

# The Luna Light



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

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**Luna Community College Day Care students take time for a photo as they trick and treated across campus recently.**

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**Luna Community College Financial Aid Director Regina A. Madrid was recently awarded the Philo Brasher Emerging Leadership Award. The award is given to an up-and-coming leader that is dedicated and has extraordinary leadership skills. As the winner from New Mexico Regina will receive a \$500 scholarship to be given to a student at Luna Community College.**



## I know LCC will come through

*By Jesse Gallegos  
A Different  
Perspective*

It’s often been said it is better to give than to receive. I tend to agree. But in today’s society we seem to have more things going on than ever before.

In a simple statement—life at times isn’t easy. We all have to go to work every day, take care of our families (during the good and bad times) and when the opportunity arises enjoy life.

But throughout our daily routine none of us can ever forget about the less fortunate in society. Luna Community College, like it has in the past, is having a food drive. And although donations have come in slower this year, I know that our college will come through.

Here are some tips that I used this weekend that proved to be effective. Ask your family to donate some non-perishable items. Two of my sisters came through with about 30 items. One sister, gave me money to buy two turkeys for our students.

I’m going to make a bold prediction: in the end, this year’s food drive will be the best ever. I have confidence in Luna Community College. I have confidence that our college will come through.



## 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.



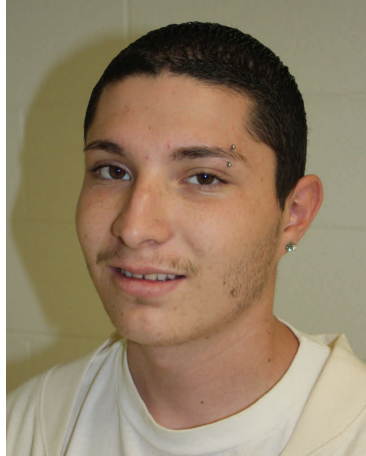
# Luna CC speaks out

What is the nicest thing anyone in education has done for you?



**Amanda Lucero**  
**Business**

“Last spring I was recognized for helping students during the semester.”



**Aaron Benavidez**  
**Cosmetology**

“Cynthia Riley motivates me to be successful in school so I can have a better future of what my past has been.”



**Harry Anderson**  
**Instructor in**  
**School of Business**

“An adjunct lecturer in graduate school made a calculus course and it left the blackboard and came and sat next to me.”



**Tammy Garcia**  
**Nursing**

“Carol Romero, a GED teacher helped me and encouraged me a lot. She was always telling me to keep going with my education.”



**Luna Community College Dr. Pete Campos addresses fire science students. Campos talked about the importance and opportunity this field has to offer.**

Luna Community College fire science students received hands-on skills training in hose and water streams, recently. The training provided students an opportunity to experience water flow, hose techniques and advancement and water stream patterns. The significance of the exercise was to teach techniques and the importance of teamwork in firefighting.



## LCC OFFICE OF RECRUITMENT WEEK OF Nov. 8-Nov. 13

Monday, Nov. 8— no activities planned  
 Tuesday, Nov. 9— KFUN Radio, 8 a.m., promoting LCC Spring classes, Community Ed.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 10 –KNMX Radio, LCC Show w/ Jesse Gallegos, 1 p.m.  
 Thursday, Nov. 11- College/Career Fair-Alamo Navajo Community School, 9 a.m.-noon.  
 Friday, Nov. 12- College Night Meeting @ NMHU  
 Saturday, Nov. 13- Bridges to Success, Taos Career Fair, 10 a.m.

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

- Temporary Part-Time As Needed Substitute Teacher/Caretaker-Preschool/Education
  - Nursing Retention Specialist/Instructor Medical Surgical
  - Full-Time Office Manager-AHEC Department
  - Temporary Full-Time Project Specialist-BCS-ACE Program
  - Temporary Full-Time Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Coordinator
- 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  
 LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL POSITION POSTING FOLLOW THE LCC AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.

## Weekly activities

### Monday, Nov. 8, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Skills USA Cosmetology “Snack Shack” (Admn./Room108)  
 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. NCA Focus Visit Team Members Meeting (LRC/Lecture Hall)  
 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. NCA Focus Visit Team Members Meeting (Bus.Stud/Rm117)  
 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies/Room 102-B)

### Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Skills USA Cosmetology “Breakfast Stop” (Administration/Hallway & General Studies/Hallway)  
 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Skills USA Cosmetology “Snack Shack” (Admn./Room108)

### Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Skills USA Cosmetology “Snack Shack” (Admn./Room108)

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. NM Behavioral Health Adult Resident Care Meeting/  
 Spons: AHEC (LRC/Lecture Hall)

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees “Work Session”(Stud.Serv/Conf.Rm)

### Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Skills USA Cosmetology “Snack Shack” (Admn./Room108)

### Friday, Nov. 12, 2010

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Las Vegas Land Grant Board Meeting (Stud.Serv/Conf.Rm)

### Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010

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

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Class (General Studies/Room 102-B)



**DO YOU WANT TO HIT  
THE SLOPES THIS  
WINTER?**

**COME TO THE LCC  
SKI & SNOWBOARD  
CLUB**

**2<sup>nd</sup> ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY Nov. 10 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Science, Math, & Engineering  
Tech LOBBY**

**Dr. Andrew Feldman  
Sponsor**

**454-5306 x1050 for information**

# LCC and hands-on experience



Luna Community College building technology students on Friday received first-hand experience on how to do a foundation pour. The students, along with instructor Joseph Montoya, worked on a foundation for a new teaching module building that will be built by students next to the trades department. Pictured clockwise are: Montoya and Kevin Gutierrez; Anthony Martinez and Peter Olivas; Ralph Gallegos, Gutierrez and Montoya; Isaiah Dominguez, Montoya, Joseph Quintana and Gallegos; Dominguez and Quintana; Gallegos and Montoya. .



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**Luna Community College nursing student Luciano Romero is pictured here with former NFL Rookie of the Year Don Woods. Romero is a lifetime Chargers fan. Woods was in town recently signing autographs from his playing days with the San Diego Chargers.**

## LCC Luminaria Drive set for Dec. 4

It's that time of the year again, our LCCs Annual Luminaria Drive is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4.

We are looking for individuals who may be interested in serving on our planning committee. We are only a few weeks away from this event and we need to get the ball rolling.

Approximately 235 bags were distributed to each department recently.

We need everyone's assistance in folding bags. We are setting a short deadline (Nov. 15) to pick up folded bags. Our grounds maintenance staff will be filling bags with sand and candles.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance. We appreciate volunteers and assistance to make this years Luminaria Drive a success.

## Luna CC nursing students sponsoring coat drive

The Luna Community College Student Nurses Association is running their First Children's Coat Drive. Donation boxes have been placed around campus. If you have any unwanted new or used coats please take them to the Allied Health Building, the Fiscal Office, or the Student Support Services Building. Coats will be donated to local school children on Dec. 1, 2010.

Let's work together to provide a warm winter for children in need!

Thank You from the Student Nurses Association.

## LCC Food Harvest Tally

The Luna Community College-Food Harvest Outreach goal is 200 food baskets for the November distribution and 200 food baskets for the December distribution.

- Canned Vegetables Goal: November 400 cans (Goal change from 1000 to 400) (400 cans received) Goal met: Nov. 8, 2010—December 400 cans (Goal change from 1000 to 400)(13 cans received; 387 cans still needed) (Donations continue and are forthcoming)
- Stuffing Goal: November 200 boxes/packages (39 boxes received; 161 boxes/packages needed) Donations continue and are forthcoming—December 200 boxes/packages (200 needed; donations continue and are forthcoming)
- Canned Milk Goal: November 400 (54 received; donations continue and are forthcoming- One can evaporated milk will be placed in each food basket rather than 2). Goal change from 400 to 200. 146 Cans still needed.—December 400 (Goal change from 400 to 200) (200 cans of milk still needed) (Donations continue and are still forthcoming)
- Canned Fruit Goal: November 400 cans (Goal change from 1000 to 400)(52 cans received) (148 cans still needed) (Donations continue and are forthcoming)—December 400 cans (Goal change from 1000 to 400) (400 cans needed) (Donations continue and are forthcoming)
- Turkey Goal: November 200— December 200
- Gravy Goal: November 400 (Goal Reached: Nov. 8, 2010)—December 400 (400 envelopes/cans needed)
- Instant Mashed Potatoes Goal: November 200 (16 received) (184 packages/boxes needed) (Donations continue and are forthcoming)—December 200 (200 packages/boxes needed) (Donations continue and are forthcoming)—December 200

# Our next step

By Dr. Pete Campos

A small crowd gathered outside the administration building on Friday afternoon about 5:30. One employee asked me; what are you still doing here, it's time to go home? I answered; I'm here because I love Luna. I've given serious thought to my spontaneous and heartfelt response throughout this past weekend. Our college, as well as the world, has experienced some tough economic times during the past two years. There has been a claw back in revenues by the state that has led to a reduction in our operational budget, residents from our service area are seeking employment opportunity leading to some leaving the area, and Bond D which would have authorized the sale of bonds for a \$5 million renovation project for our trades buildings was defeated this past election.

So, what is our next step? It really gets to the heart of who we are, what we are truly committed to and how we will unselfishly move ahead. *It is going to take our love for Luna and her mission to make a positive difference in the lives of our students.*

Here are some thoughts. 1] We must improve our trades facilities and upgrade our trades equipment; 2] We have the opportunity to strengthen our on-line educational services system and become a more competitive provider of education around the globe; 3] We all have the potential to take classes, gain more valuable experiences and earn new degrees; 4] It is inevitable that we deliver more with less financial re-

sources to students; 5] We must genuinely speak well of each other and enthusiastically promote our mission; and, 6] It is to the benefit of our service area that we fully support our well established programs like nursing and new programs that will keep movie making strong in northeastern New Mexico.

Think about it. To accomplish these quests and many others, it is going to take constant self-reflection, careful strategic planning and wise alignment of our fiscal resources, more personal energy and most importantly, a strong unequivocal commitment to our students. I've continued to say throughout my career, "we had our chance as students, now it's time for us to give our best so today's students will be best served." In the end, the way we make life better for all of us is to approach our responsibilities with full commitment, a can-do attitude and rekindled faith in each other.

Decisions are often made that we don't like or agree with, we sometimes become frustrated with the way our lives are going and circumstances don't always go our way. Our next step is monumental yet basic.

*By practicing positive creative thinking, appreciating and efficiently utilizing what we have, motivating each other to succeed, focusing on what is best for students, and letting go of those things we do not have control over; we'll weather through this perfect storm, thrive and find solutions to those things that hinder our daily lives and our college will be better for it.*

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**Several Luna Community College dental assisting students recently held a group study session at The Rough Rider Grill. Pictured clockwise are: Justine Garcia, Christina Castillo, Randee Crespín, Martha Gonzales, Eliza Cordova, Perla Duran, Jessica Sanchez, April Griego, Laura Armijo and Jacqueline Trambley.**