

The latest news from Luna Community College

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Student Orientation set for Aug. 18; all students welcomed

Luna will have its 2023 fall student orientation from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, Aug. 18 at the Media Education Auditorium. All students are welcomed.

Student orientation is designed to help students make the transition into college as smooth as possible. During orientation, students will receive information that will not only assist in preparing them for their first day of class but also equip them with the tools necessary to complete their journey. In addition, students will learn about the resources that Luna has to offer

Orientation is a time to experience-the registration process as well as meet-faculty, staff, administrators and other students. Whether a student has been on campus or not, there is always something exciting to learn, something new to experience and someone new to meet.

“We will have directors there discussing their de-

partments and programs,” said Luna’s Ray Varela from Student Success “For instance, Gayle Martinez will be there to discuss financial aid and Francisco Apodaca will be there talking about STEM.”

“I have asked all directors to say a little something during orientation. Rachel Lucero (STEM faculty) will also be giving a demo of our new student portal “where to go to know.” After the “intros” from directors we will be having ours through student services so they know where to go for things. Then students will have lunch with faculty and staff. In addition, we will be having giveaways from local businesses like gift cards and other things.”

Breakfast will also be provided.

For more information, please call 505-454-2549 or email studentsuccess@luna.edu.

Judy Garcia, a return student from Las Vegas, meets with Luna’s Associate Registrar Angelique Arguello recently. Luna will begin its fall semester on Monday, Aug. 21 and the last day to register is Friday, Aug. 28. The fall class schedule is available at luna.edu.





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Fall classes
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**Monday
August 21**

The last day to enroll is
**Monday
August 28**

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AUGUST 19
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RESCHEDULED EVENT



Aug 28-Sept 1, 2023
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- Ensuring Child Safety after Arrest.
- Interaction with Mental Impairments.
- Legal Updates.
- Tourniquets & Trauma.
- Firearms and Use of Force training with VirTra Simulators.



Lunch will be Provided!

MISSION

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Biennium Training Course Schedule

Ensuring Child Safety upon Parental Arrest	8:30 am – 9:30 am	Sheriff Mata (Guadalupe Sheriff)
Missing Person/Amber Alert	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Chief Clarence Romero (NMHU)
Child Abuse or Neglect Investigations ¹	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chief Clarence Romero (NMHU)
TBA	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	LETC
Legal Update	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	DA Tom Clayton (4 th Judicial District)
Tourniquet and Trauma	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Sergeant Theo Chavez (NMHU)

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Interactions with Mental Impairments	8:30 am – 10:30 am	Carlos Naverez (NMHU)
Hate Crimes	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Officer Johnathan Bernal (NMHU)
TBA	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	LETC
Domestic Violence Training	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Sheriff Mata (Guadalupe Sheriff)
Safe Pursuit	2:30 am – 5:00 pm	Sheriff Mata (Guadalupe Sheriff)

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

VirTra V-300 Simulations	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Kimberly Baca and Instructors
TBA	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	LETC
Standardized Field Sobriety Tests Updates	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Sheriff Americk Padilla (Mora)

Thursday, August 31, 2023

Firearms Training	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Sheriff Americk Padilla (Mora)
TBA	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	LETC
Use of Force	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Officer Juan Gonzales

Friday, September 1, 2023

Annual Firearms Day Qualifications	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	
TBA	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	LETC or to be determined
Annual Firearms Night Qualifications	4:30 pm – 8:30 pm	

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2023 NORTHERN NEW MEXICO SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
THURSDAY**

AUGUST 24, 2023

**LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEDIA ARTS AUDITORIUM
9:00AM-5:00PM**

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TRAININGS, NETWORKING,
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LUNA Mental Health Initiative partnering with TBH, LV NM Community Foundation

Luna Community College is excited to announce the launch of a new partnership with TBH, a leading provider of virtual mental health support services to colleges nationwide, to offer its students access to no-cost, culturally-validating mental health coaching services. This partnership has been made available thanks to a generous community grant from the Las Vegas New Mexico Community Foundation (LVNMF).

Through the Luna Strong Mental Health Initiative, LCC students—many of whom have been affected by the Hermit Peak and Calf Canyon wildfires and have experienced either temporary or long-term homelessness—will enjoy access to dedicated TBH mental health coaches who can help them with both in-the-moment and long-term support. By addressing students' mental health needs, LCC aims to improve student access, retention, and completion.

"We are excited to prioritize student mental health and help our students develop the tools they need to navigate college, build key workforce skills, and lead successful professional lives as members of their community," says Dr. Carol Linder, the Project Director who spearheaded this initiative. "Roughly 80 percent of Luna students are minority students. Many of them are first-generation students, part-time working parents, or student veterans, and our goal is to help alleviate any social, emotional, financial, or academic distress they experience."

Through this Initiative, LCC students will have 24/7 access to a dedicated online platform, where they can book individual and group-based appointments with mental health coaches who come from diverse backgrounds and lived experiences. They can also access digital resources to practice coping skills or receive support between sessions.

"We're incredibly proud to play an integral role in the Luna Strong Initiative and help democratize access to mental healthcare for LCC students in order to prepare them to succeed at school and beyond," says Anjali Menon, Chief Executive Officer of TBH. "It's particularly exciting to see such innovative services being brought to more remote communities that have been



In this file photo, Dr. Carol Linder is pictured with Luna Strong contest winner Alex Allington.

historically under-served or overlooked."

LCC, the only community college in San Miguel, and Mora, Colfax, and Guadalupe Counties, is dedicated to providing accessible and innovative learning experiences that prepare students to compete at the forefront of their chosen fields and to lead in their local community. TBH has developed a comprehensive program to enhance student mental health on college campuses, including rural and remote communities. Designed to seamlessly integrate with existing campus counseling and student service resources, the TBH program and its team of experienced service professionals

provide end-to-end support services for students.

About Luna Community College (LCC):

Luna Community College is the only community college in northeastern New Mexico. LCC offers courses and programs in person and via distance learning at all instructional centers, including Las Vegas, Santa Rosa, Springer and Mora. LCC is dedicated to providing accessible, innovative, and integrated learning experiences that prepare students to compete at the forefront of their chosen fields and to lead in their community.

About The Las Vegas New Mexico Community Foundation (LVNMF):

The Las Vegas, NM Community Foundation is a philanthropic grant program that was formed in the Spring of 2018 to support and fund projects that focus on community building. These grants are awarded annually in the areas of Arts & Culture, Community Development, Education, Agricultural & Environmental Sustainability, Health & Wellness and Historic Preservation.

About TBH

TBH is committed to enhancing the social, emotional, and physical wellness of college students in order to help them succeed at school and beyond. Amid an influx of students requiring mental health support, and an inability of many counseling centers to meet the demand, TBH is offering an online suite of on-demand, culturally-validating support services for students. The TBH program has been used by thousands of college students nationwide to date.

Employment opportunities

Wildfire Resiliency Training Center Director

Wildfires are growing worse every year - both bigger and more frequent. To combat the devastation, we need more people with the skills and expertise to mitigate the dangers and implement recovery for lands, forests, water and communities. Luna Community College is opening a Wildfire Resiliency Training Center. If you would like to lead this important work and apply for the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center Director position contact Dr. Day at 505-454-5378 to discuss the Center and the position in more detail. You may also visit luna.edu and click on the About link and then click on the Employment Opportunities link.

Vice President for Finance and Administration

This position serves as the Luna Community College (LCC) treasurer and chief financial officer, charged with maintaining the fiscal integrity of the College. This position is responsible for the planning, implementation, and management of all financial activities, including business and strategic planning, budgeting, internal and external auditing, contract management, forecasting and negotiations for financial affairs and administrative services. Develops short and long-term plans for the Finance and Administration (F & A) areas. For more information, visit luna.edu and click on the About link and then click on the Employment Opportunities link.



Luna's Preschool promoted 12 students to kindergarten recently during a ceremony at the Luna Media Education Center. Enrollment has already occurred for the 2023-2024 school year, and the Luna Preschool will have 22 new students starting on Aug. 14 in the two to-five year-old classroom.

Luna to be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day

Luna Community College in Las Vegas and its campuses in Mora, Santa Rosa and Springer will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day.

The college will resume its regular hours on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Luna fall classes begin on Monday, Aug. 21.