

Cosmetology program celebrates 20 years



The 2022 Luna cosmetology and barbering class includes Ana Paola, Angeline Garcia, Alexis Rubio, Desiree Apodaca, Aysa Vigil, Franki Garcia, Ashley Wheeler, Kelly Lucero, Bailey Douglass, Kimberly Ramirez, Mackenzie Gonzales, Tasheem Shabareh, Monica Mondragon, Leslie Marquez, Victoria Silva, Jesslyn Selph and Deleno Maestas, pictured. Not pictured are Anna Lea Lucero and Joel Moreno.

Luna Community College's cosmetology program is celebrating 20 years of bringing quality education to its students.

Students can earn certificates for cosmetology or barbering within the Department of Career & Technical Education.

The two programs are aimed for students to develop basic skills, safety, work habits and attitudes;

they are designed to meet New Mexico state board standards. Students gain knowledge in such areas as sterilization, sanitization, bacteriology, shampoos, rinses, scalp treatments, chemical rearranging, perms and relaxers, hairstyling, hair coloring, bleaching, highlighting, hair cutting, facials, manicures and pedicures, salon management and retail sales.

As part of the programs, students practice skills in the college's salon lab and in professional settings as preparation for state board examinations.

For more information, please contact instructors Germaine Sandoval (505-454-5345, gsandoval@luna.edu) and Clarice Bonney (505-454-2572, cbonney@luna.edu).

LANL grants to benefit students



Luna Community College STEM and Humanities Director Francisco Apodaca discusses potential uses of 3D printing technology with a group of visiting high school students.

Luna Community College students and the local area stand to benefit from a pair of recent Los Alamos National Laboratory grants.

“A makerspace grant and technology upgrade are in the works, said Francisco Apodaca, director of Luna’s STEM and Humanities department. “These funds will go a long way in providing both our students and the community at large with an opportunity to learn and explore what the sciences and art have in common and what they have to offer to society.”

Luna has successfully secured grant funding from LANL and the Triad Partnership, who manage the

Community makerspace, various technology upgrades in works

national laboratory. Luna Community College is grateful to LANL/Triad for funding the two initiatives within its Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Department.

Both grants were authored by Apodaca. In the last eight years LANL and its partners have contributed more than \$150,000 in small grants that have been used for computers, math bridge programs and other initiatives that have had a

significant impact on LCC and the larger Luna community.

The more recent grant will fund LCC’s planned community makerspace, a project that will expand hands-on learning and creative opportunities for community members. The grant amount of \$7,200 will help pay for a ceramic kiln, a three-dimensional printer, a potter’s wheel, a CNC milling machine and various materials to include plastic, carbon fiber, steel and other metals.

The planned community makerspace would be under the auspices of the STEM and Humanities department.

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Grants

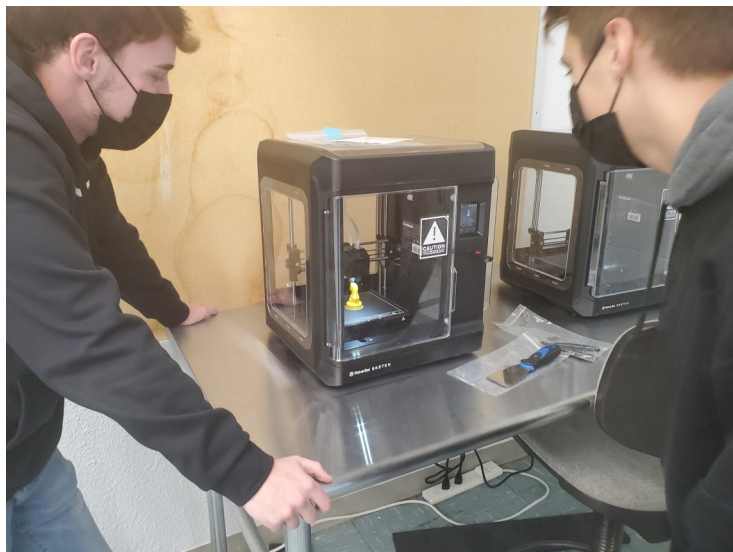
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A makerspace is a place where community residents of various ages have an opportunity to explore their own interests, learning to use tools and materials – both physical and virtual – and develop creative projects. Luna’s makerspace would offer 3D printers, CNC steel milling machines, kilns and potter’s wheels, among other useful tools. "The makerspace is not just for STEM studies, it lets students and members of the community use and understand the connection between the arts and sciences. Sometimes, we forget about the fact that arts and sciences are closely related, we just don't think about the connections" said Apodaca.

A previous LANL grant awarded Luna \$20,000 for addition of software and equipment to the STEM and Career & Technical Education department.

Specifically, the acquisitions include computer-aided design and modeling software for 2D and 3D applications, large-format printers and plotters for reproductions of scaled engineering drawings, drafting tables, drafting chairs, drafting board covers, printer supplies.

The software and equipment allow Luna to add engineering drawing to its pre-engineering curriculum, strengthening programs in both STEM and CTE and increasing employability for students, thus potentially benefitting LANL and its workforce.



Students monitor the progress of a 3D printer as it finishes a chess piece. Below: One of the Luna 3D printers completes a snowflake ornament.

“Engineering drawing is a fundamental course that is central to engineering,” Apodaca said. “LCC had offered it in the past, but the loss of a trained instructor and old equipment had resulted in the loss of the important class to students. This grant is very important, in that it will provide an opportunity to train an instructor in the latest CAD technologies and systems and to strengthen our Pre-Engineering degree offerings.”

For more information on Luna’s programs, please visit LUNA.edu.

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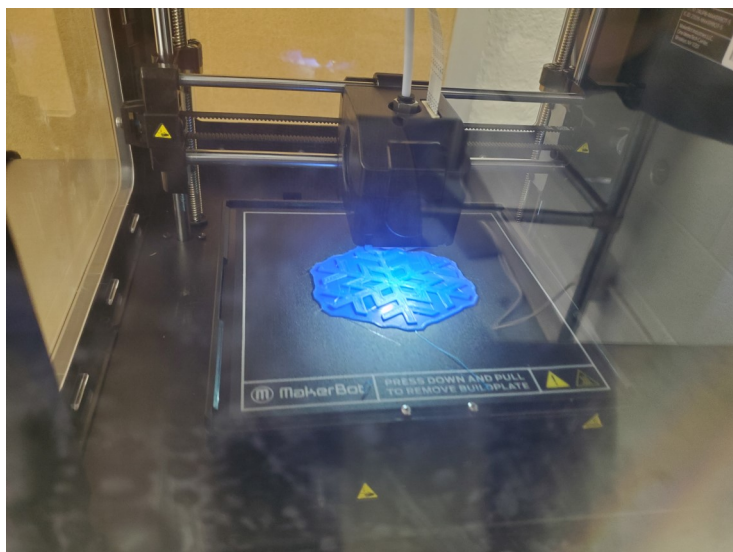




Photo of the issue

This photograph of the Pecos River near San Miguel depicts the ice that was formed during last week's snowstorm. TO submit photos for consideration as Photo of the Issue, e-mail jgallegos@luna.edu.

Ready to roll

Tracy Morales is Luna's new CDL program administrator. Morales says the hands-on driving lab begins on Monday, March 14, with the classroom theory class beginning on Monday, Feb. 28. For more information on Luna's CDL program, contact Morales at 505-454-2533 or e-mail tmorales@luna.edu.



Join our team and help us serve our communities!

Employment opportunities

Positions available at Luna Community College

FULL-TIME

- Admissions counselor ... opened Dec. 17
- Rough Rider Community manager ... opened Dec. 17
- Student success specialist (2) ... opened Dec. 13
- Business, lead instructor ... opened Dec. 10
- Executive administrative assistant to the president ... opened Dec. 7
- Allied Health Sciences: Dental assisting instructor ... opened Nov. 16
- Academic and career planning director ... opened Nov. 3

PART-TIME

- Custodian I, Santa Rosa ... opened Jan. 13

TEMPORARY PART-TIME

- CTE: Welding student lab assistant, hourly ... opened Jan. 21
- CTE: Auto collision repair lab assistant, hourly (INTERNAL POSTING) ... opened Dec. 6
- ACE tutors (5) ... opened Jan. 24
- Preschool substitute teacher/caretaker ... opened June 29

ADJUNCT (per course)

- Allied Health Sciences: Dental assisting instructor ... opened Dec. 6
- CTE: Furniture & cabinet making instructor ... opened Nov. 15
- CTE: Welding instructor, Springer ... opened Oct. 25
- CTE: Furniture & cabinet making instructor, Santa Rosa ... opened Oct. 25
- CTE: Furniture & cabinet making instructor, Springer ... opened Oct. 25

- CTE: Welding instructor ... opened Oct. 25
- CTE: Commercial drivers license theory instructor ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE: Commercial drivers license driving instructor ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE: Auto technology instructor, Springer ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE: Auto technology instructor ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE: Auto collision repair instructor ... opened Aug. 26

Most recent postings listed first. All positions open until filled unless otherwise noted. For more information on each position, please log on to www.luna.edu/jobs.



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

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The 55th Legislature's second regular session began on Jan. 18 and concludes on Feb. 17. Deadline to introduce legislation was Feb. 2. Legislation not acted upon by the governor as of March 9 is pocket-vetoed. Legislation — other than general appropriation or bills carrying emergency clauses or other specified dates — goes into effect May 18.

Luna @ The Legislature, an initiative of the Luna Community College Office of Public Relations, provides a weekly update on the session to inform the campus community.

Legislation of particular interest to Luna Community College, filed as of this publication:

House Bill 2 General Appropriations Act. Funds government operations, including \$1.01 billion from general fund, \$16.8 million from other state funds, \$43.1 million from internal service/interagency transfers, and \$10.5 million from federal funds to the higher education department for fiscal year 2023; introduced by Patricia Lundstrom. Committee substitute passed House 56-13; currently in Senate Finance Committee.

HB 58 Creates adult online learner scholarship program for higher education; introduced by Joshua Hernandez. Currently in House Education Committee.

HB 59 Modifies school group insurance contributions by employers; introduced by Raymundo Lara, G. Andres Romero, Anthony Allison, Natalie Figueroa, Willie Madrid. Currently in House Appropriations & Finance Committee. See also SB 101.

HB 73 Allows certain educational retirees to return to work without suspension of benefits; introduced by Joy Garratt. Amended version currently in House Labor, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee.

HB 98 General Appropriations Act, original filing. Currently in House Appropriations & Finance Committee. See HB 2 above.

HB 105 Allows public employees to return to work for affiliated public employers under certain conditions; introduced by William Rehm, Rachel Black, Phelps Anderson, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Dayan Hochman-Vigil. Currently in House Labor, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee.

HB 107 General Appropriation Act of 2022, funding amounts proposed include \$10,517,000 total for Luna Community College — \$7.3 million for instruction and general, \$1.87 million for other, \$483,800 for retention and completion, \$251,000 for nursing expansion, \$150,000 for Rough Rider student support services. Introduced by Nathan Small, Candie Sweetser and Patricia Lundstrom. Currently in House Appropriations & Finance Committee. See SB 157.

HB 137 Requires public contracts provide for increased contractor and subcontractor wages in accordance with state minimum wage increases; introduced by Rebecca Dow and Miguel Garcia. Currently in House Rules Committee.

HB 143 Creates five-year innovation accelerator pilot project for businesses, with centers at certain community colleges; introduced by Linda Serrato. Currently in House Commerce & Economic Development Committee.

HB 153 General Obligation Bonds, provides for potential funding of projects including academic libraries statewide and \$1.5 million for heating, ventilation and air conditioning at Luna Community College, with bond election to go before voters in November 2022. Introduced by Christine Chandler. Currently in House Taxation & Revenue Committee.

HB 159 Provides college and career readiness programming at public high schools around the state; appropriation of \$500,000. Introduced by Linda Serrato and Tara Lujan. Currently in House Education Committee.

HB 170 Sets minimum wage for state employees, higher education employees, public school employees and others at \$15 an hour; introduced by Susan Herrera, Christine Chandler, Angelica Rubio, Anthony Allison, Javier Martinez. Currently in House Rules Committee.

House Memorial 38 Initiates study of training needs for law enforcement and first responders; introduced by Andrea Romero. Currently in House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee.

(207/250 House bills introduced to date)

Senate Bill 1 Increases starting salaries for licensed public school teachers — \$50,000 for Level 1, \$60,000 Level 2, \$70,000 Level 3; introduced by Mimi Stewart and Debra Sariñana. Passed Senate 35-0; now being introduced in House.

SB 7 Sets minimum wage for state employees and employees of state contractors at \$15 an hour; introduced by Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Peter Wirth, Linda Lopez. Amended bill currently in Senate Finance Committee. See alternate bill, SB 125.

SB 25 Creates a research grants closing fund and competitive process for higher educational institutions; introduced by William Soules. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

SB 36 Increases certain contributions to educational retirement fund; introduced by Mimi Stewart. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

SB 50 Funds expansion of nursing programs at public post-secondary institutions; introduced by Liz Stefanics. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

SB 51 Creates public works commission to annually hear proposals on capital outlay-funded project; introduced by Bill Tallman. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

SB 56 Provides for financial aid for nursing students and loan repayment assistance for nurses in advanced practice; introduced by Liz Stefanics. Currently in Senate Finance

Committee.

SB 101 Modifies school group insurance contributions by employers; introduced by Harold Pope. Currently in Senate Finance Committee. See also HB 59.

SB 114 Changes stipulations within the state procurement code; introduced by Bill Tallman. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

SB 124 Changes eligibility requirements for the legislative lottery tuition scholarship and specifies summer session eligibility; introduced by George Muñoz, Mimi Stewart. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

SB 125 Sets minimum wage for state employees at \$15 an hour; introduced by George Muñoz, Michael Padilla. Currently in Senate Finance Committee. See alternate bill, SB 7.

SB 131 Creates an educational loan-for-service program in career technical education; introduced by Cliff Pirtle. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

SB 132 Increases minimum salary for licensed educational assistants who meet eligibility requirements to \$20,000 a year; introduced by Mimi Stewart. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

SB 140 Opportunity Scholarship Act. Appropriates \$85.5 million from general fund to establish Opportunity Scholarship to be awarded to qualified, eligible students covering up to 100 percent of tuition and fees after other state aid has been applied; introduced by Liz Stefanics, Joy Garratt. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

SB 146 Authorizes state agencies or local public bodies to join existing cooperative procurement agreements; introduced by Pete Campos. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

SB 154 General Appropriation Act of 2022, funding amounts proposed include \$10,517,000 total for Luna Community College. Introduced by George Muñoz. Currently in Senate Finance Committee. See HB 2, HB 107.

SB 172 Allows certain educational retirees to return to work without suspension of retirement benefits; introduced by George Muñoz. Currently on Senate calendar for action.

Senate Memorial 13 Initiates study of training needs for law enforcement and first responders; introduced by Leo Jaramillo. Currently in Senate Rules Committee.

(216/255 Senate bills introduced to date)

As of 10 a.m. Feb. 7, 2022. Compiled by Dave Kavanaugh, LCC Communications & Marketing.

Stay connected this school year!



Luna campus e-mail is the primary way the college notifies its students (and employees) about key information. Anything ranging from schedule changes to special event information to job opportunities to campus news is shared via LCC e-mail.

To sign up for a free Luna e-mail account, go to luna.edu/createStudentAccount. If help setting up the account is required, call Larry Paiz, 505-454-5361.



Rough Riders rally for first win

Luna Community College baseball earned its first victory of the 2022 season over the weekend, rallying to overcome a 2-0 deficit for a 3-2 win in its series finale at El Paso (Texas) Community College.

The rally, which came in the top of the sixth inning Saturday afternoon, included Luna's first home run of the spring – a three-run blast to the left-field fence by shortstop Ashton Whiteaker.

El Paso had taken a 2-0 advantage with runs in the third and fifth and appeared headed for a series sweep when Whiteaker came up to bat with teammates Dominic Lucero and M.J. Cepeda on base.

"It was a huge at-bat," said Luna head coach T.C. Nusser. "It was the first home run we've seen through two weekends. I wished that would have ended the game, but we still had to (finish)."

Jacob Limas (six strikeouts, three hits, four walks, two earned runs allowed in five and two-thirds innings) earned the pitching win for the visiting Rough Riders, and Diego Quiñonez delivered a save with one and one-third innings of shutout ball.

The weekend in El Paso continued Luna's recent trend of edge-of-your-seat baseball. Six of the Rough Riders' eight games have been decided by a single run.

Jesus Campa threw a two-hitter for the host Tejanos in a 4-0 shutout in Friday's series opener; only Lucero and Tyler Sunstrom



Teammates congratulate Ashton Whiteaker after a three-run homer at El Paso. Whiteaker is a frosh from Carlsbad. Photo by Brad Carlyon.

managed hits for Luna. Chisum Rush, who limited the Tejanos to one hit in two and two-thirds innings of relief, had a solid pitching effort.

The other games all were one-run affairs. In Friday's nightcap, Luna led 2-0 after a two-run fifth that included an RBI double by Juan Avila. But the Tejanos answered in their last set of at-bats, driving in three runs in the bottom of the seventh – two off the bat of Ricardo Gutierrez -- to steal the win, 3-2. The Riders' pitching staff combined for 11 strikeouts, and Ryan Clark and Dakota Cummings turned in three shutout innings apiece.

Saturday morning's game saw El Paso jump out to a 6-0 cushion after one inning, as Gutierrez and Kenneth Dutka (3 for 4, three

doubles) drove in two runs each.

But the Rough Riders settled in after the tough start, and neither team scored again until the top of the sixth, when Luna rallied for four runs to make it a game. The Riders resumed their rally in the bottom of the seventh but fell one run shy of tying it, losing 6-5.

Whiteaker went 2 for 4 with a double and one run scored, and Jose Flores tripled in going 1 of 2 with two RBI. Avila and Cepeda also plated runs for Luna.

Nusser said the number of close-game situations early in the season figure to be beneficial down the line for his Rough Riders.

"We have a lot of freshmen this year, seeing their first college at-bats," he noted.

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New chairman takes gavel



Dr. Gilbert Sena was voted new chairman of the LCC Board of Trustees on Feb. 8. Sena thanked outgoing chairman Dr. Phyllis Martinez, who had served two years in that capacity.

Winter not done yet



Northern New Mexico received several inches of snow in recent days. Luna students and employees are encouraged to sign up for RAVE alerts that provide information on school delays or closures due to weather. For details, contact Life and Safety Director Matthew Griego at 505-429-1159. Other sources of information are the college's website, Facebook page and local TV and radio stations.

Rough Riders

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“But they’re coming around ... I’m hoping all these close games will pay dividends when we get to conference. It’s very valuable. You can’t replicate it in practice.”

One thing practice has developed is steadier pitching, which has been a strength early on.

“Our pitching has been pretty good,” Nusser said. “We knew it would be.”

The Rough Riders (1-7) will host Community Christian College (0-4) for a home doubleheader starting at noon on Wednesday. (The games may be moved out of town due to field conditions.) CCC dropped four in a series against Southern Idaho Feb. 1-2 in Henderson, Nev.

Luna softball is scheduled to play six games in three days as part of the Permian Basin Invitational at Odessa, Texas. The first game will pit Luna against Cisco at noon Thursday. The Rough Riders are also scheduled to play Odessa (twice), Hesston and Tyler.

It will be the head coaching debut for Randall Krutsch.



M.J. Cepeda, a freshman from Amarillo, Texas, fields the baseball cleanly during Luna's road series at El Paso. The Rough Rider roster is loaded with first-year college players. Photo courtesy of Brad Carlyon.



Make a difference. Join Student Senate.

Luna Community College Student Senate is seeking up to five new members to help represent and advocate for students. Senators receive a \$300 stipend per semester; officers receive \$400 per semester.

Eligibility requirements:

- Current Luna student enrolled in at least 3 credit hours
- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- Declared major

To apply, or for more information, please contact:

President Angelica Montanez,
angelica.montanez@student.luna.edu,

or Advisor Kimberly Baca,
kbaca@luna.edu





Job fair in Pecos

Luna employees Tracy Morales and Karen Wezwick promote Luna's CDL program along with Luna employment opportunities at the Pecos Job Fair on Tuesday, Feb. 8. For more information on Luna employment opportunities visit the Luna website at LUNA.edu or call Sandra Sanchez at 505-454-2574.



TEAS

Nursing school entrance exam

February 2022 dates

Scheduling for the following dates is taking place now.

Tuesday, Feb. 15	9 a.m.	Contact: Yvonne Piña
Thursday, Feb. 17	1:30 p.m.	505-454-2525
Tuesday, Feb. 22	1:30 p.m.	ypina@luna.edu
Friday, Feb. 25	9 a.m.	

Please provide student ID number, phone number, and exam date in the e-mail.

You have up to three attempts per academic year to pass the exam; the fee for each attempt is \$65.

You're advised to set up an account with ATI prior to the exam date; go to atitesting.com,

click on Create Account. Use LCC ADN for institution, with estimated graduation date of 5/11/2024.

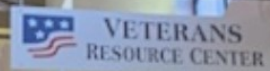


Stop by the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) to get help in your classes!

We have tutors throughout the day to assist you in any subject area you may need. Visit us at Student Services Building 204 (upstairs).

We also offer online tutoring if needed; just e-mail a tutor to set something up.

Contact Ray Varela at 505-454-5306 or rvarela@luna.edu if you have any questions.



Tutor	Subject	Email	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday
Sergio	English, History, Sociology, Psychology	shartshorne@luna.edu	8-11 a.m.	5-8 p.m.	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	8-10 a.m., 2-4 p.m.	8-11 a.m.
Mary Frances	Math, Science, English	mbibb@luna.edu	5-8 p.m.	8 a.m.-noon	8-10 a.m.	9-11 a.m., 3-5 p.m.	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Madison	English, Criminal Justice, Sociology, Psychology	mgould@luna.edu	2-6 p.m.	11 a.m.-6 p.m.	2-6 p.m.	5-8 p.m.	
Theo	Science, English, History	tcurry@luna.edu	Noon-5 p.m.	4-8 p.m.	5-8 p.m.	4-8 p.m.	
Amber	Criminal Justice, Sociology, English, entry-level Math	amgonzales@luna.edu	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	1-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	11 a.m.-3 p.m.	
Brittney	Math, Science, A&P	bmares@luna.edu	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

All tutors can be reached via e-mail to set online appointments (Google meet or Zoom).

