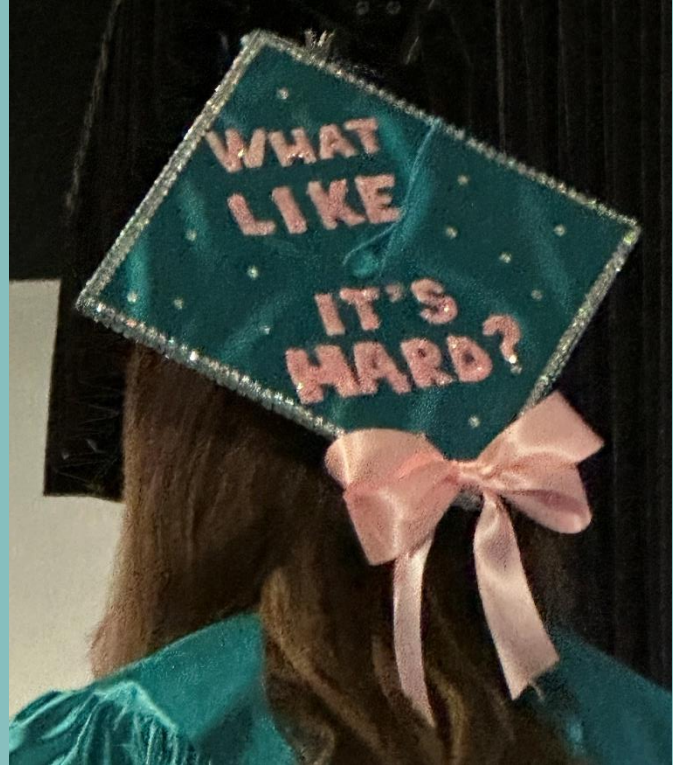




May 12-16, 2025

In-Service Week for Luna Faculty and Staff. You made it through. Happy Summer Vacation, Faculty!



What's Happening at LUNA...

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### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/LunaCommunityCollege>

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

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### Important Dates

- **May 21, 2025, 10:00 AM – Pre-School Graduation in the MEC**

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Quote of the Week - "What, like it's hard?" - Elle Woods (Reese Witherspoon) in *Legally Blonde*, 2001.

## **Graduation 2025**

### **Luna Community College Celebrates Resilience and Achievement at 2025 Commencement**

**By Sherry Goodyear**



Under sunny skies on Saturday, May 10th, at 10:00 A.M., Luna Community College proudly celebrated the accomplishments of its graduating class of 2025. The commencement ceremony marked a significant milestone for

students from a diverse range of programs, including GED/HiSet Adult Education (17 graduates), and 131 Luna graduates from Allied Health, Automotive, Barbering, Business, Computer Science, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Dental Assistant, Education, General Science, Liberal Arts, Mathematics, Nursing, Pre-Engineering, Vocational/Technical Studies, and Welding Technology.

The event was a testament to the dedication and perseverance of the graduates, particularly in light of the challenges the Las Vegas community has faced over the past five years. From a global pandemic to devastating wildfires and subsequent flooding and water shortages, the region has demonstrated remarkable resilience, mirrored in the achievements of Luna's 2025 graduating class. The ceremony was enriched by the presence of esteemed guests and contributors. The







processional was beautifully accompanied by the Robertson High School Band playing “Pomp and Circumstance,” directed by William Korte, while the 720th Transportation Company conducted the solemn Presentation of Colors. The stirring rendition of the National Anthem by Gabriella Frosco, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Billie Mathews set a patriotic tone for the morning.

Words of encouragement and pride were shared by key figures within the college. Board Chair, Dr. Phyllis Martinez, delivered remarks on behalf of the Board of Trustees, followed by an address from the President of Luna Community College, Dr. Carol Linder, who lauded the graduates for their hard work and commitment.

The highlight of the commencement was the inspiring address delivered by Representative Ms. Anita Gonzales. As the Deputy Director of New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (NM MESA), Inc., and the current New Mexico State Representative for House District 70, Representative Gonzales shared valuable insights and encouragement for the graduates as they embark on their future endeavors.

Assisting the graduates were the Faculty Marshals: Kevin Williams, Gene Martinez, Chantel Rivera, and Betsy Sanchez, who led students up on stage to receive their diplomas and helped keep the flow of graduation running smoothly throughout. Their presence underscored the commitment of the faculty to the success of their students.

On stage, making up the Platform Party included Board of Trustees: Dr. Phyllis Martinez, Chair; Mr. Mark Dominguez, Secretary; Mr. Rolando Medrano, Trustee; Dr. Gilbert Sena, Trustee; and Ms. Rosalie Ortega, Trustee. In addition to the board was Luna President, Dr. Carol Linder; Dr. Gerald Shields, Executive Director of Finance; Representative Anita Gonzales, along with Academic Directors, Mr. Cristino Griego, Career & Technical Education; Mrs. Maxine Hughes, Nursing; Ms. Mari Hill (standing in for Tycie Jackson) Preschool, Education, and School of Business; Dr. Christopher Smith, STEM/Humanities; Mr. Erick Wright, Allied Health/Public Service; and Ms. Lisa Bentson, Adult Education; Dr. Billie Mathews, Shared Governance Council Chair; and Ms. Rachael Lucero, Registrar. Ms. Lucero is new to the registrar position and this was her first graduation which she put together in two months with the help of the registrar team, Alicia Chacon, Ida Valdez, and Mariposa Archuleta – the unsung heroes of graduation. It should be noted that both Nursing Director, Maxine Hughes and Adult Education Director, Lisa Bentson will be retiring in a few months, so this moment was bittersweet as both will be moving on to the next chapters of their lives. Thanks, ladies, for all of your hard work and dedication to Luna and our students. It's been a blessing to work with you, and we wish you well in your future endeavors!

Countless volunteers, too numerous to mention but equally important, assisted in helping



keep things organized in what will go down in history as the most well-attended graduation to date. CTE Director, Cristino Griego and his team, set up a breakfast of pastries, beverages and fresh fruit for the graduates and faculty before graduation began. Additionally, the nursing department decorated the MEC. If you like twinkly lights and streamers, they are the ones to thank for all of that bling.

The Luna Community College 2025 graduation was more than just a ceremony; it was a celebration of resilience, community spirit, and the bright futures of its graduates who have overcome significant obstacles to reach this momentous occasion. The



entire Luna Community College family extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2025.

### Dental Assisting



Graduates of the Dental Assisting Program from L to R: Denise Fox (Instructor), with graduates - Haylee Martin, Olivia Marquez, Destiny Jaramillo, and faculty, Chantel Rivera. Congratulations!



## Luna Foundation

Press Release regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual employee appreciation banquet. Please check it out!

[https://www.lasvegasoptic.com/news/community/2nd-annual-lcc-alumni-achievement-awards-banquet-a-sold-out-success/article\\_8bf6049e-ee0f-4392-92a4-eb54a7bb3bac.html](https://www.lasvegasoptic.com/news/community/2nd-annual-lcc-alumni-achievement-awards-banquet-a-sold-out-success/article_8bf6049e-ee0f-4392-92a4-eb54a7bb3bac.html)

## Luna Eats and Luna Strong

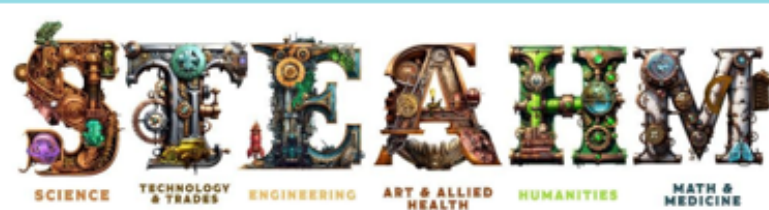
Our Luna Eats program will be taking a break for the next 2 weeks in May. We will resume lunches on Wednesday, June 4. We plan to continue lunches through the summer every Wednesday at noon in the cafeteria. Tickets will remain \$5 for faculty and staff, and are always free for students who are on campus during the summer. See you in June!

## **TimelyCare Registration Contest**

Congratulations to our two winners, Diana Alderette and Angelina Martinez, who will each receive a \$25 Amazon gift card for participating in our TimelyCare registration contest that ran during the last 2 weeks of April. We plan to have more of these in the future!



## Rough Rider Mentorship Summer Bridge Program



Gardening



Luna Community College Presents:



### **Future Rough Rider Mentorship and College Readiness Summer Bridge Program**

Chess & Games

Career Exploration

**Where:** Luna Community College Las Vegas, Main Campus

**When:** Wednesdays and Thursdays - Starts June 04  
and Ends July 24

**Time:** 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**For:** 6th-12<sup>th</sup> grade Students

**Cost:** Free. Limited spots available. First come, first served.

Fun

This program allows students to engage in interesting STEAHM-related activities while simultaneously having fun with their peers. Students will also learn about Luna programs, tour the campus and learn all about the opportunities Luna has available for them.

Snacks are provided. For more information, and/or an enrollment packet, email Sherry Goodyear at [sgoodyear@luna.edu](mailto:sgoodyear@luna.edu) or text or call her at 1-575-447-0502.

Science Experiments

Arts and Crafts





Gardening

Luna Community College Presents:

## Future Rough Rider Mentorship and College Readiness Summer Bridge Program

Games

Astronomy

Career Exploration

**Where:** Santa Rosa Luna Community College Satellite**When:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays Starts June 03 and Ends July 23**Time:** Noon to 5:00 P.M.**For:** K-12 Students (K-2nd grade students should be accompanied by an older responsible sibling or adult)

Fun

**Cost:** Free. Limited spots available. First come, first served.

This program allows students to engage in interesting STEAHM-related activities while simultaneously having fun with their peers.

Snacks are provided. For more information, and/or an enrollment packet, email Emily Ulibarri at [elibarri@luna.edu](mailto:elibarri@luna.edu) or call her at 1-505-587-2687.

Science Experiments

Arts and Crafts





Gardening

Luna Community College Presents:

## Future Rough Rider Mentorship and College Readiness Summer Bridge Program

Chess &amp; Games

Piano Lessons

Career Exploration

**Where:** Springer Luna Community College Satellite**When:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays - Starts June 03 and Ends July 24**Time:** 12:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Fun

**For:** K-12 Students (K-2nd grade students should be accompanied by an older responsible sibling or adult)**Cost:** Free. Limited spots available. First come, first served.

This program allows students to engage in interesting STEAM-related activities while simultaneously having fun with their peers.

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The Rough Rider Summer Bridge Program is slotted to begin the first week of June and run through the last full week of July. We currently have people willing to operate the camps in Las Vegas, Springer and Santa Rosa. We are in need of teachers in the Mora area. If you are interested in overseeing the Mora program, please email Sherry Goodyear at [sgoodyear@luna.edu](mailto:sgoodyear@luna.edu). If you have students in your life interested in signing up for the program in any of the four locations, please email Sherry and request a sign-up packet.



## Need your GED or Hi-Set?

Do you live in Springer or the surrounding area, and need your HiSet or GED?

Luna Community College is the place to be.

Join us on Wednesdays from 4-6 P.M. for Free Prep Classes for the HiSet or GED.

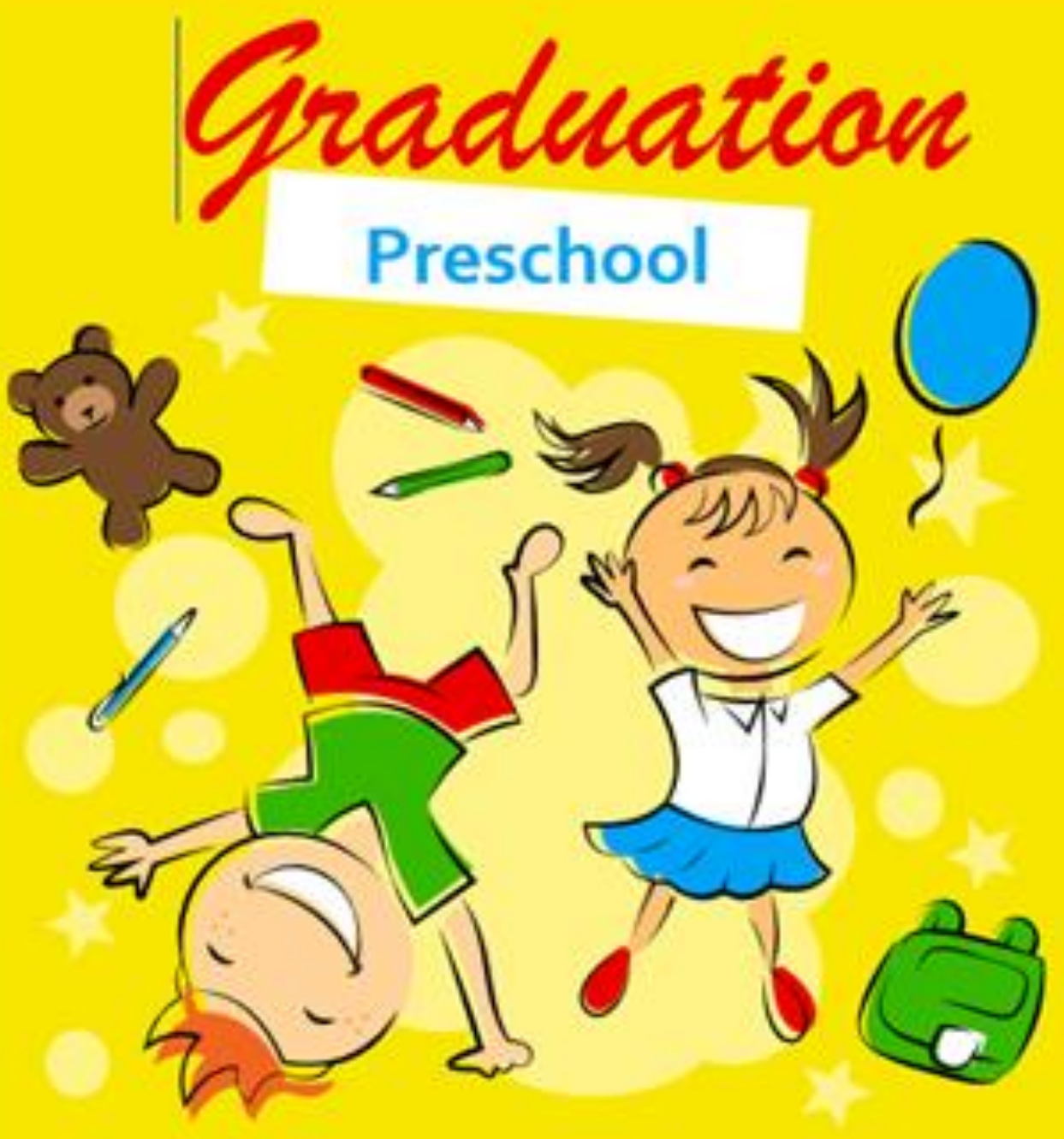
We meet you where you're at.

Walk-ins are welcome. Teacher on site.

*The time to change your life is now!*

Email [sgoodyear@luna.edu](mailto:sgoodyear@luna.edu) for more information or just stop by.





# Graduation

## Preschool

*Luna Community College Preschool*

**21 MAY**  
**10:00 AM**

366 Luna Dr, Las Vegas, NM

Graduation will be held in the MEC building.



## Santa Rosa Events



**City Of Santa Rosa, NM**  
12h · 🌐

**MAY 24th** ★

CITY OF SANTA ROSA

**FREE SHOW**



**MEMORIAL**  
*Day Weekend Concert*

MUSIC BY NEW MEXICO SUPERSTARZ  
**SEVERO Y GRUPO FUEGO**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 24TH | 8PM TO MIDNIGHT**  
**BLUE HOLE AMPHITHEATER**  
FIREWORK SHOW | ALL AGES EVENT | BYO FOOD/DRINKS  
PICNIC TABLE & CHAIRS WELCOME

## Wildfire Resiliency Training Center

### **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**

## Nursing – Time for TEAS



### 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 [sasanchez@luna.edu](mailto:sasanchez@luna.edu) 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 [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) 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

### May 2025 dates

**Scheduling for the following dates  
is taking place now.**

Thursday, May 1	1:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 22	1:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 15	9:00 a.m.	Friday, May 23	9:00 a.m.
Friday, May 16	1:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 27	9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 19	1:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 29	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 20	1:30 p.m.	Friday, May 30	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](https://atitesting.com), click on Create Account. Use Luna CC ADN for institution, with estimated graduation date of 5/10/2027.

### Classifieds

*For those with something to buy, sell, or give away.*

- Fresh Eggs for sale. \$4.00/dozen. Contact Tracey Morales at [tmorales@luna.edu](mailto:tmorales@luna.edu).
- 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 <https://www.plug.events/space/-/las-vegas-new-mexico-united-states/events> and sign up for notifications.

## 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 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: [https://luna.edu/whats\\_happening](https://luna.edu/whats_happening).

Have a Wonderful Weekend, Everyone!