

The latest news from Luna Community College

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A DC-10 “heavy” air tanker drops fire retardant on a ridge just west of Luna, recently. The retardant was used to create a backup fire containment line to protect the west side of Las Vegas. Luna’s main campus in Las Vegas has been the main Incident Command Post for the U.S. Forest Service since the start of wildfires. Please see page 2 for more information. (Courtesy photo, U.S, Forest Service)

Register for summer classes

Students interested in registering for summer classes can do so online. Please go to luna.edu to view summer classes. If you are a returning student, below are helpful tips to use.

First go to: <https://student.luna.edu/>

Welcome to
LCC Student Portal
Username
Password
Login

To make a payment: click the \$ sign; balance by semester will show; click for details on the semester you wish to view; click on make a payment; amount due will pop up or you can change to amount you want to pay if not paying in full; reminder a \$50 payment is due on the day of registration or on the first day of classes to secure your enrollment to avoid dis-enrollment; You can view tuition/fees/charges/waivers/adjustment and payments for the semester; Please look at all the tabs in detail.

Please see pages 3 and 4 for more information.

U.S. Forest Service says Luna has been “invaluable”

The Luna Community College campus in Las Vegas has been the main Incident Command Post for the U.S. Forest Service since April 10, right after wildfires started in northeastern New Mexico. During this disaster, over 1,000 Forest Service personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers and Emergency Medical personnel worked out of the Luna campus on a daily basis.

Luna provides office space, internet service, briefing areas, space for a national caterer, camping space, and a place for day sleeping trailers. For other events, emergency responders have to work and live out of tents and spend time and energy hiking back and forth between incident briefings and their vehicles and equipment. At Luna, overnight, indoor camping and vehicle parking was made available near the briefing sites so everyone could more easily, quickly collect assignments, and get back to the work of “fighting the monster fire.”

In addition, Luna provides the nursing auditorium when the Forest Service meets with big groups. The Learning Resource Center Auditorium is used as the communication hub between the forest service and mutual cooperators for a daily briefing. It is also utilized for status updates for the public. Moreover, Luna facilities are utilized for city and county officials to meet with the Governor and her staff as well as with state officials and the congressional delegation.

“Setting up essentially a small city within the matter of days is always a challenge. Having an excellent facility and support from Luna has been invaluable to the incident management teams in command of the Hermits Peak and Calf



U.S. Forrest Personnel stand outside Luna’s old humanities building recently waiting for directions for the day. The U.S. Forest Service has utilized Luna’s campus since the wildfires began in April. (Courtesy photo, U.S. Forest Service)

Canyon Fire,” says Andy Gray, public information officer for the Southwest Incident Management Team.

Luna’s cafeteria was initially used as sleeping quarters for firefighters working through the night. Luna also shared parking space and outside areas with fire personnel. “Just having a place for daytime sleeping that is cool and dark is so important for fighters who work the night shift on the fire line,” says Andy Gray. “The parking capacity for fire engines and other fire equipment was very essential to us.”

Currently, Luna is serving as a distribution center for the San Miguel County Emergency Management Division holding supplies such as water, hygiene essentials and pet food.

“We are very happy that we are able to assist the U.S. Forest Service and our community partners,” said Luna President Dr. Edward Martinez. “A big part of our mission at Luna is for the college to be available to help our communities when they need our services. Before Luna operations went remotely, Luna employees and students were happy to share the facilities with the U.S. Forest Service.”

As of Wednesday May 18, the wildfires had increased 301,971 acres.

“When a fire situation happens, it’s an emergency situation,” says Andy Lyon, also a public information officer for the Southwest Incident Management Team. “Our job is to bring order to the chaos. Part of our job is to make sure workers have a place to eat, a place to sleep and that they are paid when they go home. We also want to express our

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How to register for classes

If you are a first-year student at Luna, you can apply online at [Apply Now](#) or contact the admissions office via telephone, e-mail or in person and complete the admissions process. After you have been admitted, please contact the Student Success Center, also via telephone, e-mail or in person, for registration and the Accuplacer. Telephone numbers are listed below.

If you are a returning student, you can register online through your portal.

For advisement about the courses to take in your program, please contact the student support specialists or your faculty advisor.

If you have declared a major, please contact the student support specialists or your faculty advisor. If you have not declared a major, are a transfer student or are a first-time freshman, please contact the Student Success Center. No answer? Leave a clear message with your name and telephone number. An advisor may be busy assisting another student but will return your call as soon as possible. You may also visit with them in person on campus once the fire danger is gone. Luna is operating remotely at this time.

Student Support Specialist for all programs, Daniel Kelly	505-454-2509	dkelly@luna.edu
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Cashier's Office, Ida Valdez	505-454-2506	fiscaloffice@luna.edu
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Student Success Center Office/Accuplacer Testing, Renee Maestas	505-454-5355	studentsuccess@luna.edu
Veterans Resource Center; Ray Varela	505-454-5343	rvarela@luna.edu
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Bookstore; Ron Duran, manager	505-454-2569	rduran@luna.edu
Academic and Career Planning Director, Inca Garduño Crespin	505-454-5312	icrespin@luna.edu



Summer semester 2022 important dates

Registration for summer 2022 term begins	Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Memorial Day, Campus Closed	Monday, May 30, 2022
Classes begin	Monday, June 6, 2022
Late registration period	Monday, June 6 through Friday, June 17, 2022
Last day to add courses	Friday, June 17, 2022
Last day to drop without a grade	Friday, June 17, 2022
Deadline to change from audit to credit	Friday, June 17, 2022
Deadline to change from credit to audit	Friday, June 17, 2022
Last day to withdraw from full-term classes	Friday, July 8, 2022
Final exam week	Monday, July 25, to Friday, July 29, 2022
Semester ends	Friday, July 29, 2022
Final grades due by faculty to registrar	Monday, August 1, 2022
Final grades available to students	Thursday, August 4, 2022

How to order books

Visit the Luna online bookstore at bookstore.mbsdirect.net/luna.htm. Select your courses from your schedule. View your course materials and select your preferred format. Check out. Select Guaranteed Buyback titles and save up to 70 percent off your course materials. Our customer contact center is open 24/7, ready to take your order or answer your questions. Call 1-800-325-3252 or e-mail customerservice@mbsdirect.net.

Student payment options

By phone with a debit/credit card: You may leave a message at 505-454-2506 or e-mail fiscaloffice@luna.edu with your name, ID number and a callback number. Your call will be returned, and someone will assist you in processing the payment. You may also visit the fiscal office on campus and pay with a check, money order, debit or credit card.

By mail with check/money order (payable to Luna Community College): Students can mail their payments to

Luna Community College
c/o Business Office
366 Luna Drive
Las Vegas, NM 87701

(Be sure to include your name and ID number)

Please remember disenrollment will take place if you do not make arrangements. Summer disenrollment take place at 5 p.m. on June 16.

Note: Luna summer classes are scheduled to begin online.

Gloria Pacheco likes friendly, family atmosphere at Luna

The following is a one-on-one interview with Luna's Gloria Pacheco.

Name: Gloria Pacheco

Position: Dental Assisting Program Administrator.

What year did you start working for Luna? 2001.

What do you like most about Luna and why? Friendly and family-like atmosphere.

What does your job entail; what does a day at Luna look like for you? Busy—administrative duties, CODA records maintenance, preparation for a site visit in 2025, student guidance, counseling, and teaching, to name a few.

Favorite food and why? Enchiladas, I like the spicy flavor mixed with all the memories of mom.

Favorite TV show and why? 9-1-1 Lone Star, Always



Gloria Pacheco has been working at Luna since 2001.

exciting, and ends with a positive or happy ending.

Where would you like to see yourself in five years? All equipment is updated and or replaced. A full classroom on a consistent basis.

What is your greatest strength? Caring.

What would you consider your biggest accomplishment in life and why? Attainment of an MA, through full-time work and family.

What do you consider a good day in your life? Waking up to meet a new day.

What do you enjoy doing outside of working at Luna? Family time, camping, boating, and most outdoor sports.

Any final comments? Working at Luna has presented many opportunities, but most of all I like working with students and training them in a field that is growing very fast and continues to be in demand.

Several Luna employees have been using room G-28 and the board conference room at Highlands University as their work space over the last few weeks. There is still fire and smoke danger to Luna's main campus.

Luna is currently operating remotely. The summer session begins on Monday, June 6 and will begin the semester online. The last day to register is Friday, June 17.





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► Earn **affordable core credits** that transfer to a four-year school!

Don't miss out on Summer '22 at Luna Community College!

Summer 2022 REGISTRATION is open, classes start JUNE 6!

Tuition rates rate among the best values in the nation; additional course fees may apply. .

Visit LUNA.edu for details, or call 505-454-2500 or 1-800-588-7232.





TEAS Exam Schedule

May 2022

Thursday 19 @ 1:30 pm
Friday 20 @ 1:30 pm
Monday 23 @ 9:00 am
Tuesday 24 @ 10:00 am
Wednesday 25 @ 1:30 pm
Thursday 26 @ 9:00 am
Friday 27 @ 10:00 am
Tuesday 31 @ 9:00 am

June 2022

Wednesday 1 @ 10:00 am
Thursday 2 @ 1:30 pm
Friday 3 @ 9:00 am
Monday, 6 @ 1:30 pm
Tuesday, 7 @ 9:00 am
Wednesday, 8 @ 11:00 am
Thursday, 9 @ 1:30 pm
Friday, 10 @ 9:00 am

Students can contact Yvonne Piña via email at ypina@luna.edu to sign up for a test date. **Please provide student ID number, phone number, and exam date in the email.**

Students should create an account with ATI prior to the exam date (if you do not already have an account set up). To create an account, go to www.atitesting.com click on Create Account next to Log In. (Use LCC ADN for institution and estimated graduation date of 5/11/2024.)

We are adding Proctorio to our ATI TEAS testing to allow for online testing. This is a proctoring service that records you while you are taking the ATI TEAS exam. I am including a link for a video that everyone should watch prior to testing and a link to the document with instructions to follow when setting up Proctorio to take an exam. Please make sure you review both items and complete the Proctorio Dry Run under the Test tab in ATI prior to your exam date.

You will be **required** to use a laptop (Chromebooks are **not** supported) with **Google Chrome** as your browser with a reliable internet connection. **Please note:** when setting up Proctorio you need to be logged into Google Chrome using your personal account, **not** your school email. You will also need to have a working webcam and microphone with your laptop and a valid ID to take the exam.

<https://link.videoplatform.limelight.com/media/?>

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https://www.atitesting.com/docs/default-source/proctoring/student_remoteproctoring_qsg_4-27-21.pdf?sfvrsn=fafaa6af_2

This service increases the cost of the TEAS exam to \$70 which is included in the price when you sign up to take the exam. Those individuals that qualify for the one free exam, LCC Nursing will be covering the additional \$5 fee.

New due date for Nursing Applications is now June 17, 2022. Thank you.

Luna establishing Community Support Team

Luna Community College is looking into establishing a Community Support Team that will provide resources to assist our service area in the immense harm stemming from the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon fire. This initiative flows from the college's commitment to serve the community.

The Luna initiative will seek to develop partnerships with various community institutions and community leaders, including local governments, schools, and community organizations.

Initially, Luna will support the following objectives:

- Provide help in transporting food and water from donors to organizations providing help to affected families and individuals affected by the fires.
- Help families and individuals with applying for disaster relief.
- Help transport pets and other animals to safety.
- Share Luna equipment with other organizations involved in relief efforts.

Luna will contact elected officials to inform them

of this initiative and seek potential areas of collaboration.

In addition, Luna will contact community organizations involved with relief efforts to seek areas of collaboration.

Some of these organizations include the Las Vegas Community Foundation, One Hundred Percent Community, the Las Vegas-San Miguel Chamber of Commerce, MainStreet de Las Vegas and Vecinos Juntos. Vecinos Juntos is an organization that includes educational leaders from East and West Las Vegas School Districts, the United World College and Highlands University to discuss Luna plans and possible areas of collaboration.

The Luna team is led by Dr. Bill Taylor.

Luna's Community Support Team is in line with Luna's strategic plan's Goal 6, objective A that states that the college will support and encourage employee and student engagement in local, regional, state, and national public and professional organizations, which will benefit LCC.

U.S. Forest Service...

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appreciation to those who live around the college and have to put up with our noise. We try to be good neighbors. We are trying to bring things somewhat back to normal. We appreciate the support of the community and the college helping us get through this."

Lyon said that although they are still fighting wildland fires, it is important that our communities be ready for future fires.

"A simple explanation, given the conditions in New Mexico right now, we want everyone to be ready for a fire," says Lyon. "It might not be this monstrous fire; it could be a fire that starts with a bottle rocket on the

Fourth of July."

Lyon said that the enemy right now are harsh winds, the fact that everything is dry and the lack of a winter snowfall.

"We appreciate the support of the community and the college helping us get through this,"—Andy Lyon, U.S. Forest Service

"When it rains a sufficient amount that soaks the ground, that is when the fire will be put out completely," says Lyon.

Lyon encourages everyone to be aware of the ready, set and go status.

"Ready means be thinking about leaving your home," says Lyon. "Start thinking what you will take with you when you leave your home. Set means have everything packed together sitting in your car and go means it's time to leave."

Lyon said that there are fire personnel from about a dozen states including some as far away as Alaska and Pennsylvania and all of them are dedicated and committed to their work.

"We work just as hard to save a mobile home as we do to save a one-million-dollar home," says Lyon.