

The Luna Light



“The People’s College”

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Luna’s changing role

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

During the past quarter century, I have closely watched the evolution of Luna Vocational Technical Institute (LVTI) to Luna Community College (LCC). In fact, as a state senator, I sponsored the legislation which authorized the official name change. As with the name change, so has the role of Luna changed.

Although the core function of LCC, as a community college, is academic preparation; our mission today is more comprehensive, due to the gradual shift back toward vocational education, job training and programs catering to the community. While community colleges across the country have expanded their role to include vocational education, LCC started as a vocational-technical institute.

It has been noted in many recent research articles that no other segment of postsecondary education has been more responsive to its community’s workforce needs. At LCC, we take great pride in delivering the services and professing the message that students can learn at any point in their lives while taking advantage of low tuition, convenient campus locations, open admissions and comprehensive course offerings.

Now the question surfaces; how do we provide the necessary outreach to people within our service area so that they are motivated to continue learning and can do so at home and as efficiently as possible. The answer; during the past seven months we have applied validated research and community interest to reenergize and improve Luna’s comprehensive, doable and cost effective strategic approach to providing established and new course offerings that will lead to associate degrees, certificates and quality of life community education programs and classes of educational fulfillment.

To achieve this goal, we have received approval from the New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED) to add long term relevant associate degree programs that will support students so they may keep their existing jobs, work towards career advancement or enter new fields of interest.

Today’s changing economy requires that we surpass “just providing a traditional education” to students. We must expand and strengthen our outreach, keep communities within our service area vibrant and meet the growing demands of an ever changing society. *Let’s go forward*, educate our families here at home and all join in the recruitment of new employment opportunities.



Luna Community College first level nursing students receive their first installment of the \$4,500 scholarship from Alta Vista Women’s Auxiliary President Mrs. Jane Remenyik. Pictured (l-r) are: Kary Hodge, Vanessa Chavez, Adelia Vigil and Mrs. Remenyik.

8-week courses: Same price and credit but in half the time

By Moses Marquez

Luna Community College prides itself on providing the convenience and flexibility you need to be a successful adult learner. That’s why we offer eight-week course sessions that help you balance work and family obligations. Eight-week courses allow a student to obtain full credit in half the amount of time of the traditional semester course. It simply means that the class meets for twice the amount of time during

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each week then the 16-week class.

Whether you are taking on-campus or online courses or both you'll find our academic course format allows you to complete your degree sooner than colleges with traditional 16-week programs. Courses offer options for students who want to take a class that may have been canceled or those who want to earn their credits to graduate faster.

Classes include courses from Humanities, Health Sciences, Science, Math Engineering & Technology, Business & Professional Studies, Education, and Vocational Education. All WebCt courses are assessed a distance learning fee of \$25.00. For a updated listing of classes visit our website at www.luna.edu.



CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 7, 2009

8-WEEK COURSES

Course I	Sec	Hours	Title	Days	Dates	Times	Campus	Bldg	Room	Instructor
CIS100	42	3.0	Computer Fundamentals	--T-R--	03/10/09 - 05/08/09	4:00PM - 7:50PM	OFFS	OFFS	MOR1	Laumbach,P
ECON208E	30	3.0	Principles of Macroeconomics(DL)	-M-W---	03/09/09 - 05/08/09	6:15PM - 9:05PM	EWEB	SROS		Chavez, D
ECON209	40	3.0	Principles of Microeconomics	-M-W---	03/09/09 - 05/08/09	5:00PM - 7:50PM	OFFS	OFFS	MOR1	Gonzales,R
ENG104E	03	3.0	Grammar Usage & Writing (DL)	-M-W-F-	03/09/09 - 05/08/09	5:00PM - 6:40PM	EWEB	MAIN		Gallegos,I
ENG213E	21	3.0	British Literature I (DL)	-M-W---	03/09/09 - 05/08/09	TBA	EWEB	SPRG		Otto, K.
FCMK130	03	3.0	Advanced Woodworking Projects	-----S	03/07/09 - 05/08/09	8:00AM - 4:30PM	MAIN	BTRD		Montoya, P
MATH105	07	4.0	General Mathematics	-MTWR--	03/09/09 - 05/08/09	10:00AM - 11:40AM	MAIN	ADMN	103	Mares, G
POLS151E	01	3.0	American Nat'l Government (DL)	-MTWR--	03/09/09 - 05/08/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		Garcia, T.
PSYC101E	21	3.0	Introduction to Psychology (DL)	-M-W---	03/09/09 - 05/08/09	7:00PM - 9:50PM	EWEB	SPRG		Robbins, J
PSYC242E	02	3.0	Developmental Life Span (DL)	--T----	03/10/09 - 05/08/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		Hughes, R
PSYC258	40	3.0	Abnormal Psychology	-----S	03/07/09 - 05/08/09	9:00AM - 3:50PM	OFFS	OFFS	RTN1	Robbins, J
QUIL205	01	3.0	Quilting and Sewing II	-MTWRF-	03/09/09 - 05/08/09	12:30PM - 2:30PM	MAIN	BTRD		Baca, B
READ105E	02	3.0	Developmental Reading (DL)	-MTWR--	03/09/09 - 05/08/09	TBA	EWEB	MAIN		Hamplesman,
SPAN100	41	3.0	Conversational Spanish	--T-R--	03/10/09 - 05/08/09	6:00PM - 8:50PM	OFFS	OFFS	RTN2	FlynnDelRi
SPCH111	40	3.0	Public Speaking	--T-R--	03/10/09 - 05/08/09	6:00PM - 8:50PM	OFFS	OFFS	RTN1	Otto, K.
STGS155	01	1.0	Introduction to Latin Dance	-M-WR--	03/09/09 - 05/08/09	6:30PM - 7:45PM	MAIN	CAFE		Metcalf, A

A Conversation with the Community” Part II

On behalf of Luna Community College, we take great pleasure in hosting Part II of “A Conversation with the Community” to be held on the following dates and locations:

February 24, 2009

Learning Resource Center Auditorium – Main Campus
Topic to be presented: Banking and the Economy
Presenters: Local Bank Presidents

April 7, 2009

Learning Resource Center Auditorium – Main Campus
Topic to be presented: 2009 Legislative Session
Presenters: Area Legislators

April 21, 2009

Allied Health Auditorium – Main Campus
Topic to be presented: “A journey through life; be prepared for the opportunity”

Presenter: Former NFL Player – Don Perkins

Luna Community College cordially invites you, your staff and students along with members of the community to join us in these very informative and exciting conversations. As advocates for education, Luna Community College continually strives to provide our community with professional development in the form of presentations.

We look forward to your participation in these presentations this spring. Should you need further information, please feel free to contact my office at 505.454.2567.

Kayleen R Encinias
Executive Administrative Assistant
Office of the Vice President for Academics



Former NFL star Don Perkins will be speaking at Luna Community College at noon on Tuesday, April 21 at the Allied Health Auditorium. Perkins’ speech will focus on “A journey through life; be prepared for the opportunity.” He will be providing free autographs after his speech. Perkins is part of the college’s “A Conversation with the Community” lecture series. Other speakers this semester include local bank presidents and area legislators.

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Luna CC to participate in LV Day

By Lorraine Martinez

On Feb. 27, Luna Community College will participate in *Las Vegas Day* at the state legislature. This will take place with display boards from our admissions and recruitment office. Please get any information from your department to Moses Marquez or Tom Herrera so that this information can be disseminated to the public on that day.

If your department plans on attending, please let Marquez know as soon as possible. You will need to make arrangements for your own transportation and food. The Culinary Arts Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Student Government, and both the Rough-rider baseball and softball student-athletes will also attend on this day as “Legislative Ambassadors.”

On March 13, at the New Mexico Legislature, we will have our own **LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY!**

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Again, please talk to Marquez or Herrera if your department would like to attend on this day. You must make your own arrangements for transportation and food.

Our mariachi group, *Los Jinetes Arrojadados de Luna Community College*, led by Jeanette Nolan, will perform from noon to 1 p.m. in the rotunda. Our Phi Theta Kappa students, student government students along with baseball and softball players will be designated as "Legislative Ambassadors" for that day representing Luna Community College.

The late Sen. President Pro Tem, Ben Altamirano will be hon-

ored at 9 a.m. that morning for the role he played in securing the Leadership Institute at Luna Community College. Adrienne O'Brien's Culinary Arts Club will provide light refreshments that day.

LCC Public Information Coordinator Jesse Gallegos will be handing out a special edition of *The Luna Light* to the public at the legislature and June Lopez' creative flyer will be posted around campus.

As you can see, Luna Community College will be well represented on both days and your involvement is appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Marquez at extension 1202.

Campos sends letter to N.M. senators, reps

The following letter was sent to Sen. Jeff Bingaman, Sen. Tom Udall, Rep. Ben Lujan Jr., Rep. Harry Teague and Rep. Martin Heinrich from Luna CC President Dr. Pete Campos.

The stimulus initiatives that have been proposed for our country are necessary, timely and most appropriate. On behalf of Luna Community College, I have enclosed a copy of our *Luna Light* (a weekly newsletter) that highlights our goals, vision and pathway.

I realize this correspondence is being sent to you at a time when we are uncertain about our economy, resources are limited and people across our nation are questioning their future.

Some highlights of our institution's bold plan supported by the Board of Trustees are as follows.

Implementation of 14 new academic and vocational programs that will be certified and provide the necessary rigor to assist students so they may earn the academic instruction and training that will lead to good paying jobs.

- Implementation of the Luna Academy (a

new charter school) that will serve as a catch net and serve the non-traditional and at-risk students from our service area. This school will be located on our campus.

- Proposing a bond election to meet the growing capital needs of our service area. If approved by the voters of the area, facilities and equipment are slated for badly needed upgrades. Ultimately, we intend to provide learning and vocational centers in all small communities that we serve.

- Offering the mechanism for the people of Raton, Pecos, Cimarron and Vaughn to join our service area. If, by a majority vote, people of these communities choose to join our service area then more focus will be put into their educational needs.

- Strengthening our concurrent enrollment and dual credit high school programs in existing and additional high schools. The intent of this expansion is to offer more courses to students in rural areas, provide relevant course-

work to students who are having difficulty with core classes and ensuring that proper protocol is followed so that high school students can effectively transition, after graduation, to higher education.

Using available resources to develop practical facilities and purchase vocational equipment.

These highlights are but a few of the many initiatives that are currently underway. I hope that we may enter a discussion that will help us improve these or other areas you may suggest.

The bottom line, we want to help ourselves but we truly need to align our direction with the vision set by our federal government. Any advice and support you are able to give regarding upcoming stimulus initiatives will be greatly appreciated.

Siempre,

Pete Campos

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's winner: Francine Crespin
Last week's picture: Urszula Abeyta



Quote of the Week

"Part of teaching is helping students learn how to tolerate ambiguity, consider possibilities, and ask questions that are unanswerable,"— Sara Lawrence Lightfoot.