

The latest news from Luna Community College

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Graduation 2021



Luna students are all smiles after graduating on Friday, May 14, at the Media Arts Auditorium. Congratulations, and just as you made a commitment to graduate from Luna, do the same for the rest of your life. Commitment to your family, your career and your community will lead you to a joyous life.

BOT okays president's contract



Dr. Edward Martinez officially signs a contract to be the next president at Luna.

The Luna Community College Board of Trustees approved a presidential contract for Dr. Edward Martinez in a special meeting on Wednesday.

Dr. Martinez signed a three year contract at \$170,000 annually. Dr. Martinez will begin his new job on Monday, June 21.

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Dr. Martinez is currently a Special Assistant to the President at New Mexico Highlands University.

"The board of trustees is looking forward to begin our work with our next

president," said Luna BOT chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez. "We are very impressed with his qualifications and look forward to his leadership at the college."

Rep. Leger Fernández announces nearly \$143 million for NM colleges, students

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernández announced nearly \$143 million in emergency funding for colleges, universities, and students in New Mexico's 3rd Congressional District under the American Rescue Plan.

"I've spent the last two weeks meeting with our local colleges and universities to discuss their needs as we work to get through the pandemic. I am inspired by the work they do within their communities to engage students and provide them with the opportunities to thrive," said Leger Fernández. "The American Rescue Plan is delivering life changing investments to our most vulnerable students, including our Dreamers. I voted for this legislation to bring relief to communities across New Mexico."

The funding will help local institutions cope with the severe financial fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic and continue serving their students safely. At least half of the funding each institution receives will be distributed in the form of emergency cash assistance grants to students who are facing hunger, homelessness, and other hardship. The American Rescue Plan provides \$36 billion for nearly 3,500 public and private, nonprofit colleges and universities

nationwide.

The colleges and universities in New Mexico's 3rd District receiving funding under the American Rescue Plan are:

- St. John's College: \$991,088
 - Eastern New Mexico University: \$ 11,198,855
 - New Mexico Highlands University: \$ 5,795,385
 - San Juan College: \$ 10,614,845
 - University of New Mexico: \$ 54,329,288
 - Central New Mexico Community College: \$ 37,145,081
 - Clovis Community College: \$ 4,223,788
 - Luna Community College: \$ 1,631,493
 - Northern New Mexico College: \$ 3,403,829
 - Institute of American Indian & Alaska Native Culture: \$ 1,263,858
 - Santa Fe Community College: \$ 5,565,844
 - Navajo Technical University: \$ 5,455,809
 - Southwestern College: \$ 99,763
 - Mesalands Community College: \$ 1,179,212
- Students should contact their institutions for more information about how they can apply for an emergency grant.



Luna celebrates the graduating classes from the past two school years in its ceremony on Friday, May 14.







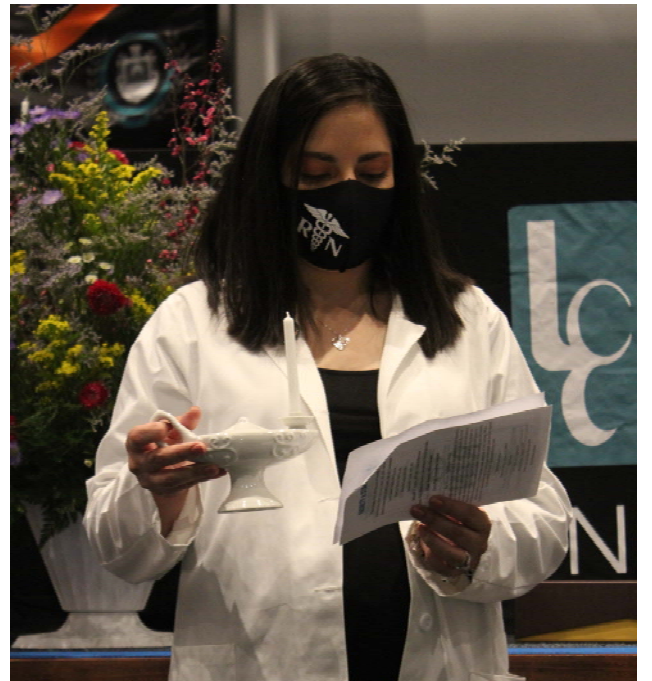






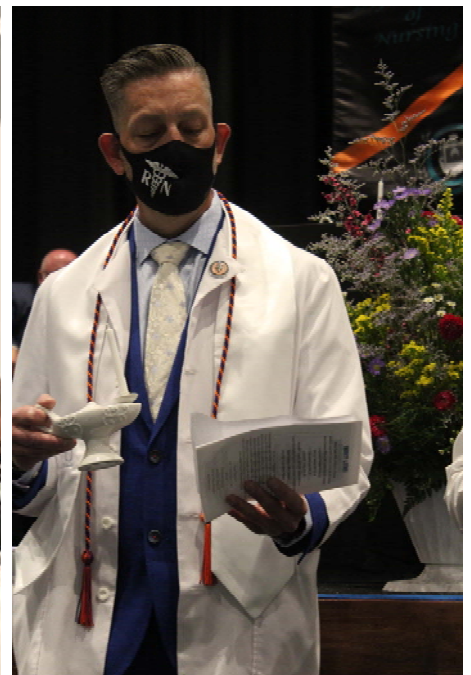
Part of graduation week is the annual pinning ceremony hosted by the Luna nursing department for its graduating class. The ceremony recognizes the tradition of commitment to the profession dating to Florence Nightingale.







Luna Community College Board of Trustee Maximiliano Tenorio Jr. presents the Bridge to Success Scholarship to 22 Santa Rosa High School students recently during the school's Senior Scholar Night. *Courtesy photo*





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Interested in nursing school?

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Nursing Entrance Exam

May 2021

Test dates



Scheduling for the following dates is taking place now.

Tuesday, May 4	1:30 p.m.
Friday, May 7	10 a.m.
Monday, May 17	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 18	1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 19	10 a.m.
Thursday, May 20	8:30 a.m.
Friday, May 21	1:30 p.m.
Monday, May 24	10 a.m.
Tuesday, May 25	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 26	1:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 27	10 a.m.
Friday, May 28	8:30 a.m.

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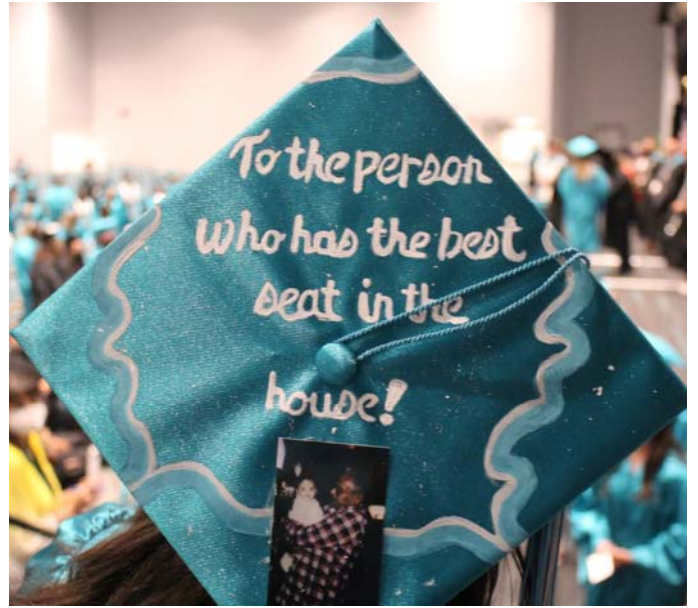
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Rough Riders' playoff runs end

The Luna baseball and softball seasons came to a halt in the Region 9 tournaments recently in McCook, Neb., and Trinidad, Colo., respectively

Coach T.C. Nusser's baseball team lost twice in a best-of-three playoff series at McCook on Friday and Saturday. Meanwhile, Coach Steve Wallace's softball team came up short in a double-elimination bracket, falling to a pair of Nebraska schools at the neutral site in Trinidad.

A recap of the regional postseason games for the Rough Riders:

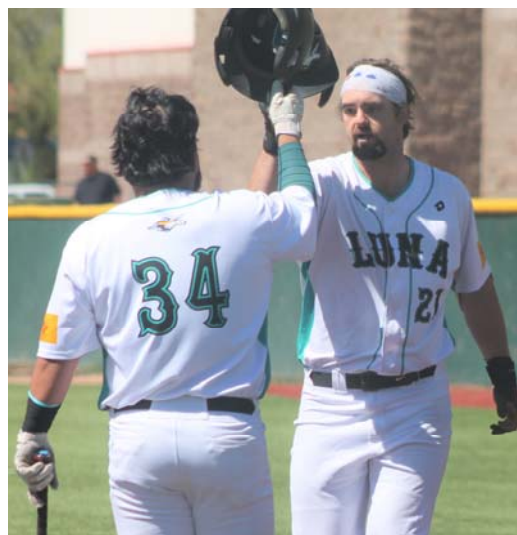
McCook baseball 6, Luna 3

Game one of the best-of-three series stayed close throughout. McCook scored a single run in the bottom of the first inning, and it was still 1-0 going into the fourth. The Riders pulled in front with three runs in the top of that frame, led by Tony Limon's two-RBI home run. But McCook countered with three runs in their half of the inning, then added two insurance runs in the seventh. Francisco Ochoa hit 3 of 4 to lead Luna; James Cardenas and Rogelio Gonzales had two hits each. Ruger Bravo had a solid start and struck out 10, allowing four earned runs on nine hits and three walks in six and one-third innings. Ryan Clark struck out four in relief. Limon, Dusty Sipe and Brandon Zwiener were credited with a double play.

McCook baseball 10, Luna 2
Luna got on the scoreboard with



Left: Shortstop Anahi Ruiz throws the ball to first in a recent Luna softball game. Right: Francisco Ochoa congratulates Brandon Zwiener after a run for the Luna baseball team. Both squads have overcome COVID-related challenges to return to action this past season.



a run in the first, with McCook tying in the bottom of the frame and then building the lead with back-to-back four-run innings in the second and third. Zwiener and Limon accounted for two hits apiece and four of five total hits for the Rough Riders. McCook ace Maxim Mrakovic went six innings and limited the Riders to one earned run on five hits and three walks with eight strikeouts. For Luna, Logan Wilson, Chisum Rush and Dakota Cummings pitched two frames apiece. Sipe and Zwiener took part in two double plays each, with Ochoa and Limon also in on a double play apiece.

Luna finished 13-25 overall and 12-18 in the conference.

Northeastern softball 17, Luna 2

Both of the Rough Riders' tourney games were held Saturday, with the first-rounder starting at 10

a.m. Northeastern, one of the regional powerhouses with records of 36-15 overall and 23-6 in the conference, built its lead and put the game away after five innings. Northeastern went on to play Trinidad State in the regional final on Tuesday, May 11.

Western Nebraska 6, Luna 3

After a scoreless first inning, Western Nebraska scored three to take the driver's seat in the bottom of the second. But Luna didn't go away, answering with two runs in the top of the third. It was 4-3 midway through the fifth. The Riders' pitching and defense held Western to nine hits -- one a home run by Emma Schweitzer -- over six innings.

Luna finished 1-23 overall and 1-20 in the conference. Loaded with first-year student-athletes, the team will lose just two sophomores -- Mary J. Martinez and Anahi Ruiz.

Get STRONGER this summer.

We are excited to help you pursue and achieve your dreams in 2021 and beyond.

Whether you're seeking training to get into the workforce, working toward a higher academic degree, or simply wanting to broaden your horizons and learn something new, Luna is here to help you build a stronger future.

SUMMER 2021 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Classes start June 7. Register now through June 11.

Tuition rates start at just \$40 a credit hour.

Visit LUNA.edu for details, or call 505-454-2500 or 1-800-588-7232.

