

The Luna Light



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

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Luna Community College nursing student Sherry Gallegos gives community member Modesta Macy an H1N1 shot at a influenza vaccination clinic that was held on campus on Jan. 12. Over 100 vaccinations were given that day.

We’ve made changes—LCC students are the beneficiaries

By Dr. Pete Campos

Our esteemed Luna Community College family can be very proud of the changes that have occurred and what that change has meant for students. Some of the pivotal changes include: 1] a chain of command that is crucial to the integrity, efficiency and accountability of our institution; 2] a budget where surgical cuts have been made, wise strategic planning has taken place and employees have undertaken more responsibility to unselfishly and unconditionally ensure student success; 3] significant and relevant program changes have been made that will lead to a more effective pathway of study for all students; 4] the initial indicators of our strategic planning has shown we can revamp, rekindle and reconnect our mission with today’s students and their educational needs; and, 5] Luna’s success has been a result of our terrific staff, the community at-large and most noticeably, the trust student’s have placed in us to prepare them for their future.

Mahatma Gandhi, Preeminent leader of Indian nationalism, is well noted for saying, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” I meet with our Leadership Advisory Team on a regular basis. We discuss educational issues,

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Important financial aid announcements

Any student who is receiving financial assistance through the LCC Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) and will be concurrently enrolled at New Mexico Highlands University or any other post-secondary institution for the 2010 spring session, **must file a Consortium Agreement with the LCC OSFA by Feb. 5, 2010.** Federal regulations require that such an agreement be completed for students receiving financial assistance and concurrently attending another post-secondary institution.

Consortium Agreements are available at the LCC OSFA. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please call us at (505) 454-2560.

Students who have applied for student financial assistance are reminded that an LCC student ID card must be presented to the LCC Business Office to receive any financial assistance disbursements and the LCC Book Store to purchase any books and supplies.

LCC student ID cards may be obtained at the LCC Business Office. **If you have not already obtained your ID card, you are strongly encouraged to do so as soon as possible.**

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at 505/454-2534, 505/454-5324 or 505/454-2560.

Information provided by the LCC Financial Aid Office

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Donna Flores says LCC has a tremendous opportunity for growth and learning

Name: Donna Flores

Position: Vice President of Finance & Administration

How many years at LCC (what year did you start)?

I'm pleased to say June will mark my 10th anniversary and if the next 10 pass as quickly, I'll be retired in no time!

Favorite food and why? I love chicken stir-fry because it's flavorful, nutritious and easy to prepare and except for dairy you've just about got a full meal in one dish.

Favorite hobby and why? The thing I do all the time is more of a lifestyle than a hobby and that's my time in prayer and bible study. I meet quietly with God in the morning and it's a special time which helps me in all areas of my life; I would be a bigger mess without it.

Favorite TV show and why? I don't have a favorite TV show but I like certain channels more: The History Channel, Nat GO, Fit TV, Jeopardy, Lifetime and the Christian channels including 826 on satellite radio. I like to hear teachers like Skip Heitzeig, Bob Coy, Beth Moore, Joyce Meyer, James McDonald and Charles Stanley.



Donna Flores says that she would like Luna Community College employees to promote the next local bond election.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? God willing, I will be here at LCC, and expanding my small speaking engagements at our church, Calvary Chapel Las Vegas. I also have a dream to visit Italy and/or Israel within that timeframe.

What do you like best about LCC? The tremendous opportunity for growth and learning; Higher education is a dynamic and evolving environment conducive to challenges and rewards.

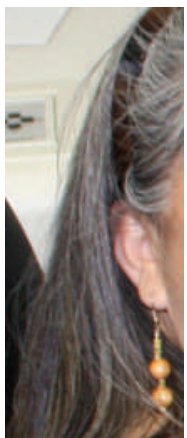
What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? Many of our buildings are old and we can all help in promoting the next local bond election which would bring us the resources to

address these high cost projects. That being said, smiles are an instant face-lift for any space!

What is your greatest strength? Being a middle child of thirteen (13) has helped make me flexible and prone to accept things I cannot change. However, it also helped me to learn to fight for things that are worth fighting for.

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

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful,"—
Herman Cain.

Meet your Rough Riders



Jamie Montoya

Name: Jamie Montoya
Nickname: Gus/J-Dogg
Position: Third Base/Utility
Major: Liberal Arts
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Estancia
High School: Estancia High
Previous college or high school: Estancia High
Parents and family: Joseph/father; Jennifer, mother; Delfina, sister; Andrea, sister; Francisco, brother; Adrienne, sister; Aiden, nephew and Evan, nephew.
What are your interests? Reading, laughing, massage therapy and make-up.

College or high school honors: Scholar-athlete, 2008 Defensive Player of the Year and North-All-Star in 2008.

Plans after graduation? Start the next chapter of my life.

Favorite pro athlete: Lebron James

Whom do you admire the most and why? My parents! They are my world and the blood flowing through my veins. They made me who I am today.

Name: A.J. Trujillo
Nickname: Beezy
Position: Third Base
Major: Business management
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Santa Fe
High School: Santa Fe High
Previous college or high school: Santa Fe High
Parents and family: Charmaine Koroncouse, mother and Art Trujillo, father.
What are your interests? Baseball

College or high school honors: Getting a scholarship to play college ball.

Plans after graduation? To go as far as I can in baseball and get a good education.

Favorite pro athlete: Ozzie Smith and Derek Jeter

Whom do you admire the most and why? Jesus, because he gave up his life for mine.



A.J. Trujillo



Marcos Griego

Name: Marcos Griego
Position: Second baseman/pitcher
Major: Liberal Arts
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Albuquerque, N.M.
High School: Valley High
Previous college or high school: Cochise College
Parents and family: Michelle Vargas, mother.
What are your interests? Hunting, fishing, and playing sports.

College or high school honors: All-district football and

baseball, all-state football and baseball.

Favorite pro athlete: Derek Jeter.

Correction: In last week's *Luna Light*, editor Jesse Gallegos incorrectly identified Jamie Montoya's name. The error was made in reporting.

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Pictured in the LCC Dental Health Class photo are (l-r): Kimberly Aragon, Heather Kline, Maxine Duran, Angelique Marquez, Quenta Two Charger, Stefani Dominguez, Jessica Sandoval, Jolie Baca, Jenine Lopez, Cortney Romero, Roberta Fernandez, Carla Ortiz, Elizabeth Tarr, Krystal Sena, Amy L'Esperance, Amanda Moore, and Germaine Padilla. For more on the LCC Dental Health Program, call 505/454-2528.

Celebrity Look-Alike Contest

We are asking individuals to vote on which Luna Community College employee looks more like their celebrity look-alike. Please e-mail your vote to jgallegos@luna.edu or by calling extension 1200. Votes will be taken until 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25. Remember this is all in fun.



Janice Medrano

and



Lynda Carter

or



John Tiernan

and



Mitch English



We've made changes...

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arrive at solutions through consensus and team members in turn, then meet with the personnel assigned to their departments and communicate our direction as a college to them. Because of this well documented, highly honed and proven course of direction, "our students have become the primary beneficiaries" and we'll only get better on behalf of those who choose us as their provider of knowledge, wisdom, experience and education. Additionally, other benefactors of our commitment to students are community members, employers, families and society in general.

Charles Darwin, an English Naturalist, said, "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, not the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change." We will survive because 18 months ago we refocused on our journey towards change. That meant a better tailored, leaner and more efficient educational institution. Classes and educational programs are now clearly relevant to the times, "they are what students needed and wanted." Now we are positioned to provide rigorous core classes, stronger programs from nursing to the trade disciplines. The New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED), Public Education Department (PED), parents and the community have recognized our great strides and advancement. They are pleased with our all-out approach to achieve the highest level of rigor, accountability, professionalism and production.

A quote was found but the source is unknown that says it best, "You can't expect to meet the challenges of today with yesterday's

tools and expect to be in business tomorrow." I wish to share a few other quotes with you in this paragraph in hopes that the real message of change resonates within you. Winston Churchill, a British politician, said, "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." George Bernard Shaw, an Irish Writer, said, "Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." Benjamin Franklin, an American statesman, said, "When you're finished changing, you're finished."

If you haven't already committed, are you ready to come on board? We need you as an anchor for the well-being of Luna Community College. Whether you are a student, employee or community supporter, "you do make the difference." ***The face of our college is the community.*** Our fine institution belongs to all of us! As taxpayers, tuition payers or foundation contributors, we add to the luster of this remarkable and stable institution of higher learning because we are unequivocally ready to invest in and shepherd the change, growth and well-being of the college that has shaped so many careers.

I believe Luna will be a cutting-edge institution of the northeast quadrant of New Mexico for generations to come. I love this generation and remain dedicated to meet their hopes, dreams and expectations! Adlai E. Stevenson said, "Nothing so dates a man as to decry the younger generation." *Let us not think of ourselves at this time in our lives, but of those who are coming after us - for they will care for us as we have cared for them.*



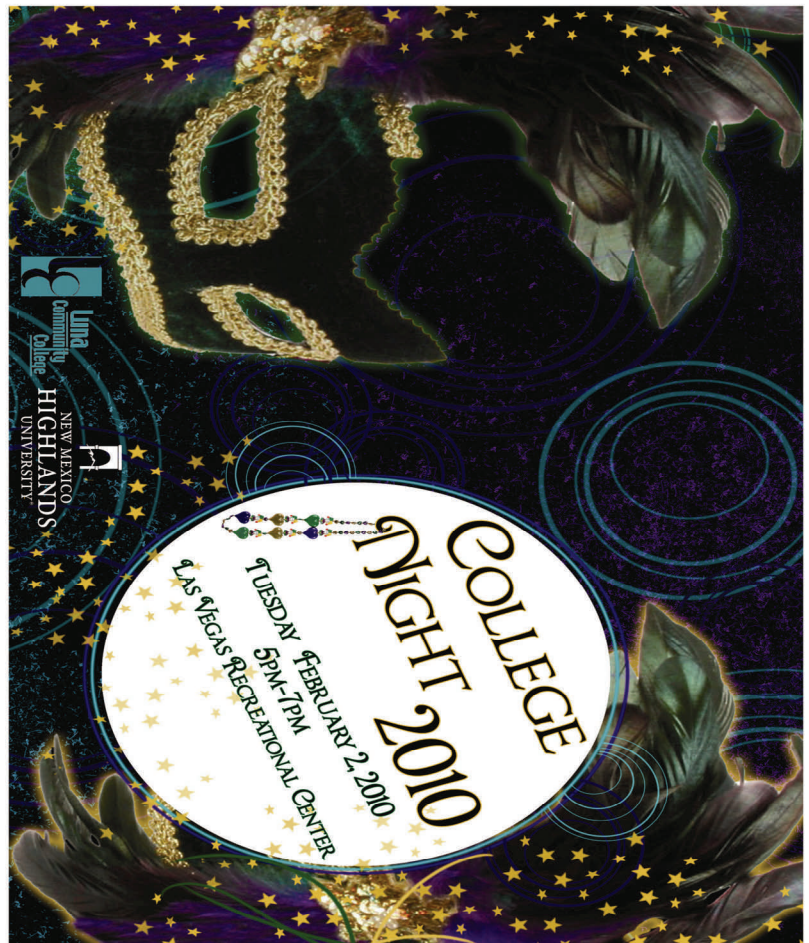
Luna Community College baseball players Dominic Mendoza, William Mathis, Hector Nevarez and Cameron Fafard do some pre-season conditioning on campus recently. For more on the baseball and softball team, see next week's edition of *The Luna Light*.

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Luna Community College Humanities Instructor Tomas Garcia was invited to the Oxford Round Table and to the Sixth International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability at the University of Cuenca in Cuenca, Ecuador. Garcia was also nominated for Who's Who in America.

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NEED HELP NAVIGATING YOUR ONLINE CLASSES?

Then you need to attend one of LCC's

Blackboard Student Trainings

- . Tuesday, January 12, 2010
- . Wednesday, January 13, 2010
- . Wednesday, January 20, 2010
- . Thursday, January 21, 2010
- . Tuesday, January 26, 2010
- . Wednesday, January 27, 2010
- . Wednesday, February 3, 2010
- . Thursday, February 4, 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.*

West Las Vegas Health Center providing free services

By Yolanda Carrillo

Just a reminder to all parents about the FREE services being provided by your student health center. All West Las Vegas students may take advantage of the free medical and behavioral health services being provided by the center. All parents should have completed and signed a parent consent form so their child may take advantage of these services. If not please come by or call Mrs. Carrillo @ 426-2564 to complete a Parent Registration Consent Form.

We are located in the Technology Building right behind the football field.

The WLV Student Health Center is now a VFC Provider. What this means is that any student with the WLV district may now receive their immunization vaccine here at their very own health center. We **must** have a **Student Health Center Parent Consent Form** as well as a **School Immunization Parent Consent Form** which has been

provided by the (NMSIIS) New Mexico Statewide Immunization Information System.

The school nurse who oversees school immunization records may now refer a student to the center who is not up to date with their vaccinations after she has made this determination after reviewing the students' records to bring this student into compliance with school requirements and school immunization schedules.

The goal of the program is to ensure all students are properly immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases. Please remember parents all services are free to your child all you have to do is make an appointment with Mrs. Carrillo to be seen by one of our clinic providers

If you have any questions you may contact our health center coordinator Mrs. Carrillo @ 426-2564 during school hours.

WLV STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

Call Mrs. Carrillo for an Appointment

Call Office @426-2564 for an appointment or cell @ 429-3981

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Muscle Spasms & Sprains
Nosebleeds
Open Wounds
Pregnancy Tests
Questions about Health
Rashes
Sports Physicals
Tonsillitis
Upper Respiratory Infections
Vision Tests

Weight Problems
seXually Transmitted Diseases
Yucky Feelings
Zits



Luna Community College students receive glucose testing training during orientation at St. Vincent's Hospital in Santa Fe recently. For more on the nursing program, call 505/454-2521.

Photo by Karla Garcia.



Luna Community College's Marcella Cannone, who was a longtime copy center employee, is now an informational specialist located in the administration building.

Job opportunity for LCC students

By Renee Maestas

BJ Trujillo from Silva & Grano Law firm has contacted us and wants to announce a part-time position with their firm for a filing clerk (2 to 4 hours a day, M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Anyone interested may submit their resume by faxing to 505.426.9011 or e-mailing to bjt@nmtrialteam.com.

All correspondence should be sent to the attention of BJ Trujillo. Silva & Grano Law firm is located at 1920 7th St., Las Vegas, NM 87701.

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