



April 20-24, 2026

Week 14 of the Spring 2026 Semester

Here's What's Happening at LUNA...

A decorative poster for the 3rd Annual LCC Alumni Achievement Awards Banquet. The title is in a mix of blue and gold fonts. It lists the venue as Charlie's Bakery & Café at 715 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, NM, on May 1st, 2026, from 5-9 pm. The ticket price is \$40 per person, including a Southwest Buffet. Proceeds support Luna Foundation initiatives. Contact information includes a phone number (505) 454-5337 and an email address lccfoundation@luna.edu. A QR code is provided for tickets, and the Luna Community College Foundation logo is at the bottom.



Important Dates:

- 3rd Annual Alumni Achievement Awards Banquet – May 1, 2026 5:00-9:00 P.M.
- Graduation Door Decoration Contest Registration Deadline – May 1, 2026 by noon.
- Graduation Door Decoration Judging -May 6, 2026
- Final's Week, May 4-8, 2026
- Graduation – May 9, 2026; 10:00 A.M.
- Final Grades due to registrar by noon, May 11, 2026
- May 11-15, 2026 Faculty/Staff In-Service week.
- June 1, 2026 – Summer classes begin.

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

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

Graduation Door Decorating Contest

Dear Faculty and Staff,

As we prepare to celebrate our upcoming commencement, the Registrar's Office, in partnership with the AVP and VPISS Office, is excited to announce a campus-wide Graduation Door Decorating Competition!

This year, we are honoring our rich history with the theme: "Celebrating 56 Years of The People's College." We invite all departments and offices to show their school spirit and creativity as we gear up for this milestone graduation season.

Competition Details:

- **Registration Deadline:** Please register your door by Friday, May 1st at 12:00 PM (Noon).
- **Judging:** Judging will take place on Wednesday, May 6th. To ensure a fair and unbiased selection, we have invited an objective third party to serve as our judges.
- **Prizes:** We will be awarding prizes to the top three winning doors!

Whether you want to highlight the legacy of our students, the history of our institution, or your own department's contribution to "The People's College" over the last 56 years, we can't wait to see your displays.

Let's make the campus look festive and welcoming for our graduates and their families!

Apply [here](#).

Best regards,

Rachael Lucero, M.S.

Registrar

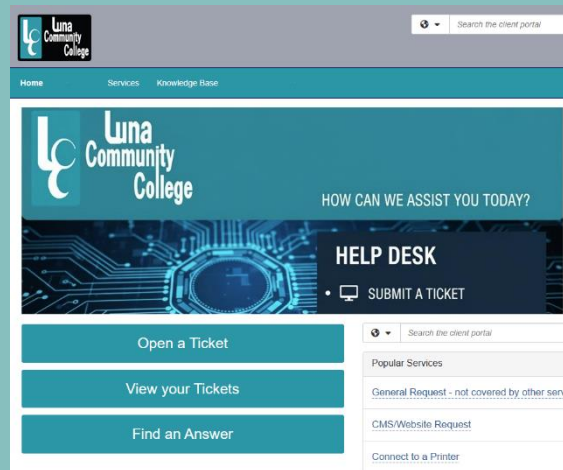
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New IT Help Desk Portal

With the new IT Help Desk Portal being active for about 6 weeks now I'd like to thank all of you who have been using the new system and the new portal.



Since we activated the new TeamDynamix system on March 9th, we have received 147 tickets. We currently have 19 tickets open and have resolved 128. We have 26% of the tickets submitted via the Portal but we still have 74% coming in via email.

Some tips for submitting tickets -

Use the Portal Instead of email

Using the Portal allows you to select the type of ticket you'll be submitting. Each type of ticket (or service) may have some fields specific to the type of service to help IT have the information we need to resolve your issue.

Most tickets submitted via the Portal are automatically assigned to the individual who can most likely assist you. Tickets submitted by email come in unassigned until an IT team member determines that they should assign it to themselves or someone reviews and assigns it. This can result in delays in resolution.

Provide a good short description of the issue in the Title field if submitted via the portal or in the Subject line if submitted by email. IT sees the Title/Subject line of the ticket without having to open the ticket to see the description. An emailed ticket with no subject appears as '(No Title)'. This may delay in assigning the ticket as IT has no idea what it is about without opening and reviewing the description.

Please respond to any queries from IT. There are times when the IT person handling your ticket has a question or a need for more information. They will add a comment to the ticket and you will receive an email from IT Help Desk. Your issue will likely be on hold until you respond. Tickets that never receive a response might be closed after a time with the assumption that you have resolved your issue.

Reference the Knowledge Base if you are looking for some information about setting your phone greeting, mapping your network drives, creating a personal distribution email list, etc. IT may add information to the Knowledge Base from time to time based on user feedback.

The Knowledge Base is accessed via the top menu or the Find an Answer button.



Thank you.

Regards,

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Transition of Mandatory Annual Training to Workday Learn

Hello LCC Community,

Whether you are a long-time member of the Rough Rider family or just joining us, we are thrilled to have you at Luna Community College. We take great pride in our mission to serve our students and community, and we value the impact each of you makes in your role.

To maintain our commitment to a safe, compliant, and supportive campus environment, all employees regardless of tenure are required to complete four mandatory training modules.

Important Notice: Transition to Workday Learn

As part of our institutional move toward the Student Information System (SIS) go-live, we have begun the transition of all compliance tracking to Workday Learn. We believe the more comfortable we all become with Workday now, the better equipped we will be for a successful SIS transition.

Please be advised of the following decision made by HR, Leadership and the Training Team:

System-Wide Reset: After reviewing current records, it was determined that many employees are not currently reflected as compliant. To ensure accurate data, there will be no record transfer from previous systems.

Training Launch Dates: *

New Hires 3/1 and After: Will begin their assignments in Workday on May 1st.

Existing Employees: The rest of the campus will begin their assignments in August.

Future Renewals: To align our campus community, these trainings will officially renew for everyone in August 2027, and annually thereafter.

We recognize that many of you likely completed these trainings within the last 9-12 months; however, completing them again in Workday is the only way to establish your official record in the new system. This one-time reset ensures accurate tracking and allows the system to manage your renewals automatically moving forward.

Required Training Modules

These interactive modules help us navigate real-world scenarios at LCC:

FERPA: Student privacy and record security.

Safety: Best practices for a secure campus.

Workplace Harassment: Maintaining a professional and respectful environment.

Title IX: Preventing discrimination and misconduct.

Timeline & Compliance

The 90-day completion window set for the August launch is strategically set so that everyone is fully compliant by the end of the Fall semester.

Support & Questions

If you encounter technical issues or have questions regarding these requirements, please reach out to me at mmares@luna.edu or training@luna.edu. If you have specific concerns regarding this policy change, please feel free to reach out to the HR Department.

Thank you for your cooperation during this transition and for your continued dedication to the Rough Rider family.

Best regards,

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30 Minutes with Maverick



Las Vegas

A colorful poster for the 138th Annual Fiestas de Las Vegas. It features a woman in traditional attire holding a trophy. Text includes: "138th Annual Fiestas de Las Vegas", "Embrace Leadership as Reina de Las Vegas", "QUALIFICATIONS", "Open to women ages 16-24", "Resident of San Miguel County", "Pageant to be held Sunday June 28", "Nuestra cultura es nuestro orgullo, nuestra fuerza y nuestra historia.", "Apply online at www.lasvegasnm.gov", and "Jaiden Saiz 2025 Reina".

A public service announcement from the City of Las Vegas. It includes the city logo, address (1700 N. Grand Avenue Las Vegas, NM 87701), phone number (505-454-1401), and website (lasvegasnm.gov). The announcement is from Mayor David Romero regarding the "Reina of the 138th Annual Fiestas de Las Vegas" pageant. It details the role of the Reina, the application process (ages 16-24, San Miguel County residents), and the pageant date (June 28). The deadline for applications is June 1, with contact information for Ane Romero (505-699-9330 or ane.romero7@gmail.com). The announcement ends with "###".

April 21, 2026 Shoutouts



Shoutout to Our LCC Students!

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our students for their patience and understanding as our new Financial Aid team worked through recent challenges in administering federal aid. Your flexibility and support during this time have not gone unnoticed, and we are truly grateful.



Shout out to **Anthony Lujan, April Sandoval and the maintenance crew** for working diligently to meet our needs and always so willing to help us~

We remain committed to providing you with the highest level of service and look forward to supporting you in the semesters ahead.

Shout out to **Bethany and Joy** for being so kind to our students~ --Gloria Ortiz

Thank you for being an important part of the LCC community!
Your LCC Financial Aid Team
--Bethany Brafford

Shoutout to **Fayla Ray** for coming over to help with Workday purchasing! --Denise Fox & Raylynn Griffiths

Shout out to **Cristino Griego** for his immense support and hard work in helping me create culinary wonders for the Girls Can lunch.

Huge shoutout to our incredible **Financial Aid Department!** Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to giving students clear, accurate answers does not go unnoticed.

Shout out to **Raylynn Griffiths and Denise Fox** for their work on putting the Health Fair together.

Every day, you go above and beyond to support our students and ensure they have what they need to succeed. From staying on top of tight disbursement schedules to the tremendous effort you've all put into the Workday project—your teamwork and perseverance are truly impressive.

Having those two events in one week was a lot of work and Allied Health and Culinary worked really hard and did an amazing job!
--Crystal K. Western Ford

Thank you for everything you do. Your impact reaches far beyond the office, and it makes a real difference in the lives of our students! --Ryan Agosto-Hayes

Betty Bastai, WRTC for her great work on our new newsletter design/ format!

Lydia Okojie for her continued great work on our grant budgets!

I'd like to give **Rachael Lucero** a shoutout. She's always willing to help me with workday stuff. --Terence Garcia

Valerie Thompson on her management skills and her continued development of our high school outreach programs!

Wes Schuchman for his vision and support on the Center and our course delivery programs! --Hank Blackwell

Shoutout to **Denise Fox** for taking some marvelous photos for Girls Can! --Amanda Nelson



Campus Climate Survey Coming Soon

Hi Luna Crew,

At Luna Community College, we aren't just a collection of offices and classrooms—we are a community. To keep that community growing and thriving, we need to know what's working and where we can do better.

The Campus Climate Survey will begin on 4/27 (Next Monday), and we want to hear from YOU.

Whether you have a great idea for campus improvement or just want to share your daily experience as a member of our faculty or staff, your perspective is the "secret sauce" that helps us shape the future of LCC.



Why should you take 15 minutes to fill it out?

- **It's Anonymous:** Speak freely! Your honest feedback is what we need most.
- **It Drives Change:** We use these results to guide institutional decisions, professional development, and campus culture initiatives.
- **Represent Your Department:** Ensure your area of the college is heard loud and clear.

Thank you for everything you do to support our students and each other. Let's work together to make Luna the best place to work and learn! Go Rough Riders!

Best regards,
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Scholarship Opportunity: 2026-27 NMAER Scholarship Program for Students

Hello LCC Student:

The New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees (NMAER) has announced its scholarship program for the 2026-27 school year. They are offering five \$1,000 scholarships for students pursuing a diploma or certificate at a Community College or Trade School. Attached to this email you will find the application documents for your convenience.

Key Details:

Award: Five \$1,000 scholarships

Eligibility: Students working toward a diploma or certificate at a Community College or Trade School for the 2026-27 year.

Deadline: June 30, 2026

How to Apply: Applications are available at nmaer.com or by calling the NMAER Office at 505-275-6427.

Return Your Application to: H. Russell Goff, NMAER Executive Director

One of the following ways:

email: nmaer@cybermesa.com

mail to: 3900 Juan Tabo Blvd., NE, Suite #7
Albuquerque, NM 87111

Las Vegas Community Events

- To learn more about the many community events happening in Las Vegas currently and in the future, visit <https://www.plugin.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 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.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!