

The Luna Light



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Luna Community College students ready to bring home SkillsUSA gold



For the past few months they have studied, prepared and raised money.

On Friday, March 26 members of the Luna Community College SkillsUSA organization will be competing at the state competition in Albuquerque in several categories. First-place finishers there will compete at nationals in June in Kansas City.

Competing for LCC will be Anne Wu, Kraig Jaramillo, Jonathan Urioste, Kelina Powell, Adolfo Bachicha, Gary Gamertsfelder and Ricardo Baca.

Wu and Jaramillo will participate in the culinary competition. Urioste and Powell will compete in auto service technology. Urioste and Powell will also compete in prepared speech and extemporaneous speaking, respectively. Bachicha, Gamertsfelder and Baca will compete in automotive collision repair. Chris Trujillo and Jeremiah Gutierrez will represent LCC as voting delegates.

“This is the first time that a student from Luna’s culinary department will compete in four or five years, but I think they will do very well,” said LCC Culinary Arts Instructor Chef Adrienne O’Brien.

O’Brien will be one of the judges in the secondary competition. LCC students compete in the post-secondary category.

“I’m looking forward to competing,” said Wu. “I’m pretty nervous, but my goal is to win. I’m happy to represent Luna Community College. Some members of our club are coming up to support us.”

Jaramillo also says he is looking to do well at the competition.

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LCC students will be competing at the SkillsUSA competition. Pictured (top photo, l-r) Chef Adrienne O’Brien (instructor), Kraig Jaramillo and Anne Wu. (Bottom photo, l-r) Gene Sandoval (instructor), Jeremiah Gutierrez, Joshua Urioste, Gary Gamertsfelder, Ricardo Baca, Adolfo Bachicha, Chris Trujillo, Gilbert Martinez (instructor) instructor and Anthony Baca (instructor). Not pictured is Kelina Powell.

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Student Academic Advancement Institute

Summer 2010

The mission of the LCC Student Academic Advancement Institute (SAAI) is to help high school students achieve academic success and to support their educational goals. The program recruits high motivated high school juniors and seniors who can matriculate to Luna Community College. Along with college course enrollment (refer to web-site for course listing), students also participate in academic advancement seminars. The seminars provide academic support for student success.

Seminar Schedule

Week 1 – "How to Succeed in College"

Week 2 – "Increase Motivation"

Week 3 – "Leadership in City Government"

Week 4 – "Increase Self-Esteem"

Week 5 – "Develop More Confidence"

Week 6 – "Money and Finances"

Week 7 – "Managing Stress"

Who is eligible?

High School students who are classified as a Junior or Senior for the 2010-2011 academic school year.

How do I apply?

The **first step** in applying for the SAAI Program is to fill out an application at the LCC Dual-Credit Office located within the Technologies Building in Room TE-144.

The **second step** is to complete the LCC COMPASS Assessment with the LCC ACCESS Center in the Student Services Building if COMPASS has not yet been completed or student has not taken the ACT.

The **third step** is to bring in a copy of your LCC COMPASS Assessment or recent copy of ACT scores and meet with LCC Dual-Credit staff to complete career cluster survey and advisement.

Each student who is accepted in the SAAI Program will receive an Educational Care Package (ECP) that includes:

- Book Fee Waiver
 - \$150 Stipend
 - Each student will be assigned to a College Success Mentor.

Summer extracurricular activities will also be available for students participating in the SAAI Program.

*Prerequisites may apply (505) 454-5377 or 1-800-588-7232 X1075

Please refer to the LCC web-site for a complete listing of Summer Courses

LCC IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANT JOB POSITIONS:

- Teacher/Caretaker-Early Childhood Department
- Adjunct Instructors
- Temporary Part-Time Administrative Assistant- LCC Prevention Program
- Temporary Part-Time Office Specialist-Springer Satellite
- Temporary Part-Time Administrative Assistant- ACCESS Center
- Temporary Part-Time Security Officer
- Temporary Part-Time Softball Coach
- Temporary Part-Time Baseball Coach
- Full Time Assistant Director Allied Health/Medical Surgical Nursing Instructor

FOR JOB DESCRIPTION(S) AND/OR CLOSING DATES, CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AT (505) 454-2503 OR VISIT OUR WEB-SITE AT WWW.LUNA.EDU

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 Friday, March 26. Remember this is all in fun.



Tom Nitzcnski

and



Andy Griffith

or



Dr. Vidal Martinez

and



Daniel Radcliffe



7th Annual Regional Transition Fair

In collaboration with

Luna Community College's Transfer/Career Fair

Tuesday, April 20, 2010
Rough Rider Grill
8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Meet with.....

College Representatives Employers Armed Services
Service Providers Outreach Programs
Entrepreneurs

Take part in this great opportunity and enjoy
Free Hotdogs, door prizes, activities, snacks, and music



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First Annual V-Martinez Short Story Competition

Writers of short stories (fiction) are encouraged to enter the 2010 *First Annual V-Martinez Short Story Competition*. The purpose of the competition is to promote, encourage and support the talent of short story writers at Luna Community College.

Prize and Publication

The first-place winner will receive \$150 cash prize and publication of winning story in **The Luna Light**. The second-place winner will receive \$50 cash prize and publication of winning story in **The Luna Light**. The third and fourth place winners will receive honorable mentions in **The Luna Light**.

Eligibility Requirements

Short stories must be original unpublished fiction, typed and double-spaced, and may not exceed 3,000 words in length. There are no theme restrictions.

Who may submit?

The competition is open only to Luna Community College Students whose fiction has not appeared in any publications.

Submission Requirements

Submissions must be sent to Dr. Vidal Martinez. Writers can submit no more than two entries.

The author's name should not appear on the short story. Stories will be judged anonymously by a panel of judges. Each story must be accompanied by a separate cover sheet with the writer's name, mailing address, phone number, title of story, and the word count. Short stories will not be returned.

Deadline for Entry

Friday, April 16, 2010. Entries after April 16th will not be accepted.

Announcement of Winners and Honorable Mentions

Winners and honorable mentions will be announced during the month of May, 2010. For more information, please contact Dr. Vidal Martinez at 505-454-5378

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step ahead of what your going to face in real life," said Jaramillo.

"This is a good test of what I know and what I want to do for the rest of my life."

Bachicha says that people shouldn't be surprised should LCC student bring back gold medals.

"We're looking to place in all categories," said Bachicha. "It's like any other competition, you just have to be ready for it. I'm real proud to be representing Luna Community College and Las Vegas. It's game time, we'll be professional about it. Personally, I feel we will have at least one representative to the national competition."

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Bachicha said that although students will be competing, others helped them get there.

"In general, I want to thank the community for their support. I want to give a special thanks to Dr. Pete Campos, the merchants and individuals from the community who helped us get here."

LCC instructor Gilbert Martinez is confident the students are ready to compete with the state's best.

"I think they'll do really well," said Martinez. "They've prepared for while now. I think they will put our programs on the map. Everyone has put in the time in the classroom. Luna Community College students go that extra mile."