



# CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



The Luna softball team will lead the college in this year's CROP Hunger Walk raising funds to respond to hunger, displacement and disaster around the world. The walk will take place at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 14 on Luna's main campus. COVID-19 precautions will take place during the walk. Donations are being requested.

## Luna softball helps lead CROP Walk efforts

### Initiative raises funds to fight hunger, aid with disaster, displacement

The Luna Community College softball team will lead a Luna contingent in this year's Las Vegas CROP Hunger Walk.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the nation raising funds to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization that responds to hunger, poverty and displacement and disaster around

the world.

Locally, 25 percent of all donations will go to support local entities: Comedor de San Pascual Soup Kitchen, Las Vegas Community Soup Kitchen and the Samaritan House.

"One of our goals is to keep our kids active in the community," said Luna softball coach Steve Wallace. "Hunger can affect anyone. This will be a nice team effort."

Luna is one of several entities from around the community that have joined the worthy cause. This is the 20th Las Vegas CROP Hunger Walk, and during this time, \$163,000 has been raised and more than \$38,000 has been returned to Las Vegas.

"I think it's good that Coach Wallace is teaching us to help others," said Mya Ortega, a

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**At left, the parking lot for the Maria H. Paiz Administration Building benefitted from some much-needed repaving and striping over the summer. It was one of several major projects overseen by Luna's facilities crew and contractors.**

**Below: Patricio Maestas paints new doors recently installed on campus.**

# Campus work paying off

## Busy summer for facilities projects

A campus that was closed over much of the past spring and summer translated into opportunity for Luna Community College's facilities department.

Seeking to limit foot traffic on campus as part of COVID-19 precautions, the college has imposed restrictions in one form or another since mid-March, at one point limiting access to only a few employees while shifting most operations to remote delivery.

While the changes presented challenges to everyone in the campus community, Luna made the

most of the situation by devoting attention to several major campus improvement projects.

"A lot of things were going on while we were technically closed," said Matthew Cordova, director of facilities and physical plant.

Three significant projects were contracted out and overseen by the department. These were funded through a state appropriation after a capital projects committee request.

"It's separate from our facilities master plan," Cordova said, "but it is the first phase (of planned work). The rest fits into the facilities master plan."

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# Board OKs presidential search

The Luna Community College Board of Trustees has voted to approve the beginning of a search for a president.

The vote took place at the board's Sept. 8 meeting.

Dr. Kenneth Patterson has served as interim president since June.

Also on an interim basis, Maxine Hughes, director of the Nursing Department, has taken over Patterson's previous position as vice president of instruction and student services.

Also in the Sept. 8 meeting:

- Trustees voted to change their usual meeting time to 2 p.m. Previous meetings had generally started at 4:30 p.m. or later. The board's regular meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

- Patterson updated the board and audience about the Higher Learning Commission's focused site visit — a major component of the college's accreditation review.

The visit, which included two team members participating remotely with one member on site, took place two days later, Sept. 10-11. Patterson has since described the visit as a successful one, with encouraging reactions from the visiting team members. The team will report its findings to the HLC in advance of the HLC board's determination in November.

- Patterson provided an overview of enrollment numbers for Fall 2020, noting a dip of 13 percent compared to Fall 2019 and pointing out a national average decline of 32-34 percent due to the impact of COVID-19. While some departments were especially hit hard by a transition to mainly online instruction, others showed increases, and dual credit figures to enjoy a major increase, he said.

- Representatives of all four constituent bodies — student senate, faculty senate, staff senate and the shared governance council

— presented updates to the board.

For the student senate, it was the first report since last spring. This year's student senate includes Mario Romero, Stephanie Carrillo, Maisie Estep and Isaiah Fernandez and is seeking more participants. Meetings will be held every other Friday. Those interested may contact advisor Janice Medrano, [jmedrano@luna.edu](mailto:jmedrano@luna.edu).

Kimberly Baca was introduced as new president of the shared governance council, succeeding Breanna Gould.

- The board approved requests for state research and public service project funding for athletics, nursing and retention and completion.

- The board approved a report of actuals, disposition of assets and a certification of the fixed asset inventory.

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## Luna offering eight-week courses starting Oct. 12;

Luna Community College is offering a number of eight-week courses set to begin the week of Oct. 12. Registration for the classes is now open and will continue through Friday, Oct. 16.

Those seeking more information and details about how to enroll are advised to visit [luna.edu/schedule](http://luna.edu/schedule) or call 505-454-2550.

The college typically offers a select number of short-term courses for various reasons, including the fact they may fit more readily into some students' schedules. That is true for pre-professional training coursework such as

commercial driver's license and certified nursing assistant classes.

This fall, the offerings include Cultures of the World, Baking Principles, Introduction to Business, Interpersonal Communication, Introduction to Short Fiction, First-Year Seminar for College Students, U.S. History II, Algebra with Applications, Music Appreciation: Western Music, American National Government, Introduction to Video Game Development, Introduction to Sociology, History of Christianity, Introduction to Psychology, Medical Terminology. Many of the course credits may be applied

toward degree programs and are transferrable to four-year institutions. (Check with individual program advisors for more information.)

Tuition rates at Luna remain among the best values in the Southwest, starting at \$40 per credit hour for in-district residents. Additionally, financial assistance is available.

Classes will run through the end of the fall semester on Dec. 4. As with most of the classes this semester, they will be offered online to help ensure the health and safety of students and others in the campus community.



**The bronze sculpture “Dancers on the Stairs” was installed on a specially made pedestal in front of Luna’s Media Education Center this past Thursday, Sept. 17. The creation by artist Kendra Fleischman is the most recent artwork to be installed on campus as part of the state Art in Public Places program.**

# Artwork now graces campus

## State program enables Luna to feature variety of creative efforts

**T**he Luna main campus has been beautified not only through the hard work of its facilities employees and contractors, but also through the addition of more than a dozen pieces of artwork in various media.

The art, which includes sculpture, paintings and prints, is on display throughout the campus. It is part of the Art In Public Places program overseen by the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs. Matthew Cordova, Luna’s facilities director, has worked with

the program to bring the creative works to campus.

“I think this program is a pretty good thing,” Cordova said. “It allows the school to showcase New Mexico artists, and it improves the appearance of the campus, whether the artwork is inside or outside a building.”

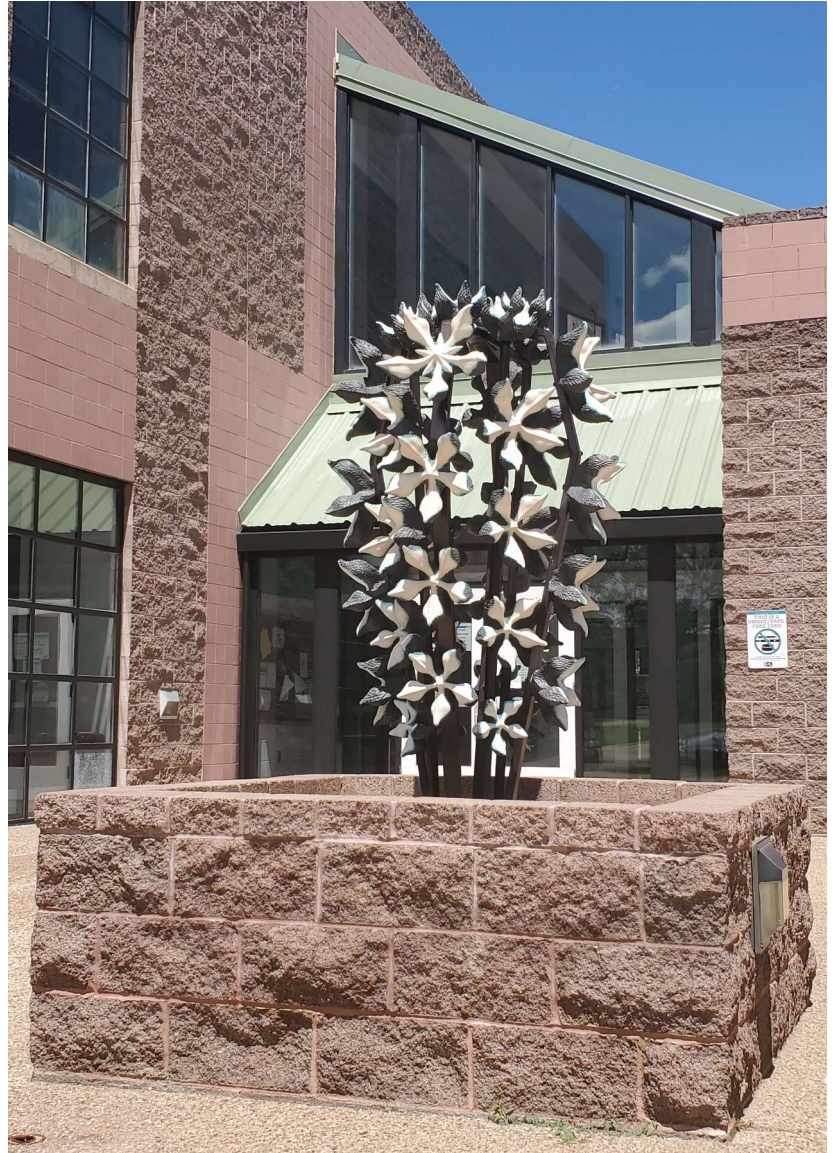
The program has been available to public institutions that receive state capital outlay funding, with 1 percent of fund awards directed toward purchases of artwork for the public to enjoy.

At Luna, the first piece, a sculpture titled “Xeriscape Bush,” by Suzanne Kane, was the first to grace the campus. It was placed in the walkway in front of the Samuel F. Vigil Learning Resource Center.

The most recent addition is also a sculpture, “Dancing on the Stairs,” by Kendra Fleischman, situated in front of the Media Education Center. Installation took place Sept. 17.

The following are Luna’s Art in Public Places featured exhibits:

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**Left: Paintings “Walking Rain Road” by Daniel Brown and “Hondo 3” by Alan Paine Radebaugh now adorn the Café de Luna and Humanities atrium, respectively.**

**Above: The first piece from the Art in Public Places to be featured on the Luna campus is “Xeriscape Bush,” a sculpture by Suzanne Kane that welcomes visitors to the Samuel F. Vigil Learning Resource Center.**

## **College Scorecard:**

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# Artwork

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- “Blue Main Sequence,” a multimedia, three-dimensional construction with aluminum and oil on canvas by Dana Kleinman, on display in the Media Education Center atrium
- “The Citadel,” an acrylic painting by Daniel Brown, hanging on the Café de Luna’s north wall
- “Dancing on the Stairs,” a 2008 bronze sculpture by Kendra Fleischman, in front of the Media Education Center
- “Hondo 3,” a 2017 painting by Alan Paine Radebaugh, in the Humanities lobby
- “Snow Squall,” a ceramic diptych by Alexis Kaminsky, in the Student Services Center outside the board room entrance
- “Walking Rain Road,” an acrylic painting by Daniel Brown, in the Café de Luna
- “Xeriscape Bush,” a 2018 stoneware-and-steel sculpture by Suzanne Kane, outside the Samuel F. Vigil Learning Resource Center

**Above: “The Citadel,” by Daniel Brown.**



**Top right: “The Citadel,” by Daniel Brown.**

**Bottom right: “Snow Squall,” by Alexis Kaminsky.**





**George DeHerrera of Luna’s facilities crew cuts weeds that had grown due to recent rainfall. DeHerrera and others have worked diligently to improve and maintain the campus grounds.**

## Campus

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Four buildings — the Maria H. Paiz Administration Building, the technologies building, the Student Services Center and the former cafeteria facility — received new entry doors.

“Some didn’t have handicap access; now they do,” Cordova said,

noting that some doors were excessively heavy and were so aged that replacement parts were difficult to acquire. The new doors fix that problem, and as with other projects, they increase accessibility.

That is true for the replacement of sidewalks and entryways in front of the Student Services Center, a second major summer project.

“We had tree roots pushing up against the concrete, causing it to

crack and creating points,” Cordova noted. “That was causing a trip hazard.”

Removing segments of sidewalks, re-forming and pouring new concrete to match the existing slabs.

“It fixed a lot of the issues we had,” Cordova said. “My key point in making the requests for funds was accessibility.”

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A third major project was work on the administration building parking lot, which had been rutted with potholes, its pavement-to-sidewalk transition also deemed a potential hazard. “Our maintenance crew would patch it, but with the weather, it never lasted long,” Cordova said.

Over the summer, the lot was completely repaved and relined, and the transitional areas were evened out to allow for smoother access for pedestrians.

“We still have a lot to do,” Cordova said, “but it’s a step in a positive direction.”

Aside from those major projects, Luna’s facilities team found itself busy keeping up with maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

During the extended closure, electrician and technician Norman Sena kept up with maintenance of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. That included replacing filters, removing and replacing corroded pipes, greasing

motors and pulleys, replacing belts, and monitoring the systems either remotely or on site. Without students and employees in buildings, Sena was able to shut down units and make quicker progress.

Facilities employees labored to address flooring — shampooing carpet, stripping and waxing floors. They also completed painting projects, including the freshly installed doors.

As usual, they also worked to cut weeds and maintain the grounds — at times responding quickly to the curveballs presented by heavy rains and a hailstorm or two.

Of course, the facilities team has continued to shoulder the extra work necessitated since the COVID-19 outbreak began its incursion.

While custodians, for example, generally begin their shifts two hours earlier than other Luna employees, they’ve had to devote time and energy toward disinfecting and sanitizing the campus on a daily basis.

“We’ve had to be more careful overall,” said maintenance employee George DeHerrera, “and getting used to wearing a mask has been difficult. I try not to get too close to anyone.

“Students can come to school and enjoy themselves and know we’re doing our best to keep things clean and safe ...”

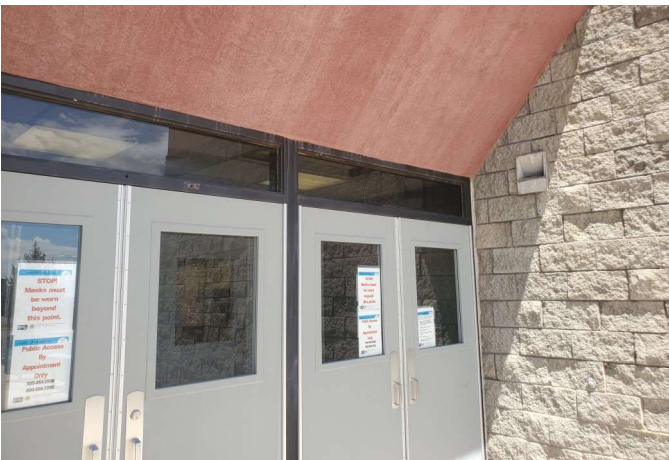
**Ryan Gallegos**  
LCC custodian

Not shaking someone’s hand has been different, but I still talk to people. I also carry sanitizer, something I never did before.”

Cordova said the college purchased two electrostatic fogging disinfection machines that are used in a daily trek across campus. Disinfection protocols follow recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

“What they do gives the campus a fresh start every day,” Cordova said of the custodians’ work, which is documented through checklists on office doors.

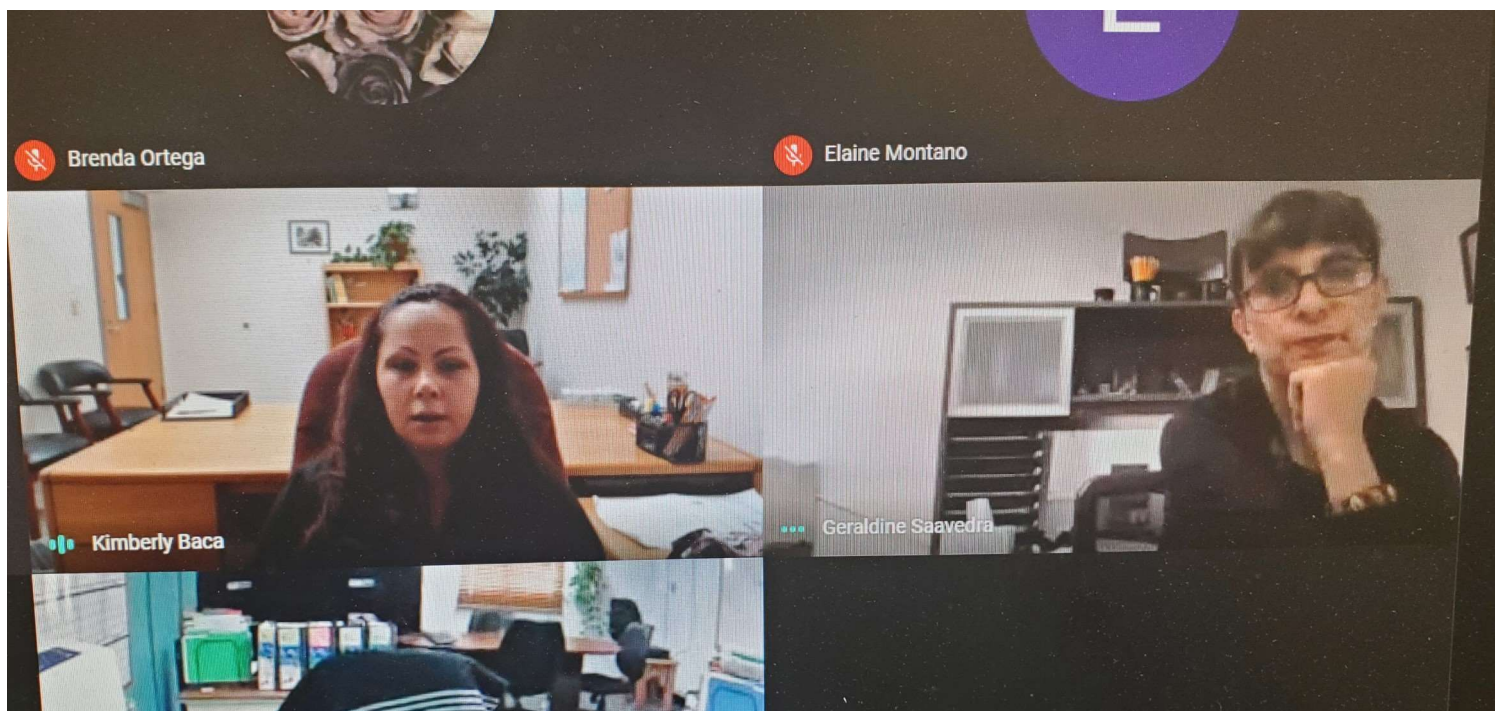
“I feel very good about it,” said custodian Ryan Gallegos. “I know we don’t get the recognition, but keeping everybody safe is what we do. People don’t have to worry about being in an unclean environment. Students can come to school and enjoy themselves and know we’re doing our best to keep things clean and safe.”



**Installation of more efficient new entry doors was among the list of summer projects on campus. Doors like these at the administration building were later painted by Luna facilities employees.**

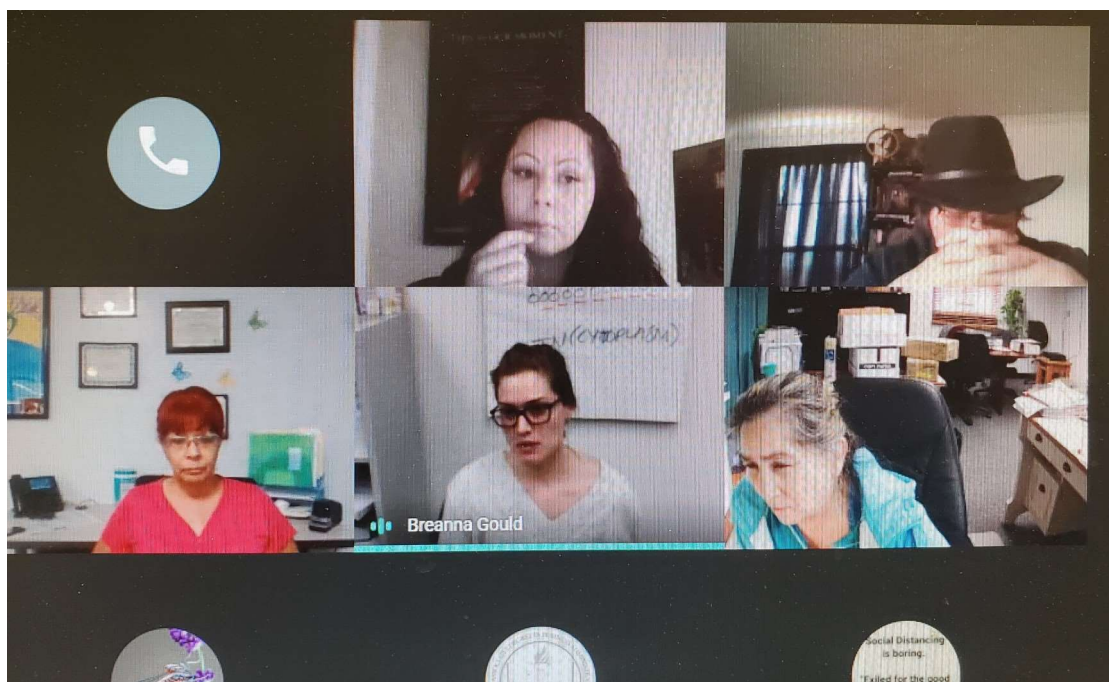


## Shared governance online



Recent Shared Governance Council meetings at Luna Community College have established a new slate of officers — including Kimberly Baca (above, left) as president. Baca is an instructor of sociology and criminal justice. Also pictured above is Geraldine Saavedra, dual credit coordinator.

Joining new SGC President Kimberly Baca for a Sept. 4 meeting are (clockwise from top right) Jason Killian, Georgia Baca, Breanna Gould and Amanda Lucero. Killian is a criminal justice instructor, Baca is a fiscal analyst, Gould heads the Allied Health Sciences department, and Lucero is administrative assistant in the Humanities department.



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# Practicing politics

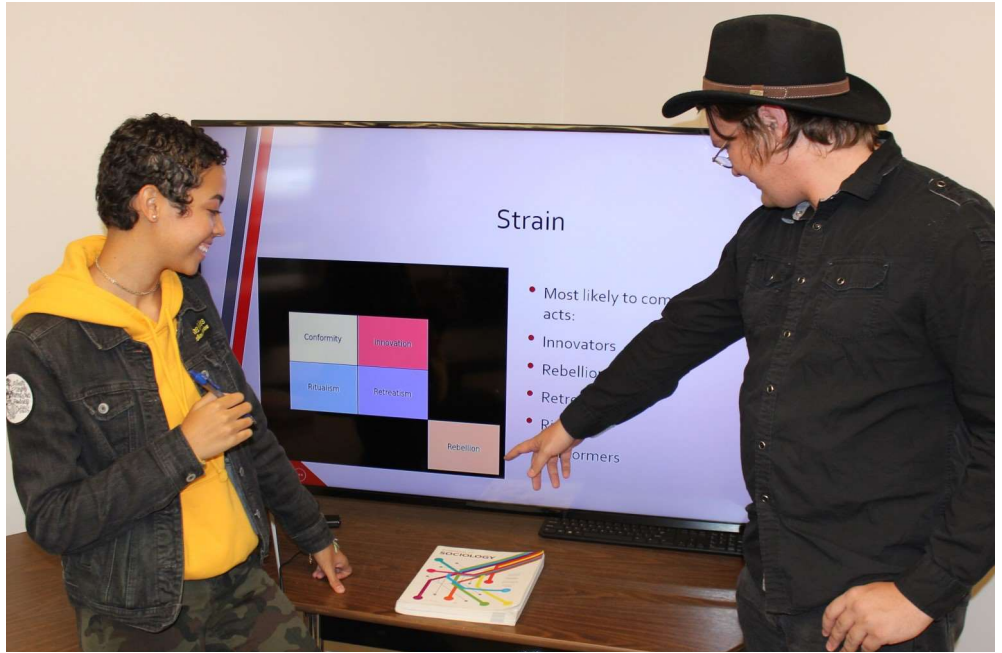
Immersive, hands-on government course part of Luna's eight-week lineup starting Oct. 12

Practical learning is common in a Jason Killian-taught class. Students in his eight-week American National Government class beginning in October will not only learn from books and theory lectures, they will experience, hands-on, how the national government works. This includes the three branches of government and the concepts behind them.

Eight-week courses at Luna begin on Monday, Oct. 12.

"We will be digging into what influences individuals who work in government," said Killian. "We will cover how the three branches interact with one another, how the national government interacts with state governments and how an individual is elected into these positions. We will wrap up by covering political parties and lobbying. It's a comprehensive, eight-week class aimed at delivering the overview in an interactive, engaging way."

Perhaps the most interesting part of the class will be that students will be able to run for president of the United States coinciding with the real thing in November.



**Luna Humanities instructor Jason Killian believes in bringing course material to life through practical, hands-on exercises that resonate more with students than traditional lectures and study materials.**

"Students will be asked to pick a political affiliation," said Killian. "However, more than one person may run, so it's entirely possible to see multiple Republicans, Democrats and third parties like Libertarian run at the same time. While this is not how an election normally runs, we're starting with this approach to build interest in the class."

Killian said any student in the class is eligible to run. Students will campaign as a requirement of the class, including raising mock funds from academic and non-academic departments. The winner will choose his or her vice president, with the only requirement that the VP has to

be a student of Luna.

"The entire campus, from students to administration, will be eligible to vote," said Killian. "A Google poll will go out through the Luna everyone (e-mail) address to allow anyone interested to vote. Students will need to fundraise and campaign just like a real election. We can think of departments as representing the states, with faculty and staff representing counties. Our students would represent the voters. We will create a fake money system, or Luna Bucks, that are allocated to departments, faculty and staff and students who wish to participate.

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“Individuals may then donate their Luna Bucks to their candidate. They may donate because they like the candidate, the candidate is the same party as them or because the candidate is addressing an issue or concern they have. Just like real life, each group will have a different amount of money. Will candidates focus on a grassroots effort and target the voters? Or will they court the ‘corporations’ and go to directors and heads of departments? While we are taking some liberties because it is a classroom still, I’m hoping to keep the methods behind an election as close as possible to reality.”

According to Killian, upon winning the election, the student will be the “president of Luna for a day” and will be working with Interim President Dr. Kenneth Patterson.

“The student will get to see what running an institution is all about,” said Killian. “From prior conversations, it sounds like the student will be allowed to participate in select functions, such as presenting the president’s report to the (LCC) Board of Trustees. We’re currently still working out the details, but it sounds promising and a great opportunity.”

For information on this and other short-term courses being offered this fall, please see [luna.edu/schedule](http://luna.edu/schedule).

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**Jason Killian**  
Criminal justice and political science instructor

In an attempt to provide students with speaking experience, there are two scheduled debates. However, students may hold events such as town halls and discussions with various departments and voters in order to build up their platforms.

“Students are strongly encouraged to engage in more activities besides the two mandatory debates,” said Killian. “Currently, the idea is an academic department and a non-academic department debate. Students will need to research what issues are facing various departments at Luna. Some questions will be made available in advance out of fairness, but students will need to do their homework. It’s one thing to promise no homework to the student body; however, that could definitely miss the mark with faculty!”

“We could teach it straight out of the book; however, this tends to bore students,” said Killian. “They want to be engaged. So while there is still book work and traditional lecture, this method will allow students to actively participate in the class and help develop their comprehension of the system. By blending traditional lectures with hands-on, I hope to bring the topic to life and present the material in a new way that will excite students.”

Killian said he would like to continue this type of format for this class in the coming years.

“Normally, this is a 16-week class so I’m not sure how it will change next year, but I would like to keep it going,” said Killian. “This exercise covers a lot of material that many students seem to tune out on or struggle with. I believe it could be a very successful teaching exercise.”

Due to COVID-19, Killian will be using Blackboard for instruction.

“I’m looking to use Zoom or Google Meet to facilitate our debates and other events, such as town halls,” said Killian. “I would also like to explore the possibility of a public forum where members of Luna can post questions for the candidates so they can answer. I will be discussing that with IT.”

“What’s fascinating is that even with the current COVID issues, these activities can still happen and even increase the reach. Individuals who may have to drive an hour to make a debate can now participate by jumping online. It’s an exciting prospect.”

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# OCTOBERFEST

## AT LUNA!



**Join us for our eight-week classes beginning Oct. 12!**  
 Learn as you earn college credit in various subjects – online for your safety and convenience.

For details and registration information, please see [luna.edu/schedule](http://luna.edu/schedule) or call 505-454-2550. Register now through Oct. 16.

AH 113 Medical Terminology	-T-R-	5-7:50 p.m.
ANTH 1141 Cultures of the World	-T-R-	1:30-4:30 p.m.
BAKE 102 Baking Principles	Async	TBA
BUSA 1110E Intro to Business (DL)	Async	TBA
COMM 2120 Interpersonal Communication	M-W—	2-4:50 p.m.
ENGL 2380 Intro to Short Fiction	Async	TBA
FYEX 1110 First-Year Seminar	Async	TBA
HIST 1120 U.S. History II	M-W—	4-6:50 p.m.
MATH 095 Algebra with Applications	MTWR-	9-10:50 a.m.
MUSC 1130 Music Appreciation: Western	Async	TBA
POLS 1120 American National Government	M-W—	4-6:50 p.m.
PSYC 1110 Intro to Psychology	Async	TBA
RELG 2130 History of Christianity	Async	TBA
SOCI 1110 Intro to Sociology	Async	TBA
VGD 128 Intro to Video Game Development	Async	TBA

Check schedule for updates! Classes run from Oct. 12 through Dec. 4.



## How to register for classes

Due to campus access restrictions, all registration and registration-related business will be handled remotely.

If you are a first-year student at Luna, you must first contact the admissions office via telephone or e-mail. After this, you will have to contact the Student Success Center, also via telephone or e-mail, for registration and the ACCUPLACER. Telephone numbers are listed below.

If you are a returning student, you may register via the online portal at luna.edu.

If you have declared a major, please call your program advisor. If you have not declared a major, are a transfer student or a first-time freshman, please contact the Student Success Center. No answer? Leave a clear message with your name and telephone number. An advisor may be busy assisting another student but will return your call as soon as possible.

### All 2020 classes will be offered online unless otherwise specified.

Allied Health Sciences & Pre-Nursing Advisor, Vanessa Torres	505-454-2527	<a href="mailto:vatorres@luna.edu">vatorres@luna.edu</a>
Early Childhood Education Advisor, Tycie Jackson	505-454-5381	<a href="mailto:tjackson@luna.edu">tjackson@luna.edu</a>
Humanities Advisor, Rick Baca	505-454-2532	<a href="mailto:rbaca@luna.edu">rbaca@luna.edu</a>
Humanities Advisor, Nathan Baker	505-454-2594	<a href="mailto:nbaker@luna.edu">nbaker@luna.edu</a>
Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) Advisor, Janice Varela	505-454-2537	<a href="mailto:jvarela@luna.edu">jvarela@luna.edu</a>
School of Business Director & Advisor, Lita Bernal	505-454-5337	<a href="mailto:lbernal@luna.edu">lbernal@luna.edu</a>
Career & Technical Education Advisor, Karen Wezwick	505-454-2573	<a href="mailto:kwezwick@luna.edu">kwezwick@luna.edu</a>
Student Success Center Advisors	505-454-5355	<a href="mailto:studentsuccess@luna.edu">studentsuccess@luna.edu</a>
Student Success Center Advisors	505-454-2541	<a href="mailto:studentsuccess@luna.edu">studentsuccess@luna.edu</a>
Admissions Office	505-454-2550	<a href="mailto:admissions@luna.edu">admissions@luna.edu</a>
Financial Aid Office	505-454-2534	<a href="mailto:finaid@luna.edu">finaid@luna.edu</a>
Cashier's Office	505-454-2506	<a href="mailto:fiscaloffice@luna.edu">fiscaloffice@luna.edu</a>
Registrar's Office/ <b>General Information</b>	505-454-5313	<a href="mailto:registrar@luna.edu">registrar@luna.edu</a>
Student Success Center Office/Accuplacer Testing	505-454-5355	<a href="mailto:studentsuccess@luna.edu">studentsuccess@luna.edu</a>
Veterans Resource Center; Sarah Cantu, coordinator	505-454-5343	<a href="mailto:scantu@luna.edu">scantu@luna.edu</a>
Dual Credit Office; Geraldine Saavedra, coordinator	505-454-5308	<a href="mailto:gsaavedra@luna.edu">gsaavedra@luna.edu</a>
Bookstore; Ron Duran, manager	505-454-2569	<a href="mailto:rduran@luna.edu">rduran@luna.edu</a>

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## Student payment options

**By phone with a debit/credit card:** Students may leave a message at 505-454-2506 or e-mail [fiscaloffice@luna.edu](mailto:fiscaloffice@luna.edu) with their name, ID number and a callback number. Your call will be returned, and someone will assist you in processing the payment.

**By mail with check/money order (payable to Luna Community College):** Students can mail their payments to

Luna Community College  
c/o Business Office  
366 Luna Drive  
Las Vegas, NM 87701

(Be sure to include your name and ID number)



From left: Las Vegas City Schools Superintendent Larryssa Archuleta, Luna Vice President of Finance Donna Flores-Medina, Las Vegas Mayor Louie Trujillo, New Mexico Highlands University President Dr. Sam Minner, West Las Vegas Schools Superintendent Christopher Gutierrez and United World College President Dr. Victoria Mora formally launch Vecinos Juntos on Friday, Sept. 11, at the Gallinas River Bridge. The site was chosen because it symbolizes a unifying of community members.

# Luna joins ‘Vecinos Juntos’

Alliance established to promote, coordinate volunteer efforts

**L**una Community College is joining forces with other major entities in Las Vegas, launching "Vecinos Juntos," an organization to coordinate volunteer work that will help the community at large.

Vecinos Juntos is designed to combine efforts for positive projects in and around the city, organizers say. Under the leadership of Mayor Louie Trujillo and the Las Vegas City Council, partners in Vecinos Juntos will work together "sharing an uncommon commitment for the common good."

Representatives from Luna joined cohorts from the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico Highlands University, United World College, Las Vegas City Schools and West Las Vegas Schools for a noontime ceremony Sept. 11 at the Gallinas River Bridge.

The event included the signing of a memorandum of agreement, a symbolic gesture of the spirit of cooperation and commitment to community service. It also included a moment of silence in honor of first responders in the community and everywhere — acknowledging the

anniversary of 9-11.

"Vecinos Juntos is an organization that embraces the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors to improve the quality of life for individual Las Vegas residents and for the entire Las Vegas community," states a news release for the organization.

"Vecinos Juntos hopes to build its volunteer efforts by involving the myriad of dedicated community organizations in Las Vegas to coordinate and promote various volunteer activities."



# Stay connected this school year!



**Luna campus e-mail** is the primary way the college notifies its students (and employees) about key information. Anything ranging from schedule changes to special event information to job opportunities to campus news is shared via LCC e-mail.

To sign up for a free Luna e-mail account, go to [luna.edu/createStudentAccount](http://luna.edu/createStudentAccount). If help setting up the account is required, call Larry Paiz, 505-454-5361.





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- **Fever\*** or chills
- **Cough**
- **Sore throat**
- **Runny or stuffy nose**
- **Muscle or body aches**
- **Headache**
- **Fatigue (tiredness)**
- **Vomiting and diarrhea** (more common in children than adults)

\*Not everyone with flu will have a fever.

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- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

\*Many people with COVID-19 do not experience symptoms

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Federal funding for infrastructure:

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Last day to fill out the simple 10-question form is **Wednesday, Sept. 30!**

# CROP Walk

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freshman from Atrisco Heritage Academy in Albuquerque. “This type of effort will help us bond more as a team by allowing us to know each other better.”

“I like it here,” said Ortega, an Allied Health major. “It’s small, and everyone says hi to me wherever I go.”

The CROP Project was organized in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops in post-World War II Europe and Asia. In 1969, the first walk events were organized in Bismarck, N.D., and York, Pa., to raise money. Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held in communities all over the United States, raising millions of dollars in an effort to eradicate hunger and poverty.

“This is a good way to support our community,” said Aryanna Jimenez, a freshman from Rio Grande High in Albuquerque. “It will also help us build team unity and be there for each other.”

COVID-19 will keep organizers from having a large group walk. Wallace said that he plans to have Luna walk on campus at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Luna students and employees are welcome to join in the walk. COVID-19 precautions will take place during the walk.

“We will be asking school employees for donations,” said Wallace. “We will provide more information through our college Facebook page and The Luna Light.”

From March to August, the Las



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LCC freshman

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LCC freshman



**Luna softball coach Steve Wallace stands at the West Las Vegas field during a recent practice.**

Vegas Community Soup Kitchen has served 2,583 meals compared to 1,782 meals from the same time in 2019. In the same period, they have given out 745 food bags, compared to 424 in the same span a year ago.

Checks or money orders may be made to CWS/CROP. You can also

send checks or money orders to Patrick Rucker, CROP Treasurer, c/o First United Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 37, Las Vegas, NM 87701. You can also donate online at [crophungerwalk.org/lasvegasnm](http://crophungerwalk.org/lasvegasnm).

## Segura wishes Luna success



Accompanied here by co-worker Martin Garcia, Nash Segura drives in one of many community parades to help represent the college. Segura is retiring Sept. 30.

*Longtime Luna employee Ignacio "Nash" Segura has announced his upcoming retirement. Here is his message to the campus community:*

"Wow! Many years ago I never thought that this time would come. My retirement date is on Sept. 30, 2020, from Luna Community College. While I am happy to spend time with family, work on home projects, do some traveling with Diana and try to do some walking to lose some weight, I will miss my friends here at LCC.

I have been working at Admissions as an Admissions & Recruitment Specialist/Bookstore Assistant for 11-plus years. My stay here has been worthwhile and rewarding in every sense. My success has been possible due to the endless assistance and support that was given to me by each and every one of you. Thank you!

I wish LCC and all my co-workers nothing but success in the future. I am sure our paths will cross again. So for now I will not say goodbye, but so long."

## Politics

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Killian said he will primarily be utilizing the college's Blackboard page to manage behind-the-scenes activities, such as classwork and finances. For the debates, Killian is hoping to use Google Meet or Zoom. Killian said he hopes to use The Luna Light and the college's Facebook page.

"It would be awesome if students could use their funds to buy things like ad space to help boost their campaigns," said Killian.

The final speeches are set for Monday, Nov. 23, just before Thanksgiving break. The election will

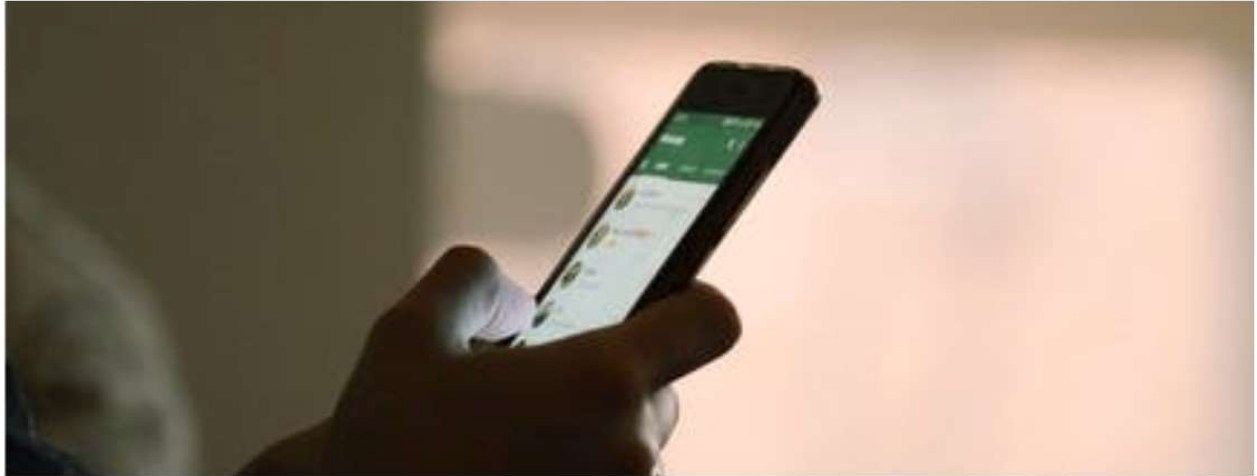
run from Tuesday, Nov. 24, to Sunday, Nov. 29. As part of the final, he will have a swearing-in ceremony and announce the winner.

"With an election year upon us, I find it crucial to show students why this process matters," said Killian. "We tend to see a very low voter turnout especially with our youth. By providing them this opportunity, I hope to bring real life into the classroom. We often hear 'how will this affect my life' when students take a class. By bringing the topic to life and placing it in their hands, I hope to show our students how events like these impact their lives. It becomes more than a grade. It becomes more than a lecture. It's now real to them. It's exciting. It's fun. And it matters to them."

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**Jason Killian**  
Criminal justice and political science instructor

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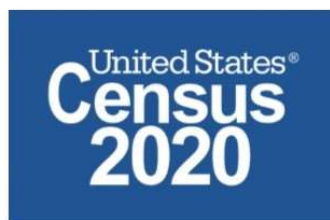
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to remind students and employees that the  
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