goes beyond years after students graduate. At the end as students exit the program after meeting and overcoming many challenges we may encounter throughout the year, I hear from students say that as they reflect on the past year they realize the purpose and claim

that their hard work is worth it. That said, I finally find satisfaction in knowing that those long hours and stressful days are not in vain.

What are one or two of your proudest professional accomplishments?

The Dental Assisting Program accreditation is one of my proudest accomplishments and second I have to say that achieving my BA through NMHU with assistance and support from LCC, currently working toward an MA degree is another.

How does your background and experiences strengthen academics at LCC?

I had the privileged opportunity of working with one of the best dentist in Las Vegas for 12 years, who mentored and taught me that I had abilities beyond my own recognition. He was a tough supervisor to work for, but he taught me a lot in dentistry, his favorite motto is that if you plan on doing something, you do it right the first time, if and when you do make a mistake correct it, learn from it and do not repeat it. I try to follow this motto as an instructor here at LCC. Lastly, I have to say that I appreciate my position and the opportunity to teach and mentor students who have a desire for dentistry.



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Luna Community College will be going through an on-site re-accreditation visit at the campus on October 13-15, 2014. A team of evaluators will be conducting a comprehensive evaluation.

We encourage 3rd party comments regarding Luna Community College practices, procedures, and/or policies.

All comments should be sent directly to:

Mr. Lloyd Hammonds, Team Chair

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		12 - 5	12 - 1	*
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