



Luna teams create floats for light parade



Luna Community College had two floats in the City of Las Vegas Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 4. Several Luna students and employees participated in building the floats and walking in the parade.

Demonstrating team camaraderie to go along with a helping of holiday spirit, a number of Luna Community College students, faculty and staff worked together to build two floats for the Las Vegas Electric Light Parade.

The parade, themed “An Enchanted Christmas,” was held on Saturday, Dec. 4. According to parade organizer Chuck

Griego, Highlands Wrecker took first place.

“Luna floats were well planned out, well executed,” said Griego. “They were beautiful.”

To encourage participation in float building, Luna President Dr. Edward Martinez named two teams — one captained by Matthew Cordova, director

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Enroll now for spring 2022

Registration is now open for the Spring 2022 semester at Luna Community College.

Early registration began on Monday, Nov. 15, and continues through the first week of the semester. Spring ‘22 classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The last day to add full-term courses is Tuesday, Jan. 25. However, early sign-up is highly encouraged. Short-term courses in certain programs are typically offered with registration available later in the semester.

For more information, including a list of available classes, please visit LUNA.edu. Online registration is available to returning students; others should contact an adviser or the Student Success Center once admitted.



(Top photo) Luna students Andres Chacon, Baudel Lopez and Jeremiah Romero work on one of the floats for the Las Vegas Electric Light Parade. (bottom photo) Luna auto collision repair instructor Anthony Baca (second from right) discusses plans for float construction with members of his team. Baca led one team, while physical plant director Matthew Cordova led another team.

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of the physical plant; the other captained by Anthony Baca, auto collision repair instructor — competing to build the most impressive float. An independent judging panel was to determine the winner.

Please look at your Luna e-mail later this week for more information.



Luna student John Ludi's 1970 cranberry red Camaro (below) was featured in the Light Parade. Anthony Baca, the captain of one of the Luna float teams, said that he wanted to create a "luminaria drive through" theme. Both Luna floats were well received by hundreds of individuals that viewed the City Light Parade on Saturday evening.

Nursing updates admission criteria

With demand for acute care, vaccinations and testing heightened by COVID-19, the pandemic has underscored the significance of nurses and other health care professionals.

Luna Community College's Department of Nursing continues to do its part by preparing nurses through its accredited associate degree program. The program remains open to applicants with new cohorts starting each fall.

Luna's nursing program has made some changes to its admission and selection criteria, effective for the Fall 2022 cohort. A full list of criteria and instructions for applying are available on the college website, LUNA.edu, but the main changes are as follows:

The minimum allowable score for the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills — required for admission — is now a 62 overall. The TEAS score is weighted as 50 of 100 criteria points considered for selection.

In previous years, 10 criteria points was allocated to an applicant's mean score on the TEAS math, reading and science portions. Instead, beginning this fall, up to six points will be awarded for completion of the courses Medical Terminology (AH113), Nutrition (NUTR2110) and Microbiology (BIOL2305) with a "B" or higher. Two points will be awarded for each of the three specified courses completed prior to application. Additionally, four points will be



awarded to the applicant if they provide documentation of at least 500 hours of work experience in health care, e.g. as a nursing assistant or equivalent position, within the preceding three years.

The remaining 40 criteria points will be awarded based on a prerequisite grade point average of 2.75 or higher in the five prerequisite courses listed by the department.

"As we continually strive to develop outstanding nurses, we look to establish sound criteria for our program," said Maxine Hughes, LCC Director of Nursing. "These changes allow for a broader pool of applicants while keeping the selection process competitive."

Setting aside criteria points for health care experience, for example, rewards applicants who have

already devoted their time and energy to patient care.

"Many wonderful nurses got their start working as CNAs," noted Hughes, "and we want to promote that career pathway, one that a number of our program alumni have taken."

The decision to award criteria points for performing well in Medical Terminology, Nutrition and Microbiology is also by design.

"These are courses that are beneficial not only to prospective nurses but to many other fields of study," Hughes said. "They can transfer into other academic degree programs, and they are all offered right here at Luna."

For more information about the Luna nursing program, please visit LUNA.edu or call 505-454-5321.

Anton Chico students visit Luna, learn about STEM opportunities



Luna's new 3D printing lab and an assortment of class projects using the exciting new technology were among the favorite attractions for the visiting students.

Luna Community College's STEM Department hosted students from Anton Chico Middle School as part of New Mexico MESA's Regional Roundup on Nov. 18.

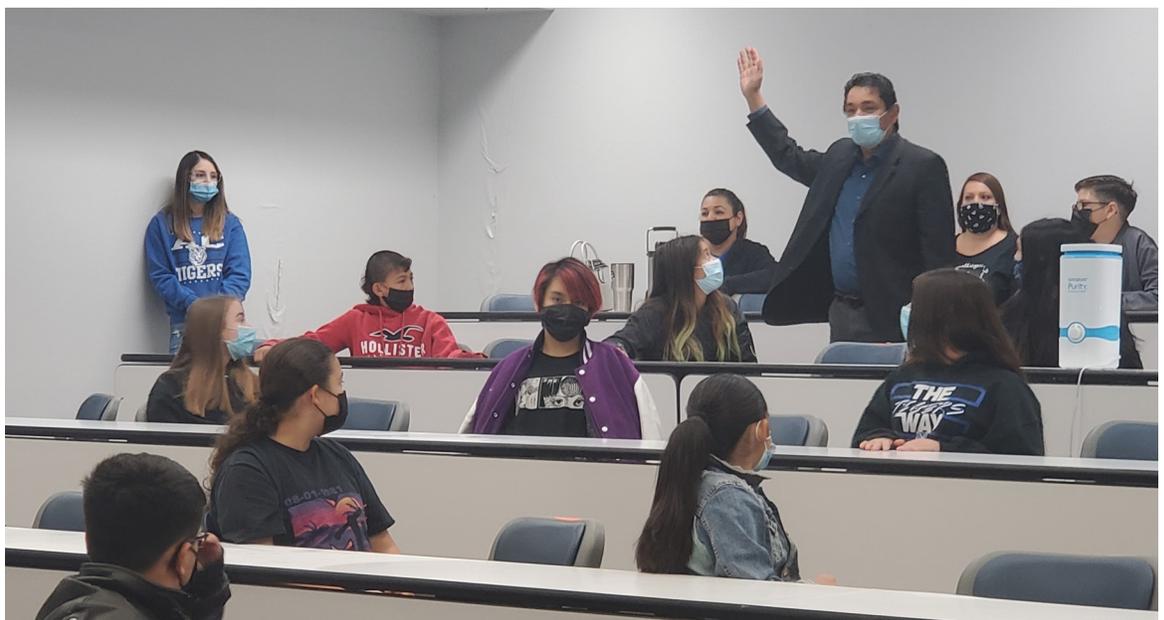
The middle school students participated in Binary Challenge, a computer science-based exercise to familiarize them with binary coding.

The visiting students also toured the department's new 3D print lab, where they saw pre-engineering students printing class projects as an introduction to the 3D printing process.

Luna President Dr. Edward Martinez, Vice President Dr. Dani Day and several STEM faculty members spoke with the visiting students, encouraging them to continue exploring the sciences.

"It was good to have the students visit and have them participate in a valuable learning experience," said Francisco Apodaca, Luna STEM director. "I think they enjoyed the experience of visiting LCC, and they seemed to have had a lot of fun."

Luna President Dr. Edward Martinez speaks with Anton Chico Middle School students about possibilities for study in the sciences. Students also heard from Vice President Dr. Dani Day, STEM Director Francisco Apodaca and several STEM instructors, who shared knowledge in a half day of lessons.



Luna SNA drive helps 19 families

Thanks to the efforts of Luna Community College's Student Nurses Association, 19 Las Vegas-area families were able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

The Luna SNA members assembled the baskets of food as part of their annual Thanksgiving drive, reported advisor and Luna nursing instructor Dr. Kimberly

Sena.

"The members worked tirelessly this season and were able to put together 19 baskets that were once again donated to El Centro (Family Health) for them to distribute to families in the Las Vegas area," Sena said. "I am proud of this work they did and am glad this has become one of our favorite yearly traditions."

Luna Cares seeking donations of food, clothing, other items

Meanwhile, the Luna student senate continues its own holiday drive, Luna Cares.

The senate is asking for donations of winter clothing, nonperishable food items and hygiene toiletries to be provided to The Samaritan House of Las Vegas for distribution to people in need.

Collection boxes have been set up at several campus locations. The boxes will be delivered to Samaritan House later this month.



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Spring '22 registration is ongoing through Jan. 25. Visit us at LUNA.edu.

Luna Community College cosmetology and barbering students donated several items to the college's Holiday Drive that will benefit the local Samaritan House. Luna's student senate placed collection boxes at several locations on campus, including the main administration building hallway, the Humanities building and the Allied Health Sciences building.



Several of Gene Sandoval's auto technology students earned a Snap On certification with the knowledge they gained from using the Snap On curriculum. The certificate is for the 504 Digital Multimeter which is one of three certifications that a student can earn at the college. The other two are steering and suspension and pro cut on the car brake lathe. Pictured (l-r) are Ellery Collins, Mario Sanchez, Henry Brotherton, Elias Roybal, Juan Montoya, Marcelino Romero, Lucas Montoya, Ashleigh Herrera and Luna instructor Gene Sandoval. For more information, call Sandoval at 454-2590.

Luna students enjoy pizza



About 175 individuals enjoyed pizza, breadsticks, soda and water at the college on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Additionally, students were provided information about spring registration. The college will have coffee and donuts on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at the coffee shop.



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Tutor	Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sergio	Humanities	8-11 a.m.	4-8 p.m.	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	2-5 p.m.	8-10 a.m.
Brittney	STEM	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	
Edward	STEM	1-3 p.m. & 4-8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1-2 p.m.	1-2 p.m. & 4-8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1-2 p.m.	
Amber	CJ, Humanities, entry level math	1-4 p.m.	1-4 p.m.	3-8 p.m.	3-8 p.m.	
Mary Frances	All areas	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 4-8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 4-8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Madison	Humanities, entry level math courses	1-4 p.m.	1-4 p.m.	3-8 p.m.	3-8 p.m.	
Hilary	All areas	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.		9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Employee recognition event Dec. 15

The Luna Community College staff senate is planning its annual employee recognition event for Wednesday, Dec. 15.

The gathering will include a potluck with participating employees asked to choose to bring menu items from a list to be shared via campus e-mail. In the event's recent history, employees reaching various milestones in terms of years of service have been recognized. And holiday-themed

activities have also been a part of the gathering.

The event is tentatively set for the cafeteria, which recently hosted a successful Thanksgiving meal for students and employees on Nov. 17.

Staff senators set the date in their most recent regular meeting Nov. 22.

Also during that meeting:

- Gloria Pacheco reported that a strategic planning committee has been

working on creating the 2022-27 strategic plan.

- Jessica Flores reported on work of the HLC prep team and submission of a report in advance of the planned Jan. 24 visit.
- Pacheco noted progress on organizing and revising the faculty-staff handbook.

Join our team and help us serve our communities!

Employment opportunities

Positions available at Luna Community College

FULL-TIME

- Allied Health Sciences: Dental assisting instructor ... opened Nov. 16
- Allied Health Sciences instructor (INTERNAL POSTING) ... opened Nov. 16
- General maintenance I ... opened Nov. 11
- Academic and career planning director ... opened Nov. 3
- CTE: Commercial drivers license program administrator (INTERNAL POSTING) ... opened Nov. 3
- Registrar ... opened Oct. 29
- Custodian I ... opened Sept. 21
- Technical electrician ... opened July 14

TEMPORARY PART-TIME

- Wellness Center technician (INTERNAL POSTING)... opened Oct. 18
- ACE tutors (4) ... opened Aug. 16
- Preschool substitute teacher/caretaker ... opened June 29

ADJUNCT (per course)

- CTE: Furniture & cabinet making instructor, main campus ... opened Nov. 15
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- CTE: Welding instructor, main campus ... opened Oct. 25
- CTE: Commercial drivers license theory instructor, main campus ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE: Commercial drivers license driving instructor, main campus ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE: Auto technology instructor, Springer ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE: Auto technology instructor, main campus ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE: Auto collision repair instructor, main campus ... opened Aug. 26

Most recent postings listed first. All positions open until filled unless otherwise noted. For more information on each position, please log on to www.luna.edu/jobs.



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

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Luna Cares!

Samaritan House Holiday Drive

WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Hygiene bags that include toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hand sanitizer, shavers
- Facemasks, face shields, sanitizing items, liquid soap, hand sanitizer
- Winter clothing such as socks, thermal underwear, beanie hats, gloves
- Non-perishable food items such as canned fruits and vegetables

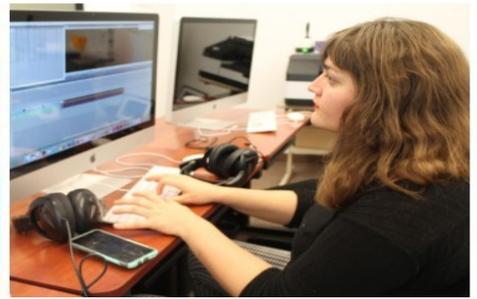
PLEASE DONATE!

Collection boxes are available in the Maria H. Paiz Administration Building, the Allied Health building and the Humanities building. Your generosity is appreciated! Items will be delivered to the Samaritan House in December. The Samaritan House assists people throughout the community.





Make 2022 the year for you.



Join us and build a
STRONGER
FUTURE.



Register for Spring 2022
now through Jan. 25. Classes start
Jan. 18. Visit us at LUNA.edu.

Enjoy **FREE**

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**Tuesday &
Wednesday,
Dec. 7-8**

7:45 to 10:15 a.m.

LRC coffee shop

Good luck on finals week!



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