

The latest news from Luna Community College

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College & Career Night Oct. 16



Luna Community College math professor Dr. Rita Surdi talks with prospective students during the 2018 College Night co-hosted by LCC and New Mexico Highlands University. This year's event, open to all high school students and their parents or guardians, as well as others interested in higher education, is scheduled for Oct. 16.

Luna Community College and New Mexico Highlands University will be sponsoring College & Career Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the John A. Wilson Complex on the NMHU campus.

The event is open to high school students, parents and anyone interested in obtaining college information.

Faculty and staff from both institutions will be available to discuss such things as admissions, financial aid, registration, certificate and degree programs, scholarships and transferring of courses. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) support will be provided.

Students should bring their 2018 tax documents and appropriate identification.

“Luna and Highlands have been sponsoring this event for years, and I can’t emphasize enough how important it is for prospective students,” said Luna Admissions and Recruitment Manager Moses Marquez. “Students can see what both schools have to offer and see if we’re the right fit for them. The information that will be provided is very important and beneficial. It’s one of those events that I highly encourage everyone to attend. This event is very valuable.”

Faculty and staff members from Luna and Highlands will be on hand

featuring academic and vocational programs.

Luna Community College is a comprehensive community college with a broad range of vocational and technical programs at the certificate and associate level. Luna faculty and staff are committed to helping students succeed.

Luna Community College offers flexible class schedules, which includes day, evening, weekend, short term, and distance learning courses.

For more information regarding College & Career Night, contact the Luna Community College Office of Recruitment and Admissions at 505-454-2550.

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The Academic Center for Excellence has a new, expanded location — Room 139 of the Tech Building (just north of the Admin Building). It's a great place to study or read on your own, with a friend or an entire study group. Get tutoring help in a variety of academic subjects. And take part in special events and activities geared to help you excel. Open 8 to 8 Monday through Thursday, 8 to 5 Friday. Come visit ACE today!



New softball coach takes helm

Luna softball coach Steve Wallace shows members of his team the proper bunting technique. Pictured with Wallace are Christian Moyers, Ahahi Ruiz, Mikayla Martinez, Marianna Carter and McKayla Thorley.



Wallace looking to build Rough Riders' pride in community

Luna softball coach Steve Wallace has been around the game for such a long time that although wins and losses are important, he wants to make sure that his softball players understand that there's more to life than hits and errors.

"I don't want my players to just graduate from Luna, but I want them to go on to a four-year university and graduate from there as well," said Wallace, who has been at Luna for just over a month. "I want to bring in professional people to talk to my team and let them know what types of careers there is for them. It's

important that they are set for life after softball."

Wallace has an extensive coaching background. His latest was a four-year stint from 2014 to 2018 with Jarvis Christian College, an NAIA team in Hawkins, Texas. Wallace re-started the softball program there. He was also an admissions recruiter.

Those are the success stories on the field. Off the field remains a priority for Wallace.

"Our team will be involved in Breast Cancer Month in October," said Wallace. "Everyone needs to be checked. I come from a family that has a history of such diseases as cancer, high blood pressure and diabetes. With early detection you have a better chance of beating the disease. The more education on

issues such as these that is out there, it's better for everyone."

Wallace said that he would also like his team involved in a food and cold-weather clothes drive in November.

"We will accept gloves and old coats, get them cleaned and partner with churches and local food banks," says Wallace. "Normally, in August we would have a school supply drive for younger students."

All this is part of the bigger picture, says Wallace.

"Every month our team will be involved in some type of community activity," says Wallace. "Giving back to the community is so important. The earlier people get involved with giving back, the stronger of a society

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College Scorecard: The U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard has the most reliable data on college costs, graduation and post-college earnings. Visit collegescorecard.ed.gov



Homecoming fun in Vegas





Team Luna continued its 2019 parade season by participating in homecoming marches for West Las Vegas High School and New Mexico Highlands University on Sept. 20 and 21.

Luna, LANL, others continue talks



University of California president Janet Napolitano (seventh from left) poses with a large contingent from Luna Community College after she announced a \$200,000 grant to benefit educational efforts across the region. The presentation came as part of an ongoing conversation among Los Alamos National Laboratory officials and various community and higher educational institutions including Luna and New Mexico Highlands University. Also pictured above is New Mexico Lt. Gov. Howie Morales, second from left.

Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and administration took part in the Los Alamos National Laboratory Community Conversation, which focused on education.

University of California President Janet Napolitano was the guest speaker for the Sept. 12 event. As part of the presentation, Napolitano discussed LANL's continued investment in education in northern New Mexico. She announced a

\$200,000 grant to the Regional Development Corporation from Triad Security LLC, supporting educational efforts in the region.

Napolitano served as governor of Arizona from 2003 to 2009, then as the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security from 2009 to 2013 under then-President Barack Obama. Since the fall of 2013, she has worked as president of the University of California. She has ties to New Mexico as a former resident of

Albuquerque and graduate of Sandia High School.

During the LANL event, Napolitano took some time to take a photo with Luna (see above). Napolitano is pictured seventh from the left. Also featured in the photo with Luna is New Mexico Lt. Gov. Howie Morales (second from the left).

Luna had the most participation of any organization or college in attendance.

Come check out the
Luna Community College

GAME ROOM!



Located in the Samuel F. Vigil Learning Resource Center, Room 102

Hours of operation:

Mondays	10:30-11:30 a.m.	1-5 p.m.
Tuesdays	11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	3-5 p.m.
Wednesdays	10:30-11:30 a.m.	1-5 p.m.
Thursdays	11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	3-5 p.m.
Fridays	10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	



Study time

Luna Community College students do some group studying Sept. 16 in the humanities department. Pictured (from left) are: Angel Romero, Lindsey Sanchez, Monica Mondragon and Dennika Bustos. Romero, a freshman from Las Vegas, is majoring in nursing; Sanchez, a freshman from Mora, is majoring in nursing; Mondragon, a freshman from Mora, is majoring in allied health and Bustos, a freshman from Mora, is majoring in nursing. Luna's 2019 fall enrollment is up seven percent from fall 2018.

Wallace...

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we become. I get my strength in community service from my mother who was a teacher for 40 years, and I get my structure from my father, who was a 40-year Air Force veteran.”

Among some of the ideas that Wallace has tossed around is having a Grandmother's Day at one of his games, in appreciation of all grandmas. Another idea is a Tea Day, where people in the community will be invited to have tea with his players and show some of the opportunities they have. In addition, they will learn the importance of networking.

“My philosophy is to be people-centered,” said Wallace. “We are ambassadors for the college. I not only want my student-athletes to have a great college experience, but for all students to have a great college experience at Luna. We're going to be productive on and off the field. My job is to promote the program, individuals and the entire college. If I

can help someone, I will.”

Wallace said he has had the same philosophy wherever he has coached, including the years he spent as the head softball coach at St. Paul's College, an NCAA Division II team in Lawrenceville, Va., from 2004 to 2011. At St. Paul's College, for five consecutive years, his team improved its record from the year before and qualified for the conference tournament twice. In 2009, Wallace was named Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Coach of the Year. In 2010, Wallace served as the site supervisor for the NCAA Division II Atlantic Region.

From 2011 to 2013, Wallace was the assistant athletic director for women's sports and head softball and volleyball coach at Virginia University of Lynchburg.

“In my second year as softball coach there, we played in the USCAA (United States Collegiate Athletics Association) national tournament,” said Wallace. “We were fortunate enough where one of our games was televised on ESPN.”

His professional memberships and development experiences include the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association and National Fast Pitch Masters, with whom he conducts softball clinics around the country. He was also an NCAA Atlantic Region Softball Committee member from 2007 to 2010.

Wallace has master's and bachelor's degrees from Virginia State University.

“I like the people at Luna; I like the small college student-centered approach and family atmosphere,” said Wallace. “The instructors have a lot of energy. I feel that Luna has all the ingredients to be a dynamic institution of higher learning.”

Wallace said his players are great to be around.

“I love their attitudes,” said Wallace. “They have some of the best attitudes I've ever been around; they're very coachable. We want to take one step at a time and take the program to another level.”



Fight **the** **Flu**

It starts with you

FLU SHOT CLINIC

The LCC Nursing Students in cooperation with the New Mexico Public Health Department, San Miguel County will be providing free flu shots to healthy adults over the age of 18.

Location: Luna Community College

Allied Health Lobby

Date: October 17, 2019

Time: 9AM- 6 PM

