

The Luna Light

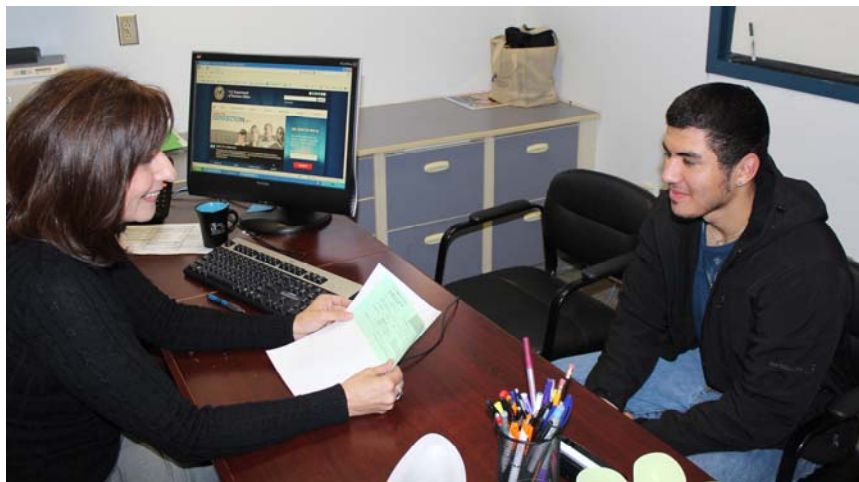
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Luna Community College freshman Kalama Davis talks to LCC Student Advisor/Counselor Melissa Lopez on Monday. Davis, a nursing major from Roswell, said that he learned about LCC through friends. Classes at Luna Community College for the spring semester began on Monday, Jan. 13. The last day to register for classes is Tuesday, Jan. 21. For more information on LCC, call 505/454-2500 or visit the college's Website at www.luna.edu.

Luna CC SkillsUSA Club lending a hand in community

Students say working together is key to building relationships

Dominic Lopez will be earning his auto technology certificate in December. And before he leaves, Lopez wants to leave things better for future students.

"One of the goals we have through our SkillsUSA organization is to motivate our youth in the community to attend school here at Luna Community College," said Lopez, the president of the SkillsUSA Automotive Club. "One of the advantages we are showing them is here at Luna you can try out different things and it won't count against you. At many college's you have to make choices immediately; here you can work your way through different avenues until you decide what you want to do."

One way he is getting his message across is by volunteering. Recently he along with Santiago and Amberlynn Sena worked with youth at a sobriety ball run by Amistad y Resolana.

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Luna Community College students Dominic Lopez, Amberlynn Sena and Santiago Sena recently volunteered for a sobriety ball run by Amistad y Resolana. All three will be competing in the 2014 SkillsUSA State Competition held in April in Albuquerque. The trio said that aside from helping out local youth stay away from substance abuse, they intend to get more involved with the community. Currently, they are planning to paint homes for the elderly.

Lending a hand...

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“We wanted to bring families together to show that you don’t need alcohol or drugs in your life,” said Amberlynn Sena, SkillsUSA reporter. “The smallest change can make a big difference. Our motto is that we want to set a standard for future students.”

One of those differences also occurred in December, when SkillsUSA together with the LCC Student Government sent care packages to troops abroad. They named it “Tribute to the Troops.” They used money out of their own pocket to buy Christmas cards, playing cards, lights and ornaments.

“If we put our minds together as one unit we can show our community that we still care,” said Lopez. “Our community can grow with us.”

Another goal is to continue to work with student government. Lopez would like to see clubs and organizations to join forces.

“One of the topics we have agreed on is that there are many clubs and programs that don’t know one another,” said Lopez. “We could all work better together if we all join in.”

Lopez said that at the end of the day, SkillsUSA members serve as great ambassadors for the college.

“We want to be there for the community. We want to show the kids that when we work together good things can happen. We want to see a better future for everyone,”—Santiago Sena.

“Just because we are not a fancy college, we want to show off our skills,” said Lopez. “We like the way our instructors teach and we like the way the campus is run. Luna is a good place to start—if you want to be doctor, be a doctor. If you want to be a lawyer, be a lawyer. We just need to get more people to work together.”

Lopez and Sena noted two instructors in particular that they are impressed with.

“Gene Sandoval (automotive) and Bruce McAllister (STEM Department) are two of the best instructors around,” said Sena.

Lopez, Amberlynn Sena and Santiago Sena will all be competing the state SkillsUSA. Lopez and Santiago Sena in Automotive Technology and Amberlynn Sena in extemporaneous speaking.

“Our goal is to raise \$5,000, we are right about \$1,000,” said Amberlynn Sena.

“All that we’re doing now is not just for us, but we want to leave a better foundation for the future,” said Lopez.

Santiago Sena may have summed it up best.

“We want to be there for the community,” said Santiago. “We want to show the kids that when we work together good things can happen. We want to see a better future for everyone.”

Luna Community College Physical Plant employee Michael Jaramillo goes up high to take down Christmas lights late last week. Helping Jaramillo is Juan Macias and Leon Roybal. The Annual LCC Luminaria Drive did not take place this year due to inclement weather. However, the college did participate in the Annual Electric Light Parade sponsored by the City of Las Vegas.



Weekly calendar

Monday, January 13, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SM County Public Safety Seminar (LRC Lecture Hall)

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

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SM County Public Safety Seminar (LRC Lecture Hall)

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Safety Belt Class (General Studies 102B)

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SM County Public Safety Seminar (LRC Lecture Hall)

Thursday, January 16, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SM County Public Safety Seminar (LRC Lecture Hall)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (IPC Dining Hall)

Friday, January 17, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SM County Public Safety Seminar (LRC Lecture Hall)

Saturday, January 18, 2014

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



LCC YouthBuild student Hanna Brunner celebrates her recent academic success after becoming YouthBuild's sixth GED graduate. Pictured alongside Hanna are LCC YouthBuild Case Manager/Transition Coordinator Roderick Luján and GED teacher Brendaleigh Lobato. Future issues of *The Luna Light* will feature LCC YouthBuild GED graduates Nos. 7, 8 and 9: Albert Sánchez, Raenelle García and Javis Sánchez.

Luna Community College students and employees arrived to a dusting of snow on Monday, Jan. 6. Both students and employees are encouraged to join the college's Rave system. Rave will allow individuals to get campus alerts on their cell phone or computer such as cancellation of classes due to weather or other emergencies. To sign up for Rave, go to www.getrave.com/login/luna and follow instructions.



Luna CC fall GED graduates

Several attain Bridge to Success Scholarship

By Geraldine Romero/ABE Director

Our Adult Education Program would like to announce our 2013 fall semester graduates. These students were put on the fast track to attaining their high school diploma because of the significant changes that will be taking place this year: a more rigorous test that will be aligned with Common Core Standards; this test will only be offered on computer; it will be more costly (doubling), and the students will have to travel to Santa Fe or Albuquerque to test, no local testing center. This will no doubt hurt our low-income students.

The following students crammed for this battery of tests and have to be commended for a job well done. Some of our students are still awaiting their scores because Pearson Vue has been bombarded with students who have rushed to complete this exam before the end of the year and the total revamping of the test in January.

Approximately half of our students on the following list were able to achieve the “bridge” to the New Mexico Lottery Success Scholarship. Good job, graduates! A total of 17 students have achieved their GED this semester; eight attained the lottery scholarship. We are still awaiting the results for some students whose tests have yet to be scored. The students who attained their GED this semester are as follows:

Megan Baca, Bridge to Success Scholarship; Daniel Cantrell; Christopher Gonzales; Lynessa Gonzales, Bridge to Success Scholarship; Eddie Jimenez, Bridge to Success Scholarship; Christopher Martinez, Bridge to Success Scholarship; Mario Melchor; Hanna Montoya, Bridge to Success Scholarship; Chelsea Navarette, Bridge to Success Scholarship; Ashley Romero; Tyler Rudolph; Antonio Salazar; Angelica Solano; Alexis Varela, Bridge to Success Scholarship; Richard Varela; Monica Vigil; and Briana Zollner, Bridge to Success Scholarship.

Position Announcements

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

- Instructor-Medical Surgical Nursing (closes 1-31-14 or until filled)
- Instructor-Family Nursing (closes 1-31-14 or until filled)
- Allied Health Director (closes 1-31-14 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

**Register now
for spring classes.
Classes start on
Monday, Jan. 13**

There will be no classes on Monday, Jan. 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and community, a Rough Rider Meal Card is now available. The Rough Rider Meal Card can be purchased at the

LCC Fiscal Office. For more information, call LCC Food Services Manager Paul Sandoval at 505/454-2581.

Luna Community College: “The People’s College”

Remembering Audree; celebrating Kendra



There is an angel watching over Kendra Jones. And that angel is her mom Audree Jones.

Audree Jones, a first-year LPN student at Luna Community College, died in a car accident in Albuquerque on Dec. 29. It was also the day Kendra Jones, Audree's daughter turned one.

LCC nursing students, led by Melissa Nelson, held a memorial service for Audree on Wednesday at the school. After the memorial service they had a birthday party for Kendra where she was given a cake with a No. 1 candle on it. In addition to the cake, LCC students bought flowers, cards, cupcakes and birthday presents for the baby.

"I knew Audrey for nine years, she was a beautiful person," said Marcus Armijo. "She was such a great friend to me. I know now that she is watching over all of us. She is in paradise; she's our angel now."

LCC Interim Health Sciences Director Conni Reichert said Audree was on her way to becoming a great nurse.

"Audree was a very gentle soul," said Reichert. "She was very concerned about her daughter; I was struck by her maturity. Audree would always do what was expected. She was very kind to her patients."

Nelson, who showed a PowerPoint presentation of Audree's life also had fond memories.

"So many of us connected with Audree," said Nelson. "I will be forever grateful to have known her. Her daughter was her life."



Audree's mom Wynette held Kendra in her arms during the memorial.

"God bless you all," said Wynette. "Kendra would like to know who her mom's friends were. I want to thank everyone and please keep Kendra in your prayers. Life goes on and I will try my best to take care of this little girl with everything I have."

Audree was a 2011 graduate of Robertson High.


Pictured clockwise (from top left) are: Wynette Jones with her granddaughter Kendra; Marcus Armijo; Audree with her daughter Kendra; Kendra with her aunt Alexandria; LCC students, staff, faculty, administration at the memorial service held at the LCC Nursing Auditorium and another photo of Audree and Kendra.

Luna Community College Physical Plant employee Desideiro Sena will be retiring at the end of this month. Sena worked at LCC for eight years and has 41 years as a state employee. "I would like to thank everyone here at Luna for everything. I enjoyed working here," said Sena.



Rake Up these classes before they are full

Spring 2014 Early Registration
November 15th — January 10th



Don't be left waiting
Register Now

Classes listed include: Nursing, Computer Fundamentals, Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II, Intermediate Algebra, Automotive Technology, Introduction to Sociology, Fire Science, Dental, Introduction to Algebra, Public Speaking, Teacher Education, Freshmen Comp I & II, Accounting, Introduction to Psychology, College Algebra, Biology, Criminal Justice, Culinary, Auto Collision, Spanish, History of New Mexico, Cosmetology, and Welding.

Accreditation status to determine Luna's future

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

The Higher Learning Commission will conduct its on-site comprehensive evaluation on Oct. 13, 2014. That's just 10 months away! Your participation and input into our self-study has been valuable and very much appreciated. If you have additional suggestions to strengthen our self-study data or narrative, please submit it to the Office of the President. Your input is priceless. Kelly Kim, a poker player, said, "Success is about creating benefit for all and enjoying the process. If you focus on this and adopt this definition, success is yours."

Reaffirmation of accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission would permit us to continue providing accredited educational services to the public. As a team; we have improved, aligned and focused on the rigor and quality of our program and course offerings. Our efforts have been to review global employment trends and adjust our training and educational offerings to meet current and future demands. The stamp of approval by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) provides the credence and authority for us to remain viable and competitive as a community college that provides students sound instruction and preparation for their successful entry into or continuation in the world of work.

It is time to reflect upon your successes and toot your horn. Provide us with data (electronic files) that include, but not limited to student: retention rates, satisfaction surveys, job placement rates and

personal stories that share choice (why Luna) and hardship (what has been overcome). This data and narrative will be used as cumulative and individual examples of proof that we are fulfilling our mission. Tony Robbins, an American life coach, said, "People who succeed have momentum. The more they succeed, the more they want to succeed, and the more they find a way to succeed. Similarly, when someone is failing, the tendency is to get on a downward spiral that can even become a self-fulfilling prophecy."

It is very easy to be side tracked and deviate from our intended purpose as a community college, if we allow it. Remain vigilant, focused and on task and remind others of the same. It is incumbent we work together as a family, communicate (whether we agree or disagree) and become one in purpose to educate those who choose us as their educational provider. J.K. Rowling, author of Harry Potter fantasy series, said, "It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

As we begin this semester, let us not lose sight of our pivotal opportunity and objective. It is to concentrate on the success of students and to share how we do that by "telling our story" through our self-study in preparation for the Higher Learning Commission Fall 2014 visit. Katherine Dunham, dancer and educator who died at age 96, once said, "I used to want the words 'she tried' on my tombstone. Now I want 'she did it'."

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Step, Kick, Punch & Jam!

Register by Jan. 21, 2014

M & W 12:00p -- 12:50p

- Cardiovascular machines
- Cardio-conditioning equipment
- Free weights
- Boxing equipment
- Exercise balls
- Toning & abdominal equipment
- Wellness staff available

Class ends May 9, 2014

New class begins in June

Regular Fees: \$ 41 -- Senior Fees: \$ 28

Wellness Center 505-425-8767

Registrar's Office 505-454-5314

**Tip
of the week:
Try to forgive
someone today**

**LCC:
"The People's College"**

Jesse's quick hits

Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—Jesse

Knock, knock.
Who's there
Gladys
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Gladys not snowing

Knock, knock.
Who's there.
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Iowa a lot of money to the IRS

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CAMPUS ALERTS

Get Notifications

Weather Emergencies
Delays
Cancellations

Campus Emergencies
Fire
Evacuations
Dangerous Situations

Crime Warnings
Robberies
Suspicious Activity
Suspicious Persons

Campus Activities
Important Dates
Special Events



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CLASS IS CANCELED**

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IT'S GAME TIME!!!**

**EMERGENCY!
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