

## April 14 -18, 2025

Week 13 of the Spring, 2025 (Semester...counting down to graduation. What's Happening at LUNA...



#### **Facebook**

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<u>Linked-In</u> <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/luna-community-college-nm/?viewAsMember=true">https://www.linkedin.com/company/luna-community-college-nm/?viewAsMember=true</a>

#### **Important Dates**

- April 18 and 21 Luna closed for Spring Recess. Enjoy your long weekend.
- April 25, 2025, 12:00-1:00 PM LCC Foundation Pizza Party
- May 1, 2025 Art and Photography Exhibition (5:00 PM MEC Lobby) and "AI for All" Workshop (7:00 PM MEC Auditorium)
- May 5, 2025 Cinco de Mayo Open House (9:00AM-2:00 PM) and Car Show (11:00 PM -1:00 PM) at Luna Main Campus
- May 8, 2025, 4:00 PM Nursing Pinning Ceremony in the MEC
- May 10, 2025, 10:00 AM Graduation in the MEC

<u>Quote of the Week - "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." - Nelson Mandela</u>

## **ACE Lab Spring Tutoring Schedule**

The Ace Lab is open and running. Tutors are available for all areas!

Tutor	Subje	Mon	Tues	Wedne	Thurs	Fri
	ct	day	day	sday	day	day
Michelle Perez	Nursi	1:30p	3pm	1:30pm	3pm –	
michelle.perez@student .luna.edu	ng, Engli sh, Math	m – 6:30p m	- 8pm	– 6:30pm	6pm	
Em J ejimenez@luna.edu	Allie d Healt h, Engli sh, Math	3pm - 8pm	3pm - 8pm	2pm – 4pm		2p m – 5p m
Paige pgowen@luna.edu	Busin ess and Allie d Healt h	1pm - 5pm	1pm - 3:30p m	1pm – 5pm	1pm – 3:30p m	10a m – 1p m
Rainn Daily  rainn.daily@student.lun  a.edu	Scien ce, Engli sh, Math	1:30p m – 6:30p m	2pm - 6:30p m	2pm – 6pm	1:30p m – 6pm	

## Luna Health Fair



(Left to Right) Crystal Western Ford, Raylynn Griffiths, DeVon Fox, Blue Bear, and Charlotte Larrabee at the Luna Health Fair.















## RHS Wellness Wednesday



(Left to Right)L: DeVon Fox, Stacy Montoya, Rachael Lucero, and Dr. Billie Mathews at the RHS Wellness Wednesday event.



Dr. Billie Mathews dressed as a woman of the 1880's. She spoke about the women's suffrage movement during RHS's Wellness Wednesday.

#### Graduation is Just around the Corner

• Graduation is May 10 and planning is underway. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Rachael Lucero at <a href="rlucero@luna.edu">rlucero@luna.edu</a> as we need at least fifteen non-faculty volunteers to assist as ushers and other helpful positions. Thankyou!

#### Rough Rider Mentorship Summer Bridge Program

• Planning for the upcoming Summer Bridge Program is underway. If you would like to be involved with the planning process and have not already received an invitation to attend a planning meeting, please email Sherry at <a href="mailto:sgoodyear@luna.edu">sgoodyear@luna.edu</a>.

• On April 16, 2025, Devon Chisholm and Duncan Ware from the Adult Education Center and Stephanie Garcia of Rough Rider Mentorship met with prospective HiSet/GED students in Springer and enrolled them into classes. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00 P.M.

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#### **Luna Community College Foundation**

Dear Scholarship Recipients and Luna Employee Donors,

We're thrilled to invite you to a special **Pizza Party Celebration** in honor of **our amazing scholarship recipients and the generous LCC employees who support our student success!** 



**When:** Friday, April 25th | 12:00 – 1:00 PM



This is your moment – whether you're a student who has earned a scholarship or an employee who helps make them possible, we want to say **THANK YOU** and celebrate your impact!

Come enjoy:



Tasty pizza



Fun, gratitude, and good vibes



Time to connect and celebrate together

RSVP by Tuesday, April 22! to RSVP, please email <a href="mailto:lccfoundation@luna.edu">lccfoundation@luna.edu</a> with your full name, list if you are a student or an employee, and write "RSVP" in the subject line.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!





#### **Scholarship Opportunity**

This is a research internship to ONLY degree seeking students here at LCC. The deadline for applying for this program is Friday, April 25, 2025. The link for the website is https://nmamp.nmsu.edu/programs/sccore.html.

#### SUMMER COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# SCCORE PROGRAM

FROM MAY 27, 2025 TO JULY 11, 2025



Are you, or anyone you know, a Community College student interested in a STEM research position for the summer?

#### The Program Includes:

- assistant
- Connections with Faculty Mentors
- **\$2,200** stipend +per diem
- Position as a summer research
   Attend and present at a regional conference in Fall 2025
  - Room & Board for non-locals included
  - \$150 lab supply budget, and more!

#### **Oualifications Include:**

- Community college student in New Mexico majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM)
- U.S. citizenship or permanent resident, per NSF guidelines
- · Minimum of 6 credit hour enrollment at NM community college in Spring 2025 in a STEM discipline
- Minimum GPA of 2.7
- Strong interest in transferring to a New Mexico 4year institution for bachelor's degree.

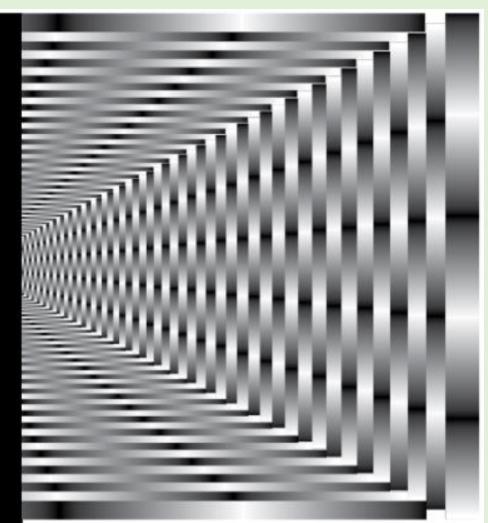
APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 25, 2025







# Art & Photography Exhibition



Come see original art and photography produced by Luna Community College students

Instructors Deni Javas (Fine Arts) and Terence Garcia (Media Arts).



# Al for All Workshop

Join Dr. Christopher Smith, Director of STEM and Humanities, and Mr. Jeff Gamblin, Director of Information Technology, to learn the basics of artificial intelligence and how some educators and students are using these new tools.

# Thursday, May 1

Exhibition, MEC Building Lobby, 5:00 pm Workshop, MEC Building Auditorium, 7:00 pm

All are welcome!



Congratulations to our own Denise Fox who has been accepted to The ADEA Leadership Essentials for Allied Dental Educators. (ADEA – LEADE). ADEA - LEADE is an eight-week, online course designed to promote leadership and professional development, as well as to increase and enhance leadership opportunities, for allied dental faculty. The program will be happening between May 6-July 5, 2025. Excellent job, Denise!



#### Student Health Center

## How They Help Students and Staff

Medical Checkups / Mental Health Support / Prevention Services

#### Better Access to Healthcare

Students have quick, easy, onsite access to Providers for regular checkups and health issues, getting the care they need when they need it.

#### Improved Performance

Healthy student perform better academically. Treat health and vision issues early ensures your child has a better chance at succeeding in school.



#### Mental Healthcare

Counseling can make a significant difference in your chaild's mental wellbeing and academic success.



#### Health Education

With services that include weight counseling and nutritional guidance, your child will learn to develop positive, healthy habits.

#### No Out of Pocket Cost

all students have access to ichoolbased healthcare without coat; regardless of whether they are covered by

#### Sliding Scale Fee Benefits

Adult community members, staff & faculty may qualify for co-pays as low as \$1.00 by completung and submitting a brief form submitting a brief form available at he school-based health center.

Family Services & Benefits



- -Student & Child Care
- -Faculty/Staff
- -Women Health
- -Flu Vaccines
- -Injury Assessment
- -Rapid Covid Testing
- -Sports Physicals
- -Wellness Exams
- -Health Education
- -Headaches Care
- -Chronic Illness
- Prevention & Management
- -Cold & Flu Testing &
- Treatment
- -Urinary Tract Infections

For more information visit our office or contact us: (505)454-3218 When: 8AM-5PM Monday thru Friday

Closed for Lunch: 12-1PM

Where: 901 Baca Ave., Las Vegas, NM, 87701

#### Cinco De Mayo Open House and Car Show





# Luna Community College Nursing Department Class of 2025



R.N. Pinning Ceremony May 8th, 2025 @ 4:00pm

MEC Building

Sponsored by: LCC Student Nursing Association

#### Wildlife Resiliency Training Center

#### Wildfire Season Preparedness

#### From the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center

This spring and summer are shaping up to be potentially very active. Dry, warm winter coupled with unusually high spring winds and temperatures as well as low relative humidity all point toward a possible active wildfire season.

There are dozens upon dozens of websites and agency recommendations. Which ones should we follow? Which ones might we question. Here at the WRTC, our recommendations are based upon years of scientific research including laboratory analyses, actual live burn research in the field, hundreds and hundreds of post-fire investigations and measurements, and interviews with homeowners and evacuees.

This research has shown how wildfire behaves, especially in relationship to homes, structures, topography, vegetation and weather. Here are some tips and information to help with your wildfire preparedness:

- Most homes/structures are ignited by embers, not large flames. Harden your home against ember "attack" by covering/screening vents and roof openings, move flammable debris such as leaves and pine needles from wooden decks and stairs. Trim or rake dry/dead vegetation near the structures. This creates a "survivable" space for your home.
- Prepare an evacuation plan. Have items such as documents, medicines, and keepsakes ready to put in your vehicle quickly. Have the same plan for your pets as well!
- When you're preparing to evacuate, close windows, doors garages. Don't worry about removing window treatments or moving furniture away from walls...you don't need to do this.
- Most civilian injuries and accidents in wildfire occur during evacuation. Prepare and leave early. Once in a safe area, then contact family and friends.
- Again, by following these guidelines, you are creating a "survivable" space (one
  in which your home has a better likelihood of surviving on its own. Creating a
  "defensible" space infers that responders will move into the path of the fire and
  defend your home. This is highly unlikely due to life safety and limited resources
  in active wildfire.
- Preparedness includes some common yard work, cleaning gutters, preventing ember entry and being ready to evacuate promptly.

For more information and guidance, contact the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center (WRTC) at Luna Community College. Go to Luna.edu and click on the WRTC Class schedule.

# Wildfire Resiliency Training Center Luna Community College Las Vegas NM

Wildfire Course Offerings, April-June, 2025

April 16 - Assessing Structural Ignition Potential, Intensive

May 17-18 - S-211 Portable Pumps (NWCG certification)

May 31-June 1 & June 7-8 - S 212 Chainsaw operations (NWCG certification)

June 7 - Structural Ignition Awareness

Other classes TBD

#### **Opportunity for Students**

The following five pages of information pertain to webinars for degree -seeking students only. Qualifying students can get compensated for attending any of the following webinars (we realize a few of them are over, but many are still upcoming). Note: Students can only attend and earn credit for a maximum of three webinars. Students can choose any three webinars to attend. They will also need to complete other requirements required by the webinar host in order to get compensated from the NMB2B NSF grant.

#### Qualifying students earn:

- 1. \$200 stipend per webinar. Limit is three
- 2. Students will be sent the Zoom link for each webinar they select after they register and complete the pre-survey.
- 3. Webinars are offered twice per week. Students only need to attend one of their desired sessions.

Apparently, the QR code for the webinar series for students that appears here is not working.

Here is the link to do a Pre-Survey. Once that is done, students will be able to attend the webinars of their

choice. Here is the link for the webinar <a href="NMSU NMB2B Webinars Spring">NMSU NMB2B Webinars Spring</a>
<a href="2025">2025</a>
Students can also copy and

paste the following web

address <a href="https://ccanmsu.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV">https://ccanmsu.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV</a> bqHBFeyZrwg0W10?Q</a> CHL=qr

Students who attend the webinars will have their name, email address, and student ID number recorded for

attendance purposes. Geno Castillo will then request a report of which students attended and completed the

webinar, and this information will be used to determine the amount of money each student earned. The

students will receive a check from the Luna business office. Once again, these webinars are ONLY for degree-seeking

students in any discipline here at Luna.

#### About Our Program

The New Mexico Bridge to Baccalaureate Alliance supports your journey from community college to a four-year university.

Led by Doña Ana Community College, we partner with community colleges across the state to help you connect, find mentorship, and access opportunities in STEM fields for a successful transfer.

#### Mission Statement

The New Mexico Bridge to Baccalaureate Alliance fosters mentorship through collaboration and high-impact practices.

NMB2B supports community college students seeking to transfer to four-year universities in a STEMrelated pathway.



# Are You Ready to Succeed?

Empowering Connections, Mentorship, and Research Opportunities for Your Future.



## Why Us?

- Connect with dedicated mentors
- Engaging, useful workshops
- Transition with confidence!

This program is supported by the National Science Foundation under Award 2409217.



Louis Stokes B2B Alliance: New Mexico Bridge to the Baccalaureate (NMB2B)



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# Meet Our Student Peer Mentors!



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Meet

our

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#### New Mexico Bridge to Baccalaureate

#### Spring 2025 Webinar Series



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### #7: Student Success Stories

Monday, April 14, 2024 12 noon – 1:00 pm Thursday, April 17, 2024 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Moderator: Emily Hervol, Edgar Lira, and Jonathan Esparza

Being the first can sometimes be scary such as being the first in your family to transfer to a 4-year university, don't feel that you're alone. Come and hear from students who've successfully navigated the transfer process. In this webinar, we'll share powerful success stories from students just like you—community college students who overcame challenges, built strong academic foundations, and thrived at their 4-year universities. From navigating transfer requirements to excelling in STEM programs, these students will share their experiences, strategies, and lessons learned along the way.

This session is designed to motivate and encourage you by showing that your goals are achievable with the right mindset and support. You'll gain valuable insights into how they made the most of their community college experience, sought out resources, and took advantage of opportunities to advance their academic and career aspirations. Join us to feel inspired, empowered, and ready to write your own success story as you prepare for this exciting new chapter in your STEM journey!

## #8: Opportunities with the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (NM AMP)

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 12 noon – 1:00 pm Friday, April 25, 2025 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Moderators: Jo Latorre and Summer Divine-Ramos

Are you considering transferring to a four-year university in a STEM field after graduation? Join us for an informative webinar about The New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (NM AMP) and discover the amazing opportunities designed to help you succeed along your academic and research journey. Whether you're looking for research experience, financial support, or a strong STEM community, we're here to help you!

New Mexico AMP is a welcoming network of universities and colleges committed to increasing the number of underrepresented minority students earning B.S. degrees in STEM disciplines. NM AMP supports targeted students through a broad range of activities, including the Summer Community College Opportunity for Research Experience (SCCORE), the New Mexico AMP Transfer Stipend, and an annual Student Research Conference. Don't miss this chance to learn how we can support your journey — your future in STEM starts here!



#### SPRING 2025 TEAS Exam Schedule

#### April 2025

Tuesday 1 @ 1:30 pm Thursday 3 @ 9:00 am Friday 11 @ 1:30 pm Thursday 24 @ 9:00 am Tuesday 29 @ 1:30 pm

#### May 2025

Thursday 1 @ 1:30 pm Thursday 15 @ 9:00 am Friday 16 @ 1:30 pm Monday 19 @ 1:30 pm Tuesday 20 @ 1:30 pm Thursday 22 @ 1:30 pm Friday 23 @ 9:00 am Tuesday 27 @ 9:00 am Thursday 29 @ 9:00 am Friday 30 @ 1:30 pm

Students can contact Sandra Sanchez via email at <a href="mailto:sasanchez@luna.edu">sasanchez@luna.edu</a> or call 505-454-2526 (ext. 1816) to sign up for a test date. Please provide student ID number, phone number, and exam date in the email.

Students should create an account with ATI prior to the exam date (if you do not already have an account set up). To create an account, go to <a href="www.atitesting.com">www.atitesting.com</a> click on Create Account next to Log In. (Use Luna CC ADN for institution and estimated graduation date of 5/10/2027.) Please use your Luna email to set up ATI account.

On the day of your exam, please arrive 10 minutes early\* to log in and purchase the exam. The cost of the exam is \$70. You will need to bring a debit/credit card to purchase the exam and a photo ID for identification verification. No food or drinks are permitted in the testing site. A calculator is available in ATI and the proctor will provide paper and pencils for use during the exam. All materials will be collected by the proctor before you leave the exam site.

\*There will be no late admission into the testing area.

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# TEAS Nursing school entrance exam

# **April 2025 dates**

# Scheduling for the following dates is taking place now.

Tuesday, April 1 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 3 9:00 a.m.

Friday April 11 1:30 p.m. Thursday April 24 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 29 1:30 p.m.

**Contact: Sandra Sanchez** 

505-454-2526

sasanchez@luna.edu

Passing TEAS score is 58.7% overall or higher. There are 24 slots available for qualified applicants for admission

in Fall 2025.

Please provide student ID number, phone number, and exam date in the e-mail.

You have up to three attempts per academic year to pass the exam; the fee for each attempt is \$70.

You're advised to set up an account with ATI prior to the exam date; go to atitesting.com, click on Create Account. Use Luna CC ADN for institution, with estimated graduation date of 5/10/2027.



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#### **Luna Strong**

#### **Timely Care**

# Enter to win a \$25 Amazon Gift Card when you create your TimelyCare account!

Feeling stressed or overwhelmed? Don't forget, TimelyCare provides free virtual access to licensed providers for your mental health needs. Register your account now, so you can have it later! Start a visit from anywhere in the United States.

To enter, you must create your profile by visiting <u>timelycare.com/luna</u> or downloading the TimelyCare app.

Register by April 30, 2025 to be entered to win!



#### 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.

#### **Las Vegas Community Events**

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

#### **Shout-Outs**



# EMPLOYEE SHOUT OUTS 4/15/25

- Shoutout to Gene Martinez for winning a special American Welding Society award--AWS District Educator Award - District 20. Way to go Gene! --Dr. John Thompson
- A shout out to Marcus García for taking care of us in Humanities
   Department...and especially for vacuuming the carpet in my office!
   --Dr. Billie Mathews
- The LCC Foundation would like to shout out Gloria Ortiz and Alicia Chacon for helping with scholarship applications while I was out on leave. --Amanda Nelson
- I would also like to shout out Dr. Linder for donating some of her personal leave to me while I was out on maternity leave. --Amanda
- Shoutout to Norman Sena for helping getting our compressor up and running! --Denise Fox
- Shoutout to the LCC family for helping with accreditation documents through the year and for taking part in our site visit--Chantel Rivera, Dawna Ortega Gallegos, Linda Salazar, Shannon Ortiz, Cristino Griego, Crystal Western Ford, Raylynn Griffiths, Justin and Leslieann Garcia, Larry Paiz, Karen Torres, Cindy Branch, Dr. Loretta Montoya, Eric Wright, and Dr. Carol Linder. You are appreciated! --Denise F.

#### Santa Rosa Events





#### Reminders

- All committees, departments, and individuals with information to share are encouraged to send their knowledge to <a href="mailto:sgoodyear@luna.edu">sgoodyear@luna.edu</a> 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: <a href="https://luna.edu/whats happening">https://luna.edu/whats happening</a>.

Have a Wonderful Weekend, Everyone!