

The Luna Light

"The People's College"

Mission Statement: "Creating Opportunities for You!"

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Luna Community College students (l-r) Michelle Sanchez, Missy Nelson, Jane Montañó, Theo Chavez, Kim Sena, Karley Bradley, Emma Chase and Sarah Pick were just a few of 200 students who turned out to cast their votes on Friday to elect student government representatives.

Ramirez elected as president

200 votes cast in LCC Student Government Election



Victor Ramirez

Victor Ramirez is Luna Community College's Student Government president. He narrowly beat out Francine Vigil 102 to 96.

Two-hundred votes were cast in the election, the most over the course of the last five years.

Gilbert Garcia beat out Chris Castellano 110 to 83 for vice-president. It was the only other race that was contested.

Billy Ortiz garnered 170 votes for treasurer as he ran unopposed. Lorenza Marcais had 171 votes for secretary. She to was un-

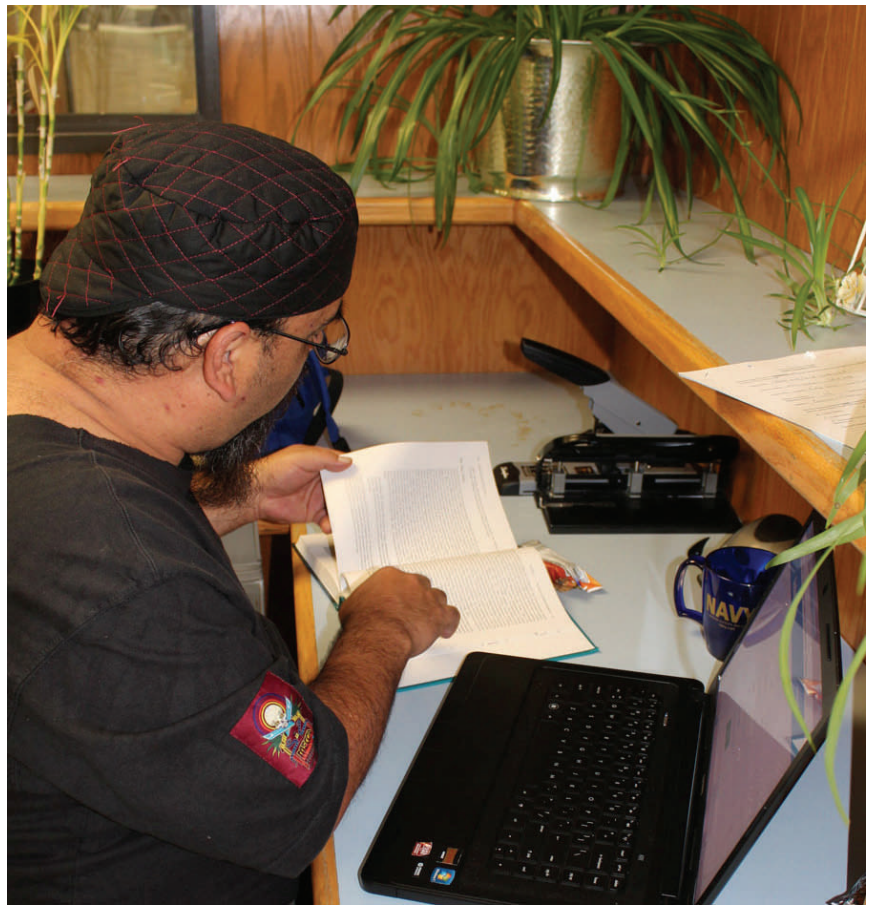
opposed.

Brianna Archuleta, Sharon Desanto and Evette Ulibarri had 101, 70 and 76 votes, respectively in the senatorial race. All three won as there were six senatorial positions.

"I want to thank everyone that came out to vote," said Ramirez. "Hopefully, we get more students to vote next year. I'm looking forward to representing students; I want to get started right away. We will probably have a meeting as soon as next week. I'm eager to get the ball rolling."



Pictured is the team that will lead the Luna Community College School of Business to specialized accreditation. Bottom (l-r) Harry Anderson/Accounting Advisor, Ethan Chavez-Martinez, Dr. Vidal Martinez, Vice-President of Instruction. Top L to R: Brendaleigh Lobato/Adjunct Faculty (Computer Fundamentals), Amanda Lucero/Office Manager, Dolores Gutierrez /General Business-Advisor, Elaine Ortega/Business Administration - Advisor and Meta Levister/Adjunct Faculty (Computer Fundamentals).



Luna Community College criminal justice student Richard Gonzales looks over his notes before class recently. Students are reminded that 8-week courses are coming up now in October.

8-Week Class Schedule

Course	Sec.	Hours	Title	Days	Dates	Times	Campus	Bldg.	Ins.
CRT	01	3.0	Estimation for Collision Repair	T-R	10/15-12/6	1-8 p.m.	Main Campus	Auto	Martinez, G
CUL237L	01	2.0	Restaurant Experience Lab	---F	10/18-12/6	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Main Campus	CAFÉ	O'Brien, A
MATH075	04	4.0	General Mathematics	MTWR	10/14-12/6	3- 4:50 p.m.	Main Campus	TECH	McAllister
MATH116	04	4.0	Intermediate Algebra	-MT-RF	10/14-12/6	3 -4:50 p.m.	Main Campus	TECH	Sanchez, B
PSYC101E	03	3.0	Introduction to Psychology (DL)	-M-W---	10/14 - 12/6	4-6:50 p.m.	Online Course	EWEB	Harris, R
PSYC242E	02	3.0	Developmental Life Span (DL)	---R--	10/17 - 12/6	2-7:50 p.m.	Online Course	EWEB	Hughes, R
SOC101E	01	3.0	Introduction to Sociology (DL)	-M-W---	10/14-12/6	7-9:50 p.m.	Online Course	EWEB	Harris, R

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Several public and private entities were on campus on Friday to talk to students about money management and health care. Pictured (clockwise) are: Bonnie Pacheco from State Employees Credit Union; Sharlett Martinez and Orlando LeFebre from Well's Fargo and Mary Ann Garcia and Priscilla Ulibarri from El Centro Family Health Care Center.

LCC to provide free flu shots

Luna Community College, along with the New Mexico Public Health Department and San Miguel County will be providing a free flu shot clinic at the LCC Allied Health Atrium (nursing department) located on the northwest part of campus.

Luna Community College will be hosting two dates for the flu shot clinic, the first from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25 and the second from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1.

Luna Community College nursing students will administer the shots with supervision from LCC Nursing Faculty.

"I would highly advise that individuals get immunized for the flu this year. It's always a good idea, especially for the elderly," said LCC Health Sciences Director Conni Reichert.



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Student persistence, retention and completion

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

Choosing to be a college student is a major decision. The choice means a lot of different things to each student. For example: a student may have recently graduated from high school, doesn't have a job and is unsure of a career pathway. While the student moves forward, enrolls in classes, applies and qualifies for financial aid, and begins the journey to further her/his education; many personal hurdles, family pressures and real-life temptations surface almost every day to leave college.

The entire Luna family has devised and implemented strategies to convince and keep students in college until they successfully complete their certification or degree. By not giving up, taking advantage of the incentives and overall assistance, we have developed, and avoided temptations to leave college before successful completion of a program of study, leads to a better paying job, personal satisfaction and long-term career advancement that reaps benefits beyond a person's short-term goals and expectations.

We have hired more highly qualified PhD's, EdD's, master's level and nationally certified instructors and administrators. We have encouraged our staff to pursue next level degrees. For example: Melissa Lopez moved forward despite all odds, continued to serve students and sacrificed to earn a masters in counseling degree from New Mexico Highlands University. We are excited about the path Melissa has chosen because it has not only been good for her, it has been good for all of us and most importantly, her growth in education has and will benefit our student's future. Melissa, you are a prime example of what we can do to improve our quality commitment to students. Mil Gracias!

Now for the leading edge innovations, creativity and academic advising that will positively impact our services to students. We are expanding and concentrating our services to: improve student tutorial services, GED/ABE offerings throughout our service area, strengthening our morale and confidence in each other so students as well as faculty and staff realize we are in-it-together, expand services to our veterans so they remain confident "that we genuinely care" about their efforts to successfully complete their programs of study and overcome personal issues they developed because of their unselfish service on our

behalf, organize an effective concurrent enrollment/dual credit initiative that prepares high school students for college level programs and saves their parents thousands of dollars because students can earn a high school diploma and associates degree within a week of each other, and a huge initiative, thanks to the tenacious and highly professional guiding efforts of Francina Martinez and so many others that will execute a \$579,500 initiative which brings us together, ensures we have student persistence, retention and completion.

There has never been such an assertive initiative produced at Luna Community College! We have students from Puerto Rico, many other states and over 30 communities from throughout New Mexico. These are students who have decided we are their best choice for a quality, affordable and doable educational opportunity. We won't let each other down. In fact, we will work to build upon our intellect, energy and talents to remain vital, competitive and relevant.

In the end, we are who we wish to be. I will use every credential, experience and creative approach at my disposal to promote, defend and advocate for Luna Community College being the institute that will never let our mission fail. We are an exciting, invigorating and pulsating community college that will always do, as our mission "mantra" statement indicates, "CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!"

We readily accept the opportunity and have the ability to work through adversity in such a way that one comes through it unharmed or becomes better because of the experiences. We are facing life's difficulties with courage and patience – refusing to give up. It is because of our quality of character that allows us to rebound from misfortune, hardships and traumas. We are rooted in a tenacity of spirit – a determination to embrace all that makes life worth living even in the face of overwhelming odds. We have a clear sense of identity and purpose. We are more resilient, because we hold fast to our vision of a better future. Much of our resilience comes from community – from the relationships that allow us to lean on each other for support when we need it. **Luna Community College continues to work diligently to become one of our nation's premier two-year educational institutions open to students from all over the world.**

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Position Announcements

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

- Instructor-Medical Surgical Nursing (closes 10-12-13 or until filled)

- Instructor-Family Nursing (closes 10-12-13 or until filled)

• Allied Health Director (closes 10-30-13 or until filled)
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

**Tip of the week
Give a
compliment once
in a while**



Luna Community College

Fall 2013 Semester

SLOA Presenters

Connie Beil—AH113E.02	Jessica Gutierrez—EDU201.01
Jesse Boggs—ENG095E.02	David Muniz—NRS099.01
Art Abreu—HPS125.01	Robert Plagge—BT112.02
Carl Vigil—PE121.01	Clarice Bonney—CSMT109.01
Henrietta Griego—PE135.01	Albert Padilla—FCMK100.01
Kevin Lucero—PSYC101.01	Robert Ortiz—FCMK104.02
Chelsea Stoinski—PSYC101.02	Cory Moore—WLDG105.01
Annette Painter—SPAN101.02	Arthur Arguello—WLDG118.20
Billy Gay Matthews—MUS108E.01	Lyndsey Padilla—WLDG148.30
Shereen Lobdell—ART106.01	Pauline Laumbach—CSA150.60
Tom Hill—HIST101.60	Venessa Rollings—CSA150.20
Dawnette Garcia—PE113.01	Joe Baca—MATH116.01
Angelo Archuleta—SPAN101.40	Betsy Sanchez—MATH116.04
Georgia Cruz—SPAN101.60	Mary Bustos—MATH180.03
Deborah Arellano—SSD102.40	Cathy Stauber—BIO105.01
Adam Martinez—FS205E.01	Joel Stone—GEOL101.01
Mary Helen Ortiz—ECME110T.01	David Lueras—MATH116R.40

Powerpoint Presentations will take place as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 10, 2013

LOCATION: LRC Lecture Hall

TIME: 8:30am


Presentations are open to all

Come support your faculty members



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2013 Fall Homecoming Parade Schedule

9/27	Friday	Robertson & Santa Rosa
10/4	Friday	Raton
10/11	Friday	West Las Vegas
10/19	Saturday	NMHU
11/1	Friday	Springer



Luna Community College's Justine Crespin (right) and Courtney Aragon work on battling ropes during a high intensity interval training (HIIT) class at the Gerald Ortega Wellness Center.



Luna Community College Student Government Vice-Presidential candidates Gilbert Garcia and Chris Castellano wish each other good luck on Friday.

Weekly calendar

Monday, September 23, 2013

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

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (Business 115)

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

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

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hip Hop Aerobics (VoAg)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piyo Fitness (Business 115)

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. SBDC Training Course (Student Services 102)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. SBDC Selling on EBay (Student Services 102)

Thursday, September 26, 2013

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

Friday, September 27, 2013

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. NMHSD Medicaid Changes Educational Meeting (David Cargo Library-Mora)

Saturday, September 28, 2013

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

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Driver's Ed. Course (LRC Lecture Hall)



Luna Community College Physical Plant employee Marvin Maestas takes a moment to take a photo with LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. Maestas, along with other physical plant employees, continue to work diligently at the college after the recent rain storms hit the area.

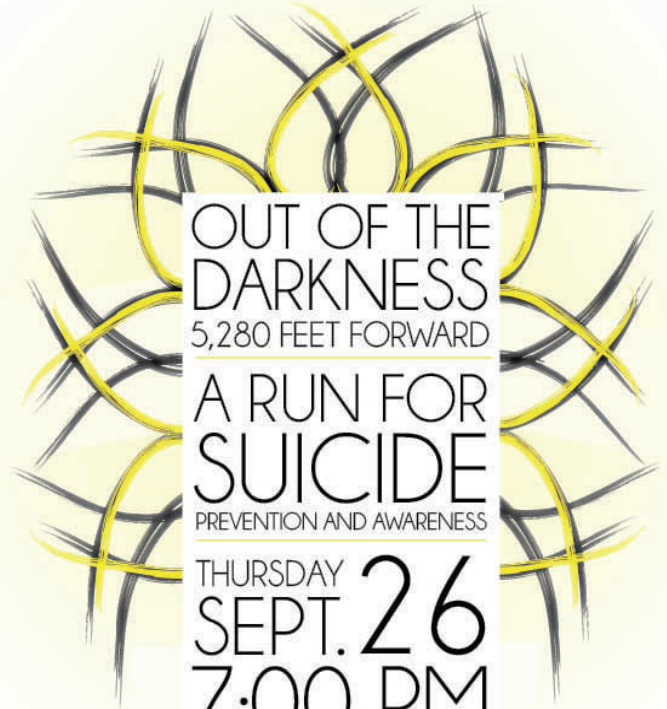
Fight the FLU

It starts with you **FLU SHOT CLINIC**

Healthy adults over the age of 18, provided by the LCC Nursing Students in cooperation with the NM Public Health Department, San Miguel County.

Location: Allied Health Atrium

Dates and Times: Fri. Oct. 25 from 9am—1pm & Fri. Nov. 1st from 1pm-5pm



OUT OF THE
DARKNESS
5,280 FEET FORWARD

A RUN FOR
SUICIDE
PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

THURSDAY
SEPT. 26
7:00 PM

THE NEW STUDENT CENTER



There are 5,280 feet in a mile. With every step help us shed light on the darkness of suicide. Refreshments and GLOW STICKS will be provided. First 25 people will receive a free t-shirt. Walkers and Joggers are welcome.

Many Luna Community College students enjoyed the afternoon on Friday, which included talks on how to make money stretch throughout the semester, student government elections, financial aid disbursement, information on healthcare and a barbeque. For more images, see next week's *Luna Light*.

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