

The Luna Light



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

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Luna CC Athletic Director Mary Ward takes over Sports Performance Program



Mary Ward, shown here on a recruiting trip to Vaughn High with LCC Interim Admissions and Recruiting Director Moses Marquez, has recently taken over the college’s Sports Performance Program.

Mary Ward, athletic director and vice president for student services, will lead Luna Community College’s Sports Performance Program. The program was recently revised to meet national standards for athletic coaches, and Ward will seek specialized accreditation through the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE).

The Sports Performance Program will follow a course-track with teaching standards based on national benchmarks. The goal is to create a top-notch two-year educational experience in sport performance, particularly for individuals interested in coaching.

“Ms. Ward could be the first to obtain specialized accreditation for Luna Community College,” said LCC Vice-President of Academics Vidal Martinez. “She is taking education to a higher level!”

Students interested in pursuing a degree in sport performance, please contact the ACCESS Center.



A coyote was spotted on campus last Wednesday by physical plant employee Gene Trujillo. The baby coyote, left, cuddled outside the cosmetology classroom right around noon. At right, LCC President Dr. Pete Campos and lead security officer Freddy Carrillo bravely approach the wild animal.

Freddie Carrillo's greatest strength is his ability to communicate with people



Freddie Carrillo says that he really enjoys watching students graduating from Luna Community College.

Name: Freddie Carrillo
Position: Lead Security Guard
How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? 18 years (1991)
Favorite food and why? New Mexican food, because I was raised with it.
Favorite hobby and why? Cooking, because I like to create different dishes.
Favorite TV show and why? *Third Watch*, because it's the most real life police TV show.
Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? Retired and I hope to open up my own restaurant. I also want to see my daughter Diane graduate from LCC.
What do you like best about LCC? Watching the graduation of LCC.
What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? When someone drops out of LCC. What I see as a solution is to create more programs to keep the students here at LCC.
What is your greatest strength? Communication, because I can communicate with people of different levels.

Anyone wishing to nominate an LCC employee to be featured in this section should call Jesse Gallegos at 454-2510 or e-mail him at jgallegos@luna.edu.



On July 23, the first joint Luna Community College Dental Assisting/Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee meeting took place at the college. Local dentists, dental assistants and dental hygienists were invited to come to the table to discuss how well our dental educational programs serve the dental needs of the community. Speaking is Denise Fox, RDH, LCC Dental Hygiene clinical coordinator.

Revised Allied Health Certificate (AHC)

LCC made revisions to the Allied Health Certificate (AHC) to assist students achieve higher academic standards. It will also provide a pathway to employment opportunities in the medical field. The program requires 37 credit hours, including a new course in Critical Thinking and Problem Solving. The main component of the program is the graduation requirement. In order for a student to earn the certificate, he or she must achieve a score at the 40th percentile or higher in each TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) section.

The AHC is an excellent preparatory program for students pursuing entrance into the nursing program. It will also provide a solid academic foundation for advance course work. For additional information, contact the ACCESS Center or the Department of Allied Health.

ALLIED HEALTH

Certificate

Minimum of 37 Credit Hours

The Allied Health Certificate program provides students with an educational background to facilitate possible admission into an Allied Health/Nursing degree or certificate program. This certificate also provides foundational knowledge for other health care programs. Completion of this certificate does not guarantee admission into an Allied Health/Nursing program, but many of the courses are pre-requisites or requirements for the Allied Health or Nursing programs at LCC and/or may be applied for transfer to other colleges or universities.

Certificate Requirements

Credit Hours: 37

Program Requirements

(33 hours)

BIO103	Medical Terminology	2
BIO201	Medical Microbiology	4
BIO210	Nutrition	3
BIO217	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO218	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
ENG111	Freshman Composition I	3
HD260	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	3
MATH106	Algebra with Applications	4
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC242	Developmental Life Span	3

Related Studies

(4 hours)

NRSG091	TEAS Prep - Science	1
NRSG092	TEAS Prep - Mathematics	1
NRSG093	TEAS Prep - English	1
NRSG094	TEAS Prep - Reading	1

Note: To earn and complete this certificate, the student must also take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and achieve a score at the 40th percentile or higher in each TEAS section.

Information provided by Dr. Vidal Martinez.

Are you planning to transfer from one of New Mexico's college's or universities?

By Eloy Garcia/LCC Director of Humanities

Are you starting your college studies at one of New Mexico's community colleges or technical-vocational institutes? Are you planning to transfer to a university to complete a bachelor's degree? - - **TRANSFER COURSES WITHOUT LOSS OF CREDIT!**

By selecting college courses carefully, a student can guarantee that his/her courses will transfer to any of New Mexico's publically-supported universities. Moreover, these courses will apply toward bachelor's degree requirements in most fields of study.

The New Mexico Higher Education Commission and the state's universities and colleges have developed agreements that will assist a student in transferring without loss of credit. Additional information is available from college advisors. If a student selects a course or courses carefully and completes the course or courses successfully, a student can transfer without loss of credit and can complete a bachelor's degree without unnecessary delay.

As a student enrolls for the first year of study, he or she is advised to select courses that included in the New Mexico's Common Core of General Education. The core has been agreed upon by all of the state's colleges and universities. Courses in the Common Core of General Education are guaranteed to transfer toward bachelor's degree requirements in most fields of student. Other courses may not.

New Mexico's colleges and universities have defined a series of two-year Transfer Modules of course work in fields of study such as business, engineering, biological sciences, teacher education, physical sciences, social/behavioral sciences, computer science, humanities and fine arts, and early-child education. The Common Core of General Education is the base of most of these modules and is, therefore, a good starting point for students who have not yet selected a major field for their degree.

Students planning to major in one of these fields should follow the state-defined transfer modules developed for those fields in order to assure course transfer.

NEW MEXICO'S COMMON CORE OF GENERAL EDUCATION

Area 1: Communications

Select 9 semester hours from the following:

- *College Level English Composition - 3-4 hours
- *College Level Writing – 3 hours
- *Oral Communication – 3 hours

Area 2: Mathematics

Select 3 semester hours from the following:

- *College Algebra – 3 hours
- *Calculus – 3 hours
- *Other College-Level Math - 3 hours

Area 3: Laboratory Science

Select 8 semester hours from the following:

- *General Biology w/lab – 4-8 hours
- *General Chemistry w/lab – 4-8 hours
- *General Physics w/lab – 4-8 hours
- *Geology/Earth Science w/lab – 4-8 hours
- *Astronomy w/lab – 4-8 hours

Area 4: Social/Behavioral Science

Select 6 or 9 semester hours:

- *Economics – 3 hours
- *Intro. Political Science – 3 hours
- *Intro. Psychology – 3 hours
- *Intro. Sociology – 3 hours
- *Intro. Anthropology – 3 hours

Area 5: Humanities and Fine Arts

Select 6 or 9 semester hours:

- *Intro. History Survey – 3 hours
- *Intro. Philosophy – 3 hours
- *Introductory Course in History, Theory, or Aesthetics of the Arts or Literature – 3 hours.

Blast from the past

Can you guess which current 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. LCC employees are encouraged to turn in a baby photo of themselves or nostalgic LCC photos to Jesse Gallegos at the LCC Student Services Building.

Last week winner: Margaret Leyba

Last week's picture: Linda Salazar



Quote of the Week

“Education must not simply teach work— it must teach life”—

*W.E.B. DU Bois (1868-1963),
American Civil Rights Leader and
writer.*

LCC's Physical Plant Director Ron Gonzales asks President Barack Obama for assistance

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you on your American Graduation Initiative which includes education in Vocational Training or Workforce Training at the community colleges across the nation. I feel that this is a much needed plan to assist the United States with recovery efforts. Also I respectfully request your support for stimulus funding for the Luna Community College Initiative which mirrors your own.

I am the facility director for Luna Community College located in Las Vegas, New Mexico and serve a vast rural area of northeastern New Mexico. Luna Community College was started in the late 1960s as a vocational school and transitioned into a community college in later years. Along with the main campus, Luna Community College operates two satellites and one site in three rural New Mexico towns within the service area. The service area consists of four counties and nine school districts along the north Interstate 25 corridor of New Mexico. Luna Community College strives to make higher education available and affordable to its students and parents. Luna Community College in the past year tried to secure funding through a local bond issue to bring facilities up to standards. It saddens me to say that it was unsuccessful, partly due to the fact of the economy in our portion of the state, where our people have to support their local schools, higher taxes, higher utilities and higher cost of living expenses with incomes close to poverty levels. We have also requested funding from the State of New Mexico and due to limited resources have been unsuccessful thus far.

Luna Community College has taken on the challenge of educating not only our young adults but also educating adults that have lost their jobs. Luna Community College, with the assistance from the communities in the service area, has identified specific needs to address the challenges in the communities such as the loss of population due to job loss and has developed an aggressive economic development plan to address these challenges through education and work force training. In completing this plan Luna Community College has also reviewed its current vocational programs and new program needs. Upon the completion of the review Luna Community College has come to the conclusion that national certification of the following programs is needed, Automotive Technologies, Automotive Collision Repair Technologies, Welding Technologies, and Building Technologies so that students completing these programs of study can achieve gainful employment.

Luna Community College also has embarked on a new program of study in Media Arts and Film Making since New Mexico has become a Hollywood film Mecca. Las Vegas has always been known for its film making intrigue dating back to silent movies. Luna Community College has adopted the following educational methodology with regards to the film making industry of educating students in their field of study for all aspects from building movie sets, lighting, sound, production and acting. Luna Community College will educate students for behind the scenes to in front of the camera.

Luna Community College has also completed a facility assessment and to be able to attain the above goals that are needed for students to gain their education throughout the Luna Community College service area, with the support of the Board of Trustees and the President of Luna Community College I hum-

bly make the following funding request.

Luna Community College is requesting funding in the amount of \$35 million to address its needs to update existing facilities throughout the service area that date back to the 1960s. These facilities were converted from military buildings and old schoolhouse buildings to vocational training buildings. Luna Community College has recognized the need to renovate and equip these facilities so that the students of the service area are afforded an opportunity to an education second to none with regards to technology and national certification of programs of study. Also this funding would be used for the construction of Phase II of the Education Media Center. Luna Community College has recognized the need to bring higher education opportunities to other towns in its vast rural service area. Luna Community College has recognized that the population in our service area is dwindling due to the fact that businesses are closing and people that enjoy living in rural America are being forced to move to the larger cities for the lack of higher education and economic development. Luna Community College has developed an aggressive plan to address the educational needs of these communities and identified specific areas of study that are unique to the towns in the service area such as solar energy, wind energy, film making, alternative building methods, agriculture, equine science, automotive technology, aquatic science and film production. Luna Community College believes that by implementing this aggressive initiative it will not only stabilize the economy but bring new economic growth and revitalization to our rural service area.

In conclusion Luna Community College feels that these projects are viable and very much needed to address the educational needs of our rural area residents to become successful in their marketability to employers or to become business owners in their areas and bring economic stability to the area. Many residents in the Luna Community College service area cannot afford to travel to the main campus for education but hunger and request that higher education is afforded to them. Part of the Luna Community College plan is to bring education to rural towns in our service area via technology and the use of local community centers and public buildings that are available. This request would also allow Luna Community College to establish partnerships with Corporate America and bring Corporate America to Rural America.

It is my heart felt opinion that there is not another area in the United States that needs this stimulus package more than our area does. Ultimately we both agree it is about community survivability and student success. I would like to extend to you a personal invitation to visit our campus and our service area so that you can have first hand knowledge of the area needs.

Your consideration in support of this request is greatly appreciated. If I may further attest on behalf of this project, please contact me at your convenience.

**Sincerely,
Ron Gonzales**

This letter was mailed on Friday, July 24.

Leadership Symposium



Jim Franken, middle, was the featured speaker at last week's Luna Community College's Leadership Symposium. He was presented with a t-shirt from LCC Summer Tech Prep students Esperanza Medina, Isaac Hidalgo, Rochelle Ortiz and Linda Esquibel. Franken spoke to a capacity crowd.

In the bottom photo, LCC Summer Tech Prep students Bonita Baca, Linda Esquibel, Frank Branch and Isaac Hidalgo take a photo with LCC President Dr. Pete Campos.



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Ice-cream anyone?



Several Luna Community College students participated in ice-cream socials sponsored by the LCC Activities Office and LCC Student Government. Both departments plan to have several back to school activities in August. See upcoming issues of *The Luna Light* for more information.



Luna Community College student Ernest Torres relaxes in front of the Student Services Building before class. Finals for the summer session were last week. Registration for the fall semester is ongoing. Classes for the fall semester begin on Monday, Aug. 17. The last day to add classes is Aug. 24.



Don Bustos is the SBDC Director



Students!

Are you looking for on-the-job training? Are you seeking skills for a new career? Do you want to gain experience in your field of study? Do you want to gain college credit? If you answer yes to any of these questions, the LCC Small Business Internship Program can help.

LCC – Connecting Students to the Workforce!

Luna Community College will “launch” a pilot program this fall called the Small Business Internship Program. The purpose of the program is to provide LCC students opportunities in workforce experience by applying educational skills and knowledge to meet the needs of the statewide workforce community.

Program Goals:

- Provide students access to business experience that could lead to gainful employment
- Involve students in community projects, collaborations, and partnerships
- Provide students an opportunity for a stipend salary contingent on available funding

Program Benefits:

- Classroom instruction is integrated with practical on-the-job experience
- Create future employment opportunities
- Students can make career decisions based on practical work experience.

If you want to participate in the Small Business Internship Program please contact Don Bustos at 505-454-2595 or dbustos@luna.edu for further information.

LCC Foundation Golf Tourney set for Aug. 22

The 2009 Luna Community College Foundation Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Pendaries Golf Course in Rociada. A shotgun start is scheduled at 9 a.m.

A four-person team sponsor is \$1,000 or \$250 per individual. A hole sponsorship is \$250.

The entry fee covers green fees, a cart, and a prime rib dinner. All money raised will be used for scholarships.

For more information, call Tournament Co-Director Ernesto Salazar at 505-425-7584 or Theresa S. Vigil at 505-454-5367.

LCC Foundation Scholarship Fundraiser

Friday, August 28, 2009

Plaza Hotel

Reverse Drawing begins at
7:30 p.m.

GRAND PRIZE

\$5,000.00

Other Prizes Include:

First Ticket Drawn Wins
\$300.00

Every 50th Ticket Drawn Wins
\$100.00

The 100th Ticket Drawn Wins
\$200.00

For More Information Please Contact:

Theresa S. Vigil

P.O. Box 1926

Las Vegas, NM 87701

(505) 454-5367 or tvigil@luna.edu

Toll Free: 1 (800) 588-7232 - Ext. #: 1019

Your \$100.00 Donation includes a Beef Brisket Dinner for two provided by The Plaza Hotel.

Dinner served from 6 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

LCC: “The People’s College”

The best way to predict the future is
create it.



Where you need to be...

For information visit www.luna.edu

Early Registration for Fall 2009	June 1-August 14
Campus Closed 8am to 12 noon <u>only</u> for Faculty/Staff Training	August 11
Classes Begin	August 17
Last Day to Add Classes	August 24
Campus Closed—Labor Day	September 7
Deadline to Change from Audit to Credit	September 11
Midterm Week	October 5-10
Deadline to Change from Credit to Audit	October 16
Advisement Week	November 16-20
Early Registration for Spring 2010	Nov. 16 –Jan. 8
Last Day to Withdraw from Fall-term Classes	November 20*
Campus Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday	November 26-29
Final Examinations	Nov. 30– Dec. 4
Semester Ends	December 4
Campus Closed - Christmas Break	Dec. 21 - Jan.3



LCC Mora Site Director Wanda Martinez (third from the left) leads a presentation for initiatives proposed regarding the mass media and agriculture programs in Mora. Also pictured are Mary Ward, Ron Gonzales, Marianna Lands, Roger Gonzales, Donna Medina-Flores, Elaine Luna, Lawrence Quintana and Dr. Vidal Martinez.

Weekly Activities

Monday, July 27, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Training/Spons. CDD (LRC/Lect. Hall)
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. LCC Foundation Golf Tour.
- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies / 102-B)

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Training/Spons. CDD (LRC/Lect. Hall)

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

- No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, July 30, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Immunization Update Satellite Broadcast (LRC/Lect. Hall)

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. BA/MD Community Luncheon/

Spons. AHEC (IPC/Café)

Friday, July 31, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Marketing You the Artist (Student Services/Conf. Room)
- 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa Regional Officer's Retreat (Gen. Studies Rooms 112 & 104)
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Santa Fe Civic Housing Auth.

Meeting (Mora Site/Library)

Saturday, August 1, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa Regional Officer's Retreat (Gen. Studies Rooms 112 & 104)

Sunday, August 2, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa Regional Officer's Retreat (Gen. Studies Rooms 112 & 104)



*Luna Community College
Montañas del Norte Area Health Education Center
Department of Health and Human Services
and
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

Present:

“Immunization Update 2009” Satellite Broadcast



Where: Luna Community College
Samuel F. Vigil Learning Resource Center—Lecture Hall

When: July 30, 2009

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Registration: To attend the broadcast, visit the CDC/ATSDT Training and Continuing Education Online System at: <http://www2a.cdc.gov/TCEOnline/>.

For questions about registration, call 800-41-TRAIN or e-mail ce@cdc.gov.

CEU's will be offered. Participants must register for CEU's at: www2a.cdc.gov/TCEOnline

For further information, contact: Luna Community College—Montañas del Norte AHEC
at: **505-454-2583** or e-mail: etarr@luna.edu

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Don't forget the LCC Wellness Hike on July 31



Here are a couple of photos in the El Valle Area. The top photo shows the fields and mountains near Valley Middle School. At right is a photo showing the Pecos River running in El Pueblo.



By Tom Herrera

Recruiting and Admissions

Luna Community College President Pete Campos has graciously allowed a Wellness Day Hike for any and all LCC Employees. On Friday, July 31 we plan on taking a few hours off work and hike the Glorieta Wilderness. The hike is open to all LCC employees. We will provide transportation to the Glorieta Conference Center, hike the Ghost Town Trail (5 miles round trip). This trail is very easy, very safe and exceptionally beautiful.

THE PLAN

We plan to leave LCC campus at 9:30 a.m. and arrive at the trailhead at approximately 10:15 a.m.. The hike would take 2 1/2 to 3 hours to complete.

The LCC Hikers (Tom Herrera and Lawrence Martinez) will lead the expedition. Upon completing the hike we can have lunch at the Conference Center Cafe (or take your own sack lunch and eat outdoors) and then view the Glorieta Gardens. This place is known for its magnificence—you don't want to miss out

on viewing the Gardens. We plan on returning to the LCC campus by 4 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining us for this day of outdoor grandeur can respond to this e-mail, or call Tom at extension 1204.

Thanks and hope to see a van load or two of LCC folks. Let's bond and/or cement those already established friendships and hike the forest. It is nature at its best!

Thanks to Dr. Campos for allowing this venture to happen.

No responses received for question of the week

In last week's *Luna Light*, individuals were asked to answer the following question:

“Of the new programs approved by the New Mexico Department of Higher Education for Luna Community College, which will be the most successful?”

However, there were no responses. In hopes of getting more feedback, it was decided that people's responses from now on will remain anonymous. Here are the new programs. This infor-

mation was provided by Kayleen Encinias.

Sports Performance-- AAS; Mass Media -- AAS; Video Game and Development -- AAS; Fire Science -- AAS; Equine Science -- AAS; Computer Science -- AAS (updated); Mathematics -- AS; Life Science-- AS; Physical Science -- AS; Military Science -- AA; General Engineering -- AS; Community College Teaching-- AA and General Agriculture -- AAS.

*E-mail your opinions to jgallegos@luna.edu. Your answers will be printed in upcoming editions of **The Luna Light**.*