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Luna Community College Tech Prep student representing state at Girls Nation

Victoria Lopez wants to pursue job in medical field

The following interview is with Victoria Lopez, an LCC Summer Tech Prep student, who is one of two students that will represent New Mexico at Girls Nation in July. She will be a senior at West Las Vegas High in the fall.

Name: Victoria Lopez

How do you view Girls State?

Girls State is a fun program where you get to learn about our government and its workings by creating our own mock government. “It is a learn by doing” type of strategy that really gets through to many girls. And through the whole learning experience you get to meet tons of girls who share the same interests and many of the same goals as you.

What did you learn from this experience?

I learned much more about how our government is run and the different duties that each job in our government entails. I also learned of the different duties, responsibilities, and privileges that come with being a United States



Victoria Lopez, pictured here with Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos, will attend Girls Nation in July.

citizen.

When do you go to Girls Nation?

Girls’ Nation is from July 18 to July 25 in Washington, D.C.

Is Girls Nation similar to Girls State?

Yes and no. One of its main focuses is still our government. Two girls from every state will go to Girls Nation to represent their states as senators. We

each take a bill that we create, understand and study. At Girls Nation we will then listen, discuss, and vote on the various bills. It differs more from Girls State in that, we will have the opportunity to meet our senators from New Mexico, have a possible audience with the president, and visit many monuments and museums.

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**Congratulations
2008-2009
Luna CC
GED graduates**

By Geraldine Romero/LCC ABE/GED Director

The Adult Basic Education (ABE)/General Equivalency Diploma (GED) Program at Luna Community College would like to congratulate our 29 2008-2009 GED graduates. We would like to express our joy in their well-deserved achievement. Their achievement has been made possible through their determination, perseverance, and dedication. We are proud of you and commend you on a job well done. Good luck and good wishes as you progress along life’s path. We will continue to watch your achievement with interest and pride.

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Luna CC's Gwendolynne Mares says she appreciates every moment here on earth



Mares says her greatest strength is her outlook on life. She says she loves Luna Community College.

Name: Gwendolynne Mares

Position: Adjunct Instructor/SI-Tutor

How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? Summer 2007

Favorite food and why? I really can't pick a favorite because I just love, love, love food in general but right now today I guess it would be Chinese or Italian, I'm hungry....

Favorite hobby and why? Fishing, because I could be outdoors, it is peaceful and invigorating, I always catch my limit (2). Ha ha.

Favorite TV show and why? There again, I love TV but my favorites and absolute not miss are *Brothers and Sisters*, and *Army Wives*. They are fictional but with a twist of reality, also they are like soap operas but at night. I always anticipate what will happen to the characters.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? I would like to see myself as a full-time instructor also with a master's degree or at least completed....Hopefully I will still be here at Luna. I love this place.

What do you like best about LCC? I like the people that I work with; I love the students and I like seeing the sparkle in a student's eyes when they have grasped concepts and are understanding what they are learning. I also like seeing a student with a fresh start on life.

What do you like least about LCC? I believe that many times some people are too territorial and forget the concept that we are here for the STUDENTS, not the office politics.

What is your greatest strength? My outlook on life. Enjoy and appreciate every moment as we only have one life to live, so be happy and make others happy. I guess I will never out grow Polly Anna...

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.



Two officers that attended a crisis intervention training at Luna Community College go through a simulation exercise. This particular role playing displays an individual that intends to start a fire.

Quote of the Week

"A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions,"—

Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. (1809-1894), American physician and writer.



LCC Interim Admissions and Recruitment Director Moses Marquez advises potential student Yolanda Romero. The New Mexico Higher Ed Department recently approved several new programs. For more information on these programs, call Marquez at 505/454-5312.

Weekly Activities

Monday, June 22, 2009

- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Substance Abuse/Addiction Seminar (Gen. Studies/102-B)

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

- 3 p.m.

Kite Day/Student Activity (IPC/Café/West Parking Lot)

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

- 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CACFP Workshop (LRC/Lecture

Hall)

Thursday, June 25, 2009

- No Activities Scheduled

Friday, June 26, 2009

- 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Youth Baseball (Roughrider Field)

Saturday, June 27, 2009

- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

DWI Class (General Studies/Room

102B)



Luna Community College employees Leon Roybal, Gene Trujillo and Mike Jaramillo work outside the LCC Student Services Building recently. They are cleaning out planters and xeriscaping several areas around campus.

LCC Tech Prep student...

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What is it like to represent New Mexico in Girls Nation?

It is overwhelming, exciting and intimidating. I know that I will meet many girls from around the country who are the cream of the crop and really know what they are doing. But I feel that I will represent New Mexico well and know that Girls State would not have chosen to send me if they did not think that I could fill the position. It is extremely exciting because I know that I will meet many new amazing people and see great places. I hope to gain a wealth of knowledge that I can come back and share.

How big of an honor is it for you, especially coming from a small high school?

It is a HUGE honor to be representing New Mexico for anyone. Add to that coming from a small town and a small high school and I know that I am very lucky to get this opportunity. I met many girls as Girls State that came from large schools and had private tutors and were just exposed to so much more than is offered here in Las Vegas. I think that many of the teachers as West really helped prepare me for this without knowing it. A lot of my teachers taught me that no matter where I come from, not to be intimidated and to take a challenge smiling. Hard work and perseverance are key.

What are your career goals?

In the future I would like to have a profession in the medical field. I

enjoy science and math as well as helping people. I have high aspirations for myself and my family expects much of me, so I hope I will do everyone proud.

How many years have you participated in Luna Community College's Tech Prep Program? How has it helped you?

This is actually my first year in Tech Prep but I am enjoying it immensely. It helps me with my classes as well as provides me with the opportunity to observe and study other fields in science and technology.

How many years have you participated in the dual/concurrent enrollment program at Luna Community College? How has it helped you?

I have been participating in the dual/concurrent enrollment program for three years. It has helped me not only get ahead but also challenge myself and broaden my learning spectrum. I have the opportunity to take classes with older classmates which taught me that I can do a lot if I just work hard. It also covers finances which allow this to be available to me. And since it works in cooperation with my high school I can get credit for the classes I take which really helps me get ahead.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors Girls Nation. The program goals are to: develop leadership and pride in American citizens; to educate participants about our system of government and to instill in participants a greater understanding of American traditions to stimulate a desire to maintain our government processes.

LCC GED graduates...

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The following students have attained their GED in 2008-2009:

LCC Campus

Kevin Allen
Gerald Gibson
Brian Saiz
Marcel Almanzar
Amanda Maloney
Erik Shamas
George Arthur
Mathew Martinez

Kenny Tarrango
Decarlo Briancesco
Miguel Martinez
Casandra Trujillo
Alexandria Chavez
Joshua Pollack
Chris Trujillo
Neisha Douglas
Ethan Roberts
Joshua Unruh
Stephen Garrick
John Rodarte
Mora Satellite

Shelby Martinez
Raton Satellite
Bobbie Bacca
Christine Nava
Monique Nava
San Jose Satellite
Yolanda Gonzales
Mary Vigil
Springer Satellite
Stacey Esquibel
Wagon Mound Satellite
Irene Romero
Valerie Lopez

LCC Office of Recruitment activities

Monday, June 22 – no activities planned

Tuesday, June 23 – Campus Tour, 10 a.m.-noon

Wednesday, June 24 – Recruitment Booth, EDC Job Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sala de Madrid, NMHU Campus
Thursday, June 25 – KFUN Radio, 8 a.m., Topics include: LCC Business & Professional Studies, new LCC programs. KNMX Radio, LCC Half Hour Show w/ Jesse Galleges, 1 p.m.

Friday, June 26 – Recruitment Booth, Santa Rosa @ Park Lake, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Campus Tour, Pecos Middle School, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.
Saturday, June 27 – no activities planned



Dr. Carl Ferrill, former New Mexico Highlands University Head Football Coach and NFL advanced scout, shares advice on athletics with Hall of Fame Basketball Coach Henry Sanchez, and LCC President Dr. Pete Campos. Ferrill, Sanchez and Campos each gave a speech as part of a Leadership Symposium at the college.



Luna Community College Vice-President of Student Services Mary Ward speaks during a recent meeting which included employees of both student services and academics. Both the academic and student services employees will meet on a regular basis.

Upcoming activities

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| June 23, 2009 | Kite Day | Cafeteria parking lot
3 p.m. |
| June 30, 2009 | Ice-Cream Social | Administration Bldg.
11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. |

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Blast from the past

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. LCC employees are encouraged to turn in a baby photo of themselves to Jesse Gallegos at the LCC Student Services Building.

Last week winner: Lorraine Martinez
Last week's picture: Jesse Gallegos





**Bring back those
childhood memories and**

Join LCC for
“Kite Day”

June 23, 2009
at 3:00 p.m.

FREE POPSICLES AND DRINKS

at the cafeteria
parking lot

Kites provided by LCC

Board chair likes college's vision; wants to see Luna CC continue to focus on student success

Luna Community College Board of Trustees Chairman Ambrose Castellano has worked with four college presidents, all with different styles, and all with the vision to move the college forward. Over the course of the last 11 months, Castellano has worked with Dr. Pete Campos' aggressive style—with one thing in mind—student success.

"I like what Dr. Campos is doing aiming programs that will meet the intellectual, physical and community needs of students," said Castellano. "It is important that Luna Community College continues the development of faculty to deliver a rigorous and meaningful curriculum for students ongoing educational and employment opportunities."

During Dr. Campos' tenure, Luna Community College has implemented 12 new programs of study.

"Our overall objective is to meet the current educational needs of students to prepare them for work. We need to continue our aggressive approach to seek resources to improve programs and enhance our



LCC Board Chairman Ambrose Castellano presents a plaque to Rep. Nick Salazar at the State Capitol last year.

facilities and equipment always keeping the student in mind," said Castellano.

Castellano has worked diligently to seek the highest level of cooperation among the Luna Community College Board of Trustees to set the example for the rest of the Luna family to meet their goals.

"We have focused our mission around student success," said Castellano. "Sure we have our differences, but in the end there is a unified direction, and that again is student success. Castellano said that one other priority is to push for the construction of a new educational learning center. When con-

structed, the educational learning center will meet the media arts and communication needs of Luna Community College students and provide a permanent facility that will host graduation ceremonies.

"Luna Community College is a vital component of education in northern New Mexico. We have to work together to continue to strengthen this," said Castellano. "Luna Community College is a solid school and we're only going to get better."



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos met with Wagon Mound Public Schools Superintendent Albert Martinez and LCC's Wagon Mound Site Coordinator Nick Trujillo last week.



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.

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Scholarship Fund-raiser

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:

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(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.

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

Campos sends letter to Las Vegas mayor, council

June 17, 2009

Honorable Tony Marquez, Mayor
and Councilors Andrew Feldman, Morris Madrid, Diane Moore
and Cruz Roybal
The City of Las Vegas
1700 North Grand Avenue
Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701

Re: Las Vegas/Film New Mexico

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council:

I take this opportunity to apprise you of the exciting journey we have embarked upon here at Luna Community College to ensure the success of our students and the film industry in New Mexico, Las Vegas and the entire Northeastern quadrant of our state.

We have expanded our curriculum to include the film industry and mass communications. This includes, but is not limited to; fundamental instruction for successful film coordination and production, green filmmaking, property acquisition for filming, set manufacturing, electrical, lighting, sound, food services, creative writing, innovative and efficient use of leading edge technology, journalism, radio and television.

This progressive instructional platform combined with plans to physically upgrade our vocational area and construct a top quality facility for classroom instruction and stage performances will definitely magnify our presence within the film and mass media markets. This ultimately translates into reputable and high paying jobs that will evolve within our part of the state and significantly boost the area economy.

For this to be successful, we need the following to be set in place:

- 1] A well coordinated and highly supportive community structure that welcomes and promotes filmmaking;
- 2] A well organized filmmaking structure that promotes win-win situations for effective filmmaking and the prosperity of area businesses and property owners;
- 3] A film liaison to coordinate filmmaking between the industry, our community and state, New Mexico Highlands University and Luna Community College;
- 4] A significant and strong film making curriculum that incorporates a theoretical and hands-on approach that will efficiently prepare the local labor force needed to make films;
- 5] The facilities and equipment at Luna Community College that will provide the learning and preparation area for film set develop-

ment and the essentials to produce successful films; and
6] Accessibility to approximately 200 acres of Luna Community College property for construction and set up of complete movie sets.

I have been in close communication with Governor Bill Richardson and fully support his goal within the remainder of his term to unconditionally assist us so we may develop into a well sought after location for filmmaking while providing the education, expertise and environment for future films that will translate into economic enhancement of our area. Together, we can make this happen!

Siempre,

Pete Campos, EdD

Copy: **Bill Richardson, Governor**
Lisa Strout, Director, NM Film Office



This diagram shows the Luna Community College service area. It also includes the college's basic approach and the new programs at LCC. LCC president Dr. Pete Campos presented this to Gov. Bill Richardson last week.