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Gary Martinez excited to be LCC Vocational Ed. Director

Martinez welcomes students interested in vocations to visit with him

**By Gary Martinez
LCC Vocational Ed Director**

I’m excited to be on board here at Luna Community College. My objective for the college is to create all trades areas to give opportunity to students for certification in welding (AWS), automotive technology (ASE), automotive collision repair (NATEF), building trades (AGC), cosmetology, culinary arts and agriculture (Associates). Also, accountability in all areas for instructors and students.

In the future, I am looking to add motorcycle mechanics, diesel, hot rods and all contents in building trades.

The college in general is in support of the trades programs. I am looking forward to making all this happen with the support of the college, board of trustees, Dr. Pete Campos (president), Dr. Vidal Martinez (vice-president of



Gary Martinez, LCC’s Vocational Education Director, visits with LCC Vice-President of Academics Dr. Vidal Martinez.

academics) and most importantly my instructors which have the experience and the professional ability to do so. My

office manager will also play an important role. I am part of a willing team.

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Several Luna Community College employees participated in annual 4th of July Parade. Pictured (front row, l-r) Marcella Cannone, Georgia Baca and Mary Ward. (Back row, l-r) Tom Herrera, Moses Marquez, Francina Martinez, Cindy Branch, Jodi Wolff-Torrez and Dr. Pete Campos. For more photos on the parade, see page 5.

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Diane Vigil has seen Luna CC students better their lives during her 29 years as an employee

Name: Diane Vigil

Position: Student Coordinator Specialist

How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? 29+ years, started in 1979

Favorite food and why? I don't have a favorite, just whatever I'm in the mood for at the time.

Favorite hobby and why? Not sure if you'd call it a hobby, but I love spending time with my kids and now my two grandsons, they give me so much joy.

Favorite TV show and why? No favorite

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? Retired and enjoying life and my grandkids.

What do you like best about LCC? Knowing that students are getting an education and bettering their lives.

What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? I know it's been said, but the lack of communication. It would be nice if everyone would think about students first and foremost, and do what is right for them, that would mean communicating with each other to know what's going on at LCC and relay the correct information to students.

What is your greatest strength? Helping people.

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.

Diane Vigil says that although it's been said before, employees at LCC need to have better communication with one another, and in turn, would benefit the students.



Luna CC working to provide inmates with barbering trade

Ortega to give out accomplishment certificates on Tuesday, July 21

The LCC barbering program approved by the State of New Mexico Barbering Licensure Division, Higher Education Department and GEO Group, Inc. and implemented by Erasmo Bravo, Warden; Dr. Vidal Martinez, Vice-President for Instruction; Albert Campos, Jr., LCC Santa Rosa Satellite Director; and, instructed by Rosalie Ortega at the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility is positively changing lives and has become an instantaneous and overwhelming success.

During a recent class, an unselfish and enthusiastic student became a donor. He donated three locks of hair that will be used to form hairpieces and be given to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.



LCC Cosmetology Instructor Rosalie Ortega teaches barbering to inmates at the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility. Ortega will give out accomplish certificates during a scheduled graduation at the correctional facility on July 21.

We are no longer who we once were

By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President

The Luna Community College family continues to undergo positive and inevitable change. Some natural elements from which change evolves are time, circumstances, protocol, organizational best practices, personal experiences and collective wisdom.

For us to mature as individuals in our work environment, it is crucial to understand three significant measures in changing our outlook: 1] readiness to change; 2] barriers to change; and, 3] the possibility of relapse.

We are all at various stages of constant personal growth and career change. For example: some are open to daily change, some are trying to overcome the hurdles and uncertainty change brings and some just find comfort in thinking back to the good old days. If you really analyze it, things aren't or never will be the same! We are older, we have journeyed through many different experiences and society is constantly changing and placing many challenging demands on us.

My struggles are no different than yours. About two weeks ago, I showed a picture to Jesse Gallegos of me on a 100cc Yamaha motorcycle with a lunch pail strapped on the back seat and dressed to go work at what was then known as the highway department. I also showed him the work boots I used during that time. He said, "Doc, people think you were born with a silver spoon in your mouth."

That stuck with me and I went home that evening and reflected upon how I worked my way from blue collar to white collar employment. What an awakening period of reflection. I remembered when some of my blue collar colleagues used to talk about the decisions made by our white collar bosses. In fact, on one occasion, I too was critical. Why, because my boss told me, "take this shovel and go cut the weeds along the highway right-of-way with it." Although I did what I was told, that night when my dad got home, I told him what had happened and he said, "You want to change it, work your way to

the position when you can." Thanks to so many, I have been allowed to serve in positions where I can help make positive change. I will never forget where I came from and will always respect my journey through life.

What about you? Have you recently reflected upon your life's journey? Do you remember when you went through life's early hurdles? Haven't our lives changed whether we liked it or not? What have we done to make the most of our lives? There are all these questions and more that stay with us or pop-up each day.

Let's continue to make the most of our work situation, focus on our students' overall well-being and give life our best. If we do this, change that benefits our students will come easier. We'll all be better for it!



The boots at left were worn by Dr. Campos back in 1970, and the boots at right is what he wears today.



Meredith Gilpin, far left, is the new softball coach at Luna Community College and Peter Ortiz, right was named coach of the baseball team. Both Gilpin and Ortiz went through an interview process recently.

Gary Martinez...

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I would like to welcome all students interested to visit with me at anytime. My biggest goal is to support the community, students and surrounding areas to further their education.

Last but not least we are here for both enhancing enthusiasts for individuals, certificates and associate degrees.

Background:

I am a graduate of Mora High School. I then enrolled at NMSU where I studied agriculture and extension education. After NMSU I entered the building trades industry where I worked on both commer-

cial and residential projects. Soon after I earned my welder certification card and worked professional as a welder. I then volunteered for the United States Army and trained as a light wheel vehicle mechanic. With the GI Bill, I enrolled at Highlands University where I received my degree in industrial technology with a minor in secondary education.

I taught trades high school in Vaughn, Robertson and Penasco. For a short time I ran a business in Taos as a custom fab welder and a restaurant in Mora, "The Cowboy Kitchen," which is now run by my father.



Luna Community College employees Georgia Baca and Tom Herrera recruit at Adelo's General Store in Pecos recently. An estimated 50 individuals stopped at the LCC informational table. Potential students were given information from academic programs to financial aid.

RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES— WEEK OF July 13-July 18

Monday, July 13 – Distribute fall 2009 schedule of classes, Las Vegas merchants

Tuesday, July 14– No activities planned

Wednesday, July 15 – Recruitment Booth, Mora at Russell's Grocery, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday, July 16 – Student Activities, "Campus Luau", 11a.m.-1p.m., IPC Outdoors. KNMX Radio, LCC Half-hour Show. Call Jesse @ extension 1200 if you wish to be a guest.

Friday, July 17 – Campus Tour, L. Griego, S. Griego, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 18– LCC Rough Riders Orientation, baseball players on-campus for information, advisement, campus tours, etc. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Quote of the Week

"Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education," *Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968), American Civil Right Leader and minister.*

LCC participates in July 4 parade



At top, LCC President Dr. Pete Campos waves to the crowd near Douglas and 12th St.; Mary Ward (right) gets ready to give out popsicles as Marcella Cannone and Moses Marquez proudly carry the LCC banner.



Employment Opportunity

Heritage Home Health Care is coming to Las Vegas and is taking applications on-line for Home Maker & Personal Care Attendants as well as a part time Registered Nurse. Please submit applications on-line at the following address make sure you click on the Las Vegas area.

http://www.heritagehomehealthcare.com/employment_opps/jobs.php

The office will be located on Mills next to the Dollar General Store.

Information provided by Renee Maestas

Question of the Week

There has been talk that Luna Community College at some point will bring in another athletic program. Currently LCC sponsors softball and baseball. If LCC were to bring in another athletic program, what should it be?

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

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Department of Business & Professional Studies

Business Accounting--AAS
Business Administration—AAS
Office Administration —AAS
General Business—AAS
Mass Media Communications—AA
Business Accounting —Certificate
Computer Application Specialist—Certificate
Office Administration Assistant—Certificate
Small Business Management—Certificate

Department of Humanities

Sports Performance—AAS
Criminal Justice—AA
Liberal Arts—AA
Criminal Justice—Certificate

Department of Science, Math, & Engineering Technology

Computer Science—AAS
Drafting Technology—AAS
Electronics Technology—AAS
Video Game Design & Development—AAS
Alternative & Sustainable Energy—AS
General Engineering—AS
Life Science—AS
Mathematics—AS
Physical Science—AS

Department of Allied Health

Nursing—AAS
Allied Health—Certificate
Dental Assistant—Certificate
Practical Nursing—Certificate

Department of Vocational Studies

General Agriculture—AAS
Vocational/Technical Studies—AAS
Equine Science—AAS
Automotive Collision Repair Technology—Certificate
Automotive Technology—Certificate
Barbering—Certificate
Building Technology—Certificate
Cosmetology—Certificate
Culinary Arts—Certificate
Furniture & Cabinet Making—Certificate
Welding Technology—Certificate

Department of Education

Fire Science—AAS
Early Childhood Multicultural Education—AA
Teacher Education—AA
Military Studies—AAS
Early Childhood Development—Certificate

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At top, Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos discusses economic development issues in Springer with LCC Springer Satellite Director Louise Fernandez and Dr. Vidal Martinez, LCC vice-president of academics, recently. At left, Peter White, New Mexico Secretary of Higher Education designate, visits with Luna Community College employees last week.

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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:

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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.

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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

Weekly activities

Monday, July 13, 2009

- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies / 102-B)
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Movie Night (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

- 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees Meeting (Stud. Svcs./Conf. Rm)

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. UNM Telehealth Ethics Training (Bus. Studies/Rm. 101)

Thursday, July 16, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Las Vegas Board/Realtors CE Class (Stud. Serv./Conf. Rm.)
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ISP Training/CDD (LRC/

Lecture Hall)

Friday, July 17, 2009

- 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Passenger Assistance Training/CDD (LRC/Lecture Hall)

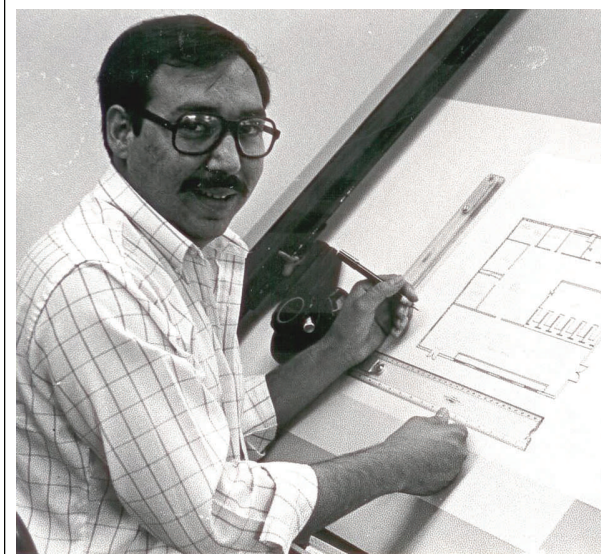
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Housing Authority Visit (Mora Site/Library)

Saturday, July 18, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. C.N.A. Testing (Allied Health/N7&3)
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Women's Luncheon/Calvary Chapel/Las Vegas (IPC/Cafe)



At left, the Luna Community College Learning Resource Center is currently giving away books. At right, LCC Collision Repair Instructor Gilbert Martinez (right) works with student Lawrence Bustos recently.



Blast from the past

Can you guess which former LCC student'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 winners: Marcella Cannone and Nancy Salmeron
Last week's picture: Joe Pacheco