The following tribute was written by Jesse Gallegos who read this during The Luna Community College Half Hour Radio show on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Sanchez was a part-time instructor in sports performance at LCC.

I was walking through The Luna Community College Campus at noon today and one student asked me if I had heard about Mayor Henry Sanchez’ death. He didn’t know that I was close to Coach Sanchez. And he went on to ask if I knew the man.

I played it off a little and said I did without giving him too much detail. He went on to tell me that Coach Sanchez was nice and friendly. And that he was one of the first people he met when he moved to Las Vegas. I told him yeah, coach was nice and friendly.

As I was planning to write this editorial for this show I wasn’t sure what adjectives I was going to use. Nice and friendly are probably as good as any. That seems to be what may fit Coach Sanchez the best. And these aren’t my words. These are words coming from a stranger; a student that most people probably don’t know. There isn’t anything special about this student that would make him stand out—I don’t think he has political influence or a lot of money. He’s probably someone that most of us meet up with on the street and wouldn’t say a word to. Obviously Henry Sanchez did. Even if it was just a few words, Coach Sanchez must have made a positive impression on him—just like he did to most of us.

Like it or not, Henry Sanchez had rock-star type status. Everyone knew who he was when he walked into a room. And although most of us may believe he had this type of status because of his 700 wins or because of his highly successful, yet short political career. Perhaps now that I think about it, it may have been because he was genuine. It may come down to the simple fact that Coach Sanchez was nice and friendly. Two simple words in the English language—but two words that Henry Sanchez took seriously day in and day out. What can you say about a man that has his resume full of accomplishments—National High School Coach of Year—Keep in mind ladies and gentlemen that this is national, he wasn’t just competing against Pojoaque, Raton, Portales or Las Cruces High. He got this award over other coaches in Utah, Arizona, New York, California and Minnesota. Aside from being a great coach he was a great ambassador not only for his profession, but more importantly he was a great ambassador for mankind. I remember one day in 1996 walking into a restaurant in Denver. We were getting ready to play Colorado Christian the next day. Well guess what, the waitress at the time kept passing us by. But to truly understand this, you have to understand a little of the journey. Above his historical wins and countless trophies, Henry Sanchez is a humanitarian. He recruited the best player he could—the majority of them were minorities. That particular year, Highlands had several Hispanic players, black players, white players a Native American and one Korean on the team.

Back to the restaurant story. Henry Sanchez politely asked to speak with the manager. The manager came out and apologized. He offered to give us a free dinner. Coach Sanchez refused, asking for his players only to be treated with dignity like everyone else. Everyone ate that night and guess what Coach Sanchez left the waitress that had earlier refused us service, a generous tip. Coach Sanchez smiled and we left the restaurant without incident.

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Someone told me yesterday that he was especially nice on Monday morning. Maybe he knew something we didn’t. In my 25 year association with Coach Sanchez, one thing I noticed is that he grew closer to God as time went on. Material things didn’t matter to him. At the end he wanted one last victory and that victory was to go to heaven. And I must say I think he is 1-0 in this category.

Aside from his daughter Janine his granddaughter Kelsey, his son Darren and his father Tony, one of the things he wanted to make sure was taken care of was the Love Your Neighbor Fund which essentially helps out the people that need help in this community by keeping warm during the winter months.

I personally saw him donate thousands of dollars and hours to this cause. In my heart, this would be one thing Coach Sanchez would like Las Vegans to continue. And in my heart I know that it may be more successful now than ever.

What can I say, I along with many thousands of people will miss him—not because he was a great coach or politician, but like a student at Luna Community College told me a couple of hours ago—it may just be because he was nice and friendly.

For more on Henry Sanchez, see page 4 and 5.

LCC President
Dr. Pete Campos
on Henry Sanchez
“Coach/Mayor Henry O. Sanchez: A great and loving leader, friend and unselfish person has departed our earthly midst. I know he is at peace and home with Our Lord. I remain confident that his endless contributions here on earth will remain timeless and benefit generations to come. May we continue to love, serve and care for each other – now and forever.”

Shirley Marlow is the new Luna Community College Humanities Director. Marlow takes over for Rand Kennedy who resigned in late summer. Marlow most recently was LCC’s Bridging Careers for Success Coordinator.

LCC: “The People’s College”

Jesse’s quick hits
Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—Jesse

Who won the giraffes’ race?
No one really knows, it was neck and neck.

What’s a giraffe’s favorite food?:
Neck-terine

Why aren’t giraffes allowed to drive cars?
Because they create giraffic jams.
Wanda Martinez has solid vision for LCC Mora Site

By Wanda Martinez
LCC Mora Site Director

My vision for the Mora Site has always been two-fold: provide the students an opportunity to continue their education, whether it is college courses or receiving their GED, without having to travel to main campus; and provide the community accessible public services. Though it will always be an ongoing process, I believe every semester proves to be successful.

Currently for the fall semester, we are offering twelve courses on site, either live or receiving them from main campus or from our other satellites through ITV. We also have many students taking advantage of our online courses thanks to the computer lab from Title V. You can pass by our site on any given day or night and you will see, more often than not, a “full house.” This indeed confirms that we are doing our part in providing extended services from main campus to our community.

Even more exciting for us is the number of high school students who have realized the importance of getting a jump start on their higher education. Franklin Delano Roosevelt once stated, “We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.” I believe we, at Luna Community College, are doing just that for them because out of 60 eligible high school students, 40 are currently registered for courses. This is huge! They are either taking dual-credit courses during the day or con-current courses after school. Just like the many individuals juggling family, jobs, and education, they too are earning high school credits, participating in extra-curricular activities and/or working part-time and taking college courses. Not only are they receiving their education, they are indirectly preparing themselves in life/time management skills.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Mora High School staff, most especially Mrs. Vigil and Mr. Chavez, for assisting in the registration process, allowing the presence of LCC on a daily basis and for sharing my vision for “their” students. Also, these achievements could not be possible without the positive support and guidance from the many offices of main campus, especially student services and the other satellites: Springer and Santa Rosa. Thank you every single one for all you do!

Our journey has just begun...
The life and times of Henry Sanchez
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Pictured clockwise (starting on page 4): Henry Sanchez with his daughter Janine and granddaughter Kelsi; Sanchez on the campaign trail with presidential candidate John Kerry; Sanchez agonizing during a coaching moment at Bernalillo High; Sanchez with his son Darren and his father Tony; (page 5) Coach Sanchez with his 1989 Highlands Basketball Team: Sanchez preparing to teach a sports performance class in 2010 at Luna Community College; Sanchez and his Robertson team winning the 1998 Stu Clark Tourney; Sanchez pacing the sidelines at Spartan Alley and Sanchez with his college coach Rudy Cordova and teammate Candido Garcia at St. Josephs College in 1956.
Excercise and Wellness
Kickbox & Step Combo

October 17 -- December 9
(M, T, & W)

1:00 -- 2:15 pm
8 week course

LCC Wellness Center

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

Fee $41.00
8 week-course
Excercise & Wellness

Last day to enroll, October 21st
(LCC Registrar's Office)
Wellness Center 505-425-8767
Registrar's Office 505-454-5314
Weekly Activities

Monday, September 26, 2011
- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies/102B)

Tuesday, September 27, 2011
- 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. NM State Mandated Training/Sponsored: Citizens for Developmentally Disabled (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Wednesday, September 28, 2011
- No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, September 29, 2011
- 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. NM State Mandated Training/Sponsored: Citizens for Developmentally Disabled (LRC/Lecture Hall)
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Congressman Ben Ray Lujan “Office Hours” (Mora Site/Library)

Friday, September 30, 2011
- 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Public Health Workshop/Spons:AHEC (Stud. Srvs/Conf.Rm)

Saturday, October 1, 2011
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Back to School Parent Institute Workshops Sponsored: Northeast Regional Educ. Cooperative (General Studies – Rooms: 102-B, 103, 104, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, IPC/Café, Culinary Arts Classroom, and Allied Health – Rooms 11 & 9)
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDSMP Community Workshop (Student Serv./Conf. Room)

LCC:
“The People’s College”
By Dr. Pete Campos

Our service area is a vast stretch land wise and the communities we serve have core educational needs and unique vocational needs. The Luna Community College administration, instructors and support staff through the direction of our Board of Trustees have refined the institutions processes and services to best accommodate and address the aspirations and career preparation needs of students of all ages.

Trustee Chairman Jerry Maestas has worked closely with all Trustees through improved policies to keep our dialogue with them frank and open and to coordinate and maintain a highly professional agenda structure and decorum during committee meetings, work sessions and the regular monthly meetings. This style of leadership has forged a more cohesive, goal driven and outcomes based format for our college.

Our Trustees truly care about our whole region and as we move forward we can discover and develop more than we ever thought possible. This will lead to a stronger Luna Community College service area and ultimately, better prepare the people of the communities we serve for their careers.

While the Trustees come from different parts of the region; they work well together, respect each other’s opinion and understand the educational, facility, infrastructure and employment issues vary from community to community. Other colleges in the state have a central location and serve students on or very near the main campus. To travel from one part of our service area to another it takes quite a bit of time, but that is the landscape of our part of the state and we have become very effective at delivering educational services and the outreach people in the communities of our region are requesting.

The LCC service area – approved by HED - has grown over the years. Now that our physical boundaries are more established and we are getting used to them, I believe like past great explorers, we will discover and fully develop the educational richness of each community within our service area. Ferdinand Magellan, a Portuguese maritime explorer, became one of the first individuals to cross all the meridians of the globe. Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, Spanish explorer of the North American Southwest, conducted expeditions that resulted in the discovery of many physical landmarks, including the Grand Canyon. The thought I would like to leave you with is: Our Trustees truly care about our whole region and as we move forward we can discover and develop more than we ever thought possible. This will lead to a stronger Luna Community College service area and ultimately, better prepare the people of the communities we serve for their careers.