

# The Luna Light



*"Creating Opportunities for You!"*

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**Top photo: Attorney Scott Pistone speaks recently to Luna students in a criminal justice 201 class about several aspects of criminal defense in a trial setting. In addition, they reviewed and discussed fact patterns, plea negotiations and a mock homicide case for their final. The instructor for the class is Jason Killian. Bottom photo: Luna faculty participate in assessment workshops with Dr. Susan Wood. The workshops are aimed to assist faculty in what and how assessment should be used. Pictured (from left) are Breanna Gould, Gloria Pacheco, Dawna Ortega-Gallegos and Dr. Wood.**

**Luna summer registration is ongoing and the last day to add courses is Friday, June 7. Fall registration begins on Monday, April 15.**

# Attention, 2019 graduates

The deadline to apply for graduation and to order your regalia (cap & gown) is fast approaching. The deadline to apply for graduation is Friday, April 5 and the deadline to order your regalia is Monday, April 8, 2019.

Students who are eligible to complete program requirements by the end of the Summer 2019 semester are eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 11, 2019. If you have not already submitted your Application for Degree to the Office of the Registrar, please do so on or before Friday, April 5, 2019. Any applications received after this deadline will not make the commencement program. Orders for

regalia are to be placed with the Luna Bookstore.

Only the Application for Degree is due to the Registrar by the April 5 deadline. Graduation Clearance forms must be returned to Registrar by the end of the Spring/Summer semester (depending on your graduating term) in order for your diploma to be mailed.

For more information regarding this year's commencement ceremony please visit the following link <https://luna.edu/commencement> or stop by the Office of the Registrar, and we will be happy to assist you.

Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2019!

## NMJC holds off Rough Riders

New Mexico Junior College continued its quest for its league baseball title at the expense of Luna over the weekend, turning the visiting Rough Riders away in a four-game series held in Hobbs.

The Thunderbirds kept their win streak active in going to 22-9 overall, two games out of the lead. The Rough Riders fell to 3-30.

Game scores were 15-2 and 11-1 on Friday, 3-1 and 17-7 on Saturday.

Luna led 2-0 early on in game one, only to watch the T-Birds answer with a five-run first and a six-run second. Dustin Sipe (freshman, Aztec, N.M.) crunched a two-run homer for that early lead, and Seth Olguin later doubled.

In game two, Ben Smith scored in the top of the third off Sam Creed's single to cut the T-Bird lead to 3-1. Then NMJC retaliated with a five-run fourth en route to a six-inning win. Olguin and Spencer



**Dustin Sipe**

Heyden had doubles for Luna, which was held to five total hits by T-Bird ace Jairo Vasquez (3-1).

Game three nearly saw the Rough Riders break through, thanks to solid pitching and defense. Olguin went five and one-third innings and held NMJC to three runs – one earned – on eight hits and three walks. And closer Dylan Begay didn't allow a baserunner in getting two outs.

But the T-Birds were up to the task. Brayan Garcia Diaz yielded six

walks but allowed just one hit and one run with two strikeouts in four and two-thirds innings before turning the ball over to Mark Barillas, who fanned two and allowed just one hit in recording a save. The Birds also turned three double plays in limiting Luna to three team hits. Creed did steal two bases.

Luna stayed close and then rallied to take a 7-6 lead midway through the sixth in the series finale. Then the T-Birds stole the show with an 11-run outburst in the bottom of the inning.

Louis Reyna hit 2 of 3, and Nick Rodriguez drove in two runs to lead the Riders.

Luna is slated to host Frank Phillips College on Friday and Saturday at Fort Marcy Park in Santa Fe. The Riders' usual home field, Highlands' Brandt Park, is in use over the weekend.

Attention, nurses, CNAs and nursing students!  
Give your health care career a shot in the arm.

Luna Community College  
**Nursing**  
**CAREER**  
**FAIR**

Noon to 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 17**

Luna Community College  
Allied Health Building  
cafeteria

For more information, call Yvonne Piña, 454-2525,  
or Maxine Hughes, 454-2523.



- Meet with employers
- Learn about health care career opportunities
- Interview on the spot
- Dress to impress
- Bring your credentials and résumé

Current pre-nursing students, nursing students, new graduates and experienced RNs, LPNs and CNAs welcome!



# Luna SBDC assists Springer business



**Kear Automotive employees pictured (from left) are Roger Romero, Cody Kears, Terrence Kears, and Sara Kears.**

After 27 years of providing automotive and diesel repairs to the community of Springer and the surrounding areas, Terrence Kears decided to open up his own shop to continue to serve current and future customers.

The company's mission is to provide the best possible service to every customer, so they will return again in the future. Kears has proven himself to be one of the best automotive and Power Stroke diesel repairers for miles around.

Kear Automotive Service and Repair provides maintenance and heavy line auto repair for small cars to light duty trucks that include diesel engine repair. Kears is ASE Master certified and carries his Ford Senior Master and Ford Diesel certifications.

The business is a critical part of northeastern New Mexico being that the automotive service and repair shop is located off of I-25 highway with numerous small farming and ranching communities within an hour, whereas larger shops are over two hours away.

Customers travel from Mora, Ocate, Raton, Las Vegas, Farley, Roy, Gladstone, Angel Fire, Eagle Nest, Cimarron, Mosquero, and other small communities making his shop vital to meet the needs of his consumers.

Kear Automotive has teamed up with a past star client, Napa Auto Parts, to be a supplier of parts for the business.



**Kear Automotive and the Luna Community College Small Business Development Center were recently recognized at the State Capitol. In the first photo, Terrence Kears is pictured with Rep. Tomas Salazar. In the second photo, Kears is pictured with state senator and former Luna President Dr. Pete Campos, SBDC Business Advisor Briana Montañó and SBDC Director Don Bustos.**

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# Students, employees community members participate during HLC visit March 25-26



The Higher Learning Commission site team had the opportunity to listen to Luna students, faculty, staff, administrators, board of trustees and people from the community.





**Luna nursing students develop their clinical skills in the college's high-tech simulation lab, one of a number of advantages in the RN program on campus.**

## RN program accepting applications

The Luna nursing program is now accepting applications for admission for students intending to start Fall 2019.

Admission packets will be available starting April 23, and the required TEAS exam is being offered on several dates through May 24. Deadline to submit completed packets is May 31.

For more information on the Luna nursing program, please contact Yvonne Piña at 454-5376 or visit our offices in the Allied Health Building.

# Luna to host nursing career fair

Luna Community College is hosting the LCC Nursing Career Fair on Wednesday, April 17. The event will run from noon to 5 p.m. that day at the LCC Allied Health Building atrium (the former Rough Rider Grill cafeteria).

Employers representing various area health care providers will be on hand to meet with prospective employees and those seeking more information on career opportunities with them.

The event is open to all registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and certified nursing assistants, as well as nursing students and pre-nursing students from Luna and New Mexico Highlands University. Both experienced nurses and new graduates of nursing school programs are welcome to participate. Participants are advised to wear appropriate interview attire and to bring their resumes and credentials with them. Employers may collect resumes and conduct on-the-spot interviews.

As of March 25, nearly a dozen employers ranging from home health care agencies to hospitals had committed to participating.



The LCC Nursing Career Fair is being coordinated by the LCC Nursing Department and the office of Student and Career Services. For more information, call Elaine Montañó, 505-454-2521, or Yvonne Piña, 505-454-2525.

# Luna softball trio homers vs. No. 12 Dogs



Olyvia Dominguez



Aiyana Gonzales



Taylor Quintana

Facing the No. 12 ranked team in the nation for a weekend series, the Luna Community College softball team found itself within a swing of the bat away from potential victory.

In game two of the series Friday afternoon, Luna trailed just 11-9 to begin the sixth inning, looking for a big upset.

But the Clarendon Bulldogs had other ideas, responding to the Rough Rider rally and closing out the game by scoring five unanswered runs.

Clarendon, ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the National Junior College Athletic Association poll going into the weekend, went on to complete a four-game sweep at West Las Vegas field. Game scores were 23-3, 16-9, 18-3 and 7-2.

Powered by the hitting of several regional standouts, Clarendon jumped out to a 12-0 head start in Friday's windswept series opener. Savannah Flinn hit a two-RBI home run, and the Bulldogs took advantage of two bases-loaded walks and an error during the top of the first inning.

Olyvia Dominguez (redshirt freshman, Las Cruces, N.M.) cut into the lead by crushing a three-run homer to left in the bottom of the inning.

With pitchers battling gusty winds, Luna struggled to contain Clarendon's prolific offense. The Bulldogs got RBI doubles from Flinn, Mariyah Sandoval and Western Junior College Athletic Conference Player of the Week Shaylah Dominguez and put the game away in five innings.

Luna showed a lot more fight in game two. After yielding the first two runs, the Rough Riders grabbed a 6-2 advantage in the bottom of the first. Taylor Quintana (sophomore, El Paso, Texas) blasted a two-run homer to tie the contest. Later, Emilia Hawbaker hit a two-RBI double. Aiyana Gonzales scored off Dyani Cummings-Lani's sacrifice fly, and then Hawbaker made it home on a wild pitch.

Clarendon answered, retaking the lead by the top of the third and building to an 11-6 cushion midway through the fifth.

The Rough Riders weren't done

yet. Gonzales doubled in two runs and then scored on a Cummings-Lani single. That got the gap down to 11-9, and after Andrea Hernandez singled, Ashlea Ortega was up to bat, representing the potential go-ahead run. Ortega sent a shot out to center, but the wind helped Clarendon make the out to end the inning.

The Bulldogs gained the insurance they needed after that, putting up five runs in the sixth to seal the hard-fought win.

Gonzales and Brittany White both went 3 of 4 for Luna; Cummings-Lani and Dominguez had two hits apiece.

Saturday's action followed similar lines. A two-run homer by Gonzales (freshman, Albuquerque) and Ortega's RBI double got Luna within 4-3 in the bottom of the second of the series' third game. But Clarendon had too much offense, led by home runs from Flinn and Destinee Alvarez, and finished the game on a 14-0 run.

Ortega went 2 for 4 with a double for Luna.

The Rough Riders kept things within striking distance in the finale, which was tied 1-1 through two frames and a modest 5-2 spread through four.

White's sacrifice fly to score Olyvia Dominguez was the equalizer in the bottom of the second. And Hawbaker hit an RBI single in the fourth in the eventual 7-2 defeat.

Gonzales was 2 of 3 with a double for Luna. Shannon Ortiz went the distance in the pitching circle for the Riders, striking out four and allowing three earned runs on eight hits and a walk.



## Updates on legislation of interest to Luna Community College

Updates on pertinent bills as of the end of session, March 16, 2019

**BILLS MENTIONING LUNA SPECIFICALLY** *in: House Appropriations & Finance Committee*

**House Bill 241** ... authorizes New Mexico Finance Authority to make loans from public project revolving fund for building, equipment, infrastructure, debt refinancing, road, land acquisition, water, wastewater, water rights and solid waste projects ... *Passed as amended with committee substitution*

**House Bill 333** ... General Appropriations Act funding state institutions and agencies (including up to \$9.996 million specifically for LCC) ... *Last*

**Senate Bill 254** ... General Appropriations Act funding state institutions and agencies (including up to \$9.996 million specifically for LCC) ... *Last in: Senate Finance Committee*

**Senate Bill 280** ... capital improvements to state institutions and agencies (including \$650,000 for LCC infrastructure and ADA compliance) ... *Passed as amended*

### OTHER BILLS IMPACTING LUNA

**House Bill 2** ... General Appropriations Act, includes \$10,215,000 for LCC (breakdown: \$7,047,600 for instruction and general; \$1,866,600 for other; \$480,300 for athletics; \$22,900 for dual credit adjustment for Luna main campus; \$267,000 for nurse expansion; \$530,600 for retention and completion) ... *Passed as amended*

**House Bill 44** ... professional development for public teachers including career-technical teachers and educational assistants ... *Signed into law 2/4*

**House Bill 91** ... career technical education pilot project funding and tracking high-quality career technical education programs ... *Signed into law 3/15*

**House Bill 127** ... college affordability scholarship amount increase ... *Signed into law 3/14 after passing as amended*

**House Bill 128** ... greater access to reduced tuition rate for senior citizens ... *Passed*

**House Bill 133** ... requiring schools to state affirmative consent standard for sexual activity in school policy ... *Died; passed House, failed in Senate*

**House Bill 134** ... early childhood education resources ... *Last in: House Health & Human Services Committee*

**House Bill 146** ... lottery scholarship based on need ... *Last in: House Education Committee*

**House Bill 153** ... requiring suicide prevention training for public employees ... *Passed House as*

*amended; last in Senate Public Affairs Committee*

**House Bill 157** ... allows for conversion of certain amount of unused sick leave into service credit for educational retirees ... *Signed into law 2/4*

**House Bill 159** ... multicultural education framework ... *Died; passed House; failed in Senate*

**House Bill 172** ... regulates student loan servicers ... *Last in: House Judiciary Committee*

**House Bill 183** ... allows apprenticeship program to count toward high school graduation ... *Last in: House Labor, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee*

**House Bill 239** ... creating children's savings account fund, with allowable use for higher education costs ... *Last in: House Appropriations & Finance Committee*

**House Bill 250** ... requires needs assessment and framework for better preparing American Indian students for high school graduation, college and careers ... *Signed into law 2/4*

**House Bill 251** ... creates higher education coordinating council ... *Passed House; last in Senate Education Committee*

**House Bill 253** ... appropriates \$11.4 million from general fund for SFCC to administer SUNPATH consortium program on career pathways, involving 11 community colleges ... *Last in: House Appropriations & Finance Committee*

**House Bill 270** ... coordination of nursing education programs statewide ... *Last in: House Appropriations & Finance Committee*

**House Bill 275** ... teacher loan repayment act, pro-

*vides for financial aid in form of loan repayment for qualifying teachers ... Passed as amended*

**House Bill 313** ... develops "promise scholarship" model to be introduced at Santa Fe Community College; model can be used statewide ... *Last in: House Appropriations & Finance Committee*

**House Bill 360** ... educational retirement changes ... *Passed as amended*

**House Bill 415** ... funds to offset colleges' losses from tuition waivers for dual credit programs ... *Last in: House Appropriations & Finance Committee*

**Senate Bill 81** ... increases college affordability scholarship maximum per semester ... *Last in: House calendar; passed Senate as amended*

**Senate Bill 89** ... N.M. Reconnect Scholarship, provides certain students tuition scholarships for community college ... *Last in: Senate Finance Committee*

**Senate Bill 119** ... changes to New Mexico Works Act public assistance program ... *Last in: Senate Finance Committee*

**Senate Bill 160** ... regulates student loan servicers (see HB 172) ... *Last in: Senate Education Committee*

**Senate Bill 179** ... expands lottery scholarship eligibility to certain disabled students ... *Signed into law 2/4*

**Senate Bill 251** ... providing foster children greater access to tuition waivers ... *Passed*

**Senate Bill 286** ... allows for possible extension

of nursing programs to award bachelor's degrees at community colleges and vocational-technical institutes ... *Tabled indefinitely; died*

**Senate Bill 293** ... develops "promise scholarship" model at SFCC (see HB 313) ... *Last in: Senate Finance Committee*

**Senate Bill 322** ... provides for lease-purchase agreements for community college districts ... *Passed as amended*

**Senate Bill 353** ... supports career and technical student organizations ... *Last in: Senate Finance*

**Senate Bill 377** ... funds to offset colleges' losses from tuition waivers for dual credit programs ... *Last in: Senate Finance*

**Senate Bill 479** ... home health training at community colleges ... *Last in: Senate Finance*

**Senate Bill 594** ... shared service projects in community colleges ... *Last in: Senate Finance*

**Senate Bill 595** ... capital needs assessment for higher educational institutions ... *Last in: Senate Finance*

*Legislation not acted upon by the governor by April 5 is pocket-vetoed. Unless otherwise specified, signed legislation is effective June 14.*



## SBDC...

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The Small Business Development Center assisted Kear in successfully writing a business plan in hopes of obtaining financing, compliance with the state and federal regulations, and continuous

support of running the business.

As a result, the proposal was used to start the business by solidifying financing from the First National Bank of Trinidad in addition to owners investment to build custom 5,000 square foot shop that meets the needs of Kear and his staff.

"The Small Business Development Center helped me to

present an impressive business plan," said Kear. "Thanks to their help, I was able to get approved for the loan that made this dream come true."

Future plans include working towards becoming the leading provider of automotive repair and service in northeastern New Mexico.