

The Luna Light



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Presidential finalists’ interviews concluded



**Dr. Anthony
HANCOCK**



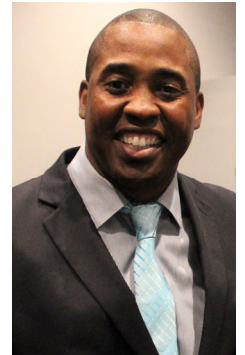
**Dr. Jeremy
MORELAND**



**Dr. Bruce
MOSES**



**Dr. Diana
PINO**



**Dr. LeRodrick
TERRY**

With all five finalists for the Luna Community College presidency having visited campus for a series of public forums and interviews with the LCC Board of Trustees, a decision on Luna’s new leader is looming.

The board is scheduled to meet and name its choice in a special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The five finalists — Dr. Jeremy Moreland, Dr. LeRodrick Terry, Dr. Bruce Moses, Dr. Diana Pino and Dr. Anthony Hancock, in order of appearance — emerged from a nationwide search that attracted interest from 86 applicants. Aided by a Colorado-based firm, a search committee that included representatives of various LCC constituencies narrowed the field to the final five.

Each of the finalists took part in a daylong series of public forums — one each for

employees, students and community members — as well as an interview with the trustees and an evening reception. Dozens of participants attended the forums, serving up questions on everything from dual-credit courses to possible expansion of vocational education to ideas for a campus cafeteria. Increasing enrollment and boosting retention were major subjects addressed, as was Luna’s ongoing efforts to improve its accreditation status.

Whomever the board ultimately chooses will succeed interim president Ricky Serna, who has served since July 2017. Under his direction, Luna has upgraded its accreditation status to probation from a show-cause order handed down by the Higher Learning Commission in November 2017. The HLC is due to make a decision on Luna’s accreditation status in November 2019.

College Night coming Oct. 24

Luna Community College, along with New Mexico Highlands University, will be sponsoring College Night 2018 from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the John A. Wilson Complex on the NMHU campus.

The event is open to high school juniors, seniors, parents and anyone interested in obtaining college information.

Faculty and staff from both institutions will be available to discuss admissions, financial aid, registration, certificate and degree programs, scholarships and transferring of courses.

“It’s important for prospective students to attend this event so they can become familiar with what both colleges have to offer and services we both provide,” said Luna Admissions and Recruitment Manager Moses Marquez.

“The information that will be provided is very

important and beneficial. It’s one of those times that I encourage everyone to attend. It’s a very valuable evening.”

Faculty and staff members from Luna and Highlands will be on hand promoting academic and vocational programs.

As a true community college, Luna offers quality education at an affordable cost. Luna offers degree and certificate programs in business, education, nursing, humanities, STEM, allied health and vocations ranging from auto collision repair to cosmetology.

Luna Community College offers flexible class schedules, which includes day, evening, weekend, short-term and online courses.

For more information regarding College Night 2018, contact the Luna Community College Office of Admissions and Recruitment at 505-454-5312.



The Luna softball team has set a high academic goal for the fall semester — a 3.3 cumulative grade point average. The Lady Rough Riders have study hall twice a week at the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) Tutoring Lab. In addition, they are working out twice a day — at 5:45 a.m. and at 3:30 p.m.

Luna admitting LPN's into RN program

Students given credit for prior learning

There is some great news for licensed practical nurses who want to become registered nurses. Starting this spring semester, Luna Community College will be admitting individuals who are LPN-certified into the RN program. Initially, there are seven slots available.

“It’s really an exciting time for us,” said Luna Nursing Director Maxine Hughes. “This is creating more opportunity for a lot of people. LPN’s who graduate from our RN program will get an increase in their pay.”

The LPN’s who will be admitted into the program will have to take classes in spring 2018, fall 2018 and spring 2019 to be eligible to take the

NCLEX-RN exam.

To be eligible to enter the Luna RN program, an individual must have a current unrestricted New Mexico LPN license or hold a license from a state that is part of the Nurse Licensure Compact, which includes: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Delaware, Maryland, Washington D.C, Virgin Islands, New Hampshire, and Maine.

In addition, a candidate must complete the PN mobility admission

exam (Kaplan, HESI or ATI mobility exam) with a requisite score. A candidate must also complete a NMNEC Introduction to Nursing Concepts Credit for Prior Learning online module with a score of 77 percent or higher in one attempt or take a level 1 course of Intro to Nursing Concepts.

For more information, please call Hughes at 505-454-2523.

Notes: As of the end of September, the Luna RN 2018 graduating class had a 100 percent board pass rate. “I’m very proud of the class of 2018 and all of our students who are providing health care to Las Vegas and the surrounding areas,” said Hughes.



Erin Mason from Icon Sheers out of Nashville worked with Luna cosmetology and barbering students on Wednesday, Oct. 3. Mason talked on issues such as proper care of hair cutting tools and sanitation. The Luna Cosmetology and Barbering Program periodically has guest speakers to enhance student learning.

Luna participates in Robertson, West LV and Springer High homecoming parades

Luna students, faculty, staff and administrators joined forces to represent the college in recent area high school homecoming parades. The LCC team greeted parade watchers and handed out candy and promotional materials while traversing the parade routes. Luna plans to also take part in NMHU and Santa Rosa parades later in October.





Luna Community College Pre-School 4th Annual Harvest and Music Festival



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Tutoring

**Oct.
9-11**

Tuesday

**STEM Department
Atrium
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

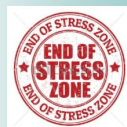
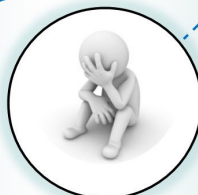
Snacks

Wednesday

**Nursing Department
Lobby
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Thursday

**Humanities
Department Atrium
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**



Stop in for snacks, study table, stress relief.

Check with your adviser and meet with a tutor. Sponsored by Campus Life



*Fall is here, and so
is Pumpkin Spice!*

*Stop by Café de
Luna and enjoy
a Pumpkin Spice
Latte or
Frappuccino.*



Luna Community College School of Business Eight-week classes beginning soon!

BUS 102 Quantitative Methods in Business
(Monday through Thursday, 1-2:45 p.m.,
BUS 112, Humanities Bldg.)

MGMT 218 Small Business Management
(Monday through Thursday, 3-4:45 p.m.,
BUS 112, Humanities Bldg.)

Instructor: Leticia Griego

Sign up today!

Second eight-week session is Oct. 15 to Dec. 7;
last day to add classes is Oct. 19.



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