

The latest news from Luna Community College

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Luna Community College welding student Jacob Threadgill gets advice from Luna Welding Instructor Gene Martinez on the proper way to weld a pipe in a recent class. Martinez has established a reputation of getting his students certified with the American Welding Society which leads to employment. For more information on Luna's welding program, please email Martinez at gmartinez@luna.edu.

Anthony Baca bringing back car show to Luna

After a three-year hiatus, Luna Auto Collision Instructor Anthony Baca is bringing back the car show. A longtime staple of the college, the car show was put on the shelf for the last few years because of pandemic restrictions.

"We are so happy to bring back Luna's Car Show," said Baca. "The community was missing it and this year was a good time to have it. It's a popular event for a big segment of our service area."

Baca said that the 16th Annual Car Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 23 on the main campus in Las Vegas. There is no admission charge for the public. Set up time for the car show is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

A \$20 fee is required for each vehicle entered. Entries will be received until the day of the event. All entries will qualify for door prize drawings. "I'm inviting

all car enthusiasts to participate in this event," said Baca. "Las Vegas and the surrounding communities have always supported our car show and we appreciate all that they do for us."

Several Luna faculty and staff will have informational booths highlighting the College. Not only will the public get an opportunity to see a great car show, if they choose to, they will be able to get to see what the College has to offer as well.

Several food vendors will also be at the event.

"We invite everyone to join us," said Baca. "There will be one-of-a-kind vehicles that are absolutely amazing."

The Car Show is open to all makes, years and models of trucks, cars, motorcycles and bicycles.

For more information on the Luna Car Show, call Anthony Baca at 429-0425.

Luna Community College hosted Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. Dr. Homer Wilkes who was in Las Vegas on Wednesday meeting with the New Mexico Acequia Commission, New Mexico Livestock Producers and Forest Grazing Permit Holders. A meeting was also held on fuelwood options. Luna President Dr. Edward Martinez and Vice of Academics Dr. Dani Day were participants in the meeting.



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Courtesy of Guadalupe Communicator



Luna’s Board of Trustees recently welcomed new employees during a recent meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Robert Salgado, student success specialist—outreach, Jonathan Lujan, student success specialist—job placement, David Lucero, admissions and recruitment manager, Joseph Lee Estrada, admissions counselor—campus life and Estevan Sena, custodian.

Luna’s Dr. Carol Linder, Rachael Lucero, Dr. Billie Mathews, and Tycie Jackson represented the college at the New Mexico Higher Education Assessment and Retention Conference (NMHEAR) from Sunday, June 5 to Wednesday, June 8. The conference consisted of many higher educational institutions from around New Mexico that are working on projects within the scope of assessment and retention. Luna’s team worked together to further develop the General Education Assessment Plan that was implemented back in 2018. Improvements to the General Education Assessment Plan have been made and training for all directors, faculty, and adjuncts will take place this fall. The team will also represent Luna at the spring NMHEAR Conference, in February where they will be presenting additional data and information related to their project. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Carol Linder, Dr. Billie Mathews, and Tycie Jackson (Lucero, not pictured)



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Questions or to pick up applications contact:

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1725 New Mexico Avenue

Durell Spell (505) 454-2764-Early Childhood Center (ECC)
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Geno Castillo says one day he would like to be a director at Luna

The following is a one-on-one interview with Luna's Geno Castillo.

Name: Geno Castillo

Position: STEM Instructor

What year did you start working for Luna? August 2016

What do you like most about Luna and why?

What I like most about Luna is the quality education we offer to our students. What I also like most is the people I work with every day, which includes other faculty members and staff members.

What does your job entail; what does a day at Luna look like for you?

I am the all-around instructor for the STEM department. This means I teach multiple subjects within the department. They include astronomy, geology, physics, math, and geographic information systems. A typical day at Luna is interacting with my supervisor, faculty members, and students too. Providing our students with a high-quality education.

Favorite food and why? My favorite foods are ribeye steaks, salmon, and lasagna. The reason is because I know how to cook these foods very well.

Favorite TV show and why? My favorite TV show is Quantum Leap because it talks about time travel. I find that interesting.

Where would you like to see yourself in five years? I would like to be a Director again.



Luna Community College's Geno Castillo says outside of work he likes to camp and hike.

What is your greatest strength? My greatest strength is setting the example and teaching. I learned this trait during my service in the United States Marine Corps. Semper Fidelis! (Latin for always faithful).

What would you consider your biggest accomplishment in life and why? The biggest accomplishments in my life are obtaining my bachelor of arts degree in university studies with minor in geology, Master of Science degree in Geology, and currently working on my doctoral of education degree. I believe education is very important and it is essential to have a little bit of knowledge about everything.

What do you consider a good day in your life? A good day in my life is waking up, getting a good workout in my home gymnasium, eating a nice meal, traveling, watching a movie at the theater, watching the sun, moon, and stars from

the balcony of my home, relaxing in my home Jacuzzi, and being with family and friends.

What do you enjoy doing outside of working at Luna? I like hiking, camping, working out in my home gymnasium, traveling, watching movies, cooking, relaxing in my home Jacuzzi, and enjoy looking at the stars in the sky at night.

Any final comments? I want to thank The Luna Light for providing this questionnaire. I enjoy teaching at Luna Community College and hope everyone has a great day!

16th Annual Luna Car Show

*Saturday, July 23, 2022
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the LCC Campus*



Open to all makes, models and years of cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles.

Proceeds will go to a scholarship fund for Luna students affected by the wildfires.

\$20 per entry

- Plaques will be given in several categories
- Food booths and door prizes

For more information, call Anthony Baca at 429-0425





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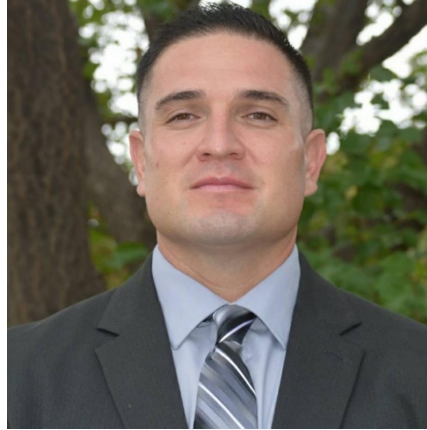
Student Success Center advising dual credit students; wellness center open

Luna's Student Success Center is now responsible for advising dual credit students. Any dual credit student can receive advisement from any of the student success specialists who are available at the Student Success Building.

For more information, please call Luna's Academic and Career Planning Director Inca Garduno-Crespin at 505-454-2502.

The Gerald Ortega Wellness Center is now open.

The following two classes are on the schedule for this summer:



Luna's Gerald Ortega Wellness Center Director Carl Vigil can be reached at 505-454-2517.

PE 112 Physical Fitness, Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (students in this class may participate at any time the wellness center is open)

PE 138 Self Defense Karate, Monday and Wednesday 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

There is open enrollment for both of these classes; therefore, you can enroll any time during the summer semester.

For more information on the Gerald Ortega Wellness Center, please call Carl Vigil at 505-454-2517. You can also reach him by e-mail at cvigil@luna.edu.

The picture of the edition, depicts low water in the Pecos River recently. Area ranchers and farmers have enough water for their livestock and irrigated land, but are counting on the monsoon season to start very soon. This particular picture was taken near Los Trigos in San Miguel County.

