



Lights, camera, action!

Luna students featured in promotional video

Junior Gonzales, a commercial producer from KOAT, shoots video of several Luna Community College students outside the Samuel Vigil Learning Resource Center as part of work on Oct. 21. Luna is having two videos produced to help showcase and promote the college.



Several Luna Community College students and employees took part in the recent production of a pair of promotional videos on campus. The videos showcase Luna’s people and programs and are designed to provide an introduction to what the Luna experience can do for a student. The production is a collaboration between the college’s public relations office and KOAT-TV. The video shoot took place Oct. 21, and several interior and exterior locations were selected as examples of Luna’s academic and vocational programs as well as campus activity. The videos will also include other

images representing the college’s array of offerings. Two Luna students — Angelica Montanez and Garrett Parsons — agreed to appear in particularly prominent roles on camera. Each of them took a lead role in a separate video, appearing on screen to introduce Luna and then talking about the college in voiceovers to narrate a sequence of other visuals, both video and still images. “Students, faculty and staff at Luna really stepped up to help produce these videos,” said Jesse Gallegos, public relations coordinator. “We had great participation and cooperation from everyone involved, and we thank

everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to help us showcase Luna Community College.” The videos are expected to be completed within a couple of weeks. They will be made available to individual departments and the public and published on the Luna website and social media pages. The videos are part of ongoing efforts to make more people aware of the advantages of Luna education and workforce training. In addition to the videos and advertising in print, radio, web and social media, Luna plans a billboard ad on Interstate 25 beginning in early December. Registration for Spring ‘22 begins Nov. 15.

Student welders earn credentials



Several Luna students recently earned their American Welding Society certification. Pictured from left: John Gutierrez, Conner Forsberg, AWS inspector Mike Thomas, Robert Vigil, Baudel Lopez, Kai Martinez, Isaiah Dominguez, Lance Romero, local welder Gilbert Garcia, Jeramiah Romero, instructor Gene Martinez and Felix Gelvin. For more information on the Luna welding program, please call 505-454-2530.

HED calls for \$214.3M in infrastructure funds

Campus improvements at Luna Community College are among a list of a recommended \$214.3 million in infrastructure funding being called for by the New Mexico Higher Education Department.

The agency's recommendation includes 36 projects scored and ranked using the agency's prioritization metrics and includes funding for construction of new facilities, renovation of existing facilities, and infrastructure upgrades across 28 campuses statewide.

The list includes \$750,000 for heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades and work on parking lots, sidewalks and Americans with Disability Act compliance at Luna.

"The recommendation put forth by the (HED) represents hundreds of hours of collaboration and review on the part of the committee, my agency colleagues, and leaders representing college, university and special school campuses across New Mexico," said Secretary Stephanie Rodriguez. "This year's

recommendation will help create jobs and keep New Mexico dollars in New Mexico while also improving and maintaining facilities for hundreds of thousands of students."

The recommendations follow an extensive review process led by the agency to evaluate and prioritize projects by highest area of need and quality of the proposal. Recommended projects demonstrated support of key metrics, including an emphasis on

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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.



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student enrollment and retention, workforce development, job creation opportunities, asset protection, and economic stimulus to areas around the state most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This funding recommendation will invigorate the economy and provide infrastructure at higher education institutions to support safe and state-of-the-art learning environments for New Mexico college students,” said Gerald Hoehne, HED Capital Projects director.

The New Mexico Higher Education Capital Outlay Committee reviewed more than 52 capital outlay funding requests from public higher education institutions across the state, said Gerald Burke, HED Capital Outlay Committee chairman.

The agency is also recommending an additional \$5.7 million to fund the demolition of campus facilities that are no longer in use and present a safety liability and require high upkeep and maintenance costs to keep them secured.

The HED is requesting these projects be funded via general fund

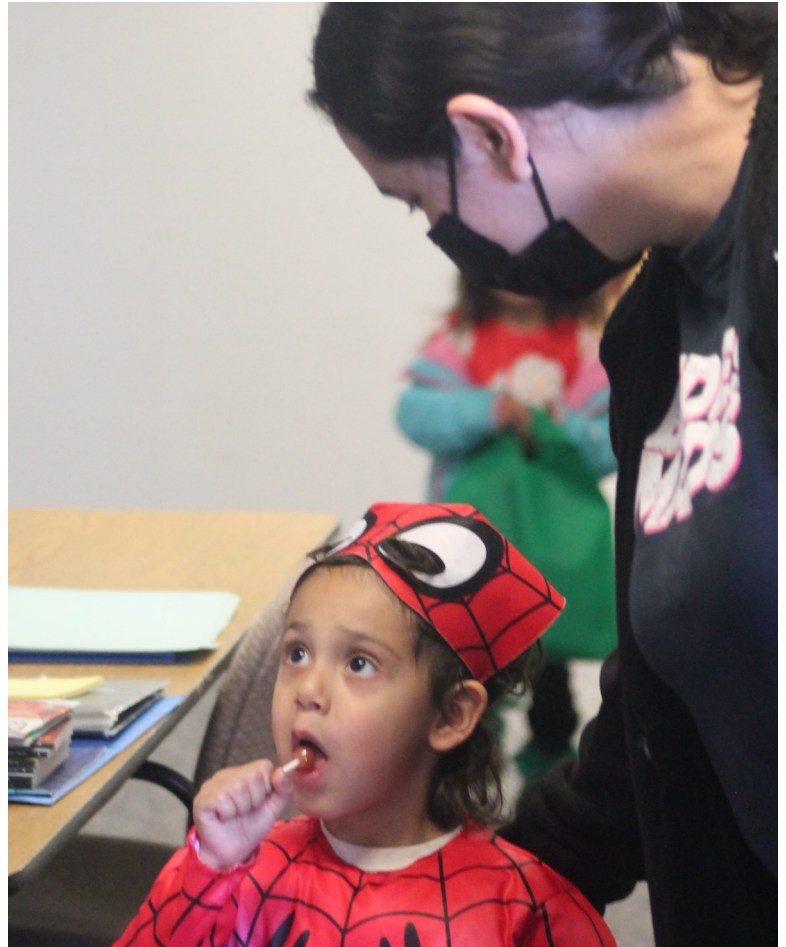
or severance tax bonds, which are repaid using revenue from taxes on oil, gas, coal, and natural resources. A total of \$196.3 million in project funding will go before voters in November 2022 as part of a general obligation bond, and the remaining funding will go before the legislature for final approval prior to being included in the FY23 budget. In addition to providing need repairs and upgrades to campus facilities, construction projects employ local workforce, support local businesses, and contribute to local and regional tax revenue.

NMHED and Luna reports



Luna preschool kids trick or treat on campus

Youngsters enrolled in Luna's preschool program took part in a pre-Halloween campus tour on Thursday, Oct. 28. The costume-clad children visited various participating departments and earned plenty of treats.



Join our team and help us serve our communities!

Employment opportunities

Positions available at Luna Community College

FULL-TIME

- Registrar ... opened Oct. 29
- Welding instructor, main campus (INTERNAL posting) ... opened Oct. 28
- Custodian I ... opened Sept. 21
- Technical electrician ... opened July 14

TEMPORARY PART-TIME

- College & Career Readiness Institute math and language arts instructors (2) ... opened Aug. 19
- ACE tutors (4) ... opened Aug. 16
- Preschool substitute teacher/ caretaker ... opened June 29

ADJUNCT (per course)

- CTE welding instructor, Springer ... opened Oct. 25
- CTE furniture & cabinet making instructor, Santa Rosa ... opened Oct. 25
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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 department 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

The Luna Light is a publication of the Luna Community College Office of Public Relations. To submit story ideas or items for consideration, please e-mail Jesse Gallegos, jgallegos@luna.edu, and Dave Kavanaugh, dkavanaugh@luna.edu.





Community celebration & matanza

Luna Community College played a significant role in a recent community unity celebration event, which included a parade of students from local schools, followed by a matanza hosted by New Mexico Highlands University. Several Luna employees and family members assisted in preparation work and service for the matanza. The parade contingent included members of the Rough Rider baseball and softball teams and student senate, along with other students and employees. The events took place Oct. 23.



Beautiful handiwork

Top: Luna Community College quilting student Gloria Mejillas shows off two crib quilts made during the summer session. The quilts will be donated to a local charity. Above: Luna quilting students were asked to make quilts of their own faces incorporating three-dimensional elements. This row of "Picassos" was a visually delightful response. They will be displayed in November's quilt show at the Gallery on 140 Bridge Street in Las Vegas.

LANL scholarship available

Luna Community College students are encouraged to apply for a Career Pathways Scholarship, sponsored by the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The scholarship award of up to \$3,000 is for students earning an associate degree or certificate or pursuing a trade.

According to LANL, many scholarship recipients are non-traditional students returning to or entering higher education for the

first time. Some are adults returning to school to make a career change, and others needing financial support to complete a semester or two before earning their associate degree.

There is no minimum grade point average requirement, and full-time enrollment is not required. Since 2011, this scholarship has been offered twice per year (fall and spring). Beginning this year, the Career Pathways Scholarship

will only be open in the spring, with funding available for the following fall. The scholarship will open Jan. 3 and close April 18.

For more information about our scholarship program, please visit www.lanlfoundation.org/scholarships. You may also contact scholarship program manager Mike Ammerman at 505-795-3778.



TEAS nursing school entrance exam

Fall 2021 test dates

Scheduling for the following dates is taking place now.

Friday, Nov. 12 @ 9 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 18 @ 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 @ 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 @ 10 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 16 @ 1 p.m.

Contact: Yvonne Piña

505-454-2525

ypina@luna.edu

Study manuals may be checked out from Yvonne. See contact information above.

You have up to three attempts per academic year to pass the exam; the fee for each attempt will be \$65.

La Luna y La Luna

Photo of the Edition: A recent full moon provided a fine backdrop for Luna's CDL trailer, which promotes programs in its Career & Technical Education department. Photo submitted by Juan Fernandez.



Luna Community College invites you to join us for
A salute to our veterans

Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 1:30 p.m.

Media Education Center, Luna Community College,
366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas, N.M.

Refreshments will be served.

Visit [Facebook.com/LunaCommunityCollege](https://www.facebook.com/LunaCommunityCollege) for details.



Luna Community College

College and Career Readiness Institute

Adult Education Program

We offer ...

- Adult education for learners 16 years and older
- Preparation for High School Equivalency, better known as the GED or HiSET exam
- Exploration of college and career pathways
- A pipeline to Luna Community College certificate and degree programs
- Classes to improve reading, writing and math skills for high school graduates
- Classes in foundational computer skills as well as English language reading, writing and speaking skills
- Proven methods to improve life and employment

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much does it cost?

A: Nothing!

Q: How do I register for classes?

A: Registration is ongoing and completed at <https://forms.gle/WiNER9hS7inzgT9h6> or you can come in to one of our sites and complete the registration in person.

Q: Where are you located?

A: We have sites in Las Vegas, Mora, Raton and Santa Rosa.

Q: What type of classes are being offered?

A: Reading, writing and math, digital literacy and job skills classes. We offer face-to-face, online and distance learning.

Q: When do classes start?

A: We follow the LCC academic calendar with both eight-week face-to-face and online classes starting Aug. 23, Oct. 18, 2021, and Jan. 17 and March 21, 2022.

For more information:

505-454-2564

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- Winter clothing such as socks, thermal underwear, beanie hats, gloves
- Non-perishable food items such as canned fruits and vegetables

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