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LCC’s Gamertsfelder says he’s ready for national competition

Luna Community College’s Gary Gamertsfelder was the top student in New Mexico in auto collision in March, now his goal is to be the best in the nation later this month.

Gamertsfelder is the lone LCC student to qualify for the National SkillsUSA competition which begins on June 20 in Kansas City, Mo. Only the top qualifiers of each category make the national competition.

“I’ve been working a lot,” says Gamertsfelder. “After I came out in the newspaper (an article in *The Las Vegas Daily Optic*), people started coming up and congratulating me, and asking if I could work on their cars.”

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers along with high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations including health occupations.



LCC student Gary Gamertsfelder (middle) will be going to the Nationals SkillsUSA Competition in Kanas City with LCC faculty members Gene Sandoval (left) and Anthony Baca. The drive is about 12 hours.

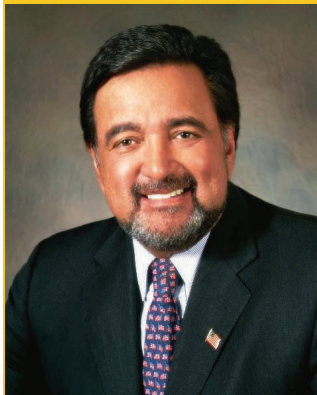
“I think he’s getting a lot of practice; he’s ready to go,” says Anthony Baca, LCC faculty member and SkillsUSA advisor. “He’s been staying after

class to learn more on his area.”

As part of his competition at nationals, Gamertsfelder will paint,

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Gov. Bill Richardson to make film announcements



Gov. Bill Richardson

SANTA FE – Gov. Bill Richardson will stop at three New Mexico higher education institutions on Monday, where he will make announcements related to each of the school’s film and media arts programs. Richardson, New Mexico Film Office Director Lisa Strout and Eric Witt, the governor’s film and media advisor will travel to schools in Roswell, Carlsbad and Las Vegas.

- 10 a.m. Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell**
Lawrence C. Harris Occupational Tech. Center
Room 124 – Occupational Seminar Room
20 W. Mathis
Roswell
- Noon New Mexico State University -Carlsbad**
Instructional Center Building –Room 153
1500 University Drive
Carlsbad
- 2:30 p.m. Luna Community College**
Allied Health Center – Nursing Auditorium
366 Luna Drive
Las Vegas

David Gutierrez says that LCC offers education with an inviting environment

Name: David Gutierrez

Position: LCC Trustee Precinct 6

How many years have you been on the LCC Board (what year did you start)? 14 months /2009

Favorite food and why? Mexican food/steaks (wild game). It was our way of life and to me its nutritious.

Favorite hobby and why? Camping/hiking outdoors/horses. I enjoy what is taken for granted, mother nature's beauty.

Favorite TV show and why? *History/Explore* channels. I like to keep informed on educational trivia and new technology.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now?

Retired and enjoying the outdoors with my wife and grandchildren.

How would you like to see LCC grow in five years? LCC as one of the outstanding colleges in north-eastern (N.M.), that offers opportunity and a quality education with an array of vocational trades.

What do you like best about LCC? LCC is a small college that offers a one-on-one



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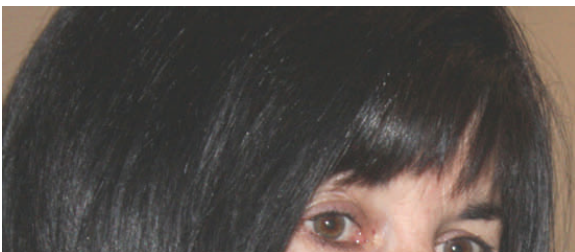
education that is stress free with an atmosphere and environment that is inviting. LCC sets goals for students that are achievable with visions that all students can accomplish their goals and obtain a quality education.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? Tension and lack of communication. As role models we need to be opened-minded and work together to inspire individuals to promote our college. Together we must put trust back into the way we think and value the opinions of others.

What is your greatest strength? Opened-minded, research before I comment, and I bring experience. I work hard to keep everything in the right perspective to move forward not backward. I respect my peers opinions and ethics and value their decisions.

The Guessing Game

Can you guess which LCC employee's 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 or calling extension 1200. One winner per month.



Quote of the Week

“Life is like a blanket—too short. You pull it up and your toes rebel, you yank it down and shivers meander about your shoulder; but cheerful folks manage to draw their knees up and pass a very comfortable night.”—Marion Howard

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Gamertsfelder...



Gary Gamertsfelder (left) receives a Mustang in a bottle from fellow student Tom Lujan. Gamertsfelder used this gift as part of a fundraising raffle.

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mix paint, color match, vehicle preparation, paint estimate and finish detail.

"I need to concentrate on the weak spots," said Gamertsfelder. "Mr. Baca has made sure I'm doing it right. He's taken the extra initiative to stay late."

Gene Sandoval, a faculty member in vocational education, will be attending trainings and seminars at the conference along with Baca in Kansas City, says that Gamertsfelder has two important elements in the profession.

"Gary is a hard worker and has a good attitude. This will take him a long way in this business," says Sandoval.

Gamertsfelder is scheduled to receive a certificate in auto collision repair in May, 2011. After that, he wants to earn a business degree from LCC or Highlands.

"I want to own my own business someday," says Gamertsfelder.

Baca says that attending a national competition only betters students.

"I always believe that it's a good experience for students to see what's out there in the profession," said Baca. "There will be representatives from different companies and it's nice to see a little college from New Mexico do well in these competitions.

Baca says that part of his wish list is to see the vocational area grow at LCC.

"Someday I would like to see bigger and up-to-date facilities here," says Baca. "We do really well with what we have."

LCC will seek \$5 million in upgrades for its vocational area in November's General Election. The measure will be under G.O. Bond D.

Currently Gamertsfelder is raising money for his trip. SkillsUSA requires a certain attire to compete, which includes a sports coat for the opening and closing ceremonies and steel toe boots for the actual competition.

"I'm shooting for the top 10," says Gamertsfelder. "I know what I'm doing."



Breakfast Hours: 7:00am - 10:30am
Lunch Hours: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Friday Hours: open until 10:00am

Store hours may vary upon volume.

Daily Breakfast Specials

Burrito	Cappucino	Build Your Own	100% Columbian Coffee
Egg		Add-on .50 cents	
Potato		Hand Held \$2.00	Smothered \$2.50
Cheese			
Ham, Bacon, or Sausage			
Green or Red Chili			

Frito Pies
Tostadas
Tacos
Enchiladas
& more...

Why go down town when you can enjoy the Best Kept Secret on the Hill...

Watch for Daily Lunch Specials

CLOSED ON FRIDAY
For lunch

Home of the Best chili cheese fries inTown!

Catering Available

Spaghetti
Tacos
Pizza
Polish Dogs
Pasta

Tax not included.
Menu subject to change upon availability.

Position announcement

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

- Adjunct Instructors
- Temporary Part-Time Substitute Teacher/Caretakers-Early Childhood Education
- Temporary Full-Time Foundation Liaison

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

6th Annual Car Show



There were about 120 entries at this year's annual car show. About 1,000 spectators were in attendance throughout the day. Pictured at the top of the next page are: Gilbert Martinez, Anthony Baca, Ron Duran and Rick Roybal. The four Luna Community College employees were the original organizers of the event. This year's car show was held next to the LCC Administration Building. The event is co-sponsored by LCC and Highlands University.

6th Annual Car Show



Coach Meredith Gilpin: It's never too early to be excited for the 2011 season

The following is an interview with Luna Community College Softball Coach Meredith Gilpin.

How is the recruiting going so far this summer?

Recruiting has been going strong this summer. We have had two successful tryouts that produced both scholarship and walk-on athletes. Luna Softball will conduct another tryout at 10 a.m. on June 19 at Rodriguez Park on our field. I will be attending a Triple Crown Sparkler Tournament in Colorado Springs at the end of June and I will be recruiting but also coaching in all-star games and coaching in the camps. Summer is a good time to also start recruiting for the following year.

As a coach, what do you try to get accomplished during the summer?

As stated above, recruiting is always on the to-do-list for the summer. I try to finalize rosters, scheduling of games, field maintenance, organization, budgets, and prepare for the purchasing of equipment. It is also important for summer workouts to be given and for my athletes to come in prepared for the fall season.

When recruiting, what qualities do you look for in a student-athlete?

The obvious answer would be talent to play at the college level, but there are many more qualities that make a college student-athlete. It is important for the athlete to be a scholar by achieving good grades and performance in the classroom. If my girls do not have the grades they will not be able to play or practice. The athletes should be well-rounded and able to handle school first and then softball. Education is stressed among my athletes. Student-athletes also need to be coachable and a team-player. There is no room for selfishness or bad seeds that could lead to a fallen team.

You are a second-year coach, how are you adjusting to college coaching?

I am enjoying coaching at the college level. There are always going to be many adjustments but I like to embrace the challenges that come



Meredith Gilpin
LCC Softball Coach

along with the territory. I was a college athlete myself and never realized what goes on behind the scenes. As a college coach the day is never over and there is always something waiting on the desk/field. I believe that with my playing experience, teaching, and my education has assisted me in making adjustments from day-to-day and learning from those adjustments.

What are some of the most important attributes of being a successful coach?

It sounds different, but as a coach you also need to be coachable. I think it is important that as a coach you are never satisfied and have a continuing education outlook. A good coach will learn positives and negatives from anyone or any situation. I also believe that being a successful coach is teaching the athletes to be well-rounded. Softball can only take them so far but their education they will have for a lifetime. I take pride in telling the athletes that when they are finished at Luna we hope to make them better women, students, and athletes. Consistency and discipline on and off the field also helps to make a successful program. As a coach you also need to be able to adapt to all different kinds of athletes.

Coaching in different methods, techniques, forms, etc... to be able to reach all the team.

Although it is early, how does the 2011 season look?

It is never too early to be excited for the season. The 2011 season will continue to be better than the past seasons. We are getting some great student-athletes in at Luna that are excited about the school and being a part of Rough Rider Softball. The scheduling is looking good and we will be competitive among all the teams. We will continue to have a positive growth and reputation of the program.

What plans do you have for your team this summer, such as an orientation, camps, etc....?

We are currently planning an orientation for the athletes and have continuing goals for a softball camp sometime in the near future. We have agreements with the city and La Plaza and some of the athletes on

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Coach Meredith Gilpin...

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the team have been available to umpire for some of the games. It is important that we continue the growth of our program and the community by offering camps and other community outreach with our team.

You had a showcase, how many players showed up, were you able to sign any of them?

We have been able to have two showcases thus far. Both turned out with a handful of athletes from around the state and we were able to sign four scholarship players and offer two walk-ons to Luna.

What does the future for Luna softball and baseball look like (answer your respective sport)?

Luna Softball will continue to move in a

very positive and successful direction. Luna softball will continue to reach further and more people in the state and also to continue to spread into other states. The program will continue to gain competitive student-athletes and win more games. There is a positive future for both programs and I am glad that I am coaching at this level and the athletes.

What is the biggest selling point for Luna when recruiting a player? What is the biggest drawback?

The biggest selling point for Luna is the education that Luna offers and the success and growth of the athletic department. The small classroom size helps those that are incoming freshman and others that benefit from the more one-on-one help. The junior college level lets the athletes succeed in the classroom and

the strength of the schedule and the number of games we participate in is a big recruiting tool for Luna. The biggest drawback that we have is not having a living place for the athletes and that our fields are away from campus and lack "Luna" pride. (non- Luna colors, or logos on field)

What is it going to take to get Luna to be competitive on a regional and national level?

We would first need to get into a conference. After that, offering room and board and updating our fields to our campus would benefit in recruiting and thus allowing for more competitive athletes. We need the continued support of Luna and our community. We need to be able to update our resources and keep the quality coaching we have on staff.



Luna Community College Board of Trustee members, along with LCC President Dr. Pete Campos and guests take a tour of the nearly-completed exterior renovation of the LCC Regional Health and Safety Center in Santa Rosa.

NEED HELP NAVIGATING YOUR ONLINE CLASSES?

Then you need to attend one of LCC's

Blackboard Student Trainings

- Tuesday, May 25, 2010
- Wednesday, May 26, 2010
- Wednesday, June 2, 2010
- Thursday, June 3, 2010
- Tuesday, June 8, 2010
- Wednesday, June 9, 2010
- Wednesday, June 16, 2010
- Thursday, June 17, 2010



All trainings will be held at 10:00am in the
Student Online Learning Lab

Student Services Building Room 204

For more information please call 505-454-5362

* Times and Dates subject to change due to weather conditions and/or work schedule changes.

Weekly Activities

Monday, June 14, 2010

- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. IRS Small Business Training/
Sponsored: SBDC (Student Services/Conf. Room)
- 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Governor's Visit /Announce
Funding Award (Allied Health/LO-1)
- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies/
Room 102-B)

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Experiential Learning Seminar/
Spons:CE/DC &Access Cntr) (LRC/Lecture Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC's Board of Trustees Board
Mtg. (Stud.Serv./Conf.Rm)

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mental Health First Aid Train-
ing/Spons: AHEC (LRC/Lecture Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Telehealth Ethics Consultation
Training (Bus. Stud./Rm 101)

Thursday, June 17, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mental Health First Aid Train-
ing/Spons: AHEC (LRC/Lecture Hall)
- 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Beginning Quick Books Train-
ing/Sponsored: SBDC (Student Services/Conf. Room)
- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monthly Water Board Meeting
(Technologies/Room 126-B)

Friday, June 18, 2010

- No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, June 19, 2010

- 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. C.N.A. Testing (Allied Health/
N7&3)



Brenton Carlton Kirby won the First Annual Vidal Martinez Short Story Competition. Kirby took dual-credit courses at the LCC Springer Satellite.

RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES (and other events) —WEEK OF June 14 thru June 19

Monday, June 14 – “Welcome Back Students” planning meeting/walk through, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 15 – no activities planned

Wednesday, June 16 – Campus Tour, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 17 – KNMX Radio, LCC half-hour show, promoting LCC programs.

Friday, June 18 – Recruitment booth @ Springer, Valentine's Food Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, June 19 – no activities planned