



# Luna's Angelica Ortiz signs with Univ. of Texas at San Antonio

## Ortiz ties national home run record at 38

Luna Community College softball player Angelica Ortiz has signed a national letter of intent to continue her academic and playing career at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Ortiz, a sophomore from Albuquerque, is a graduate of Atrisco Heritage Academy.

"When I went on my visit (to Texas), my future coaches and teammates were very welcoming," said Ortiz. "They didn't just look at my statistics, they wanted to know me for my leadership skills."

Both her statistics and leadership skills speak volumes as a student athlete. So far this year, Ortiz has 38 home runs, which ties a National Junior College Athletic Association record for one season. The good news is that Ortiz has a chance to break that record this weekend against Lamar Community College. The Lady Rough Riders are scheduled to play two games in Lamar on Friday, April 19 and then play a season-finale double header beginning at noon on Sunday, April 21 at home. The Lady Rough Riders play their home games at Rodriguez Field.

Ortiz says she gives her current teammates and coach credit for her success.

"This team makes me who I am," says Ortiz. "Without them, I would not be where I'm at. I wouldn't be where I'm at today without coach Randy (Krutsch) either."



**Luna's Angelica Ortiz has 38 home runs on the season. With one more home run Ortiz would break National Junior College Athletic Association record.**

I walked on my first year at Luna and earned my scholarship. He gave me a second chance at the sport I love."

Ortiz platoons between catcher and third base for Luna.

"Angelica is a great leader and she's been great for our team," says Krutsch. "She is the kind of student-athlete you want to build your program around. Angelica put Luna on the map; she gave us national exposure. She is something special; we're going to miss her. She will have great success at University of Texas at San Antonio."

Ortiz could also break the NJCAA record for RBI's which currently stands at 117. Ortiz has 111 RBI's on the year which leads the nation. Ortiz' .536 batting average is fourth in the nation this season.

Ortiz, a criminal justice major says that it wasn't all about sports at Luna.

"Luna is a place for second chances and my professors and the staff at the college cared about me academically," says Ortiz who would one day like to be a detective.

Luna is 18-27 overall and 5-15 in Region 9 play.

UTSA is a member of the American Athletic Conference and teams in softball include, Florida Atlantic, Tulsa, Charlotte, North Texas, UAB, Wichita State, South Florida, East Carolina and Memphis.



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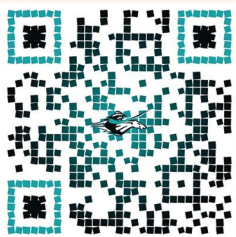
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### ***THE ACADEMY IS FREE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!***

All parents and guardians wishing to learn more about how to help their students navigate the college path are encouraged to fill out the form and sign up for the academy.

**For more information about the Padres Y Madres Academy and to weigh in on the topics you would like to see covered by the academy, please click the "Learn More" button and complete the interest form. You may also email Sherry Goodyear at [parentsacademy@luna.edu](mailto:parentsacademy@luna.edu) or call her at 505-587-3824 for more information.**

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# Dr. MaryAnn Osuchowski to be guest speaker at Luna graduation on Saturday, May 11

## *Osuchowski is a former Luna nursing graduate*

MaryAnn Osuchowski PhD, FNP-BC will be Luna Community College's 2024 graduation speaker. Luna's graduation is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 11 at the Media Education Center Auditorium.

Osuchowski was raised in Northern New Mexico, in the beautiful Mora Valley, and has called Las Vegas, New Mexico, her home for the past 30 years.

Dr. Osuchowski's father was a nurse (graduated from Luna Community College) and instilled within her the love and respect for all living things, from a very young age; she naturally followed in his footsteps.

Dr. Osuchowski began her education in nursing, locally, and is a 1992 LPN graduate of LCC. She never left the community, and instead commuted to Albuquerque, to attend classes at the University of New Mexico, where she earned her Bachelors, Masters (Family Nurse Practitioner), and Doctorate degrees. Dr. Osuchowski's research interest stems from her love of Northern New Mexico, the people who reside here, and the rich and distinct culture. Dr. Osuchowski performs qualitative research investigating the cultural norms and beliefs that drive health behaviors, specific to Hispanic residents of Northern New Mexico. This research has been shared through publication in *The Journal of Research in Nursing*. Dr. Osuchowski continues her educational pursuits and is currently enrolled in a post-Doctorate program, studying psychiatry. Dr. Osuchowski is the owner of and the sole provider at Your Health First Medical Clinic, located in Las Vegas, N.M. Dr. Osuchowski enjoys spending time with her daughters and grandson, in the moments she is free of study and work.



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Several Luna students and employees viewed the eclipse on April 8. Pictured (l-r) are Cade Hunt (CS Student/IT work study), Shannon Ortiz(LCC IT), Anthony Johnson (CS Student/IT work-study).



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# Luna Community College Education Department

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**JENNIFER ANDERSON**

**TALES FROM THE PRE-K: TAKING STUDENTS ON  
EXPEDITION TO THE GALAPAGOS**



Jennifer currently teaches in a dual-language Pre-K classroom at El Camino Real Academy in Santa Fe, N.M. She has traveled extensively during her teaching career and is eager to share her travel experiences with other educators. Jennifer will share about her latest expedition with National Geographic and how she is implementing project-based learning in her classroom.

**April 19, 2024  
5:30-7:00 p.m.**

**366 Luna Drive, Media Arts  
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\*Refreshments will be served



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# Luna Foundation hosts: Mariachi Gran Victoria fundraising concert on Saturday, May 4

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon filled with vibrant music, cultural celebration, and philanthropy as the Luna Community College Foundation proudly hosts a Mariachi concert fundraiser featuring the talented all-women group, Mariachi Gran Victoria. Taking place in the heart of Luna Community College at the Media Education Center Auditorium, this event assures attendees an enchanting experience.

## Event Details

**Date:** Saturday, May 4, 2024

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** Luna Community College Media Education Center Auditorium

Mariachi Gran Victoria, from Santa Fe, is a stellar ensemble of six talented musicians who have captivated audiences with their soulful melodies and captivating performances. Their music embodies the rich cultural heritage of Mexico, brought to life through the timeless tradition of mariachi music.

In addition to the electrifying musical performance by Mariachi Gran Victoria, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in various fundraising activities. A silent auction will feature an array of enticing items up for bid, while a ticket raffle offers the chance to win an exciting door prize. Delightful refreshments will be served during intermission, providing a perfect opportunity to mingle and indulge in delicious treats.

## Supporting Education

Proceeds from this event will provide scholarship opportunities for Luna Com-

munity College students. By attending this concert, guests will not only experience the magic of mariachi music but also contribute to the educational aspirations of deserving students, empowering them to pursue their dreams and achieve academic success.

## Gratitude to Sponsors

The Luna Community College Foundation extends heartfelt appreciation to our title sponsor, Community 1st Bank Las Vegas, whose generous support has made this event possible. We are also grateful to our food sponsor, State Farm, for their contribution to the success of this fundraising endeavor.

## Ticket Information

Tickets for this enchanting event are available for purchase both online and through hard copy. To order online, please

visit <https://square.link/u/9eiOe3Jg> or simply scan the QR code on the event flyer. For those preferring hard copy tickets, please contact the LCC Foundation at (505) 454-5337 or email [lccfoundation@luna.edu](mailto:lccfoundation@luna.edu). Every hard-copy ticket purchase offers the opportunity to provide contact information for entry into the ticket drawing for a door prize.

## Join Us

Don't miss your chance to be part of this extraordinary event! Gather your friends and family, and immerse yourself in an afternoon of mariachi magic, all while supporting a noble cause. Let's come together to celebrate culture, music, and education at the Luna Community College Foundation's Mariachi Gran Victoria Fundraising Concert.



Luna baseball players are pictured here enjoying a sunny day at the ball park. The Rough Riders are scheduled to play at McCook Community College over the weekend.

