



## *What's Happening at Luna*

**Friday, 02/17/2023** 😊

Hi Everyone. Welcome to another edition of Luna's weekly update. Happy Friday! Have a great weekend!

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### **What's Happening in Allied Health and Public Service**

- February is National Children's Oral Healthcare Month. On Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 10 am, the LCC daycare kids are coming to the Dental Assisting Department for a dental presentation given by Denise Fox and Gloria Pacheco.
- On Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Gloria and Denise are going to KFUND to share information about the free medical, dental, and vision clinic in March.
- February 15th, 2023 Luna Community College along with all the other New Mexico State Colleges and Universities launched a Statewide Food and Housing Statewide Survey. Please see the attached information regarding the FAQs and how to take the survey.
- Please help us spread the word about the Food and Housing Survey – only 10 minutes.

The UNM Basic Needs Project Team is conducting a statewide study to understand the extent of basic needs insecurities among **students, faculty, and staff across all public New Mexico colleges and universities** and offer participants the opportunity to share solutions.

What is the *Basic Needs Statewide Study*?

- A survey to assess basic needs insecurities of students, staff, and faculty at all public colleges and universities in New Mexico.

- Survey topics include food security, housing security, mental health, transportation access, and participant recommendations for solutions.
- The survey takes about 10 min.
- The survey is completely anonymous.
- This is the first statewide study in the nation to include full-time, part-time, and adjunct faculty and staff.

Who:

- Any current student, faculty, or staff (full-time or part-time) at a NM public college or university can participate.
- 16 – 17 yr old dual enrolled students may participate.
- This survey is for anyone on the continuum of needs security. Everyone can have their say to improve higher ed!

How:

- The online survey can be taken via this link (Feb 15 – March 1<sup>st</sup>): [https://survey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_d4NyzVMIJN3IzI2](https://survey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d4NyzVMIJN3IzI2)
- Or via this QR code:



- Luna will have paper copies available.

When:

- The online survey is open February 15<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Paper surveys must be returned via pre-addressed and postage paid envelope by Wednesday, March 15.

Why:

- 40% of students who start college in NM do not finish. This study will help us understand some of the causes.

- A goal of the study is to contribute to the conversation about equity in higher education because some groups of students have much higher rates of needs insecurity as well as higher dropout rates.
- Faculty and staff needs insecurities have not been documented.
- Data are needed to better inform spending priorities in higher education.
- **Survey completers will have a chance to win a \$40 egift card to Amazon or Walmart. We are raffling more than \$30,000 in gift cards!**

#### A closer look:

- The survey is mostly closed questions (e.g. multiple choice and yes/no) but includes a few open-ended question for more detailed information and participant recommendations.
- Because the survey is anonymous, responses are completely confidential and will never be tied to participants. If you supply your name and email for the raffle it will be de-linked from your survey.

#### Results

- Initial results will be shared widely in May 2023.
- A Tableau site with data from all institutions will be made publicly available.
- Responses to open-ended questions and any comments provided will not be shared with any information that might be used to identify individual participants.
- The data will be used to create evidence-based interventions and inform *The 2030 Project: Reducing Needs Insecurity in NM Higher Education*, a statewide consortium.

The *UNM Basic Needs Project* is a research team of faculty and students. The study is funded by Governor Lujan Grisham's *Food Initiative* and the NM Higher Education Department. For more information you can Contact then: [basicneeds@unm.edu](mailto:basicneeds@unm.edu)

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### What's Happening Campus Wide

- The adoption of CHES/Work Day has begun. Two trainings were given on Feb. 15 (Session #1: Introduction to Workday, HR / Payroll) and Feb. 16 (Session #2: Finance).
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### What's Happening in IT/DE

- RAVE alerts are the means by which Luna Community College notifies faculty, students and staff of timely events that can impact campus-wide interactions. Alerts can be sent out to inform anyone about campus closures, delays, and other situations where safety is a concern. Notifications are sent out via email, text messages or both. Use the attached "How To guide" to sign up for LCC RAVE alerts!\*
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### What's Happening with the Rough Rider Mentorship and College Readiness Program – Sherry Goodyear

- Sherry Goodyear and Denise Fox from the Dental Assisting Program went to West Las Vegas Middle School on February 14. Denise discussed the dental assisting program and did a trivial pursuit presentation on dental concepts to get the students involved. Sherry discussed the importance of Self-Advocacy. All totaled, they presented to roughly 300 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Sherry attended a Youth Summit Planning Meeting on Feb. 17. A Youth Summit will be held on May 6. Stayed tuned for more information on this event.

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## Reminders

- All committees, departments, and individuals with information to share are encouraged to send their knowledge to [sgoodyear@luna.edu](mailto:sgoodyear@luna.edu) each week by noon on Thursday for inclusion in Friday's update. If you miss a deadline, don't worry, your information will be included in the following week's update. Keep in mind, your information should be in tidy bullet points that can be easily added to the basic update format.
  - 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](https://luna.edu/whats_happening).
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