

The Luna Light



"Creating Opportunities for You!"

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Full schedule for Luna presidential finalists

Forums, interviews, receptions with each

Each of five finalists for the Luna Community College presidency is due to visit Las Vegas over a two-week period from Thursday, Sept. 20, to Thursday, Oct. 4.

During their visits, the candidates will have full schedules as they meet with members of the community.

After taking part in three separate forums – one each for Luna employees, students and community members – each candidate will tour the campus and then interview with the LCC Board of Trustees for an hour and a half. An evening reception will round out the busy day

for each candidate.

The five finalists are Dr. Jeremy Moreland, Dr. LeRodrick Terry, Dr. Bruce Moses, Dr. Diana Pino and Dr. Anthony Hancock.

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Dr. LeRodrick Terry, Tuesday, Sept. 25

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Dr. Anthony Hancock, Thursday, Oct. 4

Finalists' names were revealed at an LCC Board of Trustees special meeting on Sept. 13. Aided by a Colorado-based

firm, a search committee that included representatives of various campus and community constituencies has worked to narrow the field of 86 candidates who applied for the position.

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Luna will participate in area homecoming parades, the first which will be Robertson's this Friday (Sept. 21). Luna students and employees who would like to participate in the parade should show up at noon on Fifth Street (at Robertson High School). If possible, wear a Luna T-shirt.

Luna's Travis Baca excited about education, future

Travis Baca wants to open up his own auto collision shop one day. Luna Community College is playing a big part in making his dream a reality.

In December, Baca will be graduating with a certificate in automotive collision repair technology. It will be his second certificate that he will have earned from Luna. In 2017, Baca earned an automotive technology certificate. And to add to his already accomplished vocational endeavors, Baca earned an American Welding Society certificate last semester. Baca, a 2013 Robertson High School graduate, started at Luna in the fall of 2014.

"Luna has been pretty good for me," says Baca. "Everything has gone well for me. My instructors have been tough on



Luna student Travis Baca (right) is pictured with Luna auto collision repair instructor Anthony Baca. Travis Baca hopes to eventually open a business.

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As the leaves begin to turn yellow, it is an indication that the fall season is right around the corner. Luna has one of the most beautiful campuses in New Mexico.



Travis Baca...

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me, but in the end they want what is best. They have taught me how to do things right.”

Baca is excited about the future: “I want to do quality work and build my name in the industry. I would love to work for a company such as Car Crafters in Albuquerque to learn about the industry and how it works. And at some point go on my own.”

Baca says he loves to work on vehicles. One example of this is Baca’s work on his 1997 Dodge Ram 1500.

“I’ve gone from replacing the engine transmission to completely replacing the body panels, rust repair and now I am getting ready to paint it.”

Although Luna is helping him with his official certificates, it was with his father Anthony that he got the first taste of being around cars.

“I remember I was around 9 or 10, and my dad had me help him with water pumps, alternators and doing engine swaps,” recalls Baca. “I love working on cars with him. He taught me a lot. My dad worked for Ford Company back in the day.”

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—Luna student Travis Baca

Baca arrived at Luna with plenty of knowledge and plenty of passion.

“I can see myself working in this industry for the next 30 years and honestly I wouldn’t even mind it,” says Baca. “I love cars that much.”

Baca says working on vehicles is his primary interest in life.

“You can ask my dad. If my truck breaks down, I’m out there working on it until late in the evening,” says Baca. “And if I can’t get it done at night, I wake up, and first thing I’m doing is working on it again.”

Baca says that the instruction he has received from

Gene Sandoval, Paul Vance, Donnie Adkins and Anthony Baca was good — very good.

“I would give them a 10,” says Baca. “They have their own way of doing things. They have all worked in the industry, and that makes me feel comfortable that I am getting good instruction.”

Baca was chosen to go to the prestigious Specialty Equipment Manufactures Association Convention in Las Vegas, Nev., from Oct. 29 to Nov. 2.

“I’ve always wanted to go to SEMA,” says Baca. “I want to learn more about the industry and SEMA is another avenue for me to do this.”

Baca was originally going to study at CNM in Albuquerque. When things didn’t work out there, Baca ended up at Luna.

“Unless you come to school here, you will never know how good Luna is,” he says. “Anywhere you go, there will be people that like the college or dislike it. I’m one of the people that like it. Many high school graduates want to leave Las Vegas to go do other things. They don’t know what they’re missing here at Luna. Luna may not have a lot of instructors in individual programs, but they make it work.”

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Luna students and employees enjoy vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream





Full schedule...

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Each finalist will participate in the following scheduled activities during their visit:

- Breakfast with Interim President Ricky Serna, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
- Luna staff and faculty forum, 9 a.m., Media Arts Auditorium
- Luna student forum, 10 a.m., Media Arts Auditorium
- Lunch with LCC administrators and directors, 11:30 a.m.
- Community forum (open to public), 1 p.m., Media Arts Auditorium
- Campus tour, 2 p.m.
- Interview with trustees, 3 p.m.
- Evening reception, 5:30-7 p.m., Rough Rider Grill (LCC cafeteria)

Dr. Moreland is currently the provost and chief academic officer at the University of the Rockies in Denver. He has held this position since June 2016. He earned a doctorate in philosophy from Texas Christian University in 1998. Dr. Moreland earned his master's degree in general experimental psychology from Texas Christian University in December 1996. He also earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Stephen F. Austin State University (Texas) in 1993.

Dr. Terry most recently served as the vice president of student affairs in Rio Salado College in Tempe, Ariz. Dr. Terry earned a doctorate in education administration from Auburn University (Ala.) in 2010. He also earned a master's degree in leadership from Shorter University in Rome, Ga. in 2011. Dr. Terry earned his master's degree in higher education from Auburn University in 2007. He also earned a bachelor's degree in history from Kent State University (Ohio) in 1998.

Dr. Moses is currently the vice chancellor for accreditation and academic quality improvement and the assistant vice chancellor of enrollment management and student affairs. He has held this position since May

2018. Dr. Moses earned a doctorate in community college leadership from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. He also earned a master's degree in educational leadership in higher education from Eastern Michigan University. He also earned a bachelor's degree in administrative management and business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Dr. Pino is currently the president and CEO of Capstone HigherEd Services in Houston. She has held this position since May 2015. She is also an adjunct

faculty member in Mexican American Studies at the University of Houston, a position she began in 2018.

Dr. Pino earned a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin in May 2005. She also earned a master's in psychology from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio in August 1999. Dr. Pino also earned a bachelor's in psychology with a minor in social work from the University of Texas at Austin in May 1994.

Dr. Hancock is currently the dean at the Center of Excellence at Houston Community College. He has held this position since June 2015. He earned his doctorate in education administration from the University of Texas at Austin in 2011. He also earned his master's degree in public administration and computer resource and informational management from Webster University in St. Louis in 2004. He earned his bachelor's degree in public administration from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas, in 1997 and his associate of applied science from San Antonio College in 1996.

For more information on the forums, please call Presidential Search and Screen Committee Chairwoman Henrietta Maestas at 454-2596.

Ricky Serna has been serving as interim president for the college since July 2017. Under his direction, Luna has upgraded its accreditation status to probation from a show-cause order handed down by the Higher Learning Commission in November 2017. While Luna is on probation, it has opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the show-cause order. The college is required to provide evidence it has satisfactorily addressed those issues by March 1, 2019, in preparation for an on-site visit to take place no later than May. The HLC is due to make a decision on Luna's accreditation status in November 2019.

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Campus Visit Schedule
 Presidential Search
 Daily Schedule

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Dr. Bruce Moses - 9/27/2018	Dr. Diana Pino - 10/2/2018
Dr. Anthony Hancock - 10/4/2018	

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Interim President Ricky Serna
9 a.m.	Staff/Faculty Forum (Facilitated by Kenneth Bachicha & Amanda Ortiz)
10 a.m.	Student Forum (Facilitated by Henrietta Maestas and Sheryl Yara)
11:30 a.m.	Lunch – LCC Administration & Academic Directors – Interim President Ricky Serna
1 – 2 p.m.	Community Forum (Facilitated by Jesse Gallegos and Dave Kavanaugh)
2 – 3 p.m.	Campus Tour (Welcoming Committee)
3 – 4:30 p.m.	Interview with LCC Board of Trustees – closed session (Facilitated by Interim President Ricky Serna)
5:30 – 7 p.m.	Evening Reception – Rough Rider Grill (LCC Cafeteria)

SAVE THE DATES!

Faculty and Staff here is an opportunity to meet your Luna Presidential Candidates

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Oct. 4

All faculty/staff forums with the candidates will be held in the

Media Arts Auditorium

(across the street from the Student Success Center)

from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.



Students



Come and meet the candidates who would like to be the President of our school!

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Media Arts Auditorium

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When:

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Why?

Students can ask questions and get answers from the candidates.