



## *What's Happening at Luna*

Friday, 03/17/2023 ☺

Hi Everyone. Welcome to another edition of “What’s Happening at Luna.” Have a wonderful Spring Break. **Happy St. Patrick’s Day!**



### What’s Happening in HR – Donna Sanchez-Pino

REMINDER - OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR AFLAC & GLOBE 2023

*It is Open Enrollment for your Voluntary Benefits.*

***This is Mandatory for everyone to attend, even if you don't want these benefits you will have to fill out a form.***

*Below you will find information on the LCC Voluntary Benefits Plans. A representative will be on campus to review your current benefits. For compliance purposes, we must see all employees.*

#### ***Dates of Open Enrollment***

**March 20 - 21, 2023**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

***Finance Office (Administrative Building)***

***Front Conference Area***

CBA offers LCC employees the following voluntary benefits:

#### **Retirement Plans-403b/457b**

(The attached document will provide information on the 403b/457b plans)

If you would like to enroll in a 403b/457b , please click on the link below and use code NM209 for LCC. If you would like to schedule a meeting to review investment options, please send an email to [enroll@cba-inc.us](mailto:enroll@cba-inc.us).

**403b/457b online enrollment link**

**Aflac Plans**

The Link Below provides information on the various Aflac programs offered by LCC. For additional information or rates, please meet with the representatives during open enrollment.

[LCC Aflac Plans 2023 Video Link](#)

Please pass this along to the ones that don't have an email set up.

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### What's Happening in Mentorship and College Readiness – Sherry Goodyear

- Sherry and Inca Garduno-Crispin visited **West Las Vegas Middle School** on Tuesday, March 14 and discussed the topic of Leadership. They made **seven new TikTok videos** showcasing the students which can be found at #lunamentorship on TikTok.
- **Youth Summit Update** – Please spread the word....The 100% Regional Youth Summit Survey is ready to go. All Middle School, High School, and Undergraduate students are asked to fill out the survey. The goal is to gather data that will be used to plan a Youth Summit which is being organized by youth leaders from San Miguel and Mora counties. The Youth Summit will be held on Saturday, May 6 starting at 8:30 AM at Las Vegas High School and will cover many topics pertinent to the health and well-being of our youth. Enclosed in this email you will find two attachments:\*
- First attachment is for social media use.
- Second attachment (PDF) is for printing or email use.
- The target deadline for students to complete the survey is next Wednesday, March 22, 2023. All Luna Students are encouraged to complete the survey.

- People may Scan the QR code or visit [www.100nm.org/sanmiguel](http://www.100nm.org/sanmiguel) to take the survey.
- <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZTR7PcfUn/>

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### What's Happening Campus-Wide

- **Spring Break** is March 13 – 17 for faculty and students with Staff off March 16-17. Enjoy your time off!
- **Midterm Rosters** are due back to registrars on March 20 with grades released to students on March 24.
- **Forestry Rapid Hire Event for students** on Thursday, March 23. Register online. Below is contact info if you need more information or if you have any questions. This will be an all-virtual event with advance registration required. See attached flyer\* Questions? Please contact **Laura McCarthy** State Forester | Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department Forestry Division Director at (505) 490-2954, or [laura.mccarthy@emnrd.nm.gov](mailto:laura.mccarthy@emnrd.nm.gov), or <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/>.

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### What Happening in the Area – Jesse Gallegos

-Luna **students will get free admission** to the **George Lopez Comedy Show** at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 at Highlands University's John A. Wilson Complex.

To get your ticket, a Luna student must go in person to the first floor of the NMHU Student Union Building and speak with Leticia Trujillo or Charles Weber. A Luna student must show a valid Luna ID or class schedule in order to get a ticket. Dual credit students will not be able to redeem a free ticket.

Luna employees will have to pay full price for a ticket to the George Lopez Comedy Show. Tickets can be purchased online on the NMHU website or in person at the first floor of the Student Union Building.

Please see attached flyer for more information.\*

- **NM MESA** is looking for volunteers for its Annual NM MESA Day Competition on April 5. Please see the e-mail below. Thank you.

Hello All-

It is that time of year where we are once again looking for volunteers for our Annual NM MESA Day Competition on April 5, 2023 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. And we are extremely excited to once again be fully in person! You are invited to join us and as a request if you can spread through your organization and contacts. **Information for each event is also provided on the attached document and registration/information can be found here:**

<https://www.nmmesa.org/event/mesa-day-volunteer-registration-2023/>

This school year NM MESA is Celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. With that, all of our events have elements to past favorite MESA Competition and pay homage to 40 Years of STEM Excellence. Event descriptions and available times are summarized below (and detailed in the attached flyer). Meals and parking are provided to all volunteers. And, no experience or technical knowledge is required. All are welcome for a day of Celebrating 40 Years of NM MESA!

There are multiple opportunities for volunteering...all with different time commitments as follows:

General Logistics:

Registration, Device Check In, and Event Set Up: 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Prepared Design: Trebuchet Throwback

Teams have designed a trebuchet to launch at (2) targets for accuracy. Judges will inspect the devices, monitor, and record the device launches.

Full and Half Day Roles Available: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM; 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM; 12:30 PM-4:30 PM

### On Site Team Competition: MESA Mayhem

This full team challenge course will involve a variety of skill sets and cooperation. Teams will open with a speed puzzle challenge. Once completed, they will have a Lego Logistics activity and five STEAM events to complete.

Full and Half Day Roles Available: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM; 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM; 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

### On Site Mini Competitions:

1-2 students from each team will compete in each of the following challenges

- Water Quality Investigation: Student(s) will work and test the presenting problem about water while using commonly available materials.
- Let's Get Mobile: Student(s) will design, build, and test a device to get mobile. They will have fun while investigating physics, engineering, and motion.
- Transportation Relay: Flying, sailing or on the road...student(s) will build it and move to the next station.

Full Day Roles Available: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

We look forward to seeing you soon and hope you can join us. Thank you for “Helping to Build Tomorrow...Today!” and for continuing to help us provide STEM Enrichment to our MESA students. Any questions on anything contained in this email or for help with registration, please contact me. Thank You!

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**Reminders**

- All committees, departments, and individuals with information to share are encouraged to send their knowledge to [sgoodyear@luna.edu](mailto:sgoodyear@luna.edu) each week by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday for inclusion in Friday's update. If you miss a deadline, don't worry, your information will be included in the following week's update. Keep in mind, your information should be in tidy bullet points that can be easily added to the basic update format.
  - Thanks to all who shared information for this week's edition of "What's Happening at Luna."
  - If you missed an edition of "What's Happening at Luna," find it here: [https://luna.edu/whats\\_happening](https://luna.edu/whats_happening).
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