



Terence Garcia ready to place Luna students in film industry

Terence Garcia is as enthusiastic as an instructor can be. And you can't blame him.

Garcia is ready to take Luna's newly developed film technician certificate to the very top. His goal is a simple one. Garcia wants to certify Luna students and get them to work in the film industry.

"I want to see the film technician certificate program full of students and get them jobs," says Garcia.

Garcia along with fellow instructor James Hunyadi are working on building the program and



Terence Garcia is a first-year instructor in media arts. Garcia says that the film technician certificate program is the ticket for many Luna students.

the reputation to the point that when students choose Luna, they know what is in store for them at the end of the road—a job.

"We have over 50 television shows and movies being filmed in New Mexico right now and we want to see people from Luna working on these sets," says Garcia. "Individuals that get hired for these sets work hard, but are paid well."

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Luna students Aysa Vigil, Desiree Apodaca and Anthony Lujan take a minute to view the college's mission statement and motto at the Maria H. Administration Building on Tuesday, Sept. 6. The college's mission statement is "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." The College's motto is "Creating opportunities for you!" There are several posters around campus that include information on the college's vision, mission, motto, guiding principles and strategic goals.



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Film technician certificate...

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A certificate in this program gets students on the path to a successful future in a thriving industry.”

The film technician certificate program which is being touted as a Career in One Year is divided into two semesters. The first semester is on campus and includes courses covering film set etiquette, nomenclature and terminology, film history, equipment handling and OSHA safety rules.

The second semester continues coursework in editing, audio, lighting and other hands-on experience. The semester includes an eight-week internship where students can gain real-world experience, make industry connections and begin the networking that is so critical to success in the world of film. As part of the benefits of the industry, students will be helped with straight forward paths to membership in the International Alliance of Theatrical State Employees 480, the main film industry union in New Mexico.

In addition, students will be assisted and guided to develop job-winning resumes and cover letters so their

classwork and training leads to jobs in the real world.

“Once a student is in the union, they become hireable,” says Garcia.

Garcia said that courses are also available as electives and to dual credit students.

“We have a class in photography, introduction to digital filmmaking and we also teach history of motion pictures,” says Garcia.

“Right now, we are visiting local high schools and recruiting for our program,” says Garcia. “I want to help out our communities by teaching them the skills that I learned and help students get a lucrative job.”

Garcia earned a master of arts in Media Arts and Technology with a concentration in video production from Highlands University. Garcia has worked in countries such as the Czech Republic and Poland where he managed a five person video team.

Garcia said they intend to teach 8-week courses in October.

For more information on Luna’s film technician program, please e-mail Garcia at tegarcia@luna.edu.

The Luna Community College cosmetology and barbering clinic floor is accepting appointments or walk-ins. Please call 505-454-5344 to set up an appointment. Pictured is Luna barbering student Joel Moreno cutting Luke Valdez' hair.

Luna will be competing in Esports

Luna Community College is excited to announce that it will be competing in Esports and will be participating in the National Junior College Athletics Association Esports (NJCAA) division.

Luna students who are interested in participating can contact Nichole Collins at ncollins@luna.edu or at 505-454-5371. Esports, short for electronic sports, is a form of competition using video games.



Several Luna students seeking positions in student senate

Pizza party planned during election

Seven Luna Community College students are running for positions in the upcoming 2022-23 election, according to Student Senate sponsor Kimberly Baca.

Running for president is Paige Gowen. On her poster, Gowen says she was born and raised in Colorado and is a second-year student. Gowen says that she would like to become a nurse and has always enjoyed helping others and promoting organizations. Gowen says that one of her goals is to have more campus life activities.

Charles Wisneski is running for vice-president. On his poster, Wisneski says that he is a freshman and is a graduate of Belen High School where he was senior class president. Wisneski plays baseball for the Rough Riders.

Amaliah Cruz is running for secretary/treasurer. On her poster, Cruz says she is a sophomore from Wagon Mound and is currently earning a degree in applied science. One of her goals is to become a registered nurse. In high school, she was a manager for the girl's basketball team and did volunteer work for Upward Bound.

Wilmer Henriquez is running for senator. On his poster, Henriquez says he is from the Dominican Republic

and plays baseball for the Rough Riders. Henriquez says that he would love to represent Luna students and work with his colleagues on the senate.

Angelica Ortizow is running for senator. On her poster, Ortizow says to always remember you are stronger than you think and never doubt yourself. She also says to take one day at a time and there is no such thing as failing.

RJ Baca is running for senator. On his poster, Baca says his goal is to have each student heard. Born in Las Vegas, Baca has been on student senate before and would like the opportunity to serve again. Baca says

he enjoys helping others.

Mariah Tenorio is running for senator. In her poster, Tenorio says that she wants to be a voice for students and is dedicated to bringing in more activities to campus.

Student senate elections will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Humanities Building. Everyone is invited to a pizza party which will be held during the time of the election at the Humanities Building

For more information, contact Kimberly Baca at 505-429-5962 or via email at kbaca@luna.edu.

Student elections will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 in the Humanities Building.



College Scorecard:

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

Dr. Thompson says he wants to make a difference at Luna

The following is a one-on-one interview with Luna's Dr. John Thompson.

Name: Dr. John Paul Thompson

Position: Director, Department of Career and Technical Education (CTE).

What year did you start working for Luna?
November, 2020

What do you like most about Luna and why? The potential. When I reviewed the history of Luna and northern New Mexico and saw what the college and the region had experienced over the last 10 to 20 years. I decided, if they would have me, I could make a difference and find what that potential might be.

What does your job entail; what does a day at Luna look like for you? I plan every day on my calendar days and weeks in advance and then plan for flexibility based on the events of the day. I start with a review of emails and try to process every new one immediately. I believe in the motto, "Never put off until tomorrow what you should do today." I usually review with my "admin," Barbara Romero, what she did yesterday and what we need to do today.

Depending on the meetings scheduled for that day, I try to do as much "management by walking around" as I can and go to each of the CTE Programs: Auto and CRT, Welding, and the Barbering/Cosmetology Clinic. According to my new "fitness" watch, I am



Dr. John Thompson says he hopes he has been a positive influence at Luna.

getting in over 9,000 steps per day. In the afternoons, there is usually information someone needs or grant related purchasing or reporting, etc. And more emails usually come in to respond to. Now that I have my office phone transferred to my cell phone, I have very few unanswered phone calls.

Favorite food and why? I have two ethnic foods that I prefer: Chinese and Tex-Mex. When I was working my way through college at an unfinished furniture store, the only restaurant in the shopping strip was a Chinese restaurant so I ate Chinese food almost every Saturday for lunch. Then, when my wife and I married, there was a Chinese restaurant in the shopping strip across from the church where we

got married, so we had our wedding dinner there. Having been born and raised in Texas, Tex-Mex is in my DNA. Also, being a Texan, I sort of have to like a good BBQ or a steak!

Favorite TV show and why? I tend to like "old school" mystery "who done it" shows including Perry Mason, Columbo, Rockford, and Murder She Wrote. More contemporary shows included Castle, Law and Order, and NCIS. I like to think they make me think. I also like a lot of the PBS music shows and self-help shows, especially about brain and memory research. Finally, I like the history shows (true and maybe not).

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Where would you like to see yourself in five years? I will be “on the road again.” After my wife died in 2016, I sold our lake house and bought a motorhome (and a cabin at 10,000 feet in Colorado) and began traveling to see family and friends and places I liked or had never been to Canada, the northeast (New York City is a favorite place and I have driven motors on the streets of NYC going back to 1970), the Midwest, and up and down the Rockies. Before COVID, I was planning to tour the western states. So that’s what I plan to do—do some traveling. I have always wanted to visit the Hearst Castle having studied “Citizen Kane” in my film courses.

What is your greatest strength? I think “TENACITY.” Once I identify something needs to be done I am usually pretty determined to make it happened, including change (hopefully for the better).

What would you consider your biggest accomplishment in life and why? I haven’t done it yet. I

have received many awards and recognitions and done a lot for the institutions and organization that I have been a member - accomplished many things in my life - but I think the “biggest” is yet to come.

What do you consider a good day in your life? The “best” day was my wedding day. That day led to almost forty years of daily love and affection. I have so many places including Africa and Europe and Mexico and the Caribbean and all over the U.S. where I have good days. There have been many good days watching the sunrise and the sunset.

What do you enjoy doing outside of working at Luna? I love Santa Fe. I attend concerts usually once or twice a month. I walk Sampson (Sam, by Akbash, big white dog) almost every weekend on the Plaza. And I love singing in choirs. This year I have been invited to sing in three choirs and I am waiting to see how that works out.

Any final comments? I hope that I have been a positive influence at Luna.

Robertson High School students stand next to the Breaking Bad RV during a trip they took with Luna instructors to a film expo in Albuquerque, recently. Luna started a film technician certificate program this fall.





Luna dental assistant administrator Gloria Pacheco and faculty Denise Fox provided hands-on impression techniques to West Las Vegas High School students recently. Students had the opportunity to take a dental impression. The Luna Dental Assistant Program is accepting students for the fall 2022 semester. Classes will begin on Monday, Sept. 19. For information, call Gloria Pacheco at 505-454-2528 or via email at gpacheco@luna.edu.



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- **Sept 10** - Forest Thinning (Rociada, Maestas Canyon),
What to do with burned trees, how to detect bark beetles early, and what's next for the forest. Meet at 8 a.m. at Rociada Fire Station, 278 State Route 105
- **Sept. 24** - Post-fire plants (San Ignacio)
What plants we are seeing in our burned forests and why, plus how plants re-establish post-fire. Edible and medicinal plants.
Instructors: Cameron Weber, habitat conservation director, Rio Grande Return, and Erika Larsen, San Ignacio landowner and herbalist
Meet at 8 a.m. at the San Ignacio Fire Station, 108 County Road A3A.
- **Oct. 22** - (San Ignacio, Las Dispensas) seed harvesting workshop, 8 am - 3:30 pm
How to find viable seeds and harvest ethically, identify ripe seeds, collect, store, and reseed. Instructor: Cameron Weber, habitat conservation director, Rio Grande Return
Meet at 8 a.m. at the San Ignacio Fire Station, 108 County Road A3A.



Luna Community College and the New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute housed at Highlands University are collaborating on these workshops. Find out more at nmfwri.org or luna.edu.

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