

Luna's Math Bridge Program a success; will offer it again in fall

Luna Community College's Summer Math Bridge Program was a success as 40 percent of the participants earned an A. The program, sponsored by Los Alamos National Security/Los Alamos National Laboratory, is geared to help students who scored low in their mathematics placement testing. The students, the majority of whom were local high school sophomores and juniors, registered and completed Math 102, Basic Math and Pre-Algebra. Ninety three percent of the 30 students enrolled in the class completed the course with a grade of a C or better.

"The rate of student persistence, for this level, is a sure sign of success," said Luna Community College Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Director Francisco Apodaca. "I am very proud of the students who came to class Monday through Thursday for four

hours a day, during the summer and have them achieve what they did. This is proof that they can achieve anything they want if they just try."

Based on the success of the summer Math Bridge Program, Luna will continue to offer the MATH 102, Basic Math and Pre-Algebra course, on an on-going basis during the regular school year and make it a part of the institutions curriculum.

"This course is a better alternative to taking two developmental math courses," says Apodaca. "By taking one combined course the students are able to gain valuable competence in math and move into higher level math courses at a faster pace. This is like a home run for all our students at Luna."

For more information about the program, contact Apodaca at 505-454-5370.



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