



## The latest news from Luna Community College

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### Fresh start

Luna Community College nursing students gather for class on the first day of the fall semester Monday, Aug. 19. Students have until Aug. 26 to register for fall. Level I nursing students began their semester in a newly remodeled collaborative classroom. Nursing students undergo an intensive, four-semester program culminating in an associate degree and ability to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) to become licensed, registered nurses. Anyone interested in the nursing program may contact pre-nursing advisor Vanessa Torres, 505-454-2527.

## Luna's Emily Ulibarri inspiring students

Emily Ulibarri earned her business administration degree from Luna in spring 2018. As a non-traditional student, Ulibarri said she got her inspiration to earn a college degree as a non-traditional student from the many students she helps on a daily basis.

Ulibarri is the administrative assistant for Luna's Santa Rosa satellite. Ulibarri has been working at the Santa Rosa satellite for five years.

"When a student comes in for help, I thought it would be a good idea to take a class so that I could relate and better understand what they go through," says Ulibarri. "Before I knew it, I had earned my degree. The cherry on top is that my son Emilio

and I earned our degree at the same time."

Emilio earned his degree from Central New Mexico College.

Although most students go to college straight after high school, Ulibarri, like many non-traditional students are taking that step later in life.

"Just do it," says Ulibarri when asked to give advice to all students who want to go to college but are un-



sure. "Don't be afraid to get out of

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# BOOK ORDERING PROCEDURE

Luna Community College's Bookstore Opens August 1, 2019

## Welcome to MBS Direct

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# Luna welcomes students back to school for fall 2019

## Last day to register is Monday, Aug. 26

Luna Community College is welcoming hundreds of students back to school for the fall 2019 semester with a full week of activities.

The college hosted orientation for new students — freshmen and transfers — on Friday, Aug. 16.

While fall classes began on Monday, Aug. 19, it's not too late for students to register. They have until Monday, Aug. 26, to sign up for the semester and can do so at the LCC Student Success Center. Course schedules and other information are available online at [luna.edu](http://luna.edu).

Beginning this fall, Luna is transitioning to an online bookstore. Stu-

dents enrolled this fall are advised to order their course materials through MBS Direct at the website [bookstore.mbsdirect.net/luna.htm](http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/luna.htm). Luna bookstore manager Ron Duran remains available to assist students with ordering books and other materials. The on-site store will continue to sell non-textbook items and a limited supply of books.

Friday also concluded a week of

orientation for Luna's faculty and staff. Trainings on subjects ranging from freedom of expression and dissent to federal privacy law helped prepare employees for the school year. Special guest speakers included Dr. Rebecca Moore (on diversity and inclusion), Mike Kloeppel (recruitment and retention as a shared responsibility) and others.

As the week came to a close, President Rolando Rael updated the Luna community about the college's ongoing efforts to secure its accreditation. Rael led a five-person team who met with a Higher Learning Commission panel on Monday, Aug. 12, in Chicago. The president encouraged college employees to continue working diligently on behalf of the Luna mission and serving students and the region.



**Luna employees (above) hear presentations during a week of trainings Aug. 12-16. Students (left) show off their haul of Luna swag after an orientation activity Aug. 16.**



**Mike Kloeppe, a college recruiting expert who once helped boost enrollments at New Mexico Highlands and New Mexico Tech, highlighted the list of guest speakers who shared insights for Luna’s employee orientation week Aug. 12-16. Above, Kloeppe jokes with Luna’s Breanna Gould, Brenda Ortega and Tycie Jackson. At right, Kloeppe talks shop with Luna recruiters Martin Garcia and Moses Marquez. Among Kloeppe’s messages: student recruitment and retention is the shared responsibility of everyone on campus.**



## Kloeppe: Recruiting everyone’s job

Luna employee orientation guest speaker Mike Kloeppe’s message was clear: It’s everyone’s job to recruit.

Kloeppe, a recruiting specialist, gave a one-hour presentation last week on the art of recruitment or, as he called it, Recruiting 101.

“It’s all our jobs to recruit students,” Kloeppe said. “Faculty has to play a role in recruiting. Remember, if you don’t get students to enroll,

colleges start losing professors, groundskeepers...You want Luna to thrive and grow.”

Kloeppe, a former admissions director at New Mexico Tech and recruiter at Highlands, talked about a funnel that is needed to get a student to be interested in a college and eventually to enroll. Kloeppe illustrated that it starts with inquiries, which leads to recruits. After this a student will apply, get admitted to

the college, make payment and enroll.

“It takes the entire community to bring students in,” said Kloeppe. “You have to know what your strengths are and never misinform students.”

Kloeppe noted that a letter from the president of a college to a potential student can go a long way.

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# STEM camp goes out with a bang

At right, Luna Summer Youth STEM-Reading Camp instructors Nathan Baker and Geno Castillo cover their ears for the liquid nitrogen demonstration that brought an explosive conclusion to the monthlong camp on Aug. 6. Below, Morgan Montano and Pamela Trujillo enjoy the show.



The last week of camp, participants — ages 10-15 — toured the Luna campus, visiting such places as the nursing sim lab (near right) and getting a hands-on workshop in fingerprinting techniques from criminal justice instructor Jason Killian (far right).



## Recruiting...

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“Everyone should sing the same song or don’t sing,” said Kloeppel, citing examples such as all employees knowing what the admissions standards and scholarships are. “You always have to have a positive attitude. Luna is a great starting point. A college should always utilize programs by connecting them with companies.”

He emphasized that first impression is a lasting one. “I got here a little early for this presentation and was

lost,” said Kloeppel. “One of your employees got out of her office and walked me over here. That’s a lasting impression.”

The employee was nursing office manager Elaine Montano.

Kloeppel ended his presentation saying that colleges should work in unison to welcome students and their parents. He spoke about a direct connection among admissions, president, academics, financial aid, registrar, bookstore and the campus life office.

“Luna is a great place,” said Kloeppel. “Students can start at Luna and then move on.”



# Parades mark summer in Mora, Springer

One of the Luna Community College team's favorite activities is participating in an area parade and interacting with fellow community members. In recent weeks, Luna has participated in parades for the Mora fiestas and the Colfax County Fair in Springer.









# Luna board filing date Aug. 27

## All seven trustee seats up for election in November

All seven seats on the Luna Community College Board of Trustees are up for election in November.

Those seeking election to the board must file with the county clerk's office of the county — San Miguel, Guadalupe, Mora, Colfax or Union— in which they reside

between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27. That date will be the only day on which candidates may file.

Positions in districts one, three, five and seven will be for six-year terms. Positions in districts two, four and six are for two-year terms. To be eligible to run for a board position, an individual must be a qualified

elector and a resident of the district they intend to represent.

District maps are available at [luna.edu](http://luna.edu) under the "About" drop-down menu and "Board of Trustees Information" link.

For more information, please call San Miguel County Clerk Geraldine E. Gutierrez at 505-425-9331.

## AVRH to host health fair Sept. 14

Alta Vista Regional Hospital is hosting a Community Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the facility, 104 Legion Drive.

Members of the Luna campus community are welcome to attend.

The fair will include blood pressure checks, blood sugar testing, BMI testing and health information.

For more information, contact Marla Martinez, 505-426-3772, or [marla\\_martinez@quorumhealth.com](mailto:marla_martinez@quorumhealth.com).

## Welcome Back Week pancakes



**Students and employees enjoy a pancake breakfast Tuesday, Aug. 20, as part of Welcome Back Week sponsored by the LCC Office of Campus Life. Top right: Janice Medrano and Lita Bernal prepare a fresh pot of coffee. Bottom right: Janice Varela gets a batch of pancakes ready to serve.**



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## ***Community Health Fair***

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**  
**10 am – 1 pm**

Alta Vista Regional Hospital — Main Lobby  
104 Legion Drive

Blood Pressure Checks • Health Information  
Blood Sugar Testing • BMI Testing

For more information, contact Marla Martinez:  
505.426.3772 | [Marla\\_Martinez@quorumhealth.com](mailto:Marla_Martinez@quorumhealth.com)





# Gerald P. Ortega Wellness Center @ Luna Community College



Take PE 112 or 113, a self-paced class that allows you to work out at your own convenience with weight machines, free weights and cardio equipment. Students and members will log in a minimum of 20 hours during the semester. Training available upon request.

Facility features treadmills, stationary bikes, stair steppers; free weights, cable weight machines; abdominal and core strength equipment; basketball court, boxing room with speed bag and heavy bags; men's and women's locker rooms with showers.

Other classes offered at the center: individual fitness instruction, Zumba, High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), self-defense.

Call 505-454-2517 for more information.

Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday;  
7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

\$46 a semester for  
community members  
(enroll in PE 112 or 113)

\$30 a semester for those  
age 55 and older

FREE to Luna students  
and employees  
(sign waiver at business office)

Enrollment is subject to the dates and  
policies listed in the academic calendar.



## Work out with us!



# Students make VP's Honor Roll

Below is a list of students who, as a result of their outstanding academic performance, have been included in the Spring 2019 Vice President's Honor Roll at LCC.

Inclusion on the Vice President's Honor Roll requires successful completion of a minimum of 12 graded credit hours with at least a 3.66 GPA without incomplete grades. Graded credit hours do not include satisfactory-unsatisfactory graded

courses, audits or credit by examination.

## Spring 2019 Honor Roll

Aixa Arellano, Springer  
Eliseo Arreola, Las Vegas  
Alysha Baca, Las Vegas  
Brianna Bingisser, Las Vegas  
Sumar Black, Albuquerque  
Patricia Carroll, Las Vegas  
Billy Chapman III, Santa Fe  
Joshua Corbin, Las Vegas  
Britney Cordova, Las Vegas  
Sarah Emily Gallegos, Las Vegas  
April Garcia, Las Vegas  
Florencio Garcia, Las Vegas  
Roxanne Garcia, Mora

Jared Gonzales, Belen  
Julie Gonzales, Las Vegas  
Rosendo Gonzales, Sapello  
Abigail Gurule, Las Vegas  
Katelina Laumbach, Santa Rosa  
David Lopez Amaya, Las Vegas  
Brooke Lucero, Watrous  
Fabien Lucero, Las Vegas  
Nicholas Maestas, Anton Chico  
Andres Martinez, Mora  
Forrest Matthews, Mora  
Pauline Medina, Mora  
Justin Alan Miller, Roswell  
Dorothy Moloney, Holman  
Jasmine Montano, Ribera  
John Montoya, Las Vegas  
Ashlea Ortega, Rio Rancho

Tobias Ortega, Questa  
Shanaya Pacheco, Las Vegas  
Nathan Padilla, Las Vegas  
Mason Peek, Albuquerque  
Emma Lizette People, Las Vegas  
Gabriela Pina, Las Vegas  
Rachele Portillo, Las Vegas  
Tristen Price, Las Vegas  
Dominick Quintana, San Jose  
Kristen Rogers, Las Vegas  
Katrina Roybal, Las Vegas  
Andrea Sanchez, Rio Rancho  
Sarah Sanchez, Las Vegas  
Thomas Sisneros, Mora  
Briana Thomas, Las Vegas  
Justin Valdez, Las Vegas  
Jessica Weber, Buena Vista

## Ulibarri...

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your comfort zone. It's never too late. The toughest part was fitting it into my daily life. When you have been out of school for many, many years, it is a little scary to get back into it. But once I started, it became routine and became easier."

Ulibarri isn't settling on one degree. She is currently taking classes at Highlands University, beginning her pursuit of a B.A. in business.

"My family has been very supportive," says Ulibarri. "They were 100 percent behind me. I especially loved coming home after class in the evenings and supper would be ready."

Ulibarri may have gotten the courage and fortitude from her mother

Claudia, who she admires the most in this world.

"My mom is a very strong, independent woman," says Ulibarri. "Nothing breaks her down. My mom is always there for all her family."

Ulibarri says that she looks forward to everyday challenges.

"Waking up every morning is my motivation," says Ulibarri. "I thank God every day for blessing me with another day. My family is everything, so hanging out with them is a must. I also like adventuring the outdoors, walking, hiking, camping or just sitting outside, enjoying the company of my family."

Ulibarri said being kind and respectful is something this world needs more of. If Ulibarri could change one thing to enhance human-kind, what would it be?

"I would abolish racism. We, as

**"Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone ... It's never too late (to pursue a higher education)."**

**Emily Ulibarri**  
Luna student, employee  
Santa Rosa, N.M.

human beings need to act like humans and respect one another," says Ulibarri. "No one in this world is better than the other."

Ulibarri continues to be the best she can.

"My accomplishment itself has encouraged other students," says Ulibarri. "They are excited for me and are excited to earn their own degree."



# A little time left...



## **LAST DAY TO REGISTER: MONDAY, AUG. 26**

The Fall 2019 semester is under way at Luna Community College. If you haven't registered yet, don't worry. You have until Monday, Aug. 26, to sign up for classes. Visit us on campus to register. Schedule available online at [luna.edu](http://luna.edu).

Tuition rates start at just \$38 a credit hour.

Why go anywhere else? Why pay more? Begin your success story with Luna today!

