

The Luna Light



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Gov. George Rivera to be guest speaker at Luna CC graduation

George Rivera, the governor of the Pueblo of Pojoaque, will be the guest speaker at Luna Community College's graduation which will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 8.

The Pueblo of Pojoaque elected Rivera as their governor in 2004. He served as lieutenant governor from 1992 to 2004. Gov. Rivera is a graduate (BFA) of the California College of Arts (CCAC) in Oakland, the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, and the Lacoste School of Arts in Lacoste, France. His work is displayed internationally and his 12 foot bronze "Buffalo Dancer" sculpture is on display at the Smithsonian's National Institute of the American Indian.

Gov. Rivera returned to New Mexico from France with a vision to revitalize traditional Pueblo arts and culture, not only for his own Pueblo, but for an extended Indian family as well. The result of his vision is the Poeh Cultural Center and Museum which he created from its conceptual stages. This internationally renowned facility is a \$5 million arts, education and museum facility occupying 263,000 square feet within the Pueblo.

He was instrumental in negotiating the original 1995



Gov. George Rivera

gaming compacts. With political battles won, economic success followed. After the compacts came the realities of the gaming business.

With the combined support of New Mexico and Washington D.C., the Pueblo built the Wellness Center, a Senior Center, a Boys and Girls Club, and a regional septage facility. Pueblo tribal members receive scholarships from K-Ph.D. for their educational pursuits. Gov. Rivera was the mastermind behind the \$300 million Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino, a 398 room international destination resort. This resort is the product of immaculate attention to detail. Gov. Rivera was responsible for approving, or demanding, that each and every architectural and engineering detail be built according to his vision.

He and his wife, Felicia, his son, Paawee, and his daughter, Poqueen, welcomed a new addition to the family, Valentino, April 6, 2008.

Even with his many responsibilities to his family and people, Gov. Rivera found the time to train and to run last year's Boston Marathon finishing with a time of 3:29.

Three Luna CC softball players selected to compete in Dominican Republic this summer

Luna Community College softball players Jennifer Inocencio, Brandi Rodriguez and Tomasita Smith have been selected to play on *America's Team* that will compete in the Dominican Republic this summer.

Players are chosen on athletic ability, character and



Inocencio



Rodriguez



Smith

integrity as they will be ambassadors for softball, the college, community and America. The trio along with other college athletes will tour and compete in Santo Domingo, Santiago and Cabarete from July 27 to Aug. 5.

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Theresa Romero says that she likes the family atmosphere at Luna CC

Name: Theresa Romero

Position: Administrative assistant for SBDC

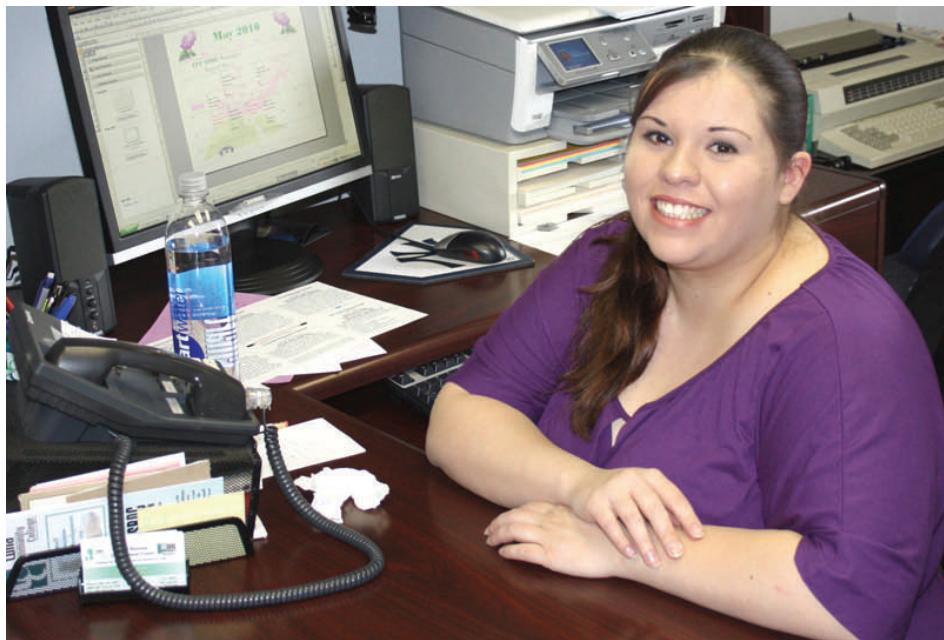
How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? I started as a work study in 2008 for the SBDC, then in 2009 was hired part-time. In July, 2009 I started as a full-time employee for the SBDC.

Favorite food and why? My favorite food is fresh beans, fresh tortillas and green chili stew. It's a warm your soul type of meal.

Favorite hobby and why? I like to do puzzles; they challenge my mind and relieve stress.

Favorite TV show and why? TAPS Ghost Hunters-I have always been interested in ghosts and I like the TAPS method of searching for them.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? In



Theresa Romero said that five years from now she would like to be working toward her business degree and continuing working for the Small Business Development Center.

five years I would like to be working towards my B.A. in business and going on six years with the SBDC.

What do you like best about LCC? I like the feeling of family with LCC. Everyone is so friendly and welcoming. I also like the fact that LCC offers an affordable higher education to many who may have not been able to afford it otherwise.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? I think there is a large gap in communication at LCC. I think all staff and faculty should be involved or at least forewarned when there

are major changes that affect everyone (i.e. closing the copy center).

What is your greatest strength? My greatest strength is my friendliness. I try to always greet everyone with a smile.

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

“Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful,”—Joshua J. Marine.

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You're Invited to a



**At the Rough Rider Grill
Patio**

Thursday, April 29, 2010

11:30a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Come Join Us For

Live Entertainment

Activities

Fun



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Procedure for admission to the Luna CC Nursing Program

By Annette Weinkauf

Nursing is a very demanding profession that requires many skills and the capacity to think critically. The rewards are the ability to make a difference in many lives throughout the lifespan. Because of the extensive knowledge base required for the profession, the nursing program is very rigorous. Nursing programs have admission criterion in order to improve the chances of students being able to complete the course of study successfully, pass the National Council Licensure Examination, and have a rewarding career as nurses. Many classes must be completed before entering the program to provide foundational knowledge and allow students to concentrate on core nursing courses once they are accepted.

Admission to the nursing program at Luna Community College is based on a point system that is explained to students when they first receive advisement. Points are measured in five areas, grade point average (GPA), Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) scores, residency status, and work experience. In addition to accumulating points, students must also meet certain criteria. They must have a minimum 2.7 GPA and a grade of C or above in five prerequisites: Anatomy and

Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, Freshman Comp I, Introduction to Psychology, and Medical Terminology. The second criterion is a minimum score of 40th percentile rank by program in each of the sections of reading, math, science and English on the TEAS test.

There are 110 possible points that are earned in several ways. The GPA is calculated in the same classes listed above for a possible 50 points. The GPA is divided by four and then multiplied by fifty to determine the number of points, so for example a 4.0 GPA earns a total of 50 points and a 3.0 earns 37.5 points. Forty possible points are earned by passing the TEAS exam. The percentiles are added in each of the four sections and divided by 10. So someone with scores of 50 in reading, 42 in math, 60 in science, and 75 in English would earn 22.7 points toward their score. Students who have completed Nutrition and Developmental Life Span before they apply to the program earn two points, one point for each class. Five points are given to students in-state and five points for being considered in-district. Up to eight bonus points can be earned by working in a health field that requires patient care. Two points are awarded for every three months of documented employment.

A score card looks something like this:

Course #	Course Title	Credit hrs.	Grade	Point s		Teas Results	Ranking points
BIO 100	A&P I	4	A	16		Reading	40
BIO 102	A&P II	4	B	12		Math	45
ENG 111	Comp I	3	A	12		Science	44
PSYC 101	Intro to Psych	3	B	9		English	50
BIO 103	Med Term	2	A	8		Total	17.9

Cumulative GPA 3.56, 4 = .8906 x 50% = GPA 44.53 + Teas = 62.43

Other Related Courses

Course #	Course Title	Credit	Grade	Ranking Pts
PSYC 242	Life Span	3	C	1
BIO 210	Nutrition	3	B	1

Total 2

Bonus points for related work experience*

3-6 months (2 pts) 6-9 months (4 pts) 9-12 months (6 pts) >12 months (8 pts) Total 0

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Register for Summer Classes at....



**View and print the Summer 2010 Schedule of Classes @ www.luna.edu
CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010**

Procedure for admission...

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Residency

New Mexico Residency (5 pts) X District Residency (5 pts) X

Total 10
Total 74.43

After all the scores are calculated the students are ranked from the highest to the lowest number of points earned. The number of available openings for fall admission is determined and the top ranked students fill those slots. For the past two years there have not been enough applicants meeting the entire criterion to fill all the available openings. Those that meet all the requirements are accepted first and the remaining slots are filled based on the number of points earned. Students that did not meet all the requirements are admitted provisionally.

The number of students in the program is limited by the number of faculty and the availability of clinical sites. The number of nursing programs in the state of New Mexico has increased from 16 to 21 over the past three years and there is intense competition for clinical sites.

A nurse must have a bachelor's degree in nursing in order to teach in the clinical setting and in our area nurses with these credentials seem to be in short supply. The RN to BSN program at Highlands will increase the number of nurses with a bachelor's degree in Las Vegas but it will take time. So although in 2006 we almost doubled the number of students admitted every year, at this point in time we are at capacity.

Every school of nursing has a different system for accepting students. Our system is number based which has the advantage of eliminating personal bias and nepotism. Unfortunately it cannot measure motivation, caring, honesty, diligence or many other characteristics needed to be a nurse. Until there is an instrument to measure these qualities we will continue to use the point system unless research gives us new direction.

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Luna CC RN nursing students to preceptors—thank you



Luna Community College 2010 RN graduates recently held a preceptor luncheon hosted by Alta Vista Regional Hospital. The preceptor experience is the capstone class of the nursing program where students spend 80 clinical hours with a faculty identified mentor/nursing expert to help students begin the “real” job of nursing. The luncheon is provided by the students to thank the preceptors for the experience.

Pictured (l-r) are: LCC RN student Maria Bustamante shares her rich experience with preceptor LCC alumnus Alicia Gonzales, RN (Alta Vista employee); LCC RN student Daisy Baca praises her preceptor LCC alumnus Paul Garcia, RN (Alta Vista employee) and LCC RN student Matt Chavez hugs Guadalupe County Hospital preceptor, LCC alumnus Mandy Urban.

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, April 26. Remember this is all in fun.



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or



and



Germaine Sandoval

Rachel Ray

Andrew Duran

Ron Howard

You Are Invited To Our Open House

Thursday, April 29

5:30 PM

Luna Community College
Springer Campus

Room 106

Please join us in celebration of our completion of the
2010 Spring Quilting Class.

Our Quilts and samples of other blocks will be
on display. Refreshments will be served and
Awards will be presented.

**The “Ladies Night Out” quilters will present three lap
Quilts to the Colfax General Long Term Care facility.**

LCC OFFICE OF RECRUITMENT

RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES (and other events) —WEEK OF April 26 thru May 1
Monday, April 26 – LCC Caravan of Speakers, Springer HS, 9 a.m., Maxwell HS, 11:45 a.m., Wagon Mound HS, 2:30 p.m. Campus Tour, 9 a.m..

Tuesday, April 27- KFUN Radio, promoting SAAI & Tech Prep summer programs

Wednesday, April 28 – Roy HS Health Fair, 9 a.m., Recruitment Booth

Thursday, April 29 – Mora HS Health Fair, Recruitment Booth, 9 a.m.;
End of Semester BBQ, RR Outdoor Grill, 11 a.m.

Friday, April 30 – school visit, Taos Alt. HS

Saturday, May 1 – Recruitment Booth @ Las Vegas Kids Fair, Rec. Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Weekly activities

Monday, April 26, 2010

■ 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Farewell Gathering (Student Services/Conf. Room)

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

■ 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Study Hall-LCC Softball (General Studies/Room 112)

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

■ 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Blood Drive/Sponsored: LCC SNA (LCC Wellness Center)

■ 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

LCC Board of Trustees “Board Mtg.”(Stud. Serv/Conf. Rm.)

■ 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Student Government Meeting (IPC/Game Room)

Thursday, April 29, 2010

■ 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Blood Drive/Sponsored: LCC SNA (LCC Wellness Center)

■ 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

End of Semester BBQ & Activities (IPC/Cafeteria)

■ 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Line Dance Class (IPC/Cafeteria)

■ 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

5th Annual Student Awards Ceremony (Bus. Occup/Lobby)

Friday, April 30, 2010

■ 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Children w/Disabilities Training (LRC/Lecture Hall)

■ 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Presentation/Bridging Careers for Success (AlliedHlth/LO-1)

Saturday, May 1, 2010

■ 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NM Legal Aid Presentation

“Power of Attorney: What Everyone Needs to Know” Spons: AHEC (Student Services/Conference Room)

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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

Position Announcement

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

- Adjunct Instructors
 - Adjunct Instructor-CDL (Summer Program)
 - Adjunct Instructor-CDL Behind Wheel Instructor
 - Temporary Part-Time Custodian-Mora Satellite
 - Temporary Part-Time Substitute Teacher/Caretakers-Early Childhood Education
 - Temporary Part-Time Office Specialist/Library Assistant-Mora Satellite
- 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 WEBSITE AT WWW.LUNA.EDU

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL POSITION POSTING FOLLOW THE LCC AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.

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All three are seeking support to offset some of the travel cost. An account has been set up at Wells Fargo. For those wishing to make a donation the account number is 2145440125 or you can call Dion Rodriguez at 575/574-2796 or Elsie Trujillo at 575-956-3583. All donations will be appreciated.



Angie Manafy's environmental science and biology students recently went on a field trip to the Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge to learn more about the ecosystem.