Ana Pacheco to speak at LCC graduation
She is the founder and publisher of La Herencia Magazine

A native of Santa Fe, Ana Pacheco, the founder and publisher of La Herencia Magazine, will be the guest speaker for Luna Community College’s graduation which will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 9.

She’s the daughter of Jesús Pacheco and Natalie Ortiz. Both families have been in Santa Fe since at least the 17th century. Natalie Ortiz was a direct descendant of don Diego de Vargas. Don Gaspar Street in Santa Fe is named after Natalie’s great-great grandfather, Don Gaspar Ortiz. The Ortiz Room at the Santa Fe Hilton Hotel and Ortiz Street located in the plaza area are named in honor of Eleanor and Beatrice Ortiz, Natalie’s aunt and grandmother, respectively. The busy thoroughfare Pacheco Street is named after Ana’s great-great grandfather Jose de la Cruz Pacheco.

Ana Pacheco began her publishing career in 1979 in New York. She has held various positions with entertainment, Hispanic and financial service publications. Ms. Pacheco returned to Santa Fe in 1991 after living in New York for sixteen years. Pacheco served on the Board of Directors for the National Hispanic Cultural Center for the state of New Mexico for seven years. She hosted a weekly Hispanic radio show for Citadel for three years and is currently on the Wells Fargo Community Advisory Board. Pacheco writes the weekly column A Wonderful Life in the Santa Fe New Mexican.

On January 14, 2009 Pacheco received a Certificate of Appreciation from Santa Fe County for her work with the Hispanic and elderly communities in Santa Fe. Pacheco received the 2008 Heritage Preservation Award by the City of Santa Fe for Excellence in Community Traditions for her work with La Herencia. She is also a 2007 recipient of the New Mexico Community Foundation Luminaria award for her leadership and contribution to the state of New Mexico. In September 2006 in Denver, Pacheco was awarded two national awards by the National Association of Press Women. The first award, in the inspirational book category, as the author of Saints & Seasons: A Guide to New Mexico’s Most Popular Saints. The second award, in the history category, was for editing, Albuquerque Feliz Cumpleaños: Three Centuries to Remember.

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LCC student receives international accolades

Luna Community College nursing student Shalena Bailey finished as the first runner-up for Phi Theta Kappa’s International Vice President in Division IV at the 91st Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Dallas, recently. She is the first Phi Theta Kappa from New Mexico to run for an international officer position.

“It doesn’t matter where you’re from or who you know, or how small your town is, as long as you put your mind to it, you can do anything,” said Bailey, a native of Whiting, Ind.

Bailey was joined by fellow Phi Theta Kappa officer Naomi Ortiz and advisors Cindy Armijo and Dr. Twila Quintana.

“Shalena is a model student who exemplifies what it takes to be successful in life and she gives her best, never gives up and because of her approach to life she is positively impacting the lives around her,” said LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. “I am very proud of her accomplishment and am very confident that she will continue to be a remarkable leader.”

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Gloria B. Pacheco

Name: Gloria B. Pacheco
Position: LCC Dental Assisting Program Instructor/Coordinator
How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? I started January, 2001.
Favorite food and why? I like anything healthy, such as, fish, chicken, and salads. I love salads
Favorite hobby and why? Hunting and/or fishing. I LOVE the mountains and the excitement of being out there where the air is fresh and crisp, the scent of pine, juniper, oak etc.; and the sounds of the trees are swaying with a gently breeze while I walk searching through brush, trees and meadows in the early morning hours. I can say that I enjoy most sports, in conjunction too, drag racing (legal on a strip) is also fun!!
Favorite TV show and why? Don’t have one, not enough time to watch TV. As far as movies, I like Fast and the Furious and most car racing movies.
Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? Still at LCC but with all my master’s degree COMPLETED, and with the most prominent and successful Dental Assisting Program in New Mexico, delivering excellence throughout the dental arena.
What do you like best about LCC? The department I work for, and the program I oversee are great and offer many opportunities for persons interested in the medical field. The employees are friendly and helpful. I am proud to be part of the Las Vegas Community College which offers many opportunities for just about anyone seeking exciting careers.
What do you like least about LCC? I can’t think of anything.
What is your greatest strength? Ultimately, my optimism and dedication. For the most part, I see the good in just about every situation.

Manuela del Norte Scholarship Application Due June 30

Manuela del Norte is accepting scholarship applications for the 2009 – 2010 academic year. Applicants must be a resident of one of the following northern New Mexico counties: Rio Arriba, Taos, Los Alamos, Mora, Santa Fe, or San Miguel. This year, 10 $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to selected recipients.

The purpose of the MANA del Norte Scholarship is to assist Hispanic women from northern New Mexico in continuing and/or completing their post-secondary education. The philosophy of the founding members of MANA del Norte was to focus on the non-traditional student, such as single heads of household, re-entry women, and first-generation college bound. Although this criterion is not exclusive in awarding scholarships, MANA del Norte strongly endorses this philosophy. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, strength of personal statement, and letters of recommendation.

The deadline for applications is June 30, 2009 (postmarked). Submit to: MANA del Norte Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 9236, Santa Fe, NM 87504. For application guidelines and forms contact Terry M. Ortega, Chair, MANA del Norte Scholarship Committee, via email at t mortaroga51@hotmail.com or phone 505.660.0321.

Selected applicants will receive their scholarship awards and be honored at MANA del Norte’s Annual National Hispanic Heritage Month Scholarship Banquet in September 2009. Date and location to be announced.

MANA del Norte is part of MANA’s national community of informed Latina activists working to: Create a better life for all Latinos; achieve full and equal participation of Latinas in our country’s political, social, educational, and economic domains; and enhance and enrich the quality of life in our country through the active sharing of our Latina/Latino heritage and values.
SEED Program

June 1, 2009-July 24, 2009

Summer Excellence (in) Educational Development

Get the Edge on the Competition!

What is the SEED Program?
The LCC SEED Program is for pre-college students who want to accomplish their educational goals, whether they are looking for college credit or just wanting to discover their passion. Academics are at the core of the SEED Program experience, with over 162 summer courses to choose from, in a variety of formats and course lengths.* See Summer Schedule.

Who is eligible?
Public High School students who are classified as a Junior or Senior for the 2009-2010 academic school year.

How do I apply?
The first step in applying for the SEED 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 SEED Program will receive an Educational Care Package (ECP) that includes:

   Tuition Waiver
   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 SEED Program.

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

Pacheco is also the 2004 recipient of the Governor’s Award for outstanding women of New Mexico. She also received an award from PEN New Mexico in 2004 for her efforts to preserve Hispanic culture, history and language. PEN New Mexico is the state’s affiliate of the largest international professional association of writers, editors, and translators.


**LA HERENCIA**

*La Herencia* was founded by Santa Fe native, Ana Pacheco, in 1994 in response to the rapid decline of the Spanish language, Hispanic culture and history in New Mexico. The quarterly publication provides information on culture and history with articles written by local historians. The editorial consists of oral history, Spanish language and Southwestern literature, book reviews, poetry, recipes, myths and other forms of folklore retold with documentary photographs and illustrations. Current issues and trends are also covered. *La Herencia* is the only publication of its kind documenting the oral history of people in the New Mexico and throughout the Southwest. You can visit the website at [www.herencia.com](http://www.herencia.com).

Shalena Bailey...

Bailey, 27, will be graduating this May as a registered nurse. She plans to pursue her bachelor’s in nursing at the University of New Mexico and eventually attain a master’s in nurse anesthesia.

“I am so proud and honored to represent Luna Community College,” said Bailey. “I recommend students to participate in Phi Theta Kappa; you learn more of yourself than anything else.”

As a finalist for international vice-president, Bailey gave a speech in front of 3,500 people where she talked about “affluenza.” “Affluenza” is a portmanteau of affluence and influenza. This term is often used by critics of consumerism to describe the bloated, sluggish and unfulfilled feeling that results from trying to keep up with the Joneses. It is also referred to as an epidemic of stress, overwork, waste and indebtedness caused by the pursuit of the “American Dream” as well as an unsustainable addiction to economic growth.

“It was amazing,” said Bailey of talking in front of a capacity crowd. “It was an excellent opportunity; everyone has the same goal—and that is to better themselves and better society.”

Bailey said that as a unit, Phi Theta Kappa raised over $2 million for the American Cancer Association this past year.

“I want to thank Naomi, she was an integral part of my campaign team,” said Bailey. “I also want to thank Cindy and Twila. They are the backbone of this organization. Thank you is not enough, they go above and beyond and are great educators. They are pioneers when it comes to service, leadership and education in our community.”

Bailey also said that she is thankful to Allied Health Director Conni Reichert and her nursing staff for allowing her to attend the Phi Theta Kappa events. In addition to Bailey’s accolades, LCC’s Beta Mu Nu Chapter received a 2009 Distinguished Chapter Award, ranking it in the top 25. Quintana also received her third Paragon Award for advisors with less than five years of service and Armijo received a Distinguished Chapter Advisor Award.

For more information on Phi Theta Kappa, call 505/454-2558.

**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: Leticia Archuleta
Last week’s picture: Dr. Pete Campos

LCC President Dr. Pete Campos gives a motivational speech at Santa Fe Community College recently. In the background is Northern New Mexico College President, Dr. Jose Griego.
**Fifth Annual LCC Hair Show set for April 30**

Luna Community College will have its Fifth Annual Hair Show on Thursday, April 30 at the Allied Health Auditorium.

Two shows are scheduled on that day. The first show is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. with the second taking place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Both shows are free and open to the public.

Throughout the show, LCC cosmetology students will showcase their coloring, cutting, and styling by using models to feature their talents. Over 50 models are scheduled to participate in the event.

“Students, faculty and staff have all been working hard putting this show together. I guarantee that everyone in attendance will enjoy it,” said Melissa Lopez, LCC interim activities coordinator.

The theme for this year’s event is “Blast from the Past” with the models executing their fashionable looks from the 1920’s to the 1980’s. LCC cosmetology students work on models’ hair, nails and make-up for Thursday’s shows.

In Thursday’s 5:30 p.m. show, individuals will have their hair cut on stage and have it donated it to **Locks of Love. Locks of Love** is a Palm Springs-based national charity that takes donated human hair tied into ponytails or braided and makes it into special hairpieces for financially disadvantaged children who have lost their hair because of medical conditions.

For more information, call Lopez at 505-454-5357.

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**Luna Community College cosmetology student Earl Gonzales applies hair spray to model Darlene Ortiz backstage in last year’s LCC Hair Show. Over 50 models are expected to participate this year. LCC students showcase their coloring, cutting and styling throughout the show.**
Several LCC business students take home awards

The following students received awards during the 4th Annual LCC Business Awards for Academic Excellence and Recognition Ceremony held on Monday, April 20.

**Computer Fundamentals**
Margarita Gonzales – Perfect Attendance
Frances Tweed – Perfect Attendance/Academic Excellence

**Microsoft Excel**
James F. Gallegos – Perfect Attendance

**Microsoft Access**
Linda Cordova – Perfect Attendance
Linda L. Dangberg – Perfect Attendance
James F. Gallegos – Perfect Attendance
Susan Marquez – Perfect Attendance

**Desktop Publishing**
Linda L. Dangberg – Perfect Attendance/Academic Excellence
Germaine M. Baca – Perfect Attendance
Linda Cordova – Perfect Attendance
Rachael D. Romero – Perfect Attendance

**E-Commerce**
Silvia Carr – Perfect Attendance
James F. Gallegos – Perfect Attendance
Shirley A. Griego – Perfect Attendance/Academic Excellence

**Business Ethics**
Rachael D. Romero – Perfect Attendance
Evelyn M. Montoya – Academic Excellence

**Human Resource Management**
Vanessa Herrera – Perfect Attendance
Sandra G. Rivera – Perfect Attendance
Silvia Carr – Perfect Attendance

**Principles of Macroeconomics**
Angela Johnson – Academic Excellence
Vivian Ulibarri – Academic Excellence
Nathan Stafford – Academic Excellence

**Principles of Microeconomics**
Mark Alsfeld – Academic Excellence
Nathan Stafford – Academic Excellence

**Principles of Small Business Management**
Linda L. Dangberg – Academic Excellence
Jeanette M. Louis – Academic Excellence

**Administrative Procedures**
Sherry L. Garcia – Academic Excellence
Jeanette M. Louis – Academic Excellence

**Business Writing**
Sherry L. Garcia – Academic Excellence
Natasha J. Lopez – Academic Excellence
Leandra E. Vigil – Academic Excellence

**Medical Office Procedures**
Linda L. Dangberg – Academic Excellence

**Business Law**
Rachael D. Romero – Perfect Attendance

Pictured clockwise are: Meta Levister, instructor and Natasha Lopez; Business & Professional Studies Director Renee Garcia and her assistant Rose Tapia; Vivian Ulibarri, and Harry Anderson, instructor; Rachel Romero, Elaine Ortega, instructor, Linda Dangberg, Linda Cordova, and Germaine Baca.
Luna Community College Students went to the Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge on Tuesday, April 14. It consisted of a guided tour with information about native birds, animals and plant species. Also, the tour showed the students what nature looks like with little human intervention.

Students were allowed to take samples of plants and soil back to class. They will be able to learn the differences of the samples taken at the refuge and other samples around Las Vegas. With students learning the differences in the samples, it teaches the students what people really do to contaminate the environment.

The classes that went on this trip were Angie Manafy’s Biology 110, Biology 105, Chemistry 105, and Environmental Science 102. These classes have also recently taken trips to the water treatment plant and the sewage treatment plant in order to learn what is done with our water and sewage.

Pictured clockwise are: Luna Community College science classes in front of the Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge; Latishia Cano looking at a poster with native plants; Levi Hannon looking at wildlife from the viewing area at the Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge and Ernie Lujan and Christopher Romero examining exhibits inside the Refuge on the fieldtrip.
Don Perkins speaks to capacity crowd

Approximately 275-300 people attended Luna Community College’s “A Conversation with the Community” at noon on Tuesday, April 21 featuring former Dallas Cowboys’ star running back Don Perkins. He also signed autographs for approximately 75 minutes after his presentation. Several local high school students attended, including: West Las Vegas High, Robertson High, Springer High, Santa Rosa High and Pecos High. Pictured are LCC business student Ernie LeDoux with Perkins and LCC faculty member Henry Sanchez introducing Perkins while he is watching a video clip of his playing days with the Cowboys.

Two LCC BBQ’s planned
No. 1—11 a.m.–3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 at the basketball courts. It will feature a dunking booth with LCC President Dr. Pete Campos and a Don Perkins autographed poster will be raffled.
No. 2—11:30 –1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5 at the cafeteria patio. Entertainment by Miguel Angel and Los Jinetes Arrojados.

Quote of the Week
“To be able to be caught up into the world of thought—that is being educated,”—Edith Hamilton, (1867-1963).