



## *The latest news from Luna Community College*

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Luna Community College recently held its student senate election where 63 Luna students voted. The following students were elected: Paige Gowen, president; Charlie Wisneski, vice president; Amaliah Cruz secretary/treasurer; Hailey Marquez, senator; Madelyn Johnson, senator; Samantha Vigil, senator; Deandra Gerdes, senator; RJ Baca, senator; Valaree Manzanares, senator; Angelica Ortzow, senator; Victoria Garcia, senator, Mariah Tenorio, senator and Wilmer Henriquez, senator. Pictured (l-r) are Hailey Marquez, senator; Kimberly Baca, faculty advisor; Angelica Ortzow, senator; Victoria Garcia, senator; Amaliah Cruz, secretary/treasurer, RJ Baca, senator and Paige Gowen, president.

### **8-week courses beginning on Monday, Oct. 17 through Friday, Dec. 9.**

For more information, visit [luna.edu/schedule](http://luna.edu/schedule) or visit your department director. Several courses are on tap this semester. Get the same amount of credit hours, for half the time.



# TEAS

## Nursing school entrance exam

# Fall 2022 dates

**Scheduling for the following dates is taking place now.**

Wednesday, Nov 16	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov 22	9:00 a.m.
Friday, Dec 2	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec 13	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec 14	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec 15	9:00 a.m.

Contact: Yvonne Piña  
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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](https://atitesting.com), click on Create Account. Use Luna CC ADN for institution, with estimated graduation date of 5/10/2025.)

**This picture of the week edition depicts deer near the Luna Community College campus, recently. It's not uncommon to see wildlife near Luna. In the past, such wildlife as coyotes, rabbits and even bears have been seen on campus.**



# Larry Fields says he considers himself a “writing coach”

The following is one-on-one interview with humanities faculty member Larry Fields.

**Name:** Larry Fields Jr. (although I hate to be called Junior)

**Position:** English Faculty (according to the business cards Miss Amanda Lucero created for the Humanities instructors) I like to think of myself as a writing "coach" on my best days and a writing "drill instructor" on my worst days.

**What year did you start working for Luna?** I began working for LCC as an adjunct instructor in the summer of 2015 and as full-time faculty in the fall of 2019.

**What do you like most about Luna and why?** The cooperation and teamwork I've experienced at LCC makes it unique from all other institutions I've taught at. Thanks to the spirit of *la familia*, as long as you're not too shy or too proud to ask for assistance, guidance, advice, or any form of help, it's given with true compassion and empathy. It's like John Lennon lyrics brought to life.

**What does your job entail; what does a day at Luna look like for you?** I often think my job is to help students improve their use of written communication, so they can more effectively convince other people to feel, to think, and to act in certain ways - as well as to become more aware of how others are seeking to persuade them.

Don't blame me; blame Socrates. Every day I strive to "practice what I preach" by analyzing the strategies of advertisers, politicians, and others who



Larry Fields has been teaching at Luna since 2015.

employ the power of language to improve my writing and my teaching skills.

**Favorite food and why?** When it's my wife's turn to cook dinner, nothing's better than jambalaya. When I make lunch for myself, nothing beats the classic PBJ.

**Favorite TV show and why?** Honestly, my preferences and free time pretty much limit my tv viewing to news programming and docu-

mentaries.

**Where would you like to see yourself in five years?** Between genetic inheritance and past decades of pack-a-day smoking, I'll be happy simply to still be around five years from now.

**What is your greatest strength?**

My greatest strength is also my greatest weakness, self-diagnosed OCD. Far too often, I have to remind myself - to quote Elsa - to "Let it Go; Let it Go" and channel that focus, drive, and determination into the things that truly matter.

**What would you consider your biggest accomplishment in life and why?**

My biggest accomplishment in life is helping my wife to raise a young lady who taught me more than I ever taught her. Apologies, Ariel.

**What do you consider a good day in your life?**

ANY day I am able to cross *everything* off my "To Do" list is a splendid day and is highly prized for its rarity.

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# Fields...

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## What do you enjoy doing outside of working at Luna?

Apart from my commitment to LCC and passion for helping students to realize their ambitions, I find playing Dungeons and Dragons, exploring open-world video games, reading comic books, watching anime, and assembling jigsaw puzzles provide great escapist entertainment as well as stress-relief.

## Any final comment?

Semper Fidelis

## 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](http://collegescorecard.ed.gov)



Brenda Ortega, pictured with Luna President Dr. Edward Martinez, retired after five years as Luna's School of Education Director.

New Mexico is asked to vote on Bond C to help support New Mexico Public colleges, universities and specialty schools in the November election. New Mexico public colleges, universities, and specialty schools are our opportunity for a better future. If Bond C passes in November, Luna is scheduled to receive \$1.5 million with Highlands University scheduled to receive \$4.5 million. For more on Bond C, please visit [BondCforNM.com](http://BondCforNM.com).



# Luna hosts a “Walk for Hope”



Well over 100 people participated in the Second Annual Walk for Hope at Luna Community College on Sunday, Sept. 18. The Walk for Hope is a collaborative effort of the Northeastern New Mexico Suicide Awareness Project and is organized by community members and led by Luna’s Cindy Branch.



# Luna participates in HU parade



**Luna students, employees and family members participate in NMHU's Homecoming Parade. Luna is scheduled to participate in the West Las Vegas and Santa Rosa High Homecoming Parade this Friday as well as Robertson's Homecoming Parade next Friday.**

# LCC Community Kitchen grand opening for Sept. 27

A grand opening for Luna Community College's Community Kitchen is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the college.

As part of the event, there will be kitchen tours, door prizes, food trucks and access to business resources.

The LCC Community Kitchen provides a turnkey rental facility to entrepreneurs, culinary professional and community members. The kitchen will be maintained to Environment Department and State of New Mexico standards. In addition, the LCC Community Kitchen will serve people interested in food production, small business owners and startups. The LCC Community Kitchen will also be available for instructors who want to teach culinary classes. Lu-

na is seeking to serve Las Vegas, Mora and northeastern New Mexico communities.

Luna's Community Kitchen features a commercial stainless steel fryer, Royal 6 Burner Stove; Toastmaster Warmer; Stainless Steel Serving Line, Stainless Steel Prep Line, Hobart Meat Chopper, Market Forge Two Drum Mixer, two Hobart Stainless Steel Meat Slicers; Marathoner Gold Oven, Blakeslee Commercial Mixer, three Compartment Cleaning Sinks and a washer and dryer.

The home style kitchen features commercial lab tables with imperial burners, large pots and pans, mixing bowls, cutting boards, measuring spoons, measuring cups, cooking utensils, cutting knives, cooking lab coats and aprons, compartment cleaning

sink soap and sanitizing solutions, cooking sheets and rack, marathoner gold convection oven, Cleveland Range Cooking Pot, Steam Master Rapid Steamer and Groen Steamer, commercial stainless steel fryer, flat iron grill, Imperial 6 Burner Stove, Hobart Mixer and Kitchen Aide mixers, Somerset automatic mixers and rollers, rolling pins, French rolling pins, Kitchen Aide table top mixers, baking pans and sheets, food scales and processor and a True refrigerator commercial fridge.

For more information visit [www.luna.edu/community-kitchen](http://www.luna.edu/community-kitchen), email [kitchen@luna.edu](mailto:kitchen@luna.edu) or call 505-454-2516.

Luna employee Chris Chavez will be managing the college's community kitchen.



**Luna President Dr. Edward Martinez speaks during a Mora County Commission meeting, recently. President Martinez has or will speak on behalf of Luna to different entities within the college's service area during the fall semester.**

# Luna part of the upcoming Billy the Kid Shootout

Luna Community College, Highlands University along with the Indigo Theater are collaborating to present the Billy the Kid Shootout on Sept. 29, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in Las Vegas.

Luna students will volunteer at the festival that Luna STEM and Humanities Director Francisco Apodaca had a hand in helping develop.

The Billy the Kid Shootout is a film festival and will also feature author presentations and book signings. The centerpiece of the festival features a new movie about Billy the Kid by French artist Arnaud Dezoteaux called The New Kid. The New Kid will have its American premiere at the Indigo Theater on Thursday, Sept. 29 with several screenings during the day. A premiere party at the Skillet later that evening caps the day's celebration.

Billy the Kid roamed eastern New Mexico from 1877 to 1881 and engaged in cattle rustling, gambling and was a participant in the Lincoln County war. He made several escapes from jail and was killed by Sheriff Pat Garret on July 14, 1881 in Fort Sumner, N.M.

Las Vegas was a leading town in the southwest and the New Mexico Territory in the late 1800's and was well known as a wild somewhat lawless place. Pat Garrett, Billy the Kid and the infamous Dodge City Gang and other outlaws frequented Las Vegas

"The Billy the Kid Shootout is an event that is intended to revitalize the Las Vegas community," said Apodaca. "Revitalizing the community by visiting a relatively dark time in our history. The era of "Billy

the Kid" was a time when outside influences were negatively impacting and holding a community hostage. The worldwide notoriety of Billy the Kid and the Wild West are something that Las Vegas can utilize and take advantage of in a positive fashion."

**"Here at Luna Community College, we can use this opportunity to showcase our growing film/media program,"—Luna STEM and Humanities Director Francisco Apodaca**

Luna has a Film/Media technician certificate program, and the Billy the Kid Shootout Festival is an event Luna can

capitalize on, said Apodaca. Terence Garcia along with fellow instructor James Hunyadi are working on revitalizing and building the program.

"Here at Luna Community College, we can use this opportunity to showcase our growing film/media program," said Apodaca "With Governor Lujan-Grisham's Next Generation Film Academy, Luna can be a key player in creating opportunities for area students in the area of film production. Aside from Billy the Kid, Las Vegas has a long history in the film industry from Tom Mix and the early filmmakers to the Coen brothers and their award winning "No Country For Old Men." The Billy the Kid Shootout is really a celebration of film in Las Vegas and a showcase for the future of films here and the opportunities that are to come."

Screenings of other Billy the Kid movies will be held at Highlands. According to Dave Rogers, the co-producer of the event, Luna students will be allowed in free to the Billy the Kid events held at Highlands.

For information on the American Premiere of The New Kid and the Billy the Kid Shootout festival visit [www.billythekidshootout.com](http://www.billythekidshootout.com).