

The latest news from Luna Community College

Second Volume 5, Issue 22

November 4, 2022

Visit luna.edu

Rough Rider athletics to have Luna Employee, Community Appreciation Day

The Rough Rider Athletic Department will be having a Luna Employee, Community Appreciation Day at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Highlands baseball and softball fields.

This will be a great opportunity for Luna employees and the community to meet and interact with Luna softball and baseball players as well as coaches.

Luna will be having an intra-squad scrimmage in baseball with the Lady Rough Riders scrimmaging a select softball team from Albuquerque that morning. Individuals will be allowed to talk to players and coaches in the dug-out and stay and watch the games.

“Our athletic program plays a major part at Luna and in our community,” said Luna Athletic Director Carl Vigil. “We feel it is important for our student-athletes and coaches to get to know our faculty, staff and our community better. Our student-athletes work hard both on the practice field and in the classroom and are proud to represent Luna and Las Vegas.”

Both the softball and baseball teams are members of the National Junior College Athletic Association and participate in the Region IX conference.



Luna softball players celebrate a homerun during a recent practice. Luna athletics will be having a Luna Employee, Community Appreciation Day at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6.

Luna Community College’s cosmetology program celebrated its 20th year of bringing quality education to its students on Monday, Oct. 31. Many students, employees and community members attended the celebration. The theme of the celebration was “Spooktacular milestone.”



Reyes Coca says he likes Luna's community-like feel

The following is a one-on-one interview with Business Lead Instructor Reyes Coca.

Name: Reyes Coca

Position: Business Lead Instructor

What year did you start working for Luna?

I started working at Luna in 2018 as a Business Instructor, then I left in 2020. I returned this semester Fall 2022.

What do you like most about Luna and why?

I like the community feel. All the faculty and staff are friendly and welcomed me back with open arms. The students are great and the campus is beautiful. There is so much potential for Luna and I am glad to be part of the Luna Community.

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

My job is very challenging as I pretty much do everything for the School of Business. I do both faculty and administrative leadership work. In the morning I focus on my faculty duties as I prepare for my classes and do grading. In the afternoon I focus on my administrative leadership duties as I work on curriculum development, recruitment, articulation agreements, ACBSP accreditation, adjunct mentorship, serve on committees, strategic planning, class scheduling, advisement, and business community outreach.

Favorite food and why?

My favorite food is homemade tacos just



Reyes Coca, an educator by heart, started working for Luna in 2018.

like my grandma used to make them.

Favorite TV show and why?

I have a variety of interests. I can't just choose one favorite. I like to binge watch shows on Netflix such as Friday Night Lights and Cobra Kai. Lately I got into Discovery channel shows such as Gold Rush and Alaskan Bush People. Survivor also makes my top five list.

Where would you like to see yourself in five years?

I would like to see myself still teaching in higher education. I love the challenge of teaching and the positive difference it makes in the world.

What is your greatest strength?

My greatest strength is my creativity. My mind is always thinking of new ways to get things done.

What would you consider your biggest accomplishment in life and

why?

As an educator at heart, my biggest accomplishment is when my students are successful. When I see one of my students accomplish something meaningful in their life, I feel that I accomplished something meaningful in my life.

What do you consider a good day in your life?

I think a good day is when I am productive and I earn my rest. Whether it be academic work or yard work, I feel like I need to get

something done. After that I will relax and reward myself with a good meal, movie, or outdoor adventure with family or friends.

What do you enjoy doing outside of working at Luna?

When I am not working, I like to enjoy outdoor adventures such as camping, fishing, hiking, and kayaking. I tried snowboarding one time and it did not go very well, but I would like to give it another shot this winter. I love going to the movie theater to watch a good film with popcorn and coke in hand. I always enjoy exercising and the challenge of playing any kind of sport. When I am able to travel and explore new places, it brings me a sense of wonder and a smile to my face.

Any final comments?

Great job on the Luna Light. It is one of the best college publications I have seen. I always enjoy reading it.

Luna students, employees enjoy cosmetology, Halloween events



Luna Santa Rosa Satellite (top left) employees Emily Ulibarri and Crystal Flores participate in Santa Rosa's Trunk or Treat ; Greg Salazar, Ana Gandara, Bailey Douglass, Alyssa Garcia and Beatrice Sanchez were the winners of Luna's Halloween contest (top right); Luna preschoolers (right) enjoyed trick or treating at the college as many employees and students gave out treats on Halloween.





Among the Halloween activities were a car show, a costume contest and Luna students participating in the City of Las Vegas' Trunk or Treat.





Phillip J. Martinez, Board Chair
P.O. Box 3977
Las Vegas, NM 87701

APPLICATION FOR FIRE RELIEF FUNDS

Financial assistance is available for LCC Students, Faculty and Staff who have been impacted by the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon fire which began in April 2022. Awards up to \$500.00 are available for qualifying applications. The financial assistance comes from donations contributed by the Las Vegas Community Foundation and awarded as Community Grants to the LCC Foundation. If you qualify and are awarded this aid, you will receive the financial assistance in the form of a check.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Actively enrolled LCC student, currently employed faculty or staff.
- The grant award can be used for any purpose, including but not limited to reimbursement for additional costs incurred such as housing, meals, transportation, utilities, repairs of damage caused by the fire(s) and subsequent flood damage as a result of the fires, insurance deductibles, lost wages, medical expenses, or other unreimbursed losses or costs.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____
 LCC ID: _____ Email Address: _____
 Address: _____
 City State Zip

- 1.) Amount of financial assistance requested: \$ _____
- 2.) How have you been impacted by the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire?
- 3.) Are any of these expenses partially or fully covered by insurance? If yes, please describe:
- 4.) Are any of these expenses partially or fully covered by federal, state or local aid? If yes, please describe:
- 5.) Have you received any other sources of reimbursement? If yes, please describe:
- 6.) Required Attachments
 - a. Available documentation to demonstrate financial need and/or support your application.
Examples: copies of bills, receipts, financial agreements, etc.
- 7.) Submitting Applications and Required Attachments
Application documents may be mailed to: LCC Foundation, Box 3977, Las Vegas, NM 87701
Attn: Fire Relief or emailed to: rabaca@luna.edu

8.) Certification:

By signing below, I certify that the information and documentation that I have provided to the LCC Foundation on, and in connection with, the grant application and subsequent award is true, correct and complete, to the best of my knowledge. By signing this form, I acknowledge and assure that (1) the funds must be used for the purposes described in the application, and (2) any amounts not used for those purposes (or other purposes subsequently approved by the LCC Foundation) must be returned. I understand that the LCC Foundation is a Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit corporation and is subject to various legal requirements in awarding aid under the Student Fire Relief Fund. All aid will be made in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws. The LCC Foundation will determine in its sole discretion whether the documentation provided is sufficient to award aid. The LCC Foundation seeks to support individuals who are eligible for assistance under the application guidelines.

Signature Date Signed



VACCINE CLINIC

COVID Vaccines—Moderna and Pfizer for ages 6 months and older.

This includes Moderna and Pfizer Bivalent Booster.

Influenza Vaccines—6 months and older

Friday , Nov. 18, 2022

9 a.m. to Noon



Luna Community College—Cafeteria

366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas NM 87701

No Appointment Needed

Sponsored by:



El Centro
Family Health

CAREER WRITING WORKSHOPS

WHEN

Oct. 21
9 a.m.-11 a.m.

WHERE

Student Services Building
ACE - Computer Lab

**FEATURING • Cover Letters, Resume Writing,
and Customer Service**

STUDENTS & ALUM INVITED

OCT. 21

**Onboarding/
Orientation -
Why am I here?**

OCT. 28

**Cover Letter Writing
Workshop**

NOV. 4

**Resume Writing
Workshop**

NOV. 11

**Customer Service &
Soft Skills Workshop**



Question, Persuade, and Refer
3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide



**Free to all LCC
Students, Staff, &
Faculty**

QPR Gatekeeper Certification

Thursday Nov 3rd
Attend one of two 1 hr trainings
10am or 2pm
Learning Resource Center
Lecture Hall

What is QPR?

Just as people trained in CPR help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Each year thousands of Americans, like you, are saying "Yes" to saving the life of a friend, colleague, sibling, or neighbor.

Made with PosterMyWall.com



Our Trainer

Director of the Montañas del Norte Area Health Education Center (MdN AHEC), Raymond Sanchez holds many certifications including QPR train the trainer, mental health first aid & is a certified Community Health Worker.

Sign Up Today!!

30 person limit at each session



<https://forms.gle/1tUvgpMoGwrQe61AA>

lunastrong@luna.edu

Luna Strong upcoming trainings

Luna Strong's mission is to shine a light and raise awareness of services currently available

Luna Strong was established in September 2022 through grant funds from the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NM HED). Luna Strong's mission is to shine a light and raise awareness of services currently available to the Luna community that promote the 8 Dimensions of Wellness. Luna Strong identifies areas of need, and connects students, staff, and faculty to services and support to address those needs.

The NM HED's Mental and Behavioral Health Initiative fund-

ed the *Building Rough Rider Resilience* grant in June 2022. This grant is allowing us to:

- **Formalize the longstanding partnership with Highlands University, the Montañas Del Norte Area Health Education Center & El Centro Family Health.** Students will have access to direct clinical services and social student support, activities, and events.
- **Establish a Mental and Behavioral Health Task Force** that will work to improve availability of resources on campus, providing trainings, and advocacy for those who are struggling.
- **Sponsor Trainings:** The Task Force will be sponsoring our first QPR Gatekeeper Certification training on Thursday, November 3 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Check out the website for more information and to register.
- **Anonymously survey students, faculty,**

and staff to help us identify areas of need on our campus. Please take the voluntary 8 Dimensions of Wellness Survey. The link is on our Luna Strong home page. Sign in using your LCC email but no identifying information will be captured except your status as student, staff, or faculty.

Luna was recently awarded \$145,000 out of a total of \$900,000 committed by New Mexico's Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham as part of her College Food Security Initiative.

More information will be forthcoming as we roll out additional food resources in the coming months through the Feeding Rough Rider Success grant. Both grants are under Project Director Carol Linder.

Please check out the Luna Strong website for resources for suicide prevention, mental and behavioral health, abuse and discrimination, drug and alcohol abuse, housing and food, health and wellness, and trainings. The webpage also provides information about the Call for Artists for a commissioned mural or sculpture. **The deadline for proposals is Friday, Nov. 18 at midnight.**

For questions and or suggestions please contact Dr. Carol Linder (clinder@luna.edu), Faculty Coordinator Andrellita Chavez (achavez@luna.edu), or email lunastrong@luna.edu.

LUNA STRONG
<https://sites.google.com/luna.edu/lunastrong/home>
Access from the luna.edu homepage
under the Students tab
Working together to meet the needs of our students.

Luna joins collaborative for Higher Education Shared Services

Luna Community College, in Las Vegas, New Mexico, has joined the Collaborative for Higher Education Shared Services. CHES is a nonprofit organization that works to transform the student experience and modernize administrative processes through a new shared-services Enterprise Resource Planning platform and Student Information System.

“We are extremely pleased to join the Collaborative for Higher Education Shared Services,” said Luna Community College President Dr. Edward Martinez. “We are excited to improve our internal processes which in turn will service our students in a more efficient manner which is our No. 1 priority.”

Located in the beautiful high country of northern New Mexico, Luna Community College is here to help you pursue your dreams, whether they include a rewarding entry-level job or continuing in higher education. With a tuition rate that is among the lowest in the nation, Luna is committed to providing a great start at a great value. The college’s main campus is in Las Vegas, N.M., with satellites in Santa Rosa and Springer and a site in Mora. LCC students have the option of staying at the residence halls on the nearby New Mexico Highlands University campus. Luna is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Luna Community College joins these CHES member colleges: Central New Mexico Community College, Clovis Community College, Mesalands Community College, Northern New Mexico College, San Juan College, and Santa Fe Community College. Each college retains its independence and governance structure as well as its special connection to the community it serves.

Together, CHES member colleges are designing an enterprise resource planning and student information system that will include student services, finance, human resources, payroll, and more. The CHES vision includes a cen-



Luna Community College has one of the most picturesque campuses in New Mexico.

tral database using the same technologies to strategically share resources and information. After issuing an RFP last year and evaluating the proposals, CHES chose Workday as its partner to implement its shared services vision. In addition, CampusWorks continues as a valued guide in the project.

This December, Wave 1 colleges Central New Mexico Community College, Clovis Community College, Northern New Mexico College, and Santa Fe Community College will go live with the Work-

day platforms for finance, human resources, and payroll. Dozens of representatives from each of the colleges have been collaborating extensively over many months to align their business processes in anticipation of going live. This approach is unique in higher education nationally. In addition, Wave 1 colleges currently are in pre-planning for Workday’s student information system platform.

Dr. Martinez announced last year that the college was exploring its capacity for joining CHES. After conducting a readiness study, it was clear that Luna Community College would join CHES, he noted.

“We’re delighted to welcome Luna Community College to the CHES organization,” said Becky Rowley, Ph.D., chair of the CHES Board of Directors and president of Santa Fe Community College. “Dr. Martinez and his faculty and staff will bring important contributions to our initiative and strengthen our efforts to support all students.”

Dr. Martinez serves as a member of the CHES Board of Directors. Luna Community College will begin its participation as part of Wave 2 of the CHES ERP implementation later this year, joining Wave 2 colleges Mesalands Community College and San Juan College. More information about Luna Community College can be found at luna.edu. Luna Community College 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 communities.

Rough Riders, coaches talk with Memorial Middle School students



Pictured (l-r) Coach Zach Santorum, Gavin Millard, Gannon Moore, Bo Kidd, Kellan Turner, Coach Jared Mang, Brayden Schofield, Coach Harry Estep, Aiden Ortiz, and Alexander Abeyta.

On Wednesday, October 26, several Luna Rough Riders and their coaches came to talk with Alexander Abeyta's computer students at Memorial Middle School as part of Luna's Mentorship and College Readiness Program.

The topic for the session was social media and how it can impact students' lives, moods, and plans for the future. Rough Rider players stayed all day and shared their stories of how they came to play baseball for Luna and answered student questions. They also shared their own experiences with social media. Some of the players joined the students for lunch at the school cafeteria.



Luna Rough Rider baseball players address Alex Abeyta's class at Memorial Middle School in Las Vegas.

It was a productive day for the LCC Mentorship and College Readiness Program. Anyone wishing to help with the mentorship program by volunteering to present at one of our area schools should email Sherry Goodyear at sgoodyear@luna.edu. Those wishing to present their programs through the mentorship program should also contact Goodyear. To learn more about the mentorship program, visit the mentorship website at <https://sites.google.com/luna.edu/lcc-mentorship-college-readine/home>.

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

November 14 - 18th, 2022

Luna Community College
Law Enforcement Training Center
Building

Contact Kim Baca
505-429-5962
letc@luna.edu

ROUGH RIDER LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER

\$400 Per Person
\$300 For Advisory Board Members
Includes Free Individual First Aid Kits

**Scan to
Register
Today!**



Space limited to 24

- Hate Crimes
- Child Abuse or Neglect Investigations
- Domestic Violence Training
- Missing Person/AMBER Alert
- Ensuring Child Safety Upon Parental Arrest
- Interaction with Mental Impairments
- Legal Update
- Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) Updates
- Tourniquet & Trauma
- Firearms and Use of Force training with VirTra V-300 Simulator



Lunch and Refreshments Provided!

Biennium Training Course Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

Monday, November 14, 2022

Domestic Violence Training	8:30 am – 9:30 am	Deputy Stumberg (Mora County)
Missing Person/AMBER Alert	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Chief Romero (NMHU)
Child Abuse or Neglect Investigations	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chief Romero (NMHU)
Lunch Provided	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	
Ensuring Child Safety Upon Parental Arrest	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Chief Antonio Salazar (LVPD)
Tourniquet and Trauma	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Sergeant Theo Chavez (NMHU)

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Interaction with Mental Impairments	8:30 am – 10:30 am	TBA
Hate Crimes	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Officer Johnathan Bernal (NMHU)
Lunch Provided	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	
Legal Update	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	District Attorney Tom Clayton

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Safe Pursuit	8 am – 12 pm	Deputy Chief Caleb Marquez (LVPD)
Lunch Provided	12 pm – 1 pm	
Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) Updates	1 pm – 5 pm	Under Sheriff Americk Padilla (Mora)

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Firearms Training	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lieutenant David Lautalo (LVPD)
Lunch Provided	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	
Use of Force	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Officer Juan Gonzales (NMHU)

Friday, November 18, 2022

Annual Firearms Day/Night Qualifications	All Day	
--	---------	--

Advertisement designed by the Las Vegas Optic

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

LUNA STRONG MURAL OR SCULPTURE NEEDED



Winning design to be determined by Luna Community (faculty, staff, students)



Scan this code to learn more about Luna Strong and submit your proposal

Deadline to submit your proposal is November 18th by midnight

Luna Strong is calling all artists to submit a design for a mural or sculpture for our campus to represent the Luna Strong program. The theme should highlight the resilience shown by students, staff, and faculty in the face of the recent challenges in our community.

lunastrong@luna.edu



Luna students and employees participated in a Conversation with Attorney General Hector Balderas recently at Highlands University.

Luna baseball players Dylan Grube, a sophomore from Albuquerque and Jonah Hartnett, a freshman from Fort Worth warm up before throwing. Luna athletics will be having a Luna Employee, Community Appreciation Day at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6 at the NMHU baseball and softball fields.



Uplift education and New Mexico by supporting GO Bond 3

A college degree can help ensure a more successful life. Research shows that people without an education past high school are more likely to live in poverty and less likely to be employed. By 2030 – less than 10 years from now – nearly three out of every four jobs will require a college degree.

An in-state college education is a good investment. New Mexico was named second in a list of seven states where "college is worth the cost," according to an article on *forbes.com*. Student Loan Hero crunched the numbers to figure out the ROI (return on investment) for colleges in all 50 states. According to the article, New Mexico students enjoy a high ROI on their college degrees. In fact, the average grad sees a return of 151 percent. And, compared to workers without a college degree, college graduates here see an average pay bump of \$17,000.

People with college degrees are more likely to be employed. Nationally, 83 percent of those with bachelor's degrees and 78 percent of those with associate's degrees or some college were employed, compared to 69 percent of those who have only a high school diploma.

This November, voters throughout our state will have the opportunity to provide New Mexico's colleges, universities and specialty schools with the ability to ensure our students receive the education they need to succeed by voting in support of General Obligation Bond 3 for Higher Education (GO Bond 3).

Near the end of the ballot, voters will be asked to approve more than \$215.6 million for public institutions throughout the state, and voters can approve this vital funding without any increase in their property tax rates.

At Luna Community College, Bond 3 is for Phase 2 of the college's HVAC upgrades, infrastructure improvements and ADA compliance upgrades.

GO Bond 3 will pay for a critically needed children's psychiatric center at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque. In Las Cruces, Bond 3

will help create new classrooms and inter-disciplinary labs to promote hands-on research in electrical and computer engineering as well as health care, nursing, agriculture and food safety.

In some cases, GO Bond 3 money is needed to make sure the educational facilities we've already invested in are safe and comfortable learning environments. Projects include fixing or replacing leaky roofs, installing sprinklers and fire suppression, and replacing failing, inefficient heating and air conditioning systems.

GO Bond funding is critical because in most cases it is the ONLY source of adequate funding our colleges, universities and specialty schools have to make these kinds of needed investments and renovations.

In addition, support of GO Bond 3 is an important economic driver in many communities, since it will create an estimated 2,000 jobs in construction, architecture and other related fields.

GO Bond 3 funds can also help our institutions of higher education develop the capacity to attract top students from throughout New Mexico so they get an education in-state and stay in New Mexico to establish their careers and contribute to our economy.

A strong system of higher education is something all New Mexicans can support. A vote for GO Bond 3 will prepare students with the skills and knowledge they need to become our next generation of leaders – without raising property tax rates.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8 with polls open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Support your community, our students and a better future for all New Mexicans by voting yes on GO Bond 3. For more information about specific projects around the state and how passage of GO Bond 3 will have a positive impact on New Mexico, visit Bond3forNM.com.



Bernadette Maldonado's drawing class are working on Luna's motto "Creating Opportunities for You" on the east wall in the Humanities Building. As part of the project, each student had one letter in the words to design and create how Luna may have shown or shared an opportunity with them.



Congratulations to Luna cosmetology and barbering instructors Clarice Bonney, Germaine Sandoval and Andrew Quintana who each had an essential role in organizing their department's 20-year celebration.

Luna Community College Creating Opportunities For You!

As part of cosmetology's 20 year celebration, instructors and students set up a table of goodies for participants which including a celebratory cake.

