

The Luna Light



“The People’s College”

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LCC Symposium begins today

N.M. Economic Development Sec. Fred Mondragon will be the keynote speaker

Luna Community College will sponsor a symposium on “Improving Student Learning for Career-Technical Programs” on Monday, Aug. 2 and Tuesday Aug. 3 at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, N.M. LCC Computer Center and Information Technologies Director Mike Adams is directing the symposium.

Registration will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, with introductions and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sessions will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. with dinner and group discussions from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. On Tuesday, breakout sessions will take place from 9 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. with lunch and evaluation from noon to 1 p.m.

Speakers and topics include: Ron Martinez (Director of **EN**gaging **LA**tino **C**ommunities for **E**ducation (**ENLACE**) and Alma Rivera, co-presenter, and a student at the University of New Mexico, *Challenges and Solutions to Closing the Achievement Gap-Part I*); LCC’s Dr. Andrew Feldman (Science Math and Engineering Technology Director, *What is Assessment? How does it Impact our Students and What Happens when the Oil Runs Out? Training in Alternative –Sustainable Energy*); Patricia Romero (Dual Credit and Concurrent Enrollment Director, *Dual Credit: Benefits and Challenges for High School Students*); Lorraine Marti-



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nez (Title V Director, *Distance Learning: The Way of the Future*); Renee Garcia (Business and Professional Studies Director, *Developing Measurable Student Learning Outcomes (SLO’s) for Career-Technical Programs*); Gary Martinez (Vocational Educational Director, *A new pathway for Vocational/Trades Programs at LCC*); Rand Kennedy (Mass Media Director, *Understanding and Teaching Generation **NEXT** for Career-Technical Programs*); Debbie Trujillo (Education Director, *Why Should we Care About Assessment Tools for Student Success?*); Ron Martinez (Director of **EN**gaging **LA**tino **C**ommunities for **E**ducation (**ENLACE**) and Alma

Rivera, co-presenter, and a student at the University of New Mexico, *Challenges and Solutions to Closing the Achievement Gap- Part II*) and Dr. Vidal Martinez (Vice President for Academics, *Roundtable Discussion: Impacting the Hispanic Educational Crisis*).

New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Fred Mondragon will be the keynote speaker from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday.

For more about the LCC Symposium, call Adams at 505/454-454-5368 or go to <http://luna.edu/media/symposium.html>.

Luna Community College
21 days until the first day of fall classes



The Luna Community College Tobacco Policy went into effect on Aug. 1, 2010. From now on all smokers and tobacco users will have three designated areas. The areas are (top photo) behind the Allied Health Center; (top right) next to the Early Childhood Center and east of the Automotive Building; (far right) the Technologies Courtyard. Signs will be posted at the designated areas. For more information on the new policy, contact LCC Life Safety Coordinator Andrew Duran at 505/454-5334.



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REGISTER TODAY
FALL 2010 SEMESTER

Classes start on
August 23, 2010
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505.454.2500 (main campus)
575.483.5009 (Springer)
575.472.1400 (Santa Rosa)
575.387.6760 (Mora)

For one LCC employee, hope is carrying her through the hard times

A Different Perspective

By Jesse Gallegos

It's safe to say that life over the last three years or so hasn't been easy for Luna Community College employee Jeanette Nolan.

Nolan, a humanities instructor for the college, has had more than her share of downturns. Some may say we all have. Perhaps this is true. But to truly understand Nolan's life today, we have to look closer at the journey.

On Sept. 18, 2008 Nolan was told something that we all dread—her father had suffered a severe heart attack. A month later he died. Five months later her mom was diagnosed with cancer. Five weeks after this, she passed away.

This past July 14, Nolan's apartment caught on fire. She was still recovering from the loss of her most precious possessions—her parents—today she finds herself trying to figure out how to recover from losing material things such as clothes, food, furniture which she has taken a huge financial hit.

But throughout this, Nolan still finds a way to smile. Not to give up. To still have hope.

"When my parents passed away, I didn't really react. I didn't have time to react—I was in a state of shock. This past spring I had time to deal with it," she says.



Jeanette Nolan says that although her life hasn't been easy over the last few years, she still has hope for a better future.

Her parents lacked proper health insurance and she was left with the majority of the medical responsibility.

"I have to buy food, dishes, glasses, silverware. All my clothes are in storage (they are smoked damaged). I have renter's insurance to worry about," she says.

Nolan knows that her book isn't on its final chapter.

"I can't stop. My parents dying was difficult on me. I was helping them financially, but I gained independence from that. I looked at it as a new beginning—a rebirth. My apartment burning was another eye-opening experience. I have to budget even better," she says.

Part of the rebirth she has experienced is there are times in life to slow down, but never to put the brakes on a permanent basis.

"I still have a lot of goals. When my parents died my goals didn't die. It's just sad to talk about it," she says.

With her latest tragedy, she has found that people, in general, have goodness in their heart.

"Many individuals have stepped up and helped me out. I'm not one to cry, but I feel very blessed and I want those people that have helped me to be blessed 100 times over," she says. "I want to say thank you everyone that has helped me so far and thank everyone that will help."

Anyone wishing to lend Nolan a hand, can call Diane Ortiz at 505/425-8631 or Nolan at 505/718-2208.

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

- Adjunct Instructors
- Temporary Part-Time Substitute Teacher/Caretakers-Early Childhood Education
- Full Time Computer Science Instructor
- Director-Allied Health Sciences
- Temporary Part-Time Facilitator-First Offender Program (Noches de Familia)

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

HAVE AN ACTIVE IMAGINATION? Do you want to design video games?

If you answered yes, then gives us a visit and learn more about our Video Game Design and Development program (VGDD). The curriculum is designed to provide specific computer programming skills with an opportunity for directing one's studies toward employment in the video game, computer animation, or media arts industry. The emphasis is on learning through experience, teamwork, and communication skills. Courses for the fall semester include the following:

Course ID	Title	Location	Times	Days
VGD106	Script Writing for Video Games	Main	3:00pm – 4:15pm	Monday and Wednesday
VGD128	Intro. To Video Game Development	Main	9:00am – 10:40am	Tuesday and Thursday
VGD130	Art and Computer Animation	Main	5:00pm – 6:40pm	Tuesday and Thursday
VGD147	Game Analysis and Critique	Main	9:00am – 10:40pm	Monday and Wednesday

Register TODAY!

CLASSES START ON AUGUST 23rd

ACCESS Center encourages students to take COMPASS test early

By Melissa Lopez

The fall 2010 semester at Luna Community College is fast approaching, with this being said, LCC would like to encourage high school juniors and seniors to take the COMPASS Test at LCC now during the summer. Taking this test during the summer will eliminate the last minute rush and the pressures that come with it.

COMPASS Testing can be done from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the main campus at Luna Community College or any of the many satellite offices in the surrounding areas. Study guides are

also available for students to pick up at the ACCESS Center in Student Services Building. The test should be taken seriously as the scores will determine class placement. The first time the test is administered it is free and thereafter the cost is \$5 per section or \$10 for the full battery. Please be advised that students can only take the test one time per semester. For this reason, we strongly encourage students to take advantage of early testing. If students test now and don't place where they hoped to they have enough time to get tutoring and retake the test during fall semester.

Ideas become reality at Santa Rosa Satellite

By Victoria Flores

The past year for Luna Community College's Santa Rosa Satellite has been one filled with growth and expansion. From one building with four classrooms, to a future Luna Community College Regional Health and Safety Training Center, ideas are becoming realities. In an effort to provide our citizens with a facility that will encourage good health and nutrition as well as provide safety and self defense trainings, the Santa Rosa Campus began and completed phase I of the LCCRHSTC. In completing Phase I we have added to the beauty of downtown Santa Rosa.

We are in the process of submitting a proposal in order to receive funding for the interior. The LCCRHSTC will continue to bring in students, faculty, and revenue to our school. We have maintained our dual-credit enrollment and are consistent with our on-site enrollment. This past year has also seen the beginnings of our aquaculture program. The course was offered as a dual-credit course and faired exceptionally well with our Santa Rosa High School students. They



Luna Community College—Santa Rosa Satellite.

were able to take field trips and work hands-on with many aspects of the program. The barbering program held at the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility is in full swing and we will have the first set of students, who began in 2009, completing the program this upcoming year.

There is also a new batch of students ready to begin the program. Our GED program was highly successful this past year with several successful completions. The ESL program is off to a great start and is anticipated by many locals. With the availability of online and ITV courses Santa Rosa has been able to "stay in touch" with the main campus offerings and,

hopefully, in the future, the proposal for an increase in distance learning will hold an exceptional impact on student enrollment from Santa Rosa and its surrounding communities. Luna Community College's Santa Rosa Campus plays a vital role in educating and reaching out to those that embrace the opportunity. We are here to serve our citizens and will continue to be here as long as possible.

NEED HELP NAVIGATING YOUR ONLINE CLASSES?

Then you need to attend one of LCC's

Blackboard Student Trainings

- Tuesday, August 10, 2010
- Wednesday, August 11, 2010
- Wednesday, August 18, 2010
- Thursday, August 19, 2010
- Tuesday, August 24, 2010
- Wednesday, August 25, 2010
- Wednesday, September 1, 2010
- Thursday, September 2, 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.

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.



LCC Student Academic Advancement Institute students share their stories at luncheon



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Pictured clockwise are: Joleen Sanchez, a 2009 graduate of West LV, shared her Concurrent Enrollment/Dual Credit testimonial with SAIA students and parents. Sanchez shared that all her credit she earned at LCC transferred to New Mexico State University and encouraged parents to participate in the LCC CE/DC program; April Esquibel, a 2008, Robertson High and LCC graduate, shares her testimonial to SAAI students and parents regarding the benefits and responsibilities of concurrent enrollment/dual credit students. Esquibel graduated a year early from high school and is scheduled to graduate in May, 2011 from UNM at age 19. Esquibel encouraged students to take advantage of dual credit opportunities, spoke about the maturity and responsibility needed by students to be successful, and the assistance provided by the CE/DC office staff; Over 100 students, parents, and LCC staff members participated in the LCC SAIA Parent's Day Luncheon; Janaya Atencio and Shawntel Tenorio, juniors at West LV and participants in the LCC SAIA Program, share their testimonial and Concurrent Enrollment/Dual Credit experiences. Attendees had two guest speakers—LCC President Dr. Pete Campos, IT Director Mike Adams and LCC Vice-President for Academics Dr. Vidal Martinez.



Luna Community College Dental Assisting students take time to take a photo after their last day of summer class recently. Pictured (l-r) are Kimberly Aragon, Maxine Duran, instructor Gloria Pacheco, Carla Ortiz, Amanda Moore, Amy L'Esperance, Crystal Sena, Elizabeth Tarr, Stefani Dominguez, Angelique Marquez, Heather Kline, Jolie Baca, Jessica Sandoval, Roberta Fernandez, Courtney Romero and instructor Dawna Gallegos. All these students completed the dental assisting program.



Luna Community College Dental Assisting student Jessica Sandoval receives a hug from Dental Assisting Instructor Dawna Gallegos during an awards ceremony recently. Also in the photo is Dental Assisting Instructor Gloria Pacheco.



Luna Community College Mass Media Communications Director Rand Kennedy recently filmed a rocket launch display at the college. Kennedy and his students intend to begin filming activities around the college for both historical and practical value.



Patricio Padilla, a student at the Luna Community College Academic Advancement Institute this summer, plays his guitar outside the administration building recently. Padilla is a junior at Robertson High School. Each student accepted into the program received an Educational Care Package (ECP) that includes a book fee waiver, a \$150 stipend, access code fee waiver, distance learning fee waiver and a student ID fee waiver. The SAAI program had approximately 158 students. For more on the program, call 505/454-5377.

Weekly Activities

Monday, Aug. 2, 2011

No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NM Own-Wholesale Market Ready Workshop/Spons: SBDC (Student Services/Conf. Room)

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Public Relations Team Meeting w/ Satellites (LRC/Lect. Hall)

Thursday, Aug. 5, 2010

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. NMAC Board of Director's Meeting/Sponsored: NM Association of Counties (IPC/Cafe)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. LCC Foundation Golf Tournament Meeting (Admn./112-B)

Friday, Aug. 6, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. LCC Athletics Orientation (Allied Health/LO-1)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Passenger Assistance Training/ Spons:CDD (LRC/Lect. Hall)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. NMAC Board of Director's Meeting/Sponsored: NM Association of Counties (IPC/Cafe)

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. LCC Athletics Orientation "Luncheon"(Gen.Stud/Courtyard)

Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010

No Activities Scheduled



The 2010-11 Luna Community College Title V are (l-r) are: Online Student Services Developer John Tiernan; Distance Education Technician Rick Roybal; Administrative Assistant Michelle Bencomo; Project Director Lorraine Martinez and Instructional Designer Larry Paiz. Title V continues to strive for efficiency and student success. For more information on Title V, call 505/454-5375.