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Luna Community College Dental Assisting students Gilbert Garcia, Karly Ramirez, Vanessa Lucero, Chelsea Visarraga, Briana Abeyta, Sonya Gonzales, Evette Uli-barri, Dominique Archuleta and Alicia Maldonado work on mixing dental materials on the first day of class last week. The last day to register for spring classes is Tuesday, Jan. 21.



Victor Ramirez: "I want to help others"



Luna Community College Student Government President Victor Ramirez (far right) is sworn in as an ex-officio member of the LCC Board of Trustees by local Magistrate Judge Eddie Gallegos last semester.

Victor Ramirez was asked a simple question the other day. And he gave a simple answer.

Who is Victor Ramirez? "Victor is just an average person, trying to

survive," he said.

Of course there is more to Luna Community College's Student Government President.

"When I take something on, I

give it my all," says Ramirez. "I have a drive inside myself to do things to the best of my ability."

As a non-traditional student, Ramirez has done and experienced many things. And he brings the wealth of his wisdom to the table on a daily basis.

"I came back to school at age 43, I was looking for something to do; I had a lot of free time," said Ramirez.

Although a successful restaurant owner and a smile and attitude that is contagious, Ramirez has had his share of troubles and tribulations.

"I was a heavy drinker to the point that a year before coming back to school I entered a treatment program. I recognized I had a problem and I knew I couldn't do anything on my own. I can't say what led me to drinking, I did it since high school," said Ramirez who earned a business administration degree from Luna CC in December.

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Helping others...



Victor Ramirez

“Things happen in life and you have to be consistently making choices,” said Ramirez. “I don’t even like the smell of it (alcohol). And I don’t even like being around people that drink. To be at a party when people start getting drunk; I don’t want to be around. I can be around it and have no desire to drink. I’m one of the lucky ones. Deep down inside I didn’t want to be around it anymore.” Ramirez said that self reflection is a major component to overcoming addiction.

“If anyone thinks they have a drinking problem, look in the mirror and admit it,” said Ramirez. “I believe no one can tell you that you have a drinking problem; you have to admit it yourself. Once you admit it, it’s a lot easier. You will know once something starts to affect your life or the life of your family—it’s self diagnosis. I want to help others.”

And helping others is what he is doing.

In a short time as the student leader, Ramirez led a successful coat drive that helped out hundreds of local resident. He, along with student government, helped raise money for SkillsUSA with a very successful haunted house during Halloween.

“One of our goals this semester that we will try to get done is to have a homecoming for our baseball and softball teams,” said Ramirez. “We have to realize that athletics are a part of the college. In order to promote and build student enrollment, these programs are important and not having them would put us at a bigger disadvantage. Luna is a great community college. It is a great resource for surrounding communities. If Luna didn’t exist many students wouldn’t seek a higher education.”

Through his experience in different fields, Ramirez has learned that even with good intentions not everything goes well all the time. He saw this when he was a firefighter and paramedic in Santa Fe.

“I remember working on someone and not bringing them back to life,” said Ramirez. “It is very difficult when you have to tell their loved ones that there is nothing else you can do. I think when people look at TV and reality, it is totally different. It’s not that easy. I have learned a lot about compassion.”

Working at El Sombrero Restaurant for many years has taught

Ramirez a lot as well.

“I started at the restaurant in 2000. As a firefighter I was working 10 days a month so I had time to help my mother. I was one employee that will be there forever,” said Ramirez who mostly cooks and waits on tables. “It’s a tough business; to succeed you have to cater to people. Everyone has different needs. I know the majority of my customers. I can have their orders ready for them before they can get their drinks”

So how does Ramirez handle a job, school and being president of the LCC Student Senate?

“I have learned not to go home and stress,” said Ramirez. “I’ve learned that at a certain point, you have to just drop it. Here at Luna I like seeing things get accomplished and see actual progress. The toughest part is seeing that progress does not come as fast as

you would like it. There is red tape, but that is part of the process.”

For Ramirez, just the fact that he returned to college after so many years is a victory in itself. “One of the main reasons was always hearing negative things from people about drug addicts

and alcoholics never being able to change,” said Ramirez. “I believe that this tends to make the person believe that they can’t ever change. My goal is to show others, that change can be made if it’s the desire of the individual. Just like quitting drinking or using drugs, the individual has to make that decision themselves. Once a person believes in themselves, then the sky’s the limit. Only their mind can limit them.”

Ramirez says that there are certain elements that are needed to succeed not only in school, but in life.

“When some of us leave high school in pursuit of higher education we do it because we have been given an ultimatum to either work or go to school,” said Ramirez. “We do it, but sometimes halfheartedly. We don’t go into it with enthusiasm and we make choices which we don’t realize will impact us later in life. Twenty-seven years ago I attended NMHU and ended dropping out after three years, at the time I was failing classes and withdrawing from some at the end of the semester.”

For Ramirez perseverance and fortitude has been the key.

“No matter what cards you are dealt in life, you can always throw them away and start with a new deck,” said Ramirez. “All it takes is a little motivation, dedication, sacrifice, and a great support network.”

So where does Ramirez want to be in 10 years.

“I’m always going to be here; Las Vegas is my home,” he said.

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Luna Community College employee Chris Chavez addresses the LCC Board of Trustees last Monday. Chavez thanked Luna Community College for the role it has had with him and his family. His son Bailey passed away in December. Chavez intends to give inspirational talks in the region about the hope and inspiration his son brought into this world.

Weekly calendar

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

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

Thursday, January 23, 2014

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

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

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

Saturday, January 25, 2014

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

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Driver's Ed. Course (LRC Lecture Hall)

Register now for physical education classes. You have until March to register for PE 112 physical fitness or PE 113 weight training.

LCC's performance indicator



New Mexico's community colleges, working with staff from the Department of Finance and Administration and the

Legislative Finance Committee, developed ten performance-based budgeting indicators in 2000. The community colleges have annually reported on these indicators since that time. Each fall, the institutions assess their performance over the previous year on these indicators and, using this and other planning information, establish new targets for the following year.

The following tables display the independent community college results on these 10 performance indicators for the current budget cycle. While these performance

indicators - alone or in combination - do not provide a complete picture of the successes that community colleges are having in preparing students for employment or additional education, they do serve as useful benchmarks for evaluating institutional performance.

| Institution | FY 11 Actual | FY 12 Actual | FY 13 Target | FY 13 Actual | FY 14 Target | FY 15 Target |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| CNM | 53.7% | 54.1% | 54 % | 54% | 54.5% | 54.5% |
| Clovis CC | 45.1% | 51.3% | 65% | 54.1% | 65% | 50% |
| LCC | 44.2% | 55.4% | 63 % | 65.9% | 65% | 70% |
| Mesalands | 53.6% | 55.5% | 51.8% | 52.8% | 53.5% | 50% |
| NMJC | 67.6% | 68.8% | 62% | 68% | 65% | 65% |
| San Juan C. | 65.3% | 60.8% | 68% | 55.4% | 62% | 56% |
| Santa Fe CC | 57.5% | 62.6% | 58% | 58.4% | 58% | 58% |
| Ind. CC Avg. | 55.3% | 58.4% | 60.3% | 58.4% | 60.4% | 57.6% |

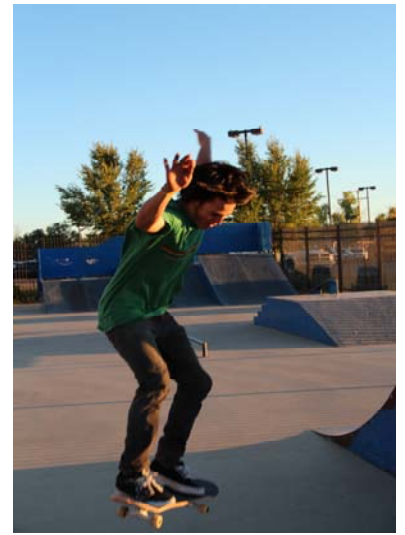
NMICC will continue efforts to identify stronger measures of community college performance. In particular, many of the performance metrics from the institutional formula proposal could easily become AGA accountability measures as well.

1. Percent of students taking nine or more credits on entry who are successful after three years

"Success" on this measure is assumed if the student:

- received a degree or certificate
- transferred to a four-year institution
- became transfer ready (completed 18 credits or more of the general education core with a grade of "C" or better), or
- is still enrolled at the college.

The table demonstrates that, on average, the performance of the independent community colleges on this measure was stable in FY 2013.



Luna Community College and Highlands University student Brian Marquez shows his skateboarding skills at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center. Marquez will be graduating in May with a degree in media art and film technology.

Safety and security department message

To the students, staff and families who were impacted by the illogical act of violence at Berrendo Middle School in Roswell, our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

It takes the entire college community to keep our students, staff, faculty and campus safe. In light of this recent event, we have taken extra measures to ensure your safety. We are asking you to please be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious behavior no matter how small. All reports will be investigated. We are working with our police partners to provide extra patrols, and college security personnel are making additional rounds.

The safety and security departments have planned upcoming drills; you will be notified in advance of each drill. If you have not done so, this is a great time to register for "Rave Alert" a service

used to provide you with early notifications regarding any emergencies, important notices such as delays or closures, or student activities. It is simple to register, go to www.getrave.com/login/luna and follow the onscreen instructions. You can elect to receive text or

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email notifications or both.

To report any suspicious activity and express concerns, do not hesitate in calling the Security Cell phone [\(505\) 629-8244](tel:5056298244) Security Office at 454-2577 or extension 1108, the Safety Office at 454-5334 or extension 1109.

Never hesitate in dialing 911 should you feel the need to.

Andrew J. Duran
Life / Safety Coordinator

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Tip of the week: Keep dialogue open

Jesse's quick hits

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

Knock, knock.
Who's there
Iran
Iran who
Iran a marathon yesterday

Knock, knock.
Who's there.
Luke
Luke who
Luke outside the window and see

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)
- Office Manager (Area Health Education Center) (Closes 1-31-14)
- General Maintenance I (closes 1-31-14)
- Student Services Specialist I (ABE/GED) (Closes 1-31-14)

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

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL POSITION POSTING FOLLOW THE LCC AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.

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 CNA students Patricia Rivera, Tambra Morales, Rayauna Urban, Marla Roybal and Victoria Silva take some time to chat in between class last week; Brandi Aragon, a teacher education major, does some research at the LCC Library and Ashley Montoya gets assistance from LCC employee Arsenio Garcia.



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LUNA ROUGH RIDER SOFTBALL SPRING 2014



| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | LOCATION | TIME | Results |
|-----------|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|
| Wednesday | 02/05/2014 | Lamar CC | Lamar, CO | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Thursday | 02/06/2014 | Lamar CC | Lamar, CO | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Friday | 02/14/2014 | Midland Classic TBA TBA TBA | Midland, TX | TBA TBA TBA | |
| Saturday | 02/15/2014 | Midland Classic TBA TBA | Midland, TX | TBA TBA | |
| Wednesday | 02/19/2014 | Otero Junior College | La Junta CO | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Saturday | 03/01/2014 | Trinidad State JC | Trinidad, CO | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Friday | 03/07/2014 | *Western Texas College* | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Saturday | 03/08/2014 | *Western Texas College* | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Wednesday | 03/12/2014 | Otero Junior College | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Wednesday | 03/19/2014 | Adams State Univ. | Alamosa, CO | 3:00 & 5:00 | |
| Friday | 03/21/2014 | *Clarendon College* | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Saturday | 03/22/2014 | *Clarendon College* | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Friday | 03/28/2014 | *Frank Phillips College* | Borger, TX | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Saturday | 03/29/2014 | *Frank Phillips College* | Borger, TX | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Friday | 04/04/2014 | *Odessa College* | Odessa, TX | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Saturday | 04/05/2014 | *Odessa College* | Odessa, TX | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Friday | 04/11/2014 | *Howard College* | Big Springs, TX | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Saturday | 04/12/2014 | *Howard College* | Big Springs, TX | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Friday | 04/18/2014 | *El Paso CC* | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Saturday | 04/19/2014 | *El Paso CC* | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Tuesday | 04/22/2014 | Lamar CC | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Wednesday | 04/23/2014 | Lamar CC | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Friday | 04/25/2014 | *Midland College* | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Saturday | 04/26/2014 | *Midland College* | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |
| Sunday | 04/27/2014 | Trinidad State J C | HOME | 12:00 & 2:00 | |

* = Western Junior College Athletic Conference Games



Head Coach Nate Trujillo



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Luna Rough Rider Baseball Luna Rough Rider Baseball

| Date | Opponent | Location | Games | Times | Results |
|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------|------------|---------|
| 1/31/2014 | Cisco College | Cisco, TX | 2 7's | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 2/1/2014 | Cisco College | Cisco, TX | 2 7's | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 2/5/2014 | Otero Junior College | HOME | 2 7's | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 2/7/2014 | Eastern Arizona CC | Thatcher, AZ | 2 7's | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 2/8/2014 | Eastern Arizona CC | Thatcher, AZ | 2 7's | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 2/13/2014 | Western Oklahoma | Altus, OK | 1 9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 2/14/2014 | Western Oklahoma | Altus, OK | 2 7's | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 2/15/2014 | Western Oklahoma | Altus, OK | 1 9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 2/21/2014 | Eastern Utah State Univ. | HOME | 2 9's | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 2/22/2014 | Eastern Utah State Univ. | HOME | 2 9's | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 2/28/2014 | *El Paso CC* | HOME | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 3/1/2014 | *El Paso CC* | HOME | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 3/7/2014 | *Odessa College* | Odessa, TX | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 3/8/2014 | *Odessa College* | Odessa, TX | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 3/14/2014 | *Clarendon College* | Clarendon, TX | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 3/15/2014 | *Clarendon College* | Clarendon, TX | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 3/23/2014 | Otero Junior College | La Junta, CO | 2 7s | 12:00 PM | |
| 3/28/2014 | *Frank Phillips College* | HOME | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 3/29/2014 | *Frank Phillips College* | HOME | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 4/4/2014 | *New Mexico Junior College* | HOME | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 4/5/2014 | *New Mexico Junior College* | HOME | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 4/11/2014 | *Western Texas College* | Snyder, TX | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 4/12/2014 | *Western Texas College* | Snyder, TX | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 4/17/2013 | *Howard College* | HOME | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 4/18/2013 | *Howard College* | HOME | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 4/25/2014 | *Midland College* | Midland, TX | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 4/26/2014 | *Midland College* | Midland, TX | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 5/2/2014 | *New Mexico Military Institute* | HOME | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| 5/3/2014 | *New Mexico Military Institute* | HOME | 1-7, 1-9 | 12:00 p.m. | |

* Indicates Conference Games



Head Coach: Antonio Siqueros
Head Assistant Coach: Darren Wheat



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Body % / weight loss

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Please contact Wellness Staff at 425-8767 for any questions.

Education – Luna’s purpose, center of interest

By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President

I cannot help but wonder – as we prepare for our accreditation process – what do we consider to be our primary strength? You can fill in the blank, but before you do, stop and think for a moment.

LVTI - LCC was originally founded as a vocational school to provide area students with the opportunity to learn a trade and enter the world of work. Then, we evolved into a community college. Now, we have transformed into a global college that offers concurrent enrollment courses to high school students, on-line classes that serve students from other parts of the globe and on-campus

programs that prepare students for a competitive edge in a myriad of areas that include, but are not limited to: technology, engineering, cosmetology, nursing, early childhood education and construction. Nelson Mandela said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

During the past 5 ½ years in preparation for our accreditation cycle we have concentrated our center of interest on rigorous and quality education. **We have raised the academic bar high so our students will be prepared to succeed!** That has meant during the toughest of economic times we withstood and overcame the years when the state drastically cut our revenues because those dollars were not available. So, we met and members of our leadership advisory team (LAT) – without an increase in compensation – voluntarily and enthusiastically took on additional duties. For example: Ron Gonzales undertook the duties as athletic director and guided us to a new level by convincing other highly reputable community colleges to support our efforts to enter well established baseball/softball conference competition.

More positive testimony that substantiates quality education as our purpose hovers around our annual audits. During the past 21 years as a Las Vegas administrator all audits under my watch have been submitted on time and represent that public education fi-

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As we move forward, keep in mind, our success depends on a collective effort. My experience at Luna has been that people do care about our students and have undertaken tasks to make sure students are not shortchanged.

nances have been used to meet the educationally related needs of students. I wish to express my gratitude to Donna Flores-Medina, CPA and her valued staff for ensuring that each audit completed at Luna Community College is clean, findings are minimal and expeditiously addressed and our budgets are centered on our student’s

successful preparation to enter or re-enter the world of employment.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the lengthy and distinguished educational career of Lorraine Martinez. We have worked together for two decades. She has always proven to be a thoughtful administrator who operates with integrity, honesty and the highest level of conscientiousness. She is currently advising me in her role as

an experienced educational program evaluator in preparation for our upcoming accreditation.

Now, I am pleased to let you know that Debbie Trujillo has agreed to assist me with data driven validation and narrative alignment of our self-study. We have already had 38 members of our staff offer input. Now, we will coordinate the statistics, data and information pertaining to Luna Community College and prepare it for review by those who will conduct a comprehensive evaluation visit during mid-October, 2014.

As we move forward, keep in mind, our success depends on a collective effort. My experience at Luna has been that people do care about our students and have undertaken tasks to make sure students are not shortchanged.

Carl Rogers said, “The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change.” Thank you to all those who have unselfishly contributed to make our college a quality educational destination. Robert Frost said, “Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.”



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