

The Luna Light



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Dr. Bruce Moses selected as president by Luna BOT

The Luna Community College Board of Trustees selected Dr. Bruce Moses as the next president of Luna Community College in a special meeting held on Wednesday, Oct. 10, bringing an end to a months-long process that involved faculty, staff, students and community members.

"Luna Community College has a longstanding history of creating opportunities for students to meet their educational goals and addressing the emerging economic development needs in northeastern New Mexico," said Dr. Moses. "I look forward to serving as the next president of LCC — the highest honor of my career — in building on that rich history with LCC students,



Dr. Bruce Moses (far left) is pictured with Luna employees Dave Kavanaugh, Brenda Ortega and Tycie Jackson after a staff forum on Sept. 27 at the Luna Media Arts Auditorium.

faculty, staff, trustees and community members."

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Luna Robot Rodeo a hit with area students

When it comes to designing and programming a robot, even the slightest adjustment can have a significant impact on its performance.

That's one of the lessons learned by several dozen students from high schools across northeastern New Mexico who converged on the Luna Community College campus this past Saturday, Oct. 6, for the first Robot Rodeo.

Robot Rodeo was hosted and

coordinated by Luna's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math department with support from Los Alamos National Laboratory and Los Alamos National Security. Teams representing Maxwell, Mora, Santa Rosa, Springer and Wagon Mound took part in the competition, which concluded LCC's Robot Institute, an initiative the college began in September with sessions on its main campus as well as

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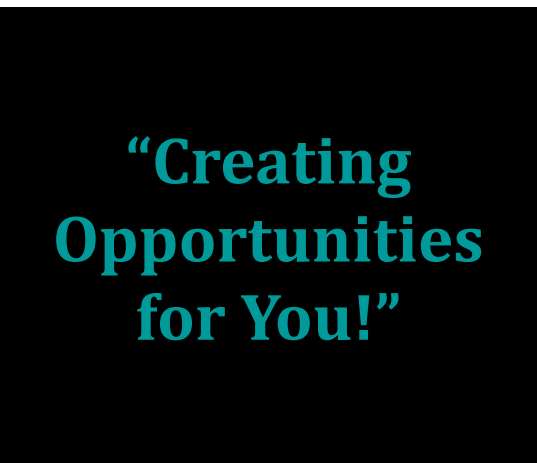
The board authorized contract negotiations to begin. The board is scheduled to take action on the contract details at its regular meeting in November.

Dr. Moses is currently the assistant vice chancellor for accreditation and academic quality improvement and the acting assistant vice chancellor of enrollment management and student affairs at Pima County Community College District in Tucson. He has worked for Pima since March 2015. Dr. Moses earned a doctorate in community college leadership from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. He also earned a master's degree in educational leadership in higher education from Eastern Michigan University. Prior to that, he earned a bachelor's degree in administrative management and business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

In January 2018, the board contracted with a search firm to conduct a national search that yielded upwards of 80 applicants. Ultimately, a 10-member search committee, which included

representation of students, faculty, staff and the community, interviewed 12 individuals. Over the past month, each of five finalists participated in an on-campus visit and an interview before the trustees. Each visit included forums with Luna students, employees and community members.

High on the list of to-do items for the new president will be continued work to secure Luna's accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission. The HLC issued a show-cause order to the college in November 2017. Since then, interim President Ricky Serna and others have worked to bring stability and remedy some of the issues raised by the show-cause order. In July, the college's accreditation status was upgraded from show-cause to probationary. Still, Luna is required to continue its work addressing the issues that prompted the original order and must provide evidence of having done so by March 1, 2019. The HLC is then scheduled to conduct an on-site visit no later than May, with a decision on Luna's status due in November



Luna Community College School of Business Eight-week classes beginning soon!

BUS 102 Quantitative Methods in Business
(Monday through Thursday, 1-2:45 p.m.,
BUS 112, Humanities Bldg.)

MGMT 218 Small Business Management
(Monday through Thursday, 3-4:45 p.m.,
BUS 112, Humanities Bldg.)

Instructor: Leticia Griego

Sign up today!

Second eight-week session is Oct. 15 to Dec. 7;
last day to add classes is Oct. 19.



Robot Rodeo a hit...

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its satellite centers in Springer and Santa Rosa.

Under the guidance of Luna STEM instructors and students, participating high school students learned some basic robotics and the associated computer coding involved. Each school team was assigned a robot – provided by LANS – with which to build and practice.

“It was a great success,” said Francisco Apodaca, director of STEM at Luna. “Teams from Maxwell, Springer, Mora, Wagon Mound and Santa Rosa got to show their robotics knowledge and had a good time doing so ... It was a learning experience for all the students who now understand the complexities of robot competition.”

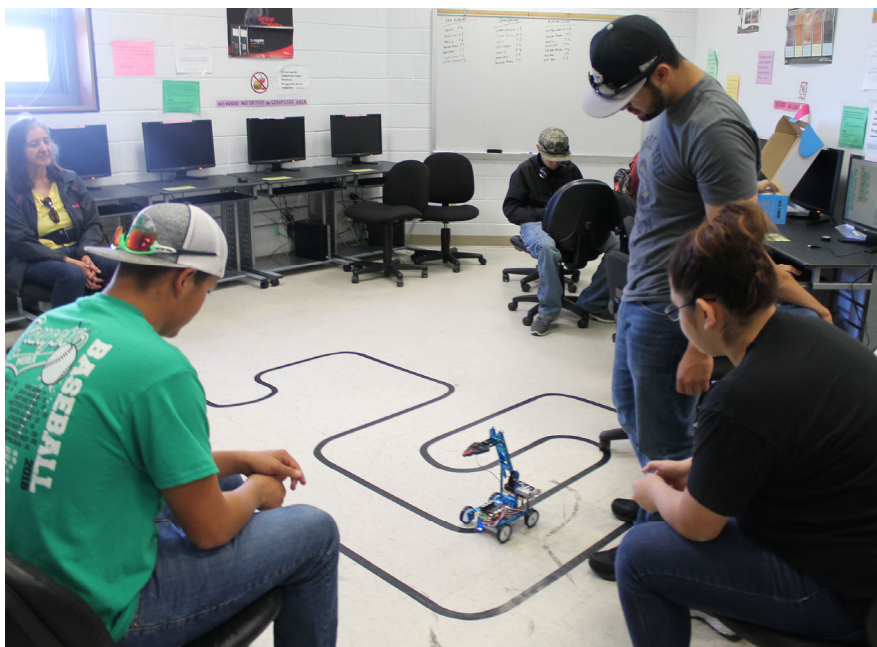
Saturday’s Robot Rodeo pitted the teams against each other in a tournament, with competition based on how successful each team was in programming its robot to perform certain assigned tasks.

“This was a great experience for our students; they are working collaboratively with each other and other teams to solve complex problems and are utilizing higher learning to do so,” said Springer sponsor Rebecca Ramirez.

Springer’s team emerged as the winner of this year’s competition, followed by Wagon Mound and Santa Rosa 1. Santa Rosa and Mora fielded two teams apiece.

Apodaca credited members of the student STEM Club, Betsy Sanchez, Nichole Collins, Rachael Lucero and Geno Castillo for helping coordinate Robot Rodeo.

LCC’s Robot Institute and Robot Rodeo are examples of outreach efforts by the college’s STEM department to stimulate interest in science, math and engineering fields.



A team from Springer captured first place in the Luna Robot Rodeo on Saturday, Oct. 6. Pictured (l-r) Springer team sponsor Rebecca Ramirez, Luna’s Betsy Sanchez, and Springer students Rebekah Marquez, Diego Ramirez and Antonio Chavez.

Participants in the Luna Robot Rodeo on Saturday, Oct. 6 test their robot before the competition began.

Luna students showcase artistic talents



Luna students taking Lisa O'Loughlin's introduction to drawing class have their work displayed in the hallway in the Humanities Department. Pictured in page 5 (clockwise) are Melanie Soto Ramos, Tina Grine-Martinez and Jacob Carroll. Pictured in page 6 (clockwise) are Kayla Bachert, Leslie Lopez, Linda Gonzales and Will McBride. For more information on introduction to drawing and other classes offered in the humanities department, call 505-454-2557.





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Are you a high school junior or senior?
Are you considering college after years out of school?
Are you curious about the possibilities college might offer?
If any of the above sounds like you, join us for ...

★ College Night ★

Wednesday, Oct. 24

5 to 8 p.m.

Wilson Complex, NMHU

Visit with faculty and staff from Luna Community College and New Mexico Highlands University and learn all about:

- * Admissions
- * Certificate programs
- * Transferring courses
- * Financial aid
- * Degree programs
- * Other information
- * Registration
- * Scholarships





Luna's Asylum

Admission: \$5 a person

Oct. 26 & 27
8 to 11 p.m.

Located on Luna campus in the AG dungeon behind Allied Health Building

Sponsored by: Campus Life, STEM Club, Skills, Allied Health, School of Business

Luna Recruitment Department employees Laura Salazar, Martin Garcia and Moses Marquez recently recruited for the College and promoted the statewide General Obligation Bond that will provide New Mexico's colleges, universities and specialty schools with the ability to ensure students have the resources they need to get an education and succeed! The event was held outside Walmart. For more information on Luna, call 505-454-5312.





Birthday treat

Family members of Fedelina “Phoebe” Estrada treated her to an early birthday surprise on Thursday, Oct. 18, accompanying her to the Luna Community College cosmetology salon for a full beauty treatment, including a haircut, facial treatment and pedicure. Estrada turned 80 on Friday the 19th. Pictured, top left: Brenda Cisneros and Justina Medina greet Estrada. Top right: Luna student Savannah Ruiz prepares Estrada for her hairstyling.



At right: Family members of Fedelina “Phoebe” Estrada enjoy an afternoon at the Luna salon. Pictured from left are manicurist Shannon Sanchez, Kealani Kersting, Justina Medina, Brenda Cisneros, Laura Marquez, Rosabell Chacon, Bernadine Rael, pedicurist Crestina De La Cruz, Joyce Cisneros, Phoebe Estrada, Autumn Ewaliko and pedicurist Jovanna Gastelum.