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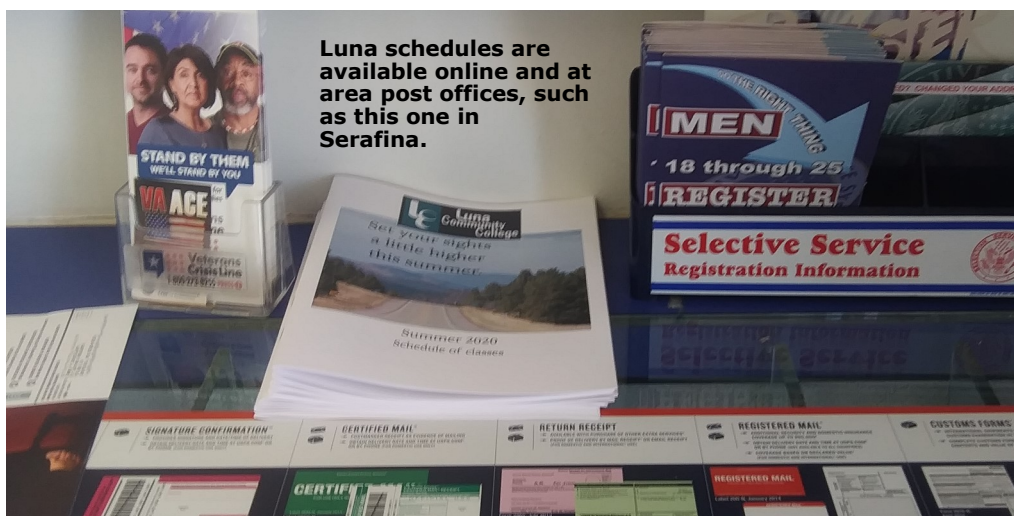
The college announced it will proceed with its summer session as scheduled – with a couple of changes due to COVID-19 social distancing precautions.

The first change is that registration will be conducted via telephone beginning Monday, June 1. Classes begin the week of Monday, June 8, and the last day to register or add classes is Friday, June 12.

The other change is that all classes will be held online or via distance education. The transition to online and distance has been made to help ensure the health and safety of all in the Luna community. The college transitioned its Spring 2020 courses to online delivery in March in response to COVID-19 pandemic, in consultation with state and national authorities.

If you are looking to sign up for Summer 2020 classes, please call your program advisor or the Luna Student Success Center for assistance. (See list of contacts accompanying this story.) If you have not been admitted to the college, you'll first need to complete an application form, available online at luna.edu/admissions.

Full course schedules for Summer 2020 are also available online at



luna.edu/schedule and at area post offices. Approximately 60 classes are being planned for the summer session. You should review the classes you would like to take and then call the appropriate advisor beginning June 1 to set up your schedule.

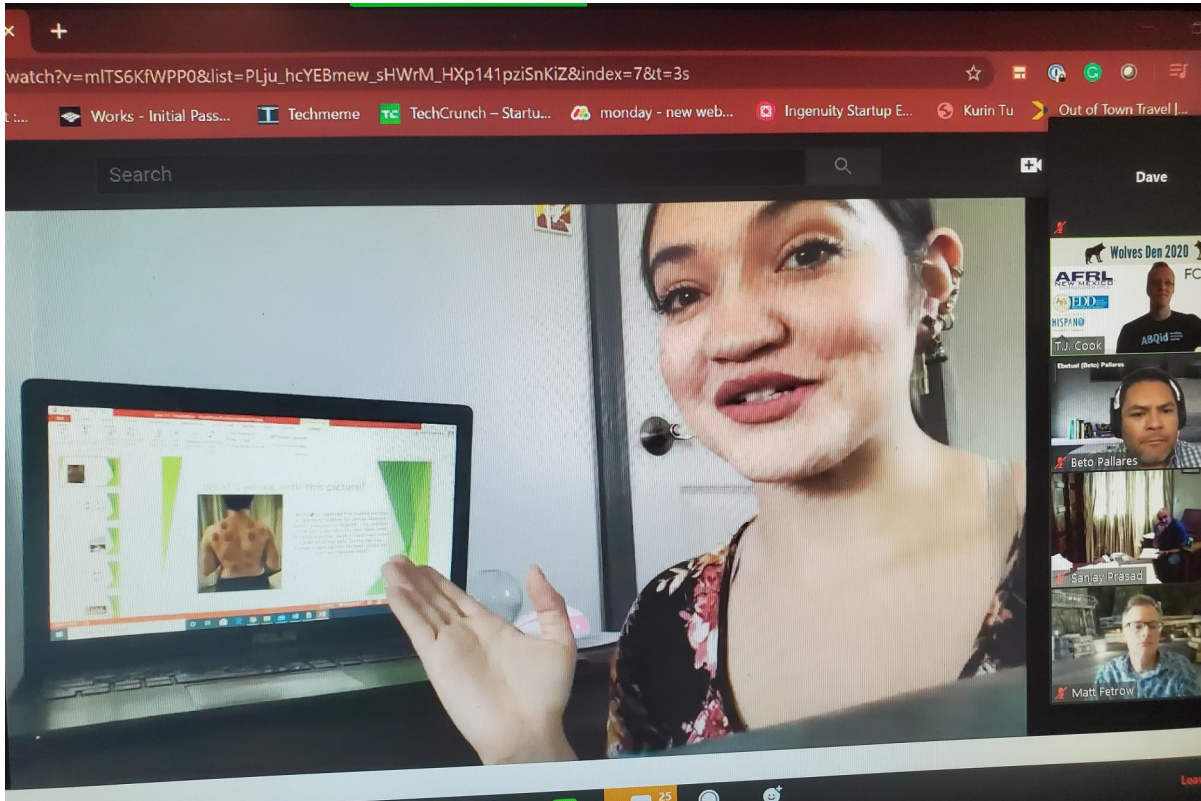
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payment. Payments will be accepted through July 31 or the start of the Fall 2020 semester. In an effort to help students, disenrollment for non-payment will be deferred until then.



April Esquibel, a general science major at Luna, presents her product idea during the annual Wolves Den showcase and competition April 24. The event, hosted by New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, was held via live teleconferencing.

Wolves Den features 5 from Luna

No pesky little virus was going to keep Wolves Den competitors – including five Luna Community College students – from showcasing their product ideas this spring.

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology hosts Wolves Den, an annual competition that allows college students across the state to share their innovative concepts for potential products. Typically, the students gather in person at New Mexico Tech’s Socorro campus for the event, and they are able to interact with one another and with judges, entrepreneurs, representatives from industries and academia. But with

the world in the grips of COVID-19 and social distancing precautions, this year’s Wolves Den appeared headed for cancellation.

But organizers decided to press on, hosting the showcase virtually, inviting competitors to create video presentations and then assemble in an online Zoom gathering April 24.

“Of course we should do it,” said ABQid Executive Director T.J. Cook, one of the organizers. “That’s what entrepreneurs do. (When they encounter a challenge), figure it out.”

And so they did.

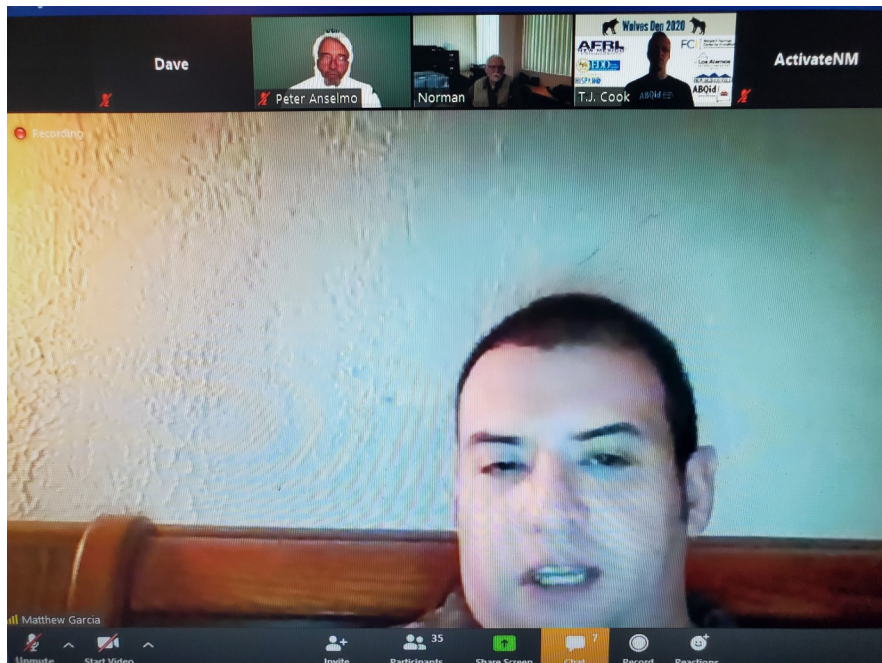
Five Luna students – Max Bernstein, Theo Curry, April Esquibel, Matthew

Garcia and Laquisha Montañó – highlighted the Wolves Den intellectual property showcase, each presenting a product idea to address voids in the marketplace or to improve upon existing products. In doing so, the Luna contingent kept up a recent tradition of strong representation for the college in Wolves Den; LCC alumnus Jake Taylor won the competition in 2019.

Garcia’s concept for a “shared-access multi-padlock device” placed third in the competition, while Montañó’s idea for “bloodstream testing” took fourth as determined by judges.

Garcia said he took inspiration from his late father, a lifelong cattle rancher,

Matthew Griego, a pre-engineering major at Luna, discusses the concept behind his product idea, a type of gate lock designed for ranch gates. Griego placed third in the Wolves Den competition, while fellow Luna student Laquisha Montano placed fourth. The college was well-represented, with five students presenting in this year's showcase.



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T.J. Cook
ABQid Executive Director,
Wolves Den co-host

when developing his idea, an improvement upon existing access locks used to secure ranch gates. “He was a

simple man but not a simple-minded man,” Garcia said. “I believe he would’ve made a fine mechanical engineer.”

Montaño also found inspiration for her idea – an implant to measure various blood values and thus prevent the need for frequent blood draws – in a family member. Her mother, she noted, has to endure those now. “It’s hard to see her go through that pain,” she said.

Garcia is a pre-engineering major at Luna. Montaño, Bernstein, Curry and Esquibel are studying general science at the college.

“I’m very proud of all our students for their presentations,” said Betsy Sanchez, an instructor in Luna’s STEM Department who has mentored the students. “They all worked hard to find

ways to create their videos to present – and succeeded.”

Each student had five minutes to present their product design. Most used videos made with their own cellphone cameras; some made use of their laptop computers and others sketched out drawings of their designs. Eventual winners, a student team from Tohatchi, created a prototype of a device that improves cellphone reception. After each presentation, judges peppered each student with follow-up questions.

New Mexico Tech President Dr. Stephen Wells was among those who welcomed the students to this year’s virtual Wolves Den. “This is one of the many examples of the spirit and entrepreneurialism we’re trying to build,”

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Culinary arts gets creative

Students, instructor take changes in stride

Hope Sandoval's culinary arts students didn't let a move to online instruction stop their education. In spite of some of the obstacles, they continued to excel.

"Teaching culinary classes online was amazing to see students in their comfort zone, getting creative with different plating techniques," said Sandoval, who has taught four online classes this spring. "It was wonderful. I am very proud of my students, because even though I piled on the homework, they still enjoyed cooking and trying new things."

At one point during the spring semester, Sandoval and her students

had a virtual Family Pasta Night involving every family member in their respective households. The dish that was chosen was chicken Alfredo.

"Each member of the student's family got together and helped shape the pasta and then created the sauce," said Sandoval. "Then they all sat down and enjoyed their dinner together. Everyone got to see each other's families. It was a great evening."

Sandoval said the toughest part of teaching via distance education was overcoming some technical difficulties. But after that, things were fairly smooth.

Luna Vice President of Instruction Dr. Kenneth Patterson

"My students have a bright future because they all have a passion for cooking and love for food ..."

Hope Sandoval
Luna culinary arts instructor

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Luna Community College culinary arts students recently unveiled a few of their eminently edible class projects for Spring 2020, including dishes for a recent Family Pasta Night. Artistic presentation is one element of their work.



Chicken Alfredo and home-made egg baked custard are just a couple of the dishes prepared by Luna culinary arts students working away from campus this past month.



Quilting students craft facemasks

Luna quilting and sewing students, known for their generosity and talent, have once again come out big for the community.

When Luna quilting and sewing students saw the need to make facemasks during the COVID-19 pandemic, they gathered fabrics of all kinds, downloaded mask patterns, cut elastic to length and threaded their sewing machines. And their sewing machines have been humming along for weeks.

“When some of the students ran out of elastic and the stores ran out of elastic, they made ties out of bias tape or made their own ties by using hair bands, but they persisted,” said Luna quilting and sewing instructor Lin Chibante.

The colorful and amazing efforts resulted in 1,300 masks, collectively. The masks were given to family and friends. They also were given to the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute, Alta Vista Hospital, San Jose Village, CYFD, Raton Corrections, Department of Health, ISD, nurse organizations, local soup kitchens, pharmacies, veterans and social workers.

“There are probably more students who gave their time, fabric and talents to this task, but the known ones are Gloria Mejillas, Emilia Rivera, Genevieve Marquez, Theresa Bustos, Lucy Martinez, Annette Martinez, Celine Kramer, Audrey Martinez, April Hoogerhuies, Kris Ollikkala, Bonny Lopez, Lori Lucero, Nora Duran, JoAnne Gomez,” said Chibante. “Several of them are still sewing masks and finding a need for all of them.”

Chibante said it takes about 10 to 20 minutes to make each mask, depending on whether all the materials are on hand and whether the fabric is cut.

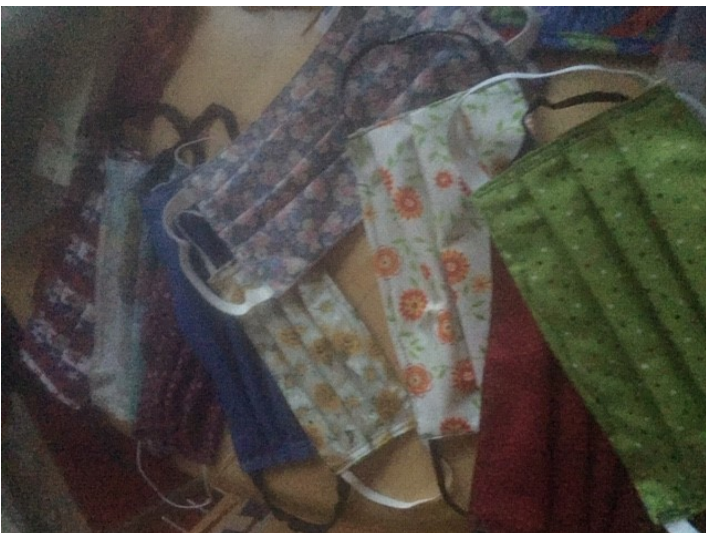
“I am extremely proud and impressed with the students making masks. My students have shown once again how caring they are for the Las Vegas community and beyond. The COVID-19 situation has allowed them to not only help with the need for masks but also to give them a purpose to use the time while isolating at home.”





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Lin Chibante
Luna quilting and sewing instructor



These are colorful examples of the many masks made at home by Luna quilting and sewing students.

TEAS adapted for online delivery

Luna Community College's nursing program is adapting its required entrance exam, the TEAS, to online administration — and rolling out a schedule of testing dates for the months of May and June.

The program is incorporating Proctorio, a test proctoring service that will monitor students as they take the Test of Essential Academic Skills while it is administered online. Online testing has become a necessity in light of the COVID-19 outbreak and resultant social distancing measures.

The new schedule of TEAS dates begins the week of Tuesday, May 12; several testing times are available through June 12. While these dates are for online testing at this time, on-campus testing may be scheduled depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

In order to take the TEAS online, students must use a laptop or desktop computer with Google Chrome browser and a reliable internet connection. The computer must have a working webcam and microphone. Students must have a valid ID to take the exam.

The proctoring service increases the cost of a TEAS exam to \$70. Individuals who qualify for one free exam (because they took Luna's free TEAS prep courses) will not be charged the additional \$5 fee.

Yvonne Pina, student services specialist for the nursing program, advises students who plan to take the TEAS to watch an instructional video and to review an instructional

document prior to their test date.

Links to both the video and document are as follows:

<https://link.videoplatform.limelight.com/media/?mediaId=1a864799c9c84deb9e5a0e2ab20e270f&width=540&height=321&playerForm=LVPPlayer&embedMode=html&htmlPlayerFilename=limelightjs-player.js>

http://sitefinity.atitesting.com/docs/default-source/proctoring/student_remoteproctoring_qsg_4-22-20.pdf?sfvrsn=2

Online testing dates so far:
Tuesday, May 12, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13, 9 a.m.
Thursday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 15, 9 a.m.
Monday, May 18, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 20, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 21, 9 a.m.
Friday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 26, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 27, 9 a.m.
Thursday, May 28, 10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 29, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, June 1, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, June 2, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, June 3, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 4, 9 a.m.
Friday, June 5, 10:30 a.m.
Monday, June 8, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 9, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, June 10, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 11, 1:30 p.m.
Friday, June 12, 9 a.m.

To sign up for these and other planned TEAS dates, please e-mail Pina at ypina@luna.edu and let her

know which test date you would like. Please include your contact phone number. You may also address Pina with any questions on TEAS administration.



In this image from 2019, Luna nursing faculty member Lucia Gomez-Vaughn shows students procedures for a blood draw in the college's state-of-the-art simulation lab. The first step to a rewarding career in nursing is the Test of Essential Academic Skills, which is required for admission into the program.



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assisted Sandoval during the semester.

“Dr. Patterson would go with me to help with grocery shopping for the students,” said Sandoval. “I would bring the groceries home and separate them for my students. I would then set up a schedule for

students to individually pick up groceries. I want to thank Dr. Patterson and the students for their cooperation.”

The four classes Sandoval taught were French and Italian; Global Kitchen; Introduction to Meat, Poultry and Fish; and Current Topics in Food Safety.

“I am very proud of my students,” said Sandoval. “My students are going to be very

successful. They have a bright future because they all have a passion for cooking and love for food.”

For more information on the Luna culinary arts program, call Sandoval at 505-429-1493.

“I want to say thank you to the students and staff for the opportunity to work here,” said Sandoval. “I really enjoy it and look forward to working at Luna for years to come.”

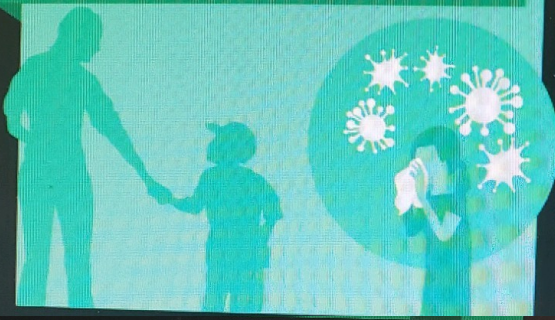
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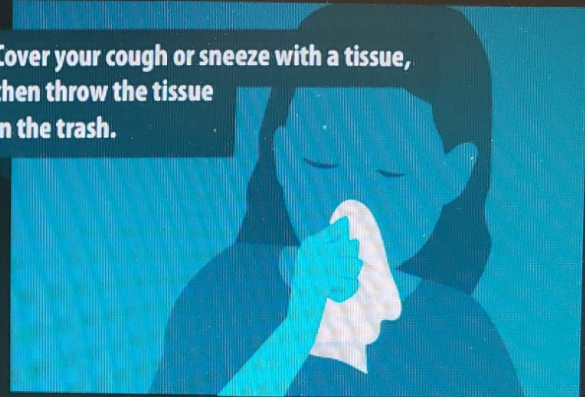
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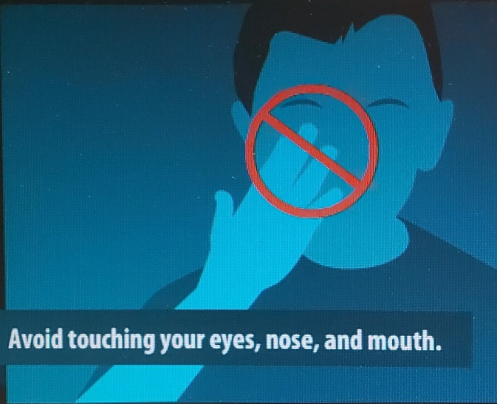
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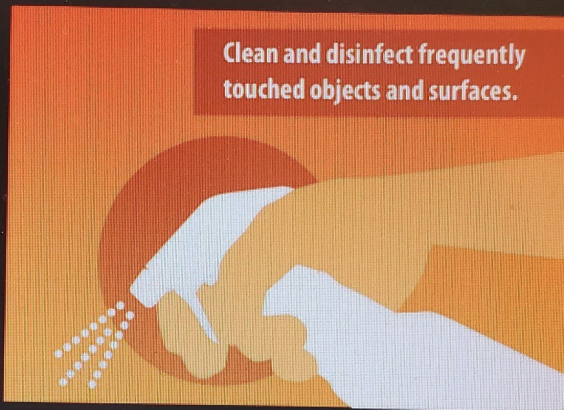
Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



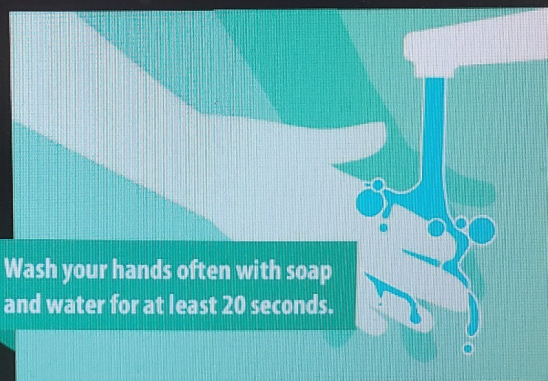
Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



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