



January 20 – 24, 2025

2nd week of the spring semester

Here is what's
happening...



Important Dates:

- **January 31, 2025 -Last day to withdraw from a class without a grade.**
- **January 31, 2025 - All Tuition Waivers are due for Luna faculty and staff taking classes at Luna and/or Highlands.**

New President



Dr. Carol Linder, Luna's previous "interim" President is now the official new President of Luna Community College! Congratulations, Dr. Linder!

To read the full article in *The Optic*, click here:
https://www.lasvegasoptic.com/news/dr-carol-linder-appointed-president-of-luna-community-college/article_98307190-d8de-11ef-af0c-eb78d4b33c54.html

2025 LEGISLATIVE SOCIAL CALENDAR

- Wednesday, February 5, 2025 New Mexico Public Health Day at the Legislature State Capitol/Rotunda 8:00am - 3:00pm
 - Monday, February 10, NM Adult Education & Literacy Day at the Legislature State Capitol/Rotunda, 10:00am - 12 Noon
 - Friday, February 21, City of Las Vegas Day at the Legislature
 - Tuesday, February 25, NM Higher Education Dept. Higher Education Day at the Roundhouse, all day
 - Please see full calendar at https://www.nmlegis.gov/Publications/Social_Calendar
 - We are looking for volunteers to help us at the Legislature, especially for City of Las Vegas Day!
 - Contact Leslie Garcia at exadmin@luna.edu or X1015 if you are interested in helping.
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Rough Rider Mentorship

- CALL for Teacher/Instructor/Director/Staff Volunteers to present to the various mentorship students enrolled in our After-School Programs.
- These presentations may be given online via Zoom, but should be given three times (Once at each location) for the week the instructor signs up for, OR, if there is a time conflict, the lecture could be pre-recorded in Zoom and then distributed to the After-School teachers to show to their students on the chosen week.
- So for example, Geno Castillo might give a presentation on Astronomy (not to volunteer him or anything 😊). He might present some cool facts, explains how astronomy factors into future course work, careers, etc. and then provide a cool activity the teachers at the After-School programs can facilitate the students doing. It might be an experiment, an activity, a discussion – it is up to the instructor.
- So what I need from faculty is for them to volunteer to be presenters during a week that works for them, and to get with me in regard to what supplies I need to purchase and provide for the students to do the accompanying activity.
- The plan is to start these presentations the first week of February. Please email sgoodyear@luna.edu to volunteer for a week.
- It is also okay for departments to share responsibilities, so say Cosmetology decides to do a presentation during a specific week, but one member of the faculty

wants to present on Monday and the other Friday, and the other on whatever day Mora chooses – that is fine.

- The After-School Program times are:
 - Springer – Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
 - Santa Rosa – Mondays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Mora – TBA

- The weeks I need volunteers are:

- February 3-7	
- February 10-14	
- February 17-21	
- February 24-28	
- March 3-7	
- March 10-14	– Spring Break – No After School Program so no volunteers needed.
- March 17-21	
- March 24 – 28	
- March 31 – April 4	
- April 7-11	
- April 14-18 (Friday, April 18 – Luna closed for Good Friday/Spring Recess)	
- April 21-25 (Monday, April 21 – Luna closed for Spring Recess) Whoever signs up to present in Santa Rosa on April 14, will be expected to present in Springer on April 25 because of the holiday)	
- April 28-May 2	
- May 5-9	

Dental Assisting Program

Request for Third Party Comments by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

Luna Community College's Dental Assisting Program is soliciting third-party comments in preparation for its **April 9-10, 2025** site visit by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

Our last site visit occurred on February 16-17, 2016. Our current accreditation status is: **Approval** (without reporting requirements), an accreditation classification granted to an educational program indicating that the program achieves or exceeds the basic requirements for accreditation.

Interested parties may submit an appropriate comment to the Commission on Dental Accreditation. An appropriate comment is one that directly addresses the program's compliance with the Commission's standards, policies and procedures. Signed or unsigned comments will be accepted, and names and/or signatures will be removed from comments prior to forwarding them to the program. Comments must pertain only to the standards for the particular program or policies and procedures used in the Commission's accreditation process.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the Commission's policy on third-party comments may be obtained by contacting the Commission by calling 1-312-440-4653 or by email. Please email comments to the appropriate CODA staff. Staff emails are found at: <https://coda.ada.org/about-coda/coda-staff>.

The deadline for submission is **sixty (60) days prior** to the site visit – **February 9, 2025**. Please click on **POSTING FORM FOR THIRD PARTY COMMENTS** for further instructions regarding the submission of a comment.

Wildfire Resiliency Training Center (WRTC):

The WRTC will be offering First Aid/CPR classes monthly. All LCC personnel will be able to take the classes free of charge. Our goal is to have all Luna folks certified. Please take advantage of this offer, it will be good for all of us!

Here are the dates for the next two offerings:

February 20

March 20

Please contact Hank Blackwell or Allen Sanchez to register.

The WRTC class schedule for the Spring semester can be found on the LCC webpage. These wildfire classes have already resulted in employment for several of our students

from last semester. Interested individuals may contact either Hank Blackwell or Karen Wezwick at the WRTC.

The WRTC will be offering a free class on Wildfire Structural Ignition Awareness on Saturday, February 8 from 11-5 at the Bernal Community Center. Please RSVP with Ellen Drew @ 505.652.9439 or edrewnm@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, contact Hank at the WRTC.

Graduation Info from the Registrar

Good Morning LCC Students,

Are you ready to graduate in Fall or Spring? If so then this message is for you! It is time to begin gearing up for the biggest celebration of your academic career. Students who plan to finish degree or certificate requirements need to apply to graduate. How do you do this? Follow these steps and submit the attached to the Office of the Registrar by the deadline indicated below:

- All FALL graduates are eligible to walk in the SP25 commencement ceremony.
- Deadline to order your regalia (cap and gown) - Friday, March 28, 2025 with the LCC Bookstore - see attached flier for details
- Deadline to apply to graduate SPRING GRADUATES ONLY - Monday, March 10, 2025 by 5pm MST- submit Application for Degree and pay the one-time graduation fee of \$15.00 per degree or certificate. (attached)

ALL STUDENTS PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO INDICATE ON YOUR APPLICATION FOR DEGREE YES OR NO, IF YOU WILL BE WALKING FOR THE SPRING 2025 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.

Students will receive their Final Degree Check clearing them for their degree via your LCC Student Email to include your eligibility for graduation honors. All students who are eligible for honors will be able to purchase the honor cord with your regalia order at the Bookstore who will have a list of students who qualify.

Students need to meet with their academic advisors to have their Application for Degree signed before submission to the Office of the Registrar. Also, students are required to pay the one-time non-refundable \$15 graduation fee (per award) at the time

they submit their Graduation Clearance form. Failure to submit your Graduation Application and pay your fee will result in a delay of you receiving your diploma.

If you have already submitted your documents to our office please be on the lookout for your clearance via your LCC student email. If students feel that they need to be seen for a Final Degree by the Registrar's Office, please contact us to schedule your appointment.

Congratulations!

*Kindly,
Alicia B Chacon, Registrar
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"Snowflakes are the
butterflies of winter." -
Anonymous

Photo Credit: Sherry Goodyear
"Eloise"

Luna Eats

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Join us for a healthy lunch!

- **NEW** days - Every Monday and Wednesday at noon
- Cafeteria in Allied Health
- Menu changes weekly
- First come, first serve

Monday lunches are for students only and are FREE.

Wednesday lunches are for everyone - students, staff and faculty. Staff and Faculty \$5 cash only, exact change. Purchase a ticket at the cashier's desk in the Admin building and bring to lunch. Tickets can be used for any Wednesday lunch.

Thank you to the Luna Strong and CTE programs at Luna for making this possible.



Luna Strong



Luna Strong offers resources and support to students, staff and faculty at Luna Community College.

- Free food on campus – 3 tienditas (in Admin, in cafeteria and in Student Services upstairs)
- Timely Care physical and mental healthcare – free 24/7
- Basic Needs/Resources – contact Crystal Western Ford at cwesternford@luna.edu or at 505-454-2527 ext 1806

More local resources are also found on our website at <https://sites.google.com/luna.edu/lunastrong/home>



Check out the video below to learn how to register

Video on how to register for Timely Care:

[Timely Care How To Register Video](#)

Video on Digital Self Care:

[Digital Self Care Video](#)

I know this is a long video at about 37 minutes, but it has different sections on topics such as anxiety, procrastination, breaking projects into smaller steps and stress reduction techniques.





How to Access Free, 24/7 Virtual Care from Anywhere

It's simple! Follow these steps and you'll be connected to virtual health and well-being services in no time.

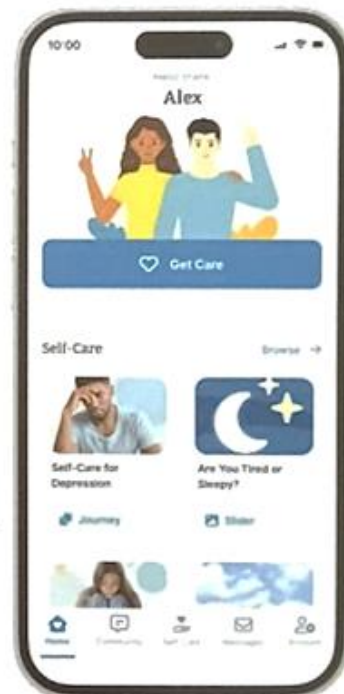


- 1 **Access TimelyCare.**
Scan this QR code.



- 2 **Log in with your school email address.**
Use the one that ends in .edu.
- 3 **Fill out some information. Nothing too complicated!**
TimelyCare is confidential, secure, and HIPAA compliant.
- 4 **Click "Get Care."**
Well, you get it.
- 5 **Don't need a visit right away? Check out our Self-Care tab.**
It's self-care at your fingertips.

Get care now at timelycare.com/Luna



Having trouble logging in? Call **1-833-4-TIMELY** for assistance.

We've got you covered!

It's for Students. **FOR FREE.**



Faculty & Staff Guidance Line

What? This is a dedicated phone line for your faculty and staff to reach the TimelyCare team for guidance and support in cases of student distress.

Who? Any faculty or staff member can use this resource.

Why? Faculty and staff are often the first line of support for students who can benefit from care.

How? Call **833-4-TIMELY** any time, day or night.
Connect with a TimelyCare professional and talk about how to best support your students' well-being.

Use this service when a student:



Shows academic signs of distress.



Discloses problems with family, peers, a significant other, or a recent personal loss.



Refers to self-harm.



Isolates from peers, faculty, or staff.



Shows physical and psychological signs of distress.



Is identified by peers as potentially needing support.

Have questions about a student in need of support? Call **833-4-TIMELY** for guidance.

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Classifieds

For those with something to buy, sell, or give away.

- Need manure or straw for compost? I have used straw mixed with horse, chicken, and duck manure, free to anyone who wants to pick some up. Please text me, as we don't have a very good cell signal at our place. Sarah Obermeyer (from CCRI) 219.484.6792.
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Shout-Outs

(From Wednesday (1/23) Morning's Huddle)

- Sharrise and the Finance Team for doing such a great job on disenrollment, The customer service was outstanding! And the number of disenrolled students were very low! Thank you to everyone who helped with this!!
- Mary Francis for her work with Wild Fire Development and Student Senate. Way to stay on top of it!!
- Tycie for her working with students so closely and personally in business development. Thank you for guiding our students to success!!
- Matt Griego and his staff for keeping the heat flowing during this extremely cold weather. Thank you for keeping the heat on!!
- Director of HR for working on our contracts. Thanks for keeping us all employed!!
- Cristino for working so hard to provide lunch for Luna Students and Staff. Thank you for keeping us all fed!!
- To Dr. Carol Linder for going from Interim to official President of Luna. Congratulations!
- To Nikki Martin, Maria Miles, Kayleigh Frater, and Leticia Archuleta for all your help is getting the Mentorship After School Program Teachers hired. Your help is much appreciated! – Sherry Goodyear
- To Rachael Lucero for being willing to teach Science to Mora students as part of the Mentorship Program – Sherry Goodyear

Las Vegas Community Events

- To learn more about the many community events happening in Las Vegas currently and in the future, visit <https://www.plugin.events/space/-/las-vegas-new-mexico-united-states/events> and sign up for notifications.

Re-Cap of Upcoming Community Events

-Friday, January 24 – 5:00-7:00 P.M. - Closing reception for "Second Nature: Words & Images" art exhibit at Gallery 140.

- January 24 – 6:00-8:00 P.M. – Karaoke Night at Paint Scape Splatter Paint and Party Venue. Cost: \$5/person

- January 24 – 6:00-8:00 P.M. – Movie *Venom*, *The Last Day* will be showing at the Highlands Student Union Building.

-January 24 – 6:30-10:30 P.M. - Phoenix Rising - a fundraiser for public art will take place at the Plaza Hotel. Dinner by Prairie Hill Cafe, live music by Felix y los Gatos, exclusive viewing of sculpture components, an opportunity to purchase limited edition posters, and a chance to win selected entrance prizes. Cost: \$50/person.

-Saturday, January 25 – 5:30-9:00 P.M. - Las Vegas Citizen's Committee for Historic Preservation Annual Awards Dinner at Charlie's Spic and Span Bakery and Café. Purchase tickets at 116 Bridge St. or at <https://www.lvcchp.org/store/p24/aadadmissionticket.html>. LVCCHP office is open Wednesday-Fridays 10am-3pm. Cost: \$50/person

-January 25 – 8:00 P.M.-12:00 A.M. – “Back in The Saddle” is with William Cast and 5 others providing live music at Buffalo Hall Bar & Cowboy Cafe BBQ. B&X Sound is playing during intermissions! Keep it Rowdy, y'all! 🍷 Admission: \$15/person.

January 25 – 8:00-10:00 P.M. – “Winter Wonderland” Prom event. Did you go to prom and hate it?

Did you go and love it?

Or did you never get a chance to experience it?

Come out and celebrate with us at the Elks Lodge.

This is our chance as adults to experience prom again or for the first time since we missed it when we were teens!

Go all out and find your best prom dresses or come in your casual clothes.

Bonus points if you do a “prom-posal”!

Either way, come out and have some fun like we are kids again!

21+ Event Only

Security will be checking ID at the door. Cost: \$20/individual or \$30/couple

Sunday, January 26 – 4:00-6:00 P.M. – At Gallery 140, writer, Shereen Lobdell will be talking about her experience with creating her collection entitled Visual Poetics, Poems and Photographs. She is just wrapping up her recent joint visual arts exhibit with Lauren Fath. <https://lvlitnm.org/events/visual-poetics-poems-and-photographs-by-shereen-lobdell>

Tuesday, January 28 – 4:00-6:00 P.M. (weather permitting) – Genetic Screening and Testing done by Christus St. Vincent in Las Vegas at 600 Mills Ave. Suite B.

Thursday, January 30 – 11:40 A.M. -1:00 P.M. - Public Presentation at the Highlands Student Union Building on the topic of “Community Wealth Building: Why Local Matters.”

Friday, January 30 – 7:00-9:00 P.M. - “Back from Break,” live music, coffee bar and free food at the Highlands Student Union Building.

Reminders

- All committees, departments, and individuals with information to share are encouraged to send their knowledge to sgoodyear@luna.edu each week by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday (unless otherwise noted) for inclusion in the week's update. If you miss a deadline, don't worry, your information will be included in the following week's update provided it is still timely. When possible, your information should be in tidy bullet points that can easily be added to the basic update format. It is also helpful if you respond to the request for information for the week of the update in the reminder email that was sent out, as it makes it easier for me to find and include what you send in the update. Please submit any pictures in the form of jpegs.
- Things to consider contributing: News about your departments; community event flyers, news regarding personal triumphs and achievements; classified ads, cool, beautiful, or unusual photos you took and want to share among other things.
- 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.

Have a Wonderful Weekend, Everyone!
Hopefully, it is significantly warmer than last weekend.

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold." – Aristotle

Photo Credit: Sherry Goodyear

