

Spring registration open

Luna's Spring 2020 class schedule is available online, and early registration for the spring semester begins on Monday, Nov. 11.

Students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisors to formulate Spring 2020 schedules and ensure the best schedules possible. Students must also clear their classes with the fiscal office/cashier to ensure they



Luna STEM advisor Janice Varela and STEM instructor Nicole Collins assist with the registration process.

are not disenrolled.

To view the Spring 2020 schedule, visit the Luna website at luna.edu, then go to Courses on the top right-hand side. After you click on Courses, you will find the Schedule of Classes.

For more information, contact the registrar's office at 505-454-5314.

Thanksgiving Food Drive ongoing

The Luna Community College STEM Club, Luna Preschool and the Luna softball team are teaming up and asking for donations of Thanksgiving food and winter clothing items that will be distributed to Luna students and community members.

There are several food donation boxes around campus for anyone wanting to donate non-perishable items. In addition, there will be one big box in the administration building for the winter clothing items.

For more information, call Betsy Sanchez at 454-2554 or Nicole Collins at 454-5371.



STEM Club member Emilio Lucero and STEM Club President Theodore Curry stand next to one of the Thanksgiving food donation boxes.

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The photo on the left side shows Luna’s Career Services Advisor Suzanne Quinta meeting with U.S. Census representatives Marisa Santistevan and Melissa Velasquez during a job recruiting event co-sponsored with Highlands University. Both Luna and Highlands students had an opportunity to explore summer jobs with the U.S. Census. In the right photo, Luna Dental Assisting student Jesselle Gold completes a full mouth series of x-rays on Candace Valencia. The Commission on Dental Accreditation requires dental assisting students to expose, process and mount two FMX series on two individuals.

Hands-on learning in criminal justice class

As a matter of practice, students in Jason Killian’s Criminal Justice classes at Luna Community College have opportunities for hands-on, interactive learning.

Recently, 14 students in one class, Criminal Investigation, learned how to secure and process a crime scene – in this case a fictional homicide staged in the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). A number of other students and staff members also got in on the act, functioning either as suspects, witnesses or curious onlookers. Criminal defense attorney Scott Pistone assisted students with questioning witnesses and suspects.

Killian plans to have his students progress on the case all the



Jason Killian’s criminal justice student Steven Sandoval goes through hands-on exercises during a recent fictional criminal investigation. Students learned how to secure and process a crime scene.

way through a criminal trial to be conducted later in the year.

“We conduct these hands-on exercises to prepare our students for the workforce,” Killian explained.

“Employers want students who can do, so we teach our students how to perform essential job duties like processing a scene.”

It’s been an active time for the Criminal Justice program in other ways as well. Classes have been hosting guest presenters to bring students insights from professionals working within the criminal justice system.

For more information on the program or others at LCC, please visit luna.edu.



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**Bone Marrow Donor
Registration Drive**

Sponsored by LCC Student Nurses Association

November 7, 2019

Luna Community College Cafeteria

10:30am - 3pm

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HLC decision on tap

Accreditation trek nears conclusion

It's an anxious time for Luna Community College, which in the days ahead expects to learn of its accreditation status.

The Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees is scheduled to issue a determination as part of its meeting Nov. 7-8 in Chicago. Based on multiple assessments and reports and its own deliberations, that oversight body will decide whether to continue, remove or increase sanctions against the college. Luna has been on probation with the HLC since June 2018, when the college was upgraded from the show-cause status of a year earlier. The HLC in 2017 found Luna

to be out of compliance with several criteria required for accreditation.

Luna's unified response to the original show-cause order resulted in the upgrade to probation in the summer of 2018.

A site-visit team composed of administrators from other colleges and universities spent two days on campus this past March, interviewing and meeting with various campus constituencies. The site-visit team subsequently issued a report with its own determinations.

In a collaborative effort led by Luna President Dr. Rolando Rael, the college prepared a comprehensive response to that report, in some cases crafting new steps to address some findings and documenting actions and ongoing work to address others.

Since then, the HLC's Institutional Actions Council has found that Luna has improved in a variety of areas, most recently finding that the college is meeting or exceeding criteria in 19 of 21 core components considered. Again Luna responded to the IAC recommendations with additional actions as prescribed. Rael has asked that the sanctions be lifted altogether, though he acknowledged that fully remedying areas that need improvement must be viewed as a continuous process that will take some time. In the meantime, the college's response to HLC has noted proactive efforts to improve even those areas that are meeting criteria.

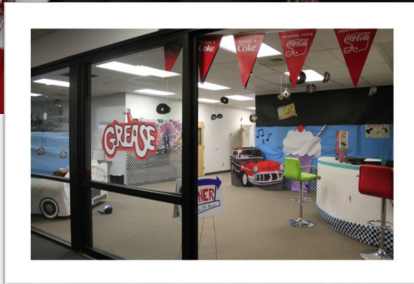


An early preview of winter was the scene for the Luna Community College main campus Oct. 24. Luna Community College students and employees are encouraged to sign up for RAVE Alert to get immediate information when there is a weather delay or closure. For more information on the RAVE Alert, please call campus security at 429-1159.

College Scorecard: The U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard has the most reliable data on college costs, graduation and post-college earnings. Visit collegescorecard.ed.gov



Human Resources led another all-out effort this Halloween, going back to the '50s and transforming the office into a groovy diner that even served root beer floats.



Luna shows Halloween spirit

Halloween is traditionally a fun time across the Luna campus, and this year was no exception.

A number of students and employees dressed up in costumes ranging from scary to funny to inspirational, trendy to nostalgic.

Departments decorated their doors and public walkways to fit the occasion. The Human Resources department followed up their horror circus idea from last year with a Grease-themed '50s diner, enlisting cooperation from several other departments to fill out the "cast." HR won a campus decorating contest, followed by runner-up Fiscal.

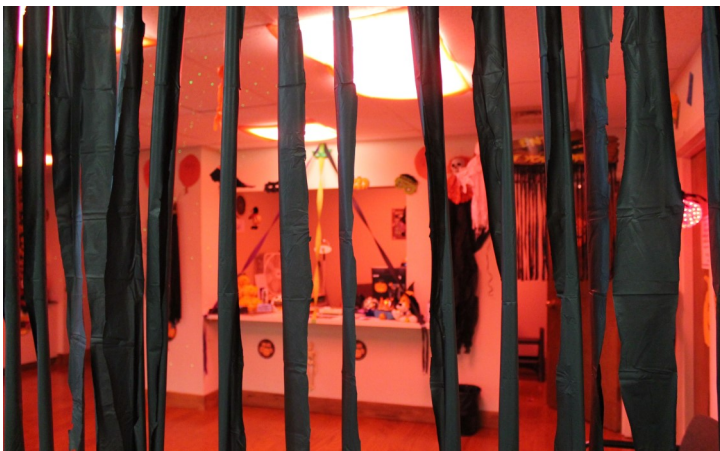
Levitt Baca of Purchasing emerged the winner of a campuswide skull coloring contest sponsored by the LRC and Café de Luna.

Youngsters from the LCC Preschool went trick-or-treating across campus in the morning, visiting various departments who offered sweets to the little goblins and ghosts.

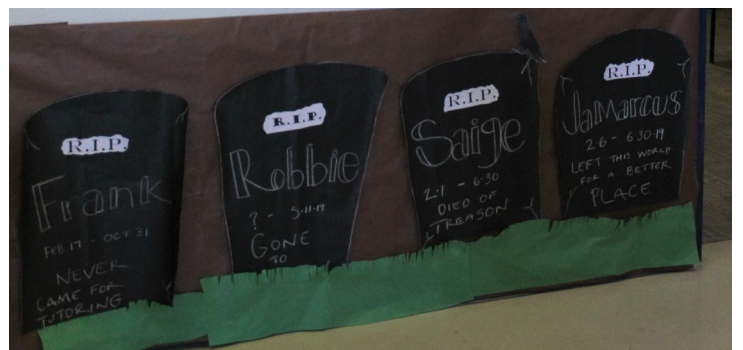
And in the evening, the LCC Office of Campus Life — getting help from numerous departments and individuals — served up the popular one-two punch of a free, family-friendly Trunk Or Treat and the Fright Night haunted house for the community to enjoy. Hundreds of participants flocked to each event, capping a day of Halloween fun.



Witches, butterflies, historical characters and pop culture icons like Harry Potter and Pennywise were just a few examples of the characters to populate the campus on Oct. 31.

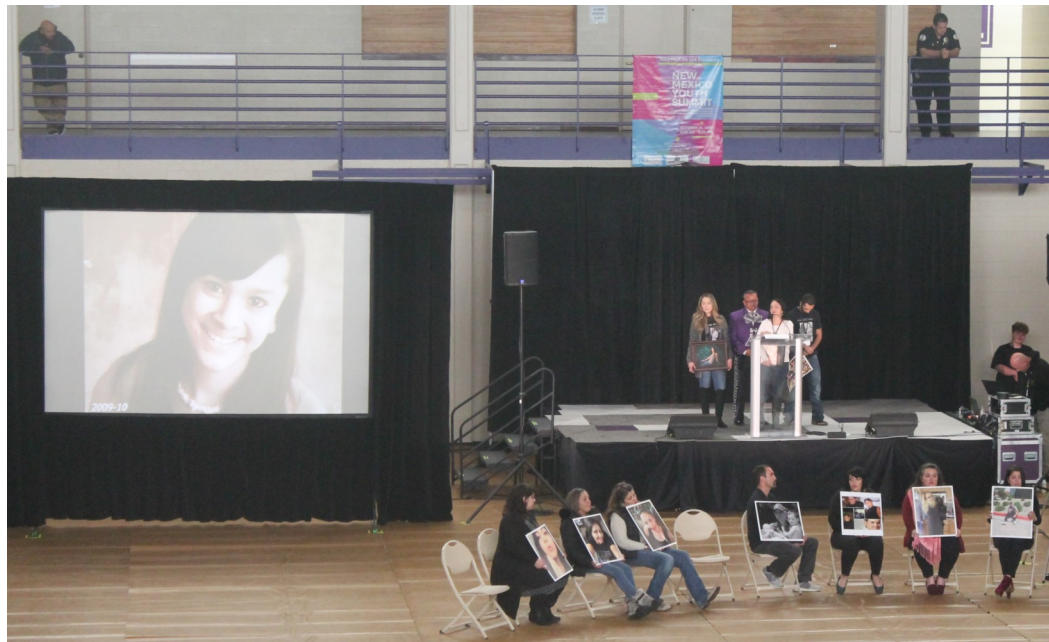


From the simple to the complex, Luna's departments got into the decorating act.





Luna nursing students join a crowd of thousands in listening to the Youth Summit presentations Oct. 24.



ViviAna Sena speaks about her late daughter's battle with substance addiction as fellow survivors of similar battles display photographs of their lost loved ones. The presentations, which had a visible emotional impact, were a highlight of the half-day gathering.



High school students from across the region take part in the event.

Near right: LCC student nurses Jimmy Rodriguez and Cynthia Campos volunteer by helping give out snacks. Far right: Luna's Moses Marquez and Suzanne Quintana provide information on the college.



Summit targets substance abuse, addiction

“If you are hurting, talk to someone ... you are not alone.”

Fighting through tears, ViviAna Sena delivered that message to a crowd of several thousand who filled the Wilson Complex on Thursday, Oct. 24, for the New Mexico Youth Summit, Northeast Region, an event designed to educate secondary students on the dangers of substance abuse.

Sena is the mother of the late Grace Gallegos, a West Las Vegas alumnus whose death stunned and saddened the community back in February 2018. Flanked by family members, Sena told the crowd of her daughter’s story – memories of Grace’s vibrant personality, positive attitude and uplifting sense of humor, and the drive that helped her and the West cheer squad to the state spirit championship. But an injury led Grace to experimentation with painkillers and eventual addiction, Sena said. Though Grace made some progress in fighting addiction, it ultimately proved too difficult to overcome.

Sena urged audience members to seek out those in their own support systems should they encounter pain, trauma or issues that create physical or emotional hardship. And she pointed to the resources – examples of which were represented on exhibit tables around the gym – available to help.

Early intervention, she said, may make all the difference.

As Sena spoke, photographs of Grace – from baby pictures to family

photos to selfies to action shots of her in her green and gold cheer uniform – rotated on display, projected on a pair of large screens on either side of the stage. Seated in a semicircle on folding chairs in front of the stage were nearly a dozen survivors of individuals whose lives had been cut short by substance abuse. They held framed pictures of their loved ones and listened somberly, reflecting – perhaps – on their own families’ stories.

As Sena concluded her story and shared an embrace with the family members who’d joined her on stage, the audience – a number of whom also shed tears – honored her with a standing ovation.

The New Mexico Youth Summit, carrying the theme “Together We Are Stronger,” is a collaborative effort among the New Mexico Human Services Department Behavioral Health Services Division, DEA 360, New Mexico Children, Youth & Families and New Mexico Public Education Department. Thursday’s event – one of several scheduled around the state – included students from grade six through 12 and others from seven counties: Colfax, Guadalupe, Harding, Mora, San Miguel, Quay and Union. Locally the San Miguel County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition coordinated the event with help from other community partners.

According to the 2017 New Mexico Youth and Resiliency Survey (youthrisk.org) shared by event organizers, 6.9 percent of New Mexico high school students reported current

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New Mexico Youth Summit
Event organizers

use of painkillers to get high, 2.8 percent reported current heroin use, 10.9 percent reported binge drinking, and 20.7 percent reported drinking alcohol before the age of 13.

“New Mexico’s struggle with substance addiction and overdose fatalities continues to be of great concern,” organizers wrote. “We want to educate our youth, parents and community members of the dangers associated with substance abuse.”

In addition to guest speakers like Sena, Thursday’s audience watched a showing of the film “If Only,” a production of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation, and enjoyed breaks for musical entertainment provided by area performers.

Luna Community College’s Level 3 nursing students led volunteers in helping distribute gift bags for attendees, and some served nutritious snacks. The college was also one of many exhibitors to provide information and resources to participants, with Moses Marquez and Suzanne Quintana representing the LCC Office of Admissions and Recruitment.

Luna Board of Trustees election unofficial results

Incumbents Kenneth Medina and Mark Dominguez defeated two challengers apiece to win re-election in Districts 1 and 2, respectively, with 51.9 and 54.8 percent. Phyllis Martinez amassed 61.4 percent of the vote in District 3 to win another three-person race. Maximiliano Tenorio Jr. prevailed in District 4 with 76.8 percent. Dianna Medrano took 59.2 percent in a three-person race in District 5. Louise Portillos won District 6 with 60.7 percent. Maxine Salas won District 7 with 100 percent, as she was unopposed.

Results were taken from the New Mexico Secretary of State's website. All results are unofficial.

The current board members will serve through the end of the calendar year, with the newly elected members taking over on Jan. 1.

Having all seven seats up for grabs is unusual.

Typically, each seat on the board is for a six-year term but staggering when each seat is filled ensures some degree of continuity. However, the law also requires that when a trustee is appointed to the board to fill a vacancy, that trustee must stand for election at the next available board election, regardless of the time left on the term he or she is completing. With multiple current trustees having been appointed to the board due to resignations, more seats were up for election this time than would usually be the case.

The trustees elected to the seats representing Districts 2, 4 and 6 will serve the remaining two years of the original six-year terms. Those elected in Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 will serve full six-year terms, as those seats had been scheduled to come up for election this time.

Book voucher giveaway: win \$100 worth of texts!

As part of efforts to encourage early registration for the Spring 2020 semester, Luna Community College is offering students a chance to win \$100 book vouchers.

Ten vouchers, each worth \$100 toward purchase of textbooks via MBS Direct, will be given away at a random drawing on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

To be eligible for the drawing, a student simply needs to register for at least six credit hours for the Spring 2020 semester by no later than 5 p.m. Monday,

Nov. 25. Schedule information is available online at luna.edu, and registration may be completed at the registrar's office in the LCC Student Services Building.

The drawing is tentatively scheduled to be held in conjunction with a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon on campus co-sponsored by the LCC Office of Campus Life. Students need not be present to win; those who win will be reached via the contact information on file.



*“Creating
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LCC's Biannual Reading on the Hill: An Open Mic Reading of Poetry and Prose

"What we place on a map is an approximation, at best, a way of saying that things here differ from things over there. If we were to truly understand the place we wandered through, sampling and measuring and recording, we needed to respect the implication that boundaries are simply another form of illusion."

- Glassley, William E. *A Wilder Time*

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Wednesday
NOV. 20
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
LCC Humanities Department Atrium



Luna Community College invites you to join us for
A salute to our veterans



Monday, Nov. 11

Wreath laying ceremony

8:45 a.m.

Monument west of Tech hallway

Recognition of veterans

9 a.m.

Media Arts Auditorium

Unveiling of plaque:

Maximiliano Luna &
the Rough Riders

Approximately 9:45 a.m.

Media Arts Auditorium



Luna to recognize student, staff and board trustee veterans

In keeping with the tradition of honoring America's service men and women, Luna Community College plans a formal recognition event on Veterans Day this coming Monday, Nov. 11.

The college will recognize student, employee and board trustee veterans.

The day's events start with a wreath laying ceremony to take place at 8:45 a.m. at the outdoor Maximiliano Luna Monument just west of the Technology Building followed with a Veterans Recognition Program in the

Media Arts Auditorium at 9 a.m. The wreath laying ceremony includes an honor guard and a 21-gun salute. The Recognition Program includes an honor guard, individual recognition of veterans, veteran gifts presented by Luna preschoolers and a post-event reception.

In addition, the college will formally recognize its namesake, Maximiliano Luna, with the unveiling of a framed proclamation in honor of the Rough Rider captain at around 9:45 a.m. in the Media Arts Building.

Community members are encouraged to attend.