

# The Luna Light



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**Fall Luna Community College Dental Assisting students prepare for patient care as they take a CPR class for certification with nursing faculty member Sharon Olguin. Pictured clockwise are: Jessica Sanchez, Randee Crespin, Perla Duran, Eliza Cordova, Jacqueline Trambley and April Griego.**

## Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

*Congress has proclaimed the week of Sept. 13 – 19 as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. We should all take this opportunity to get the word out to the community about these valuable services. The National Coalition for Literacy has a website with some advocacy ideas. Their address is: <http://www.ncladvocacy.org/aeff.html>*

Twenty percent of New Mexicans age 16 and older have literacy skills at level 1, the lowest level on a scale of 1 to 5. Each literacy level is associated with a specific set of skills that are generally accepted as necessary for full participation in society. Individuals at level 1, for example, have difficulty locating simple information in a news article or applying basic math to determine the total on a sales receipt.

Nationally, level 1 estimates range from a low of 11 percent in Alaska, Utah, and Wyoming to a high of 37 percent in the District of Columbia. The national average for individuals at level 1 or below is 21 percent. Within New Mexico, level 1 estimates range from a low of five percent in Los Alamos County to a high of 35 percent in Luna County.

In terms of literacy level 2, 46 percent of New Mexico's population is at this level or below. As a benchmark in practical terms, nearly two-thirds (64 percent) of all jobs today require literacy skills beyond level 2, while only 12 percent require skills at level 1 and 24 percent at level 2, according to a study by the Milken Institute.

New Mexico's 28 Adult education programs served more than 23,000 adults in the 2008-2009 year, an increase of 15 percent over the previous year. The number of Adult Education students who met the goal of “enter employment” was the highest ever reported for New Mexico. In addition, 2,117 adults achieved their GED in that year and 65 percent transitioned to college.

In this time of slow economic recovery, adult education in New Mexico is more important and necessary than ever. It is up to us to let our community, our representatives and the nation know about our programs and the positive effects that we have for individuals looking to improve their lives.

## Fall enrollment shows increase

Enrollment in the fall of 2010 showed a healthy increase to the fall of 2009, according to a report read to the Luna Community College Board of Trustees from LCC Vice-President for Academics Dr. Vidal Martinez last Wednesday.

According to Martinez, student head count as of day 12 this semester is 1,990 compared to 1,722 last fall. As far as credit hours, day 12 showed a total of 15,296 as compared to 13,259 at the same time last fall.



## CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION

### **CRITERION ONE: *MISSION & INTEGRITY***

The organization operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff and students.

### **CRITERION TWO: *PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE***

The organization's allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities.

### **CRITERION THREE: *STUDENT LEARNING & EFFECTIVE TEACHING***

The organization provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness that demonstrates it is fulfilling its educational mission.

### **CRITERION FOUR: *ACQUISITION, DISCOVERY, & APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE***

The organization promotes a life of learning for its faculty, administration, staff, and students by fostering and supporting inquiry, creativity, practice, and social responsibility in ways consistent with its mission.

### **CRITERION FIVE: *ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE***

As called for by its mission, the organization identifies its constituencies and serves them in ways both value.







**Luna Community College Dental Assistant Program welcomes students for the fall semester. For more on this program, call 505/454-2528.**



**Luna Community College cosmetology student Kenneth Ulibarri shows LCC Board of Trustees member Ambrose Castellano a photo of the tile at the cosmetology lab. The board agreed that the college would repair the tiling.**



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# Overcoming New Mexico's economic crisis

By Dr. Pete Campos

Daily, reality reminds even the most optimistic among us: the sour New Mexico economy cannot turn around fast enough to avoid even more cuts to state services. Our challenge now is to work equally hard at minimizing the harm from those cuts and at maximizing our economy's ability to recover.

We have the human and natural resources, when wisely developed, not only to survive but to thrive in today's economy. We're all in this together, and there are several things we can do as residents and as policymakers during this difficult time that can help us both individually and as a state.

For example, tourism is one of our economy's drivers, and we should take advantage of the fact that New Mexico is an attractive and affordable destination. New Mexico has an abundance of state parks that are attractive for day trips or overnight camping (go to [www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/ParkTours.htm](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/ParkTours.htm)), and communities across the state play host to a variety of interesting, entertaining and exciting events virtually every day (click on [www.newmexico.org/calendar/events](http://www.newmexico.org/calendar/events)). Towns like Springer and Ruidoso are great places to shop for antiques, and sports fans and families looking for affordable fun can take in an Isotopes, Lobos or Aggies game. Local chambers of commerce, the Tourism Department and the Economic Development Department are encouraged to cooperate in touting New Mexico as a tourist destination for both New Mexicans and out-of-staters.

New Mexicans looking for an affordable vacation need look no further than home, which would both help their own checkbooks as well as that of local businesses and governments. And any resources we devote to attracting tourists from surrounding states are returned to the state many times over as those dollars are imported into New Mexico.

It is important during these tough economic times for families to prudently manage their expenses, cutting back where they can

and saving more. But it is also important for all of us to remember that if we cut back too much on our personal spending, we do very real damage to the local economies and local governments. Money that we spend locally helps our local businesses, local suppliers and local governments.

Another economic driver in New Mexico is the oil and gas industry. While it is important to protect our state's environment (after all, New Mexico's clean and healthy environment is one of the things that attracts so many

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tourists), we must balance that with the need to grow the oil and gas industry, which provides jobs and a significant source of revenue for our public schools and health and public safety programs. It may be that some regulations are best left to local, not state, regulators. And in all cases, the potential benefit of a particular regulation must be carefully weighed against its cost to economic recovery, stability and, eventually, prosperity.

State government has a role to play when it comes to supporting a strong economy by thoughtful investment in infrastructure. State and local policymakers must evaluate our infrastructure — everything from roads to community centers — and apply precious available resources where they are needed, not just where they are wanted. Good transportation systems, diverse cultural and community resources, up-to-date water and wastewater systems and modern public safety facilities are important to businesses — and their owners and managers — that are looking to relocate

or expand.

For their part, state policymakers must continue to invest wisely in our public schools and health care systems. We will only achieve our full potential when students enter school healthy and graduate from school ready to meet the challenges of the workplace or of higher education. Good schools are the best economic development incentive a state can offer. The latest report card on our schools' efforts to achieve adequate yearly progress shows some glimmer of hope but also shows how far we have to go to be successful.

Business owners and top executives want to know that they'll have a broad, deep pool of workers from which to draw and that their children and the children of their employees will have an opportunity to learn in good schools. We can and must do a better job of educating ourselves and our children. This is the time to bring New Mexico's education leaders and educators, policymakers and parents and business and labor

leaders together to plan a holistic future for our public education system. Rather than continuing the piecemeal approach to reforming our schools, we must change course immediately and work toward a complete overhaul of our schools and then be prepared to commit the money, time and effort necessary to implement those reforms.

Even though state money is tight, we cannot afford to hurt our children's futures by cutting back on education spending, nor can we callously tell those who cannot afford health care that they'll no longer receive our assistance. As our population ages, affordable health care will be even more critical to our economic and social well-being.

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# 8 WEEK COURSES

Course	Sec	Hours	Title	Days	Dates	Times	Campus	Bldg	Room	Instructor	Reg/Max
ASE101E	01	3.0	Intrdtn to Renewable Energy (DL)	-M-W---	10/18/10 - 12/10/10	7:00PM - 9:50PM	EWEB	MAIN		Jenicka, D	1/20
CSA208E	02	3.0	Microsoft Access (DL)	----RFS	10/18/10 - 12/10/10	5:00PM - 7:30PM	EWEB	MAIN		Lobato, B	0/15
ENG115E	20	3.0	Freshman Composition II (DL)	-MTW---	10/18/10 - 12/10/10	3:00PM - 4:40PM	EWEB	SPRC		Goodyear,S	15/20
PE117	02	1.0	Kickboxing and Step Combo	-MTW---	10/18/10 - 12/10/10	1:00PM - 2:15PM	MAIN	WELL		Marr-Monto	3/30
PSYC101E	20	3.0	Introduction to Psychology (DL)	-M-W---	10/18/10 - 12/10/10	6:00PM - 8:50PM	EWEB	SPRG		Robbins, J	14/20
PSYC242E	02	3.0	Developmental Life Span (DL)	---WR--	10/20/10 - 12/10/10	9:00AM - 11:50AM	EWEB	MAIN		Hughes, R	11/20
DTEC101	02	3.0	Engnmg Graphics & Basic AutoCAD	-M-W---	10/18/10 - 12/10/10	5:00PM - 8:50PM	MAIN	TECH	106	Ortega, L	0/15
DTEC107	01	3.0	Intermediate AutoCAD	---T-R--	10/19/10 - 12/10/10	5:00PM - 8:50PM	MAIN	TECH	106	Ortega, L	0/15
DTEC109	02	3.0	Intro. to Architectural Drafting	-M-W-F-	10/18/10 - 12/10/10	8:00AM - 10:20AM	MAIN	TECH	106	Ortega, L	0/15
CSA150	06	3.0	Computer Fundamentals	-MTWR--	10/18/10 - 12/10/10	3:00PM - 4:40PM	MAIN	BUS	107	Lobato, B	0/15
STGS143	02	3.0	Introduction to Film History	---T-R--	10/19/10 - 12/10/10	6:00PM - 8:50PM	MAIN	BUS	117	{Staff}	0/20
STGS148	02	3.0	Intrdtn to Film Prodcn Workflow	-M-W-F-	10/18/10 - 12/10/10	8:00AM - 9:40AM	MAIN	BUS	117	{Staff}	

FOR A UPDATED LISTING OF CLASSES VISIT [www.luna.edu](http://www.luna.edu)

All WebCT courses are assessed a distance learning fee of \$25.00. All distance learning courses are signified by (DL). Contact instructor or academic department for actual meeting time for courses with a begin/end time of TBA.

## Weekly Activities

### Monday, Sept. 13, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Basic Detention Officer Academy Training (LRC/Lecture Hall)  
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies/Room 102-B)

### Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Basic Detention Officer Academy Training (Wellness Center)  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Forest Management Classroom Training (LRC/Lecture Hall)  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CODA Dental Accreditation (Allied Health/LO-1)  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. CODA Dental Accreditation "Luncheon" (IPC/Physical Therapy Room)

### Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Forest Management Classroom Training (LRC/Lecture Hall)  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Basic Detention Officer Academy Training (General Studies/Room 108)  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CODA Dental Accreditation (Allied Health/LO-1)  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Telehealth Ethics Consultation Training (Bus. Stud./Rm.101)

### Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. National Constitution Day Campus Activities (Admn. /Hallway)  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Forest Management Classroom Training (LRC/Lecture Hall)  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Basic Detention Officer Academy Training (Wellness Center)  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Public Relations Meeting with Santa Rosa & Mora (LRC/Conference Room)

### Friday, Sept. 17, 2010

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Monthly Water Board Meeting (Technologies/Room 126-B)  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Basic Detention Officer Academy Training (Wellness Center) 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Presentation (LRC/Lecture Hall)

### Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. C.N.A. Testing (Allied Health/N7&3)  
7:15 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Regional Early Care and Education Conference (RECEC) (General Studies/Room 101, 103, 104, 109 & 110)  
7:15 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Regional Early Care and Education Conference (RECEC) (IPC/Cafeteria)  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Basic Detention Officer Academy Training (General Studies/Room 108)





**Luna Community College student-athletes have started their workouts in preparation for the 2011 softball and baseball season. Pictured (top) are softball players doing calisthenics before practice on Friday. In the bottom photo, LCC Baseball Coach Antonio Siqueiros tells his players about the importance of showing up to practice on time.**