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Student Government sends letter to Gov. Martinez

The following is a letter written by LCC Student Government President Joanna Tsyitee to Gov. Susana Martinez;

Re: Respectfully Request Consideration for Capital Outlay Funding Approved by 2012 Legislative Session for Luna Community College

Dear Governor Martinez,

I respectfully request that you sign HB 191, as amended, which would allow Luna Community College to purchase two new buses for \$300,000, as stated in the bill. Other, more distinguished representatives of my school have written to you asking for your signature and explaining other facets of this issue. I ask you as a student and as an elected representative of the student body to please consider our request.

I currently sit as Student Government President, and we have been working for almost two years to finance new buses for our school. In the fall of 2010, a baseball player who was elected Senator of the Student Government brought the state of the school’s buses to our attention. Their condition is deplorable, creating health and safety risks for all who ride them. That is one reason that it is so important that we receive the funds.

Another reason is the benefit that they would provide to the whole community of our college. The new buses would not only benefit our baseball and softball teams, but also clubs, organizations, and academic field trips.

Governor Martinez, the buses which transport our athletes have been referred to as “prison buses.” This reflects poorly on our school, and on our state, especially when our buses break down and leave students stranded at away games in neighboring states.

As the elected representative and on behalf of the students of Luna Community College, I humbly ask that you sign this bill and provide our students with a safe and comfortable form of transportation. These buses are not a “want”; they are not an unnecessary extravagance. They are a need for many reasons, most importantly, the lives of our students.

Thank you for your consideration. I appreciate the time and care with which you consider every bill that reaches your desk.

Sincerely yours,
Joanna Tsyitee
President of the
Luna Community College
Student Government



Luna Community College Dental Assisting students Shannon Saiz, Amber Lynn Lucero and Amanda Gonzales will be competing at the New Mexico SkillsUSA Competition in Albuquerque. For more on the trio, see page 2.



LCC Cosmetology student Aaron Benavidez met with LCC President Dr. Pete Campos recently. Benavidez had always wanted to meet Dr. Campos.



Luna Community College and New Mexico Highlands University ACCELERATE students traveled to Santa Fe Community college recently to attend a Spring Student Conference. Students had the opportunity to meet with New Mexico employers. The ACCELERATE grant consists of a network of six northern New Mexico colleges and universities committed to provide technical training for students for careers and educational advancement. Pictured (l-r) are: Dr. Andrew Feldman-ACCELERATE Advisor, Ernesto Sandoval, Sebastian Flores, Desirae Lucero, Steven Desanto, Sharon Desanto, Linda Darras, James Maldonado, Brian Marquez and Diane Moore-Career Technical Advisor.

Dental assistant students speak on SkillsUSA

Recently LCC Dental Assistant students Amanda Gonzales, Amber Lynn Lucero and Shannon Saiz were asked about the opportunity in competing at the SkillsUSA competition in Albuquerque later this month. Here is what they said.

“My name is Amanda Gonzales and I am one of the skills competitors from the dental assisting program. I will be competing on taking dental impressions, mixing of various dental materials and the pour of study models. My goal is to achieve greater knowledge in this competition and it will be a great experience. I am going to perform to my upmost potential and am going to make this experience one that I will never forget,”—**Amanda Gonzales.**

“I will be participating in dental assisting which will consist of ce-

mentation of many varieties—dental impressions and pour up of study models. Although it may sound challenging, I think it will turn out fine. I hope to achieve greater knowledge by competing and will definitely perform to my full potential to be successful,”—**Amber Lyn Lucero.**

“My name is Shannon Saiz. I am a member of the Dental Assisting SkillsUSA Team. I will be competing in the 2012 SkillsUSA competition. My classmates and I will be competing in dental impressions, constructing study models, coronal polishing, etc. I feel as though this competition will assist me in furthering my knowledge of dental materials and help me become more confident in performing these skills. I hope to represent Luna Community and Las Vegas as well as I can,”—**Shannon Saiz.**

Rough Riders lose to top ranked Western Oklahoma

Western Oklahoma, the top ranked team in the nation, beat the Luna Community College Rough Riders in all four games over the weekend. The games were played in Altus, Okla.

Western Oklahoma beat the Rough Riders 7-0, 12-0, 4-3 and 9-2

The Rough Riders are now 7-17 on the season.

They are scheduled to play New Mexico

Military Institute at home on Saturday and Sunday. A doubleheader is scheduled for both days. Games begin at noon on both days.

Meanwhile, the Lady Rough Riders lost three games at home to Frank Phillips College. They lost 10-3, 12-9 and 13-5.

The Lady Rough Riders are 1-13 on the year.

“We were in all games, but when we needed a defensive play or a hit we didn’t

come through,” said LCC Assistant Coach Marcos Aragon. “By not getting that extra hit, we gave them back momentum. “

LCC hosts Clarendon Community College at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at home in a scheduled doubleheader. Then they go on the road to play in El Paso on Saturday and Sunday.

“We got a little better in this last series,” said Aragon. “Hopefully we can continue to get better and not take any steps backward.”

Meet your Lady Rough Riders



Pitchers (l-r) are: Evangeline Samora, Diondra Bond and Stephanie Rose.



Infielders (l-r) are: Stephanie Rose SS, 1st, 2nd; Yadira Carrasco 3rd; Elisse Tapaha SS; Savannah Miller 3rd; Yesenia Hernandez 2nd; Krynisha Betoni SS, 3rd; Tayler Atencio 1st, 3rd and Diondra Bond 1st. Not pictured: Gabrielle Marquez 2nd.



Catchers (l-r) are: Mary Medina, Elissa Tapaha and Laura Sandoval.



Outfielders (l-r) are: Kaitlyn Gross, Denise Otero, Evangeline Samora, Felicia Barela, Shannon Taraddei, Gabrielle Mora and Shannon Krause.

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LCC Student Government is here for you

By Joanna Tsyitee
LCC Student

Government President

In the fall semester of 2010, then Student Government Senator and baseball player Bryce Burgess brought Luna Community College's buses to the attention of the Student Government. Now, in the spring of 2012 the Student Government's investment of effort and time are coming to fruition.

House Bill 191, if signed by Governor Susana Martinez, would provide \$300,000 for two new buses for Luna, and not only for the baseball and softball teams. These new buses would be available for academic field trips and club and organization transportation as well.

Many students at LCC may not know how bad our buses were. Many problems culminated to the point where the Board of Trustees approved the use of charter buses. These problems included not having



Here is photo of a bus that Luna Community College is seeking.

any lights (a very dangerous situation while traveling at night), the emergency buzzer sounding constantly, and the bus breaking down completely while the baseball players were at away games.

Now, we have a chance to receive funding to buy our own buses, which would carry our logos, and would no longer be referred to as "prison buses." These new buses would not only better represent our school and our athletes, but it would also tell the rest of the state of New Mexico that a group of students can work together and make something HUGE happen. If it is not signed, we will try again. Your Student Government is listening. We are active. We are here for

you!

Special thanks to ex-Student Government Presidents Danyelle Romero and Ashley Hensley: We couldn't have gotten this far without your dedication.

Gonzales: buses to be used for academic travel also

The following is an excerpt of a letter that LCC Facilities and Athletic Director Ron Gonzales wrote to Gov. Martinez.

Currently Luna Community College has a fleet of three buses, two of these buses have exceeded their life cycle with one being 21 years old and the second being

12 years. They have served the needs of the college well but it is time to replace them to address the needs, health and safety concerns of the students. The buses are used for extra-curricular activities such as transporting students to competitions such as SkillsUSA. They are also used by LCC's student-athletes to travel

to games throughout the state and region. The buses that LCC is proposing to purchase have a life cycle of 12-15 years. These buses are also made available to all of our students and faculty to use to travel for academic conferences.

Weekly Activities

Monday, March 5, 2012

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. City Recycling/City of LV Solid Waste (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. State Mandated Trainings/Citizens for Develop. Disabled (LRC/Lecture Hall)

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Meet Your Spirit Guide (Guardian Angel)/Comm. Ed. Class (IPC/Café/ Dining Quad)

Thursday, March 8, 2012

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Rain Drop Technique/Community Ed. Class (IPC/Café/ Dining Quad)

Friday, March 9, 2012

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Student Government Meeting (LRC/104/NCA Room)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Informational Meeting on Solvency/NM Retiree Health Care Authority (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Saturday, March 10, 2012

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. C.N.A. Testing (Allied Hlth/Nrsg.Lab#3, Comp.Lab#7, MO-11)

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Class (General Studies/102B)

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fire Refresher Training SWFF Crew/Advanced Training USDA Forest/Pecos Ranger District (Allied Health/LO-1)

Sunday, March 11, 2012

No Activities Scheduled



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**For more information regarding the Luna Community College Student Academic Advancement Institute please contact:
Renee Maestas - 505.454.5377 or Janice Encinias - 505.454.5374**

LCC Board approves cost-of-living adjustment

On Wednesday, the Luna Community College Board of Trustees approved an across-the-board 2.25 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for 131 regular full-time and regular part-time employees. The total cost of the COLA to the college for the rest of the fiscal year will be \$44,365.

This will go into effect on Thursday, March 1. Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos and Vice-President of Finance Donna Flores Medina voluntarily opted out of the COLA.

A portion of recurring revenues, past savings and institutional efficiencies will be used to fund the adjustment.

In a previous meeting, employees who were classified in a range 12 pay scale were moved to range 14.

“Luna Community College employees are valued and this is essential for us to return to the well-deserved COLA adjustments our Luna family earns,” said Dr. Campos. “This shows the commitment and confidence the Luna Community College Board of Trustees has placed in our employees and fiscal operations. Given today’s increased costs that our employees are burdened with in everyday life, the board of trustees, after close fiscal review, felt a cost-of-living adjustment was merited. Our board of trustees truly values each and every employee at Luna Community College.”

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

- Adjunct Faculty/Per Course Instructor
- Temporary Part-Time Substitute Teacher/Caretakers
- Temporary Part-Time Assistant Baseball Coach

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

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