

*The latest news from Luna Community College*

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# Luna to host Annual Girls Can Event

## Two events scheduled for April 27 and May 4

For the second consecutive year, Luna Community College will be hosting the local Girls Can event. This year there are two separate sessions, Thursday, April 27 and Thursday, May 4 so that the college can include girls from most of the local schools. Both events are scheduled at Luna's main campus in Las Vegas.

Girls Can is an initiative of the American Association of University Women, (AAUW) Las Vegas Branch. Women who have gone on to success in various fields, especially those that do not traditionally seem as women's careers, will be the featured presenters. They will conduct hands-on workshops and speak to students about their experiences and the opportunities available through education and career pathways.

Last year, nearly 200 fifth grade girls from school districts in San Miguel, Mora, Colfax and Guadalupe counties participated in the Girls Can event at Luna. The fifth graders participated in 16 workshops or presentations in various fields. The girls experienced a college campus as well as met several successful women professionals. Other women guided them around campus between classes and talked with the girls about opportunities available to them. They all had lunch at the school before

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**Luna cosmetology Aysa Vigil practices a haircut on a mannequin. For an appointment with Luna cosmetology and barbering students, please call 505-454-5344.**

## Luna to be closed on April 7 and April 10 for spring recess

Luna Community College in Las Vegas and its campuses in Mora, Springer and Santa Rosa will be closed on Friday, April 7, and Monday, April 10, for spring recess.

The college will resume its regular hours on Tuesday, April 11.

Luna's summer registration began on Wednesday, April 5, and the last day to add courses is Friday, June 9. Summer classes begin on Monday, June 5.

For more on summer classes, call 505-454-5314 or visit the college's website at [luna.edu](http://luna.edu).



# TEAS

## Nursing school entrance exam

# April 2023 dates

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

Tuesday, April 4	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 6	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday April 18	1:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 20	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 25	9:00 a.m.

**Contact: Vanessa Torres**

**505-454-2566**

**vatorres@luna.edu**

Passing TEAS score is 58.7% overall or higher. There are 30 slots available for qualified applicants for admission in Fall 2023.

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

### MISSION

Luna Community College is dedicated to providing accessible, innovative and integrated learning experiences that prepare students to compete at the forefront of their chosen fields

### 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)

# Luna Foundation to award scholarships, launches new website

## Spring scholarships to be awarded

The Luna Foundation is pleased to announce that 17 individuals will be receiving Spring Scholarships totaling \$8,500 in financial assistance being distributed to Luna students. The breakdown is as follows: four nursing scholarships, two automotive scholarships, three early childhood education scholarships, and eight general scholarships will be awarded. The fall scholarship application deadline is Sept. 20, 2023. The scholarship application can be found in the Financial Aid Office.



## New website

The Luna Foundation can now be found at [www.lunafoundationnm.org](http://www.lunafoundationnm.org). Our new website hosts quick and easy donation links for our various funds and projects along with information on upcoming fundraisers, current board member information, and more.

*The Foundation office is located in the Student Services Building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, room 206, across from the Veterans Resource Center and ACE Tutoring Lab. Our Administrative Assistant, Aubri Martinez, is in the office daily and is happy to provide more information on any of the projects the Foundation is currently working on.*

*The Luna Community College Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that exists to raise and manage private resources that support the educational mission and priorities of the College, provide opportunities for students, and enhance institutional excellence.*

# Luna baseball holding on to second place in Region 9 baseball standings

The Luna baseball team continues to hold on to second place in the Region 9 South Division baseball standings with a 10-11 record. The Rough Riders trail Trinidad State who sport an 11-9 record.

The Rough Riders recently finished up a series against Northeastern Junior College where they went 2-2. On Wednesday of last week, Luna swept two games from the Adams State Junior Varsity team.

Luna's Jose Villalobos has 16 homeruns on the year trailing only the nation's top home run leaders by one. Villalobos is also No. 32 in the nation in hitting .425. Teammate Wilmer Henriquez is 49th hitting at a .421 clip.

As a team, the Rough Riders are 16th in the nation in

homeruns, 14th in doubles, eighth in hits and ninth in total bases.

The Rough Riders play at Otero College this weekend.

The Luna softball team recently split four games with McCook Community College winning 8-0 and 3-2. The Lady Rough Riders are 5-9 in conference and will participate later this year in the postseason.

Luna hosts Northeastern Junior College this weekend. The games will be held on Thursday, April 6, Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8.

Luna is ranked 45th in the nation in hitting with a .356 clip. The Lady Rough Riders are 75th in doubles with 51.

# Girls Can Event...

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boarding their buses back to their respective schools.

Dr. Carol Linder, director of Luna's Allied Health Sciences and Public Service Department, and Dr. Mary Shaw, Highlands emeritus professor, who have been involved with Girls Can for several

years, are this year's event coordinators. Many other AAUW members are also contributing to making this event a success.

"The young ladies attending this year's events will see all the exciting and new programs Luna has to offer," said Linder. "The hope is that many will consider going into some of these fields."

Carla Romero, another veteran educator, said the local AAUW chapter has been conducting the Girls



**Pictured in this file photo is Luna nursing faculty member Susan Grohman giving a presentation in Luna's simulation lab.**

Can event for nearly two decades in Las Vegas and San Miguel County. She pointed out that AAUW focuses on reducing early gender bias and encourages female students to pursue higher education – including fields of study to which they have not traditionally been steered.

Romero said she grew up in Wagon Mound and while she encountered good role models such as teachers and principals, there were many more potential career fields to

which she and others had little to no exposure. "We want (Girls Can participants) to think girls can be anything they want to be, as long as they work at it," Romero said. "They shouldn't limit themselves. They shouldn't limit the careers they

pursue."

Professors, instructors and career women from Luna, Highlands, and the community are expected to be featured presenters. Workshops will include a wide variety of topics including how to apply an Ace bandage to an ankle, computer coding, identifying insects found in our local forests, treating the injuries of student athletics, the life of an artist, fire science, and much more.



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For You!**

Join us for

# Luna Afternoon in Santa Rosa

A public  
meet & greet  
April 18

**WHAT:** A public meet & greet  
with Luna Community College  
President Dr. Edward Martinez

**WHEN:** 3:30 p.m.,  
Tuesday, April 18

**WHERE:** Luna Community  
College Santa Rosa Satellite



Meet with Luna President  
Dr. Edward Martinez. Learn more  
about the college and its offerings  
and commitment to the area.  
For more information, please call  
505-454-5367.

*Light refreshments will be served*

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# Luna Afternoon in Mora

A public  
meet & greet

**April 20**

**WHAT:** A public meet & greet  
with Luna Community College  
President Dr. Edward Martinez

**WHEN:** 3:30 p.m.,  
Thursday, April 20

**WHERE:** Luna Community  
College Mora Site



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# Las Vegas native Alex Allington wins Luna Strong Mural Contest

Luna Strong is excited to announce the winner of the Luna Strong Mural Contest. Alex Allington, a Las Vegas native and former LCC student, created a beautiful submission that won the hearts and votes of the LCC community.

“Luna Community College's "Strong Resilience" contest inspired me as a result of watching my community go through the fires and then water shortages of last year,” said Allington. “In particular, I was directly involved with the evacuation of domestic homeless animals, lost animals, and animals left behind. Every day I watched the skies and I watched the people. As the skies got darker, the people got stronger. We are a community always looking towards the light.”

Alex's father also sculpted and he was surrounded by artists at an early age. Alex grew up exploring the mesas and forests of northern New Mexico, painting its landscapes and showing them in local galleries by age 13. Alex attended Virginia Commonwealth University and graduated with a computer animation degree from The School of Communication Arts in Raleigh, NC.

Alex honed a career for himself in video game development as a digital artist across the country. However, the wonders of the land of enchantment called him home where he now resides in Las Vegas. Alex is best known for his unique tables and organic designs which accentuate the natural beauty of woods and stones encased in quality epoxy finishes. Each creation leads you to imagine a



**Alex Allington**

world embedded in the grain and wood texture. You can easily imagine landscapes and our ancestors roaming in covered wagons, tiny villages along river banks, or sea life from an ancient world. Or perhaps, you just feel the native beauty of the Southwest warming your home.

The mural contest arose as part of the Building Rough Rider Resilience grant. The purpose of the mural was to remind the LCC community of the resilience of the community and the strength that can come from adversity. Luna wants the mural to be a sign of hope in times of future struggles.

Luna Strong was established in September 2022 through funds from the New Mexico Higher Education Department. The NMHED mental and behavioral health initiative funded the Building Rough Rider Resilience grant in June 2022. The Feeding Rough Rider Success grant is part of New Mexico's governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's College Food Security initiative.

Luna Strong's mission is to shine a light and raise awareness of services currently available to the Luna community that promote the 8 Dimensions of Wellness. Luna Strong identifies areas of need, and connects students, staff, and faculty to services and support to address those needs.

The mural will be located in the Student Services building on the wall between the board room and registrar's office.

## Luna Community College

“Creating Opportunities For You!”

# LET'S GET GROWING

**FREE WORKSHOP** with two dynamic gardening experts  
from NMSU Agricultural Science Center - Los Lunas

**WHERE: LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**WHEN: Friday April 14th, from 10am to 12pm**

**Small space vegetable gardening on a water budget.** 

Marissa Thompson -NMSU Urban Horticulture Specialist.



**Working with beneficial insects and plant combinations.**

Miranda Kersten - NMSU Integrated Pest Management Program Manager



Email: [info@smmemg.com](mailto:info@smmemg.com)

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San Miguel/Mora Extension Master Gardeners  
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Luna Community College

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate.  
Please contact Yvonne at (281) 813-9513.

New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employers and educators.  
NMSU, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.



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**ESPORTS  
LCC**

COME JOIN AND PARTICIPATE IN LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S ESPORTS TEAM!  
PLAY COMPETITIVELY AGAINST OTHER NJCAA TEAMS.

**GAME TITLES:**

Rocket League	Hearthstone
Rainbow 6: Siege	Call of Duty: Vanguard
Super Smash Brothers	Call of Duty: Cold War
Ultimate Valorant	League of Legends

**Requirements for LCC Esports Team:**

- Full-time LCC Degree Seeking Student
- 2.0 GPA
- Game Access and Equipment

Intramural Competition is also available!  
Anyone can participate –  
(Staff, Faculty, Students)

CONTACT: NICHOLE COLLINS AT [ncollins@luna.edu](mailto:ncollins@luna.edu) OR (505) 454-5371





**REGISTER TODAY!**

FOR  
**SUMMER  
2023**

Classes begin on  
**Monday,  
June 5, 2023**



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**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

EMERGENCY: 911  
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 988  
LCC Campus security: 505-429-1159  
LCC Student Support-Renee Maestas: 505-454-5355  
NMHU After hours crisis line: 505-795-3605  
El Centro NMHU Health Center: 505-454-3218

Luna summer registration begins on  
**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

The last day to add courses is  
**Friday, June 9, 2023**

To view classes, go to  
**[luna.edu](http://luna.edu)**  
and click the  
*schedule of courses link*

**ENROLL NOW!!**

Contact us at  
**505-454-2500**



Luna Community  
College is proud to  
welcome



# GIRLS CAN!



A day of workshops and activities highlighting career pathways and showcasing role models for 5th grade girls from area schools.

**Thursday, April 27 and  
Thursday, May 4**





# Luna Strong Health & Wellness Fair

· BOOTHS · DOOR PRIZES  
· DEMONSTRATIONS

APRIL 12TH: NOON-4PM  
LCC GERALD P ORTEGA  
WELLNESS CENTER

706 Camino Maximiliano, Las Vegas, NM 87701

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