

The Luna Light

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Rudy Lovato puts up the lettering at the Maria H. Paiz Administration Building on Wednesday. The Luna Community College Board of Trustees voted to name the administration building after Paiz last October. Paiz was the executive office manager for the president's office. She passed away in April.

Curriculum changes on the horizon for auto collision

In an effort to assist students to enter the job market and meet employee demands, Luna Community College Vocational Director Gary Martinez will be looking into changing the schools auto collision curriculum.

Martinez, along with Luna Community College Auto Collision Instructor Anthony Baca, President Dr. Pete Campos and Santa Rosa Satellite Director Albert Campos met with Jim Guthrie, president of Car Crafters (auto body repair) in Albuquerque, recently. Guthrie walked Luna Community College employees through a step-by-step analysis on what his auto collision employees do and what the industry is asking for.

"This is a good point of contact for the industry," said Martinez.

To read the full article, read Tuesday's Luna Light



Several deer were on the Luna Community College campus early Thursday morning. This particular photo was taken by Luna Community College Lead Database Administrator Denise Gibson.

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**The Foundation office now accepting
applications for the Spring 2015**

Semester!

Call Sarah Flores at

(505) 454-5367 for more

information. Check out our website:

www.luna.edu/foundation

Deadline is February 16th.

Curriculum...



Car Crafters President Jim Guthrie (center) talks with Luna Community College employees Anthony Baca, Gary Martinez, Albert Campos Jr. and Dr. Pete Campos. Car Crafters is the largest auto body repair shop in New Mexico and sits on 8.5 acres and is 80,000 square feet.

“Luna Community College is on the right track,” said Guthrie. “An antiquated curriculum, is an unqualified job applicant. This will be valuable not only to the student but to the shop owner.”

Guthrie said in the future he is willing to make a financial commitment to Luna Community College.

“We want to show our students that opportunities exist in today’s world of work,” said Dr. Campos. “This is a very exciting opportunity to bring the private and public sector together to assist our students with a transition from education to the real world of work. Mr. Guthrie has opened his heart to a joint vision and bold opportunity that will benefit students, faculty Car Crafters and employees.”

The college intends to introduce a memorandum of understanding, align curriculum and develop a joint venture that will benefit students as they pursue employment in the auto collision and related industries.

“This is an entire fresh perspective on what we need to do for our program,” said Baca. “This aligns our program with the needs of the industry.”

Martinez said that one opportunity for students will be more of a fast paced cohort to get students what they need to prepare them for work.

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repair shop in the state and sits on 8.5 acres and 80,000 square feet.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

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

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

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Coaches School of Driving (General Studies

108)

Thursday, January 22, 2015

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

Saturday, January 24, 2015

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

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2015 Mora Homecoming Parade



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Luna Community College quilting and sewing student Emilia Rivera's works are being displayed at the Ray Drew Gallery at Highlands University. It is entitled "Simply Me." They will be on display until Feb. 15, 2015. For more information on quilting and sewing classes, call the LCC Vocational Department at 505/454-2530.



Several Accelerate students participated in resume writing and an interviewing techniques workshop on Friday. Tasha Martinez-Associate Program Director of the New Mexico Municipal League led the workshop providing useful information to students in improving resumes. Accelerate students are preparing for a "Professional Readiness" event to be held at Santa Fe Community College in February. For more information on the Accelerate Program, call Diane Moore at 505/454-5303.

This will be our last Luna Light. The Luna Light has run with integrity and has grown in popularity over the years. Due to the popularity of the newsletter, it is now time to have the board of trustees address policies and regulations for

its future operations. Until such time that the board addresses the future of the newsletter, the college will temporarily suspend its publication. We hope to be up and running soon.

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Spring 2015 Community Education Courses

Gymnastics

Instructor: Bernardina "Nina" Ayon

Course Dates: *Jan. 12 - Feb. 5 Mar. 9 - Apr. 2*
Apr. 7 - Apr. 30 May 4 - May 28

Days & Times: *Mon & Wed 9:00am - 10:00am*

Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center

Cost: \$35/semester



High Intensity Interval Training

Instructor: Aaron Gallegos

Course Dates: *Jan. 12 - Feb. 4 Feb. 9 - Mar. 4*
Mar. 9 - Apr. 1 Apr. 6 - Apr. 29

Days & Times: *Mon & Wed 5:30pm - 6:30pm*

Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center

Cost: \$35.00/4-week course



Line Dancing

Instructor: Denise McElroy

Course Dates: *Jan. 12 - May 7*

Days & Times: *Tues & Thurs 8:00am - 11:00am*

Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center

Cost: \$40/semester



PIYO (Pilates/Yoga)

Instructor: Erin Grassie

Course Dates: *Jan. 20 - Mar. 12*

Days & Times: *Tues & Thurs 5:30pm - 6:30pm*

Location: LCC Media Arts Atrium

Cost: \$35.00/8-week course



Self-Defense Karate

Instructor: Jeff Ortzow

Course Dates: *Jan. 13 - Mar. 5 Mar. 10 - Apr. 30*

Days & Times: *Tues & Thurs 5:30pm - 6:30pm*

Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center

Cost: \$41/semester



Morning Zumba

Instructor: M. Evelyn Marquez

Course Dates: *Jan. 12 - May 8*

Days & Times: *Mon & Wed 9:00am - 10:00am*

Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center

Cost: \$50/semester



Evening Zumba

Instructor: Louie Trujillo

Course Dates: *Jan. 13 - Mar. 5 Mar. 10 - Apr. 30*

Days & Times: *Tues & Thurs 5:30pm - 6:30pm*

Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center



For more information, contact Martin Garcia @ 454-5312 or mgarcia@luna.edu

Second half of fiscal year

By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President

I've had the opportunity to closely review the long term fluctuation and recent decline in revenues from the extractive industry and how this effects funding for our 2015-2016 operating year budget. The extractive industry is made up of the drilling, mining, quarrying, dredging, oil and gas extraction industries. We have all heard how the cost per barrel of crude oil is dropping and we are experi-

encing first-hand, the dropping price of gasoline per gallon at the pump. While this scenario benefits the consumer at the gasoline pump, the drop in the price of crude oil means less money available to fund the operational needs of state government. For every drop of \$1 in the cost of a barrel of crude oil

it is estimated it drops revenue coming into state coffers by \$7.5 million. For example: if the cost per barrel of crude oil drops from \$67 a barrel to \$57 a barrel the \$10 difference means \$750 million less revenue available to fund state government.

On the other hand, Personal Income Taxes, Corporate Income Taxes and Gross Receipt Taxes have all increased significantly during the last quarter. This increase in revenue to the state will help to offset the loss of extractive industry revenue to the state. The House Appropriations and Finance Committee (HAFC) and Senate Finance Committee (SFC) will closely monitor where and what revenue will be available to fund state government. Because of the quick and significant change in revenue availability, it is important that these two legislative finance committees do not make or accept revenue forecasts until late in the 2015 60-day legislative session. I anticipate that the consensus revenue and economic forecast conducted in mid to late February will be used to construct a conservative budget that will finance state operations for next fiscal year.

It is important for us to apply a level of conservatism and caution as we move into the second half of the fiscal year at Luna Com-

munity College. As we did in 2008, we must implement conservation and proactive practices to save energy and keep our utility cost to a minimum, continue to help each other with our everyday workload, possibly cut back or postpone less priority purchases until we have a better handle on future revenues.

Let's focus on some of the positive: it has been recommended that Luna Community College receive reaffirmation of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission for another 10 years; we are

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making over \$8 million dollars (revenue currently appropriated and leveraged from state, federal and insurance resources) of improvements to our Trades facilities and roofs on the main campus in Las Vegas, HVAC system improvements at our Springer Satellite and the Wellness, Safety and Security Train-

ing Center at our Santa Rosa Satellite; we are establishing a strong partnership with the UNM School of Nursing to improve our nursing services to the students who attend our nationally accredited nursing college; we have advanced our level of certification because we provide excellent services at our Preschool (Early Childhood Education Center); we are becoming home to the Rio Gallinas (grades 6-8) Charter School; and, we have been approved as an Early College High School where students can take their high school courses and concentrate on a college pathway into the health services field.

This is just the tip of the iceberg! A fundamental academic, vocational and community educational outreach base has been solidified. There is much more progress to come, all for the benefit of our students, faculty, staff and community (service area). Stay tuned to Luna Community College and accentuate the positive. What we are accomplishing is good for our health, morale and future. We have good jobs and we are doing everything possible to prepare our students for good jobs as well!

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