

The Luna Light



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"The People's College"

Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America

LCC Santa Rosa Trustees honored *Wall of Honor unveiled at satellite campus*



Pictured (l-r) Current Luna Community Board of Trustee Frankie Tenorio, Richie Perea (representing his late father Juan D. Perea), Robert I. Cordova, Joe E. Martinez, Sam Lopez, Marvin Marquez, Andy J. Madrid, Kenneth J. Flores and LCC President Dr. Pete Campos.

Eight former Luna Community College Board of Trustees that have represented the Santa Rosa area were honored during a ceremony at the college's satellite campus on Saturday, March 28. Also in attendance was newly elected Board of Trustee Frankie Tenorio.

"I admire and want to recognize the direction that these board members have given to the college," said LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. "These people were not just about words, but action behind their words."

Outgoing trustee Kenneth Flores was given a plaque from Tenorio.

"I want to thank everyone. Our success here took a lot of effort from a lot of people," said Flores who served

on the LCC Board for the last eight years.

Tenorio said he wants to do the best he can and set an example for others to follow.

"One of the best educational decisions I made was to attend Luna Community College," said Tenorio. "My ambition is to help students and families the way Luna Community College helped me."

Plaques with photos along with a brief description of their accomplishments were placed at the lobby area of the Santa Rosa Satellite Campus. Honored were: Juan D. Perea (1969-75); Lorenzo A. Marquez (1975-76); Robert I. Cordova (1976-1985); Joe E. Martinez (1985-1989) Sam Lopez (1989-93);

Marvin Marquez (1993-96) Andy J. Madrid (1996-99) and Flores (2001-09).



Current LCC Board of Trustee Frankie Tenorio hands a plaque to outgoing member Kenneth Flores during a ceremony in Santa Rosa on Saturday.

Ron Duran a member of LCC family since 2001

Bookstore manager is avid weightlifter

Name: Ronald J. Duran

Position: Bookstore Manager

How many years at LCC ? Started in May, 2001

Favorite food and why? Northern New Mexico green chili bean and chicharron burritos.

Favorite hobby and why? Working out at the LCC Wellness Center and riding my motorcycle all summer long.

Favorite TV show and why? All three CSI shows. I am fascinated with forensic science.

Where would like to see yourself five years from now? I would like to see myself here at Luna Community College serving the students, or a multi-million dollar lottery winner in the Bahamas. Either or I will be where I want to be.

What do you like best about Luna Community College? I like all the interaction I have with all the students, faculty and staff.

What do you like least about Luna Community College? Honestly, there is not really anything I don't like about Luna Community College. I love the people I work with and the bookstore environment is a great place for me to be. Sorry, no complaints here!

What is your greatest strength? The experience I have in the retail business and the ability to work my best when under pressure.



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 jagallegos@luna.edu.



Ron Duran has worked at Luna Community since May, 2001. Duran says he wants to be working at the college for years to come unless he wins the lottery. In the top photo, Duran is pricing a textbook at the bookstore located in the southwest side of campus. At left, Duran lifts weights at the Gerald Ortega Wellness Center.

Major economic initiative for northeastern N.M.

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

Northeastern New Mexico's future depends on our ingenuity, collaboration and transparency. These characteristics combined with our collective education, experience and commitment to succeed will be the template for regional growth, development and preservation of our quality of life.

This threshold approach will lay the foundation to rekindle confidence, friendship and respect for each other and to refocus the vision we all have to provide our region, communities and families with the employment opportunities and life we all expect and deserve. For this approach to really work, it will take such characteristics such as rigor,

transparency, a bona fide organized effort, wise use of existing resources, consistency and the well thought out and efficient planning for the use of future resources.

Luna Community College is leading regional efforts by implementing relevant academic and vocational programs. For example, the initiation and development of an equine science program that will serve as the base program to educate people interested in working at the race-track slated for construction in Raton or to raise or develop products or care for horses that will support local commerce related to the horse racing industry.

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New associate of science degree in math to be offered beginning in the fall semester

By Dr. Andrew Feldman/SMET Director

The Luna Community College Department of Science, Math, & Engineering Technology is now offering a two-year associate of science degree in mathematics that will commence in the fall 2009 semester. Students wishing to pursue a degree in traditional mathematics or math education can use this degree program as their starting point for continued education. All of the courses transfer to the university and

the degree program is approved by the New Mexico Department of Higher Education.

The technology and solutions for the future is dependant on a well-trained and educated workforce; this program is just one of several new programs within the department. For more information please call the Department of Science, Math, and Engineering Technology at 505-454-5370.

MATHEMATICS Associate of Science Degree Minimum of 67 Credit Hours

This program is designed for students whose goal is to obtain a bachelor's degree in mathematics or a related field. The curriculum also prepares students for a career in mathematic-related areas such as statistical analysis, research, computer science, engineering, economics and education.

General Education Core..... (36 hours)

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| Area I. Communications..... | (9 hours) | |
| ENG111 | Freshman Composition I | 3 |
| ENG115 | Freshman Composition II | 3 |
| SPCH111 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| Area II. Mathematics..... | (4 hours) | |
| MATH180 | College Algebra | 4 |
| Area III. Laboratory Science..... | (8 hours) | |
| Area IV. Social and Behavioral Sciences..... | (6 hours) | |
| Area V. Humanities and Fine Arts..... | (9 hours) | |
| Program Requirements..... | (25 hours) | |
| MATH130 | Statistics | 3 |
| MATH190 | Trigonometry | 4 |
| MATH195 | Calculus I | 4 |
| MATH202 | Discrete Mathematics | 3 |
| MATH212 | Calculus II | 4 |
| MATH213 | Calculus III | 4 |
| SMET101 | Introduction to Science, Math and Engineering Technology | 3 |
| Approved Electives..... | (6 hours) | |
| CS105 | Introduction to Computer Science | 3 |
| CS112 | Introduction to Operating Systems | 4 |
| CS121 | Introduction to Programming | 4 |
| SMET105 | Computer Use for Technology | 3 |

Major economic initiative...

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By refining and implementing rigorous academic and vocational courses of study, ensuring that these programs are accredited, and educating and training the best possible graduates for the workforce, Luna Community College can help lead the way. This approach will lead to highly qualified graduates, a skilled labor force and, ultimately, companies that will locate within the area or expand its recruiting efforts to hire the skilled labor pool we produce.

This also strengthens community partnerships because we can educate and train students in Las Vegas, Springer, Mora or Santa Rosa and remain confident we provided the best educational base for our graduates possible. Because of this initiative, I believe more students can

either remain at home or go work where they choose and obtain a better paying job than they imagined.

Lastly, by forming a strong LCC economic development component that focuses on job recruitment, business development and shared area economic enhancement, we will construct the bridge that links education to jobs. This economic development organization can assist our service area communities to enhance their infrastructure, develop their natural niches and stimulate their local economies. Luna Community College is positioned to improve upon its educational offerings and to provide solid core subjects, relative academic programs and modern vocational technical training so people can attend college, build upon their skills and keep our region strong.

Area legislators to give talk at LCC on Tuesday, April 7



Garcia

Four area legislators are scheduled to give a presentation on the 2009 legislative session as part of Luna Community College's "A Conversation with the Community" lecture series at noon on Tuesday, April 7 at the Learning Resource Center Auditorium.

Scheduled to speak are: Rep. Tomas Garcia and Richard Vigil along with Sen. Dr. Pete Campos and Phil Griego.

"This opportunity will allow people to visit first-hand with their elected officials in a one-on-one setting," Tomas Garcia. "During these tough economic times you need bold leadership and experience to ensure the needs of the people are adequately met. The people of northern New Mexico can be proud of this team."

Garcia has been a representative since



Vigil

2006. He represents Colfax, Guadalupe, Mora, San Miguel and Taos Counties. He is vice-chair of the business and industry committee and is a member of the land grant and education committee.

Vigil has represented San Miguel and Torrance Counties since 1999. He is vice-chair of the labor and human resources committee. He is also a member of the appropriations and finance committee as well as the New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight and Information Technology and Telecommunica-



Campos

tions Oversight Committees.

Campos has been a senator since 1991. He



Griego

represents Guadalupe, Mora, San Miguel, Santa Fe and Torrance County. He is a member of the finance, legislative council, legislative finance and legislative ethics committees.

Griego represents Los Alamos, Mora, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe and Taos Counties. He has been a senator since 1997. He is the chair of the corporations and transportation committee and the co-chair of the Los Alamos National Laboratory oversight committee. He is also the vice-chair of the water and natural resources committee. Griego is a member of the legislative finance committee, economic and rural development committee, investments and pensions oversight committee and conservation committee.

All four will be available for questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Blast from the past

Can you guess which LCC employee's baby 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 to Jesse Gallegos at the LCC Student Services Building.

Last week winner: Cathy Gonzales

Last week's picture: Denise Gibson



Quote of the Week

"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure,"—Bill Cosby.