

# The Luna Light



“The People’s College”  
*Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America*

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## 2009 Luna CC Orientation set

Several events that are geared to assist new and returning students at Luna Community College have been scheduled for the start of the fall semester.

From 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Friday, Aug. 14, a barbeque will be held next to the LCC Allied Health Building where several booths will have important information.

At 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 17, guided tours will be available for students. Students need to take their class schedule to the ACCESS Center where they will be taken to their respective classes. Refreshments will also be provided.

From noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18 in front of the Student Services Building, students, staff, faculty and community members will be able to meet the Rough Rider softball and baseball teams. Hot Dogs and drinks will be served.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 19, near the technology building area, individuals can enjoy an all-you-can-eat Taco Bar during the grand opening of the Academic Center Excellence in Education Tutoring Center.

Culminating the events will be a Back-2-School BBQ from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20 at the cafeteria patio.



**Luna Community College nursing student Vanessa Chavez receives assistance from registrar employee Margaret Leyba. The first day of fall class is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 17. The last day to add classes will be Monday, Aug. 24. Keep in mind that LCC will be closed on Labor Day. Chavez is a native of Magdalena, N.M.**

## Education Department to offer new courses for LCC faculty

By Debbie Trujillo  
LCC Education Director

The Department of Education will be offering two new exciting online courses in the fall to address issues in teaching at the community college level. These courses are designed to help instructors hone their skills in the integration of instructional technologies, differentiating instruction, utilizing student assessment to drive instruction, and many other topics relevant to teaching in the community college.

These courses are focused on the effective design and implementation of quality instruction, instructional technologies, and other instruction such as peer-based collaboration and active learning strategies.

These courses will provide participants with a foundation of instructional theories, skills, and practices to support existing professional development efforts in the community college. Courses provide cost-effective professional development that is accessible to both full-time and adjunct faculty.

## Nursing department offering critical thinking and problem solving course

The Luna Community College Nursing Department wants to inform everyone that they are offering a three

credit hour course *HD269 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving* that students of all disciplines can benefit

from. Please advise students of this learning opportunity. For more information, call 505/454-2527.

# Portillos says that more meetings between academic and student services are necessary

**Name:** Louise Portillos

**Position:** Director – Springer Site

**How many years at LCC (what year did you start)?** As coordinator, 7.5 yrs (01/02) Previously, I had worked for LCC for 12 yrs (07/82 – 04/94) as an office manager.

**Favorite food and why?** Brisket. Because it tastes so good!

**Favorite hobby and why?** Fishing and camping. Because I love the outdoors and I get to see God's beautiful creations. There is no better escape! Plus my golden retrievers love it.

**Favorite TV show and why?** *Grey's Anatomy*. You watch it one time and you are hooked. There's always something happening!

**Where would you like to see yourself five years from now?** Almost RETIRED and still healthy so I can prepare to really enjoy life...like travel!

**What do you like best about LCC?** My co-workers and the students!

**What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution?** Definitely, the lack of communication, especially since we are many miles from the main campus. We are sometimes forgotten! My solution is more directors meetings amongst both academics and student services so everyone is receiving the same information at the same time.

**What is your greatest strength?** I feel my greatest strength is helping students. It really makes me feel good when I can assist them in anyway.



**Louise Portillos says her greatest strength is helping students. What does she like best about Luna Community College? Her co-workers and students.**

*Anyone wishing to nominate an LCC employee to be featured in this section should call Jesse Gallegos at 454-2510 or e-mail him at [jgallegos@luna.edu](mailto:jgallegos@luna.edu).*

## LCC OFFICE OF RECRUITMENT – SUMMER 2009 RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES—WEEK OF AUGUST 3 THRU AUGUST 8

**Monday, Aug. 3** – Deliver LCC Fall Schedule, LV merchants

**Tuesday, Aug. 4**– New Mexico Education Council Meeting, NMHU, 1-3 p.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 5** – Campus Tour, 11 am

**Thursday, Aug. 6** – KNMX Radio, LCC Half-hour Show. Call Jesse @ extension 1200 if you wish to be a guest.

**Friday, Aug. 7** – no activities planned

# Student Success

It hinges upon our full-fledged commitment, full-force implementation and microscopic daily analysis of our strategic master plan

By Dr. Pete Campos  
LCC President

Our *supercharged efforts* to effectively deliver what students have asked for and truly need to succeed in life have already reaped many benefits. **Student success** is at the core of our purpose and achievements!

We reached this peak through thoughtful and strategic planning, daily monitoring and realignment of our educational direction, developing and maintaining individualistic student pathways, welcoming every student and their parents or guardians as if they were a part of our own families, and *truly putting every student first*.

In an article entitled *The Tenuous Link Between Formal Strategic Planning and Financial Performance* by John A. Pearce, II, Elizabeth B. Freeman, and Richard B. Robinson, Jr. it is emphasized; when the term formal strategic planning is used, the intent is to convey that a firm's strategic planning process involves explicit systemic procedures used to gain the involvement and commitment of those principal stakeholders affected by the plan. This and other research validates the fact that Luna Community College is advancing at the request, validation and need of its stakeholders, *whom are students*.

**We already had our chance as full-time students**, now we have undertaken the role of provider, put our selfishness aside, and are being compensated through taxpayer dollars to deliver priceless educational

and support services to students. Lewis Carroll, 1872, laid out a self-explanatory and profound methodology in, *Through the Looking-Glass*. A brief excerpt between Alice and the Cat speaks volumes. It is as follows. Alice: **Which way should I go?** Cat: **That depends on where you are going.** Alice: **I don't know where I'm going!** Cat: **Then it doesn't matter which way you go!** Luna Community College family members have chosen to wholeheartedly assist students discover and follow a distinct pathway that leads them to fulfill their aspirations in life and ultimate employment goals. *The LCC family strives to help every student realize that it does matter which way they go!*

Through our strategic planning, we as the developers and guides, have intently listened to students and community members, envisioned a promising future and developed the necessary operations and procedures to achieve that future. This vision and passionate commitment of the future state of our community college provides both a *bold direction* in which the organization should move and the *energy* to maintain that move.

This envisioning process is very different from long-range planning. Usually, long-range planning is referred to as the extrapolation of current trends. Envisioning is more than an attempt to anticipate the future and prepare accordingly. It involves a belief that aspects of the future can be influenced and changed by what we do now. *We are not just planning the future; we are creating it!*



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos talks to David Martinez who is the media relations director for the upcoming Holly Holm Fight. Holly Holm, Frankie Archuleta, Arturo Crespin and Amanda Crespin are all scheduled to speak at Luna at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 26.

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# LCC Board retreat detailed and extensive



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LCC Board of Trustees met in an intensive retreat over the weekend at Alta Vista Hospital. Pictured clockwise are: Alta Vista Public Relations Director Matthew Martinez gives a Friday night tour to Tony Valdez, Jerry Maestas, Levi Alcon, Frankie Tenorio and David Gutierrez; Lt. Gov. Diane Denish addressed the board regarding the future of education in New Mexico (pictured are, assistant Samantha Johnson and Abelino Montoya Jr.); Frankie Tenorio presents a \$5,000 check from the Guadalupe County Hospital with the proceeds going to scholarships; Frankie Tenorio talks educational issues with Denish; Denish listens to the LCC Board and Ambrose Castellano and Denish talk about LCC . The retreat was extensive and covered numerous technical subjects ranging from policy making to the strategic plan for LCC's delivery of educational services throughout northeastern New Mexico.

# Volunteering can affect and change your life and others for the better

By Henry Sanchez

A very wise philosopher once said, "Life should be lived in three stages."

The first stage is our childhood and educational phase of our life, preparing us for our careers and occupations.

The second stage is living our careers and family-raising phase of our lives.

The third stage, if we are fortunate enough to reach it, is retirement and giving back phase of our lives. This is the stage of our lives we will concern ourselves with in this article.

I am always confused to hear people in retirement say they are bored and have nothing to do. Since we are creatures of habit and have lived many years working with routines and feelings of being needed, it is important to have things to do.

I believe that many people in retirement become addicted to the casino way of life, because they find what they need there, even if it becomes destructive and detrimental to their finances. It is understood that many do not want to return to full-time jobs with regular hours and the pressures that go with it. A possible solution to this dilemma is to give your time to a worthwhile organization, project or cause that will give you a fuller and richer life.

There are needs for volunteers in health, social services agencies, schools, recreation, libraries, museums, foster grandparents, senior

programs and churches, to name a few. We must remember there are so many worth-while programs and organizations that need 'OUR' help, especially people with time interests or special talents to give.

Here are some benefits to volunteering:

1. It enriches and gives a person a fuller and richer life.
2. It gives more reason and purpose to life.
3. You are needed and appreciated.
4. With money being tight in our economy, volunteers may help a program from being dropped.
5. It enables programs to operate on a full basis and do more.
6. It helps you stay healthy and wise.
7. You are giving back and accomplishing great deeds.
8. You become a role model to people and youngsters that need you.

If you are interested in volunteering, call or go see the organizations you are interested in and ask them if you can help, or to refer you where help is needed. You will find more meaning to your life and the good you will do is immeasurable.

*Sanchez is former National High School Basketball Coach of the Year and has over 700 wins. He coached at Our Lady of Sorrows High, Bernalillo High, Highlands University and Robertson High. He also served three terms as the mayor of Las Vegas. He currently teaches in the LCC Humanities Department.*



**Luna Community College Public Information Coordinator Jesse Gallegos interviews LCC Vocational Education Director Gary Martinez recently during The Luna Community College Half Hour Radio Show. The show airs every Thursday at 1 p.m. on KNMX, 540 on you're a.m. radio dial. Any student, faculty or staff member interested in appearing on this show should call Gallegos at 505/454-2510.**

# *LCC Wellness Hike*



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**Don Bustos is the SBDC Director**



## Students!

Are you looking for on-the-job training? Are you seeking skills for a new career? Do you want to gain experience in your field of study? Do you want to gain college credit? If you answer yes to any of these questions, the LCC Small Business Internship Program can help.

### LCC – Connecting Students to the Workforce!

Luna Community College will “launch” a pilot program this fall called the Small Business Internship Program. The purpose of the program is to provide LCC students opportunities in workforce experience by applying educational skills and knowledge to meet the needs of the statewide workforce community.

#### Program Goals:

- Provide students access to business experience that could lead to gainful employment
- Involve students in community projects, collaborations, and partnerships
- Provide students an opportunity for a stipend salary contingent on available funding

#### Program Benefits:

- Classroom instruction is integrated with practical on-the-job experience
- Create future employment opportunities
- Students can make career decisions based on practical work experience.

If you want to participate in the Small Business Internship Program please contact Don Bustos at 505-454-2595 or [dbustos@luna.edu](mailto:dbustos@luna.edu) for further information.

## LCC Foundation Golf Tourney set for Aug. 22

The 2009 Luna Community College Foundation Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Pendaries Golf Course in Rociada. A shotgun start is scheduled at 9 a.m.

A four-person team sponsor is \$1,000 or \$250 per individual. A hole sponsorship is \$250.

The entry fee covers green fees, a cart, and a prime rib dinner. All money raised will be used for scholarships.

For more information, call Tournament Co-Director Ernesto Salazar at 505-425-7584 or Theresa S. Vigil at 505-454-5367.

## LCC Foundation Scholarship Fundraiser

Friday, August 28, 2009

Plaza Hotel

Reverse Drawing begins at  
7:30 p.m.

# GRAND PRIZE

  

## \$5,000.00

#### Other Prizes Include:

First Ticket Drawn Wins  
\$300.00

Every 50th Ticket Drawn Wins  
\$100.00

The 100th Ticket Drawn Wins  
\$200.00

*For More Information Please Contact:*

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*P.O. Box 1926*

*Las Vegas, NM 87701*

*(505) 454-5367 or [tvigil@luna.edu](mailto:tvigil@luna.edu)*

*Toll Free: 1 (800) 588-7232 - Ext. #: 1019*

**Your \$100.00 Donation includes a Beef Brisket Dinner for two provided by The Plaza Hotel.**

**Dinner served from 6 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**

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create it.



Where you need to be...

For information visit [www.luna.edu](http://www.luna.edu)

Early Registration for Fall 2009	June 1-August 14
Campus Closed 8am to 12 noon <u>only</u> for Faculty/Staff Training	August 11
Classes Begin	August 17
Last Day to Add Classes	August 24
Campus Closed—Labor Day	September 7
Deadline to Change from Audit to Credit	September 11
Midterm Week	October 5-10
Deadline to Change from Credit to Audit	October 16
Advisement Week	November 16-20
Early Registration for Spring 2010	Nov. 16 –Jan. 8
Last Day to Withdraw from Fall-term Classes	November 20*
Campus Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday	November 26-29
Final Examinations	Nov. 30– Dec. 4
Semester Ends	December 4
Campus Closed - Christmas Break	Dec. 21 - Jan.3

# Welcome Back Days at Luna Community College

## Guided Tours

Monday, August 17, 2009  
@ 7:30 a.m.

Don't look lost on your first day here at LCC. Bring your schedule to the ACCESS Center for a guided tour to your classes!

**Refreshments Provided**

## Grand Opening Academic Center Excellence

**in Education Tutoring Center**

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

@ the Technologies Area  
Unveiling @ 12:00 NOON

## Taco Bar!!!

**Sponsored by the Student Activities Office**

## Rough Rider Day



Tuesday, August 18, 2009

Meet the Rough Rider  
Baseball and Softball Teams

12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.

In front of Student Services  
Building

*Hot Dogs and Drinks will be served*

## LCC Back-2-School BBQ

Thursday, August 20, 2009

11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m.

@ the Cafeteria Patio  
BBQ by our very own

*Rough Rider Grill*

Music, Activities & Fun!!!



# Ongoing Registration and Advisement

Luna  
Community  
College

Rough Riders



# Mark Your Calendars for

# New Student Orientation

## "Exploring Luna Community College"

Orientation is designed to acquaint you with LCC's programs, services and facilities. This will ease your transition to Luna Community College.

## Who Should Attend?

New student orientation is specifically intended for freshman or transfer students who have recently decided to attend LCC.

## DATE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009  
8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

## LOCATION

LCC ALLIED HEALTH BUILDING  
NURSING AUDITORIUM

## BBQ

INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS SUCH AS  
DVR, HELP OFFICE,  
INCOME SUPPORT DIVISION,  
LCC PREVENTION PROGRAM  
ETC.....

# Sponsored by ACCESS Center



Holly Holm trains intensely with Mike Winkeljohn in Albuquerque for her upcoming bout to be held in Las Vegas, New Mexico at the Wilson Complex on the New Mexico Highlands University campus. Ms. Holm's, Frankie Archuleta, Arturo Crespin and Amanda Crespin will be talking about their boxing career experiences and the importance of getting a good education on the Luna Community College campus on Wednesday, Aug. 26. A light lunch will be served from 11:30 to noon at The Rough Rider Grill. The symposium will begin at noon at the nursing auditorium.

## Weekly activities

*Monday, August 3, 2009*

- No Activities Scheduled

*Tuesday, August 4, 2009*

- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees Work Session (Stud. Serv./Conf. Rm)

- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Mora Chamber Commerce/Monthly Mtg.(Mora Site/Library)

*Wednesday, August 5, 2009*

- 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Creating Your Own Marketing Materials/ Spons: SBDC (Student Services/Conf. Room)

*Thursday, August 6, 2009*

- No Activities Scheduled

*Friday, August 7, 2009*

- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Santa Fe Civic Housing Auth. Meeting (Mora Site/Library)

*Saturday, August 8, 2009*

- 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. C.N.A. Testing (AHC/N7&3)
- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Class (General Studies/Room 102B)

### **Blast from the past**

*Can you guess which current LCC employee's baby picture this is? The first person to give the right answer will get a free meal from the LCC Rough Rider Grill. You may enter the contest by e-mailing your answer to [jgallegos@luna.edu](mailto:jgallegos@luna.edu) or calling extension 1200. LCC employees are encouraged to turn in a baby photo of themselves or nostalgic LCC photos to Jesse Gallegos at the LCC Student Services Building.*

**Last week winner:** Monica Stroud  
**Last week's picture:** Rick Jaramillo



## Parent impressed with Luna Community College

This week, my son and I went to Luna Community College to check into the possibilities of him taking classes as part of the Dual Credit/Concurrent Enrollment program. I was very impressed by the dedication, positive attitude and genuine guidance Melissa Lopez provided us and many others. I observed Ms. Lopez to be attentive, encouraging, and competent and focused on each student's situation.

My husband had told me that Luna personnel would provide solid guidance, but I had no idea how extensive advisement and direct professional services would be concerning admission, testing, guidance and collaboration between LCC, my son and in our case, Las Vegas City Schools.

I remain grateful to Patricia Romero, Janice Encinias and Melissa Lopez for going the extra mile and providing help to "all" students and

noticeably those who were assisted while I waited for my son during his scheduled advisement and testing period.

Ms. Romero, Ms. Encinias and Ms. Lopez made me and others feel right at home while we either waited for our children to be tested and placed in appropriate classes or were waiting their turn to go through the admissions process. These professionals are truly living the Luna Community College mission focused on student success. I believe these individuals are providing hope and opportunity to students.

Sincerely,  
 Lori Anne Campos