



# Luna student Marisol Maestas celebrates with family, instructors

**Luna dental assistant graduate Marisol Maestas (holding flowers) takes a photo with family members and staff before a pinning ceremony that took place on Friday, July 21. A hail storm hit the area about 4:30 p.m. that afternoon. For more photos, please see page 5.**



The lights may have gone off on Friday afternoon on July 21 because of a hail storm that hit the Las Vegas area, but the lack of electricity didn't dampen the mood for 2023 Luna dental assisting graduate Marisol Maestas who celebrated her accomplishment among many family members and Luna staff at the college.

Maestas took part of a traditional pinning ceremony that was started several years ago honoring dental assisting graduates. What made this one extra-special was that Maestas is the lone graduate of the program this year.

"I really enjoyed the program, overall," said Maestas. "Denise (Fox) and Gloria (Pacheco) (both instructors) really helped me a lot. Not only did I learn about dental as-

sisting, they helped me overcome my shyness."

Maestas is scheduled to take her state board examinations on Aug. 17 and once she passes, Maestas has a job waiting for her at a local dentist's office.

"Marisol is a very dedicated, optimistic and attentive individual," said Pacheco. "She is an amazing dental assistant."

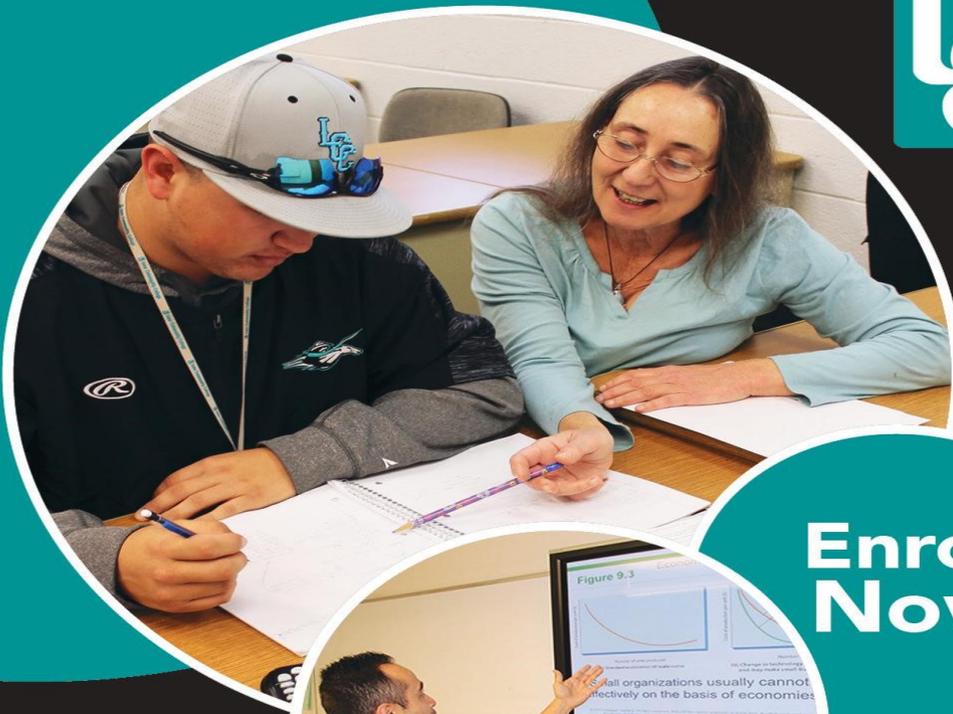
Several dozen family members were by Maestas' side as she read the dental assistant's pledge. As part of being a dental assistant, Maestas pledged to be passionate about her patients and dedicated to her profession.

Maestas said that she plans to look into dental hygiene school. She is a 2022 West Las Vegas graduate.



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**Mary Louise Gallegos from La Tewa in San Miguel County was the first recipient of adobes that were made by Luna employees and community members, recently at adobe workshops at the college. Luna partnered with Las Vegas Citizens Committee for Historic Preservation and Cornerstones Community Partnerships to have the workshops. Santa Fe Community Foundation and McCune Foundation grants provided financial support to Cornerstones and Rocky Road Gravel Products of Las Vegas donated the soil materials for the adobes. Adobes will benefit properties affected by the fire and floods in San Miguel and Mora Counties. For more information on how to get the adobes, contact Lawrence Quintana at 505-617-2165. The effort is part of Luna's Outreach and Community Support Team. Over 1,500 adobes were made.**





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**Luna dental assistant graduate Marisol Maestas stands in front of her graduation cake; Maestas recites her dental assistant pledge with her mother Hortencia and instructor Gloria Pacheco; Pacheco talks about the importance of dental assistants in the workforce.**



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**Luna Community College would like to thank student workers from Help New Mexico and the Youth Conservation Corps for all their hard work they did at the college this summer.**

**A hail storm hit Luna Community College's main campus in Las Vegas at around 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 21. The hail covered the entire campus, with water running through the concrete drainage ditch between the Maria H. Paiz Administration Building and the Support Services Building creating a beautiful scenery.**



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