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Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America

Cannone ready to start 25th year

Name: Marcella O. Cannone

Position: Copy Center /Mailroom Technician

How many years have you been here at LCC? 24 years and will start my 25th year in August. I started working at (Luna Vocational Technical Institute) in 1985. It’s now known as Luna Community College.

Favorite food and why? I just love to eat. I like to try a different food at least once.

Favorite hobby and why? Quilting, reading, making puzzles and taking care of my grandchildren. Quilting, reading and making puzzles are a stress release for me. My grandchildren (27 grandchildren and five grand-grandchildren) bring enjoyment into my everyday life.

Favorite TV show and why? The Lawrence Welk Show. It’s a TV show my mom I watched for many years together.

Where would like to see yourself five years from now? Retired and spending time with my husband (Tony), and doing all things I have not been able to do while working.

What do you like best about LCC? My co-workers.

What do you like least about LCC? The tension we have gone through with all the changes in the last 10 to 12 years.

What is your greatest strength? Being able to work well with the many changes I have experienced in the last 10 to 12 years.

The Luna Light is proud to feature Marcella Cannone who has been employed at Luna Community College for 24 years. 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.



Marcella Cannone says that her family brings joy to her everyday. This August, Cannone will have completed 24 years as an employee of Luna Community College.



Luna Community College Automotive Technology Instructor Eugene Sandoval (left) and Collision Repair Instructor Anthony Baca share curriculum ideas with Carlsbad High Collision and Automotive Instructors Lupe Vasquez and Neto Toscano earlier this week. The high school teachers toured LCC facilities and its programs.

LCC Title V initiatives

By Lorraine Martinez/Title V Director

Retaining students that are enrolled in the online courses:

As a courtesy to the students that are taking online courses, I have assigned the Title V staff to call **all** online students. These calls include a welcome and answers to questions they may

have regarding their online classes, and contact information for Title V staff. Students are informed that the Title V staff is there to support them in their online learning needs. This includes logging on, chat discussions, assignments, etc.

Another component is the year-long rigor-

ous training that the instructors undertake. This includes developing and redesigning the class for the upcoming semester. We are strengthening the rigor and enhancing delivery for online courses so that the students are well prepared and are getting the “most qualified instruction for their money.”



Paul Sandoval of the LCC Rough Riders Grill points at a hamburger during the lunch hour on Monday. Sandoval says that he wants to share with the public the cafeterias plans in future editions of *The Luna Light*.



Las Vegas resident Miguel Encinias was honored at the State Capitol during Luna Community College Day for his lifetime services to his country. Among his accolades, Encinias flew 69 missions in North Africa, Sicily and Corsica and was shot down, wounded and captured by the German Army. Encinias retired as a Lt. Colonel. Pictured with Encinias are Speaker of the House Ben Lujan and state representatives Richard Vigil and Tomas Garcia.

More money in your paycheck

By Leticia Archuleta/Payroll Manger

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the Economic Stimulus Package for 2009, officially known as The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has released new withholding tables incorporating the Making Work Pay Credit included in the ARRA of 2009.

This will result in more take-home pay this spring through the end of the year, December 2009 for most employees. Effective with your paycheck dated 03/30/2009, we will begin using the new withholding tables.

LCC Small Business Development Center 2nd Quarter 2009 Workshops

“Build a High Performing Workplace”
April 7, 2009 - Raton

“Culture of Discipline”
April 8, 2009 - Las Vegas

“Bookkeeping for Artisans”
April 9, 2009 - Las Vegas

“Basic Bookkeeping”
April 23, 2009 - Angel Fire
April 28, 2009 - Raton

“Beginning Quick Books”
June 25, 2009 - Angel Fire

“Intermediate Quick Books”
June 26, 2009 - Angel Fire

For more information, call Melissa Gold at 505/454-5349 or (800) 588-7232 ext. 1758.

LCC students ready to bring home medals from New Mexico SkillsUSA competition



Luna Community College cosmetology students will be competing at the SkillsUSA State Conference from Wednesday, April 1 through Saturday, April 4. Pictured clockwise are: Ashley Jaramillo and Tammy Archuleta; Earl Gonzales and fellow student James Gallegos; Laura Hurtado; Kathy Maes and a photo of Jaramillo's nail entry.

Luna Community College students have traditionally done well against their colleagues from across the state in the SkillsUSA competition. And this year should be no different.

Laura Hurtado, who won last year's nail technology category, is confident that LCC will do fine again.

"It was a very good experience, I wouldn't

have missed it for the world. I am very happy that I will be able to compete again, this time in a different category. I think as a group we will be very competitive again," says Hurtado.

This year she will join fellow students Earl Gonzales and Kathy Maes in the hair competition. Maes took third last year in this category. A year ago, Gonzales attended the event as an

observer.

Ashley Jaramillo and Tammy Archuleta will be competing in the nail technology category. The theme they will be using for this competition is "Mountain Day." The nails are featured with the wonders of nature, including snow-tipped mountains, green meadows and beautiful aspen trees.

Little victories can be as important as big ones

By Jesse Gallegos

As many of you know, I take care of my elderly parents. It has been one of the most demanding, yet rewarding experiences of my life. Although it's a fact of life that we all must pass on, it is very difficult to see the two most important people in your life get sicker each week. I often ask myself how do you prepare to let go of the first persons that held you and told you they loved you. It's not easy.

I realize the time I have left with them is limited, so although it is not a perfect situation I try to do the best to make them as happy and comfortable as I can.

Both have told me that they do not want to spend any extended time in hospitals, they would rather stay at home. Although I am 40-years-old (some tell me I look like I'm 25, just kidding) I have become a pretty good cook and housekeeper. My parents have made comments that I make a killer hamburger and pretty decent scrambled eggs. With both of their appetites slipping away I was very happy recently that they enjoyed a BLT I made for them (I may have forgotten to add the lettuce).

As each day passes, I take little victories where I can, whether if it is a full night sleep that they may get or every now and then when they smile after one of the jokes I tell them.

The message that I'm trying to get across is that there are so many things we should be grateful about. Sometimes we tend to look at things more pessimistically than what we should. Those of us that ei-

ther work or go to school here at Luna Community College should look at the glass as half full, rather than as half empty. I have worked in higher education for many years and it is very easy to get caught up in bureaucracy. But it has been my experience that it is always better to make the best that you can out of any situation you are in.

I speak with confidence when I say that here at Luna Community College, we have some of the most caring faculty or staff that you will find. I would put our employees with any other college in the United States—yes I believe we are that good. But I have to be frank when I say that we have pockets of brilliance, however, we have a ways to go when it comes down to collaboration. I am as much at fault as the next person is. One of the most difficult things to do in life is to put differences aside. But once this is done, things seem to be better.

With all confidence I can say our strengths outweigh our weaknesses. Luna Community College plays a major role in so many people's lives. In my heart and in my mind I know that someday we will become "The Premier Rural Community College in America."

This college has and will continue to move forward. But it takes all of us to do this.

I guess I've learned the hard way to appreciate things. Who knows maybe someday I can cook one of my famous hamburgers for all of you.

Notes: Jesse Gallegos is Luna Community College's Public Information Officer. He is a former back-to-back New Mexico AP Columnist of the Year and editor of *The Las Vegas Daily Optic*.

Luna Community College: "The People's College"

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 winners: Francine Crespín and Evelyn Montoya

Last week's picture: Dr. Julian Vigil

State Sen. Mary Jane Garcia enjoying college newsletter

Thank you for sending your news letter to Senator Mary Jane Garcia during this legislative session. Both Senator Garcia and I have enjoyed reading the articles presented in your nicely published newsletter. I especially enjoy the nice pictures.

Our best to you,

Isabel Solano

Secretary to Senator Mary Jane Garcia

Quote of the Week

"Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to do the best of which you are capable,"—*John Wooden*