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La Reina de Las Vegas Mia Marquez waves to the crowd during the West Las Vegas Homecoming Parade.

La Reina de Las Vegas’ Mia Marquez enjoying Luna nursing program

Mia Marquez is enjoying being La Reina de Las Vegas and enjoying being a student in Luna’s nursing program.

Marquez has been La Reina de Las Vegas since July 2023 and will hold that title until next year’s City of Las Vegas Fiestas.

“I do a lot of community outreach,” says Marquez. “A lot of engaging with the community.”

As part of her La Reina de Las Vegas platform, “bridging the generation gap,” Marquez said she interviewed her great grandma Marica Ortiz, 99.

“My great grandma spoke about her memories of the fiestas and what she loved about it,” says Marquez. “She told me that the fiestas were family oriented and that she enjoyed the music and food.”

Marquez has some favored parts of the fiestas as

well.

“My favorite part is engaging with both the younger and older generation,” says Marquez. “I learn a lot from both.”

Being La Reina de Las Vegas may be a part-time job, being a Luna nursing student takes most of her time.

“There is a lot of reading,” says Marquez. “Every day I get to learn something new. You have to put 110 percent into this program.”

Marquez says there is a lot of support in Luna’s nursing program.

“I love it here,” says Marquez. “If you need something, someone is always there for you. We’ve only been in school for about a month now, but we’re close with our classmates.”

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Employment opportunities

Wildfire Resiliency Training Center Director

Wildfires are growing worse every year - both bigger and more frequent. To combat the devastation, we need more people with the skills and expertise to mitigate the dangers and implement recovery for lands, forests, water and communities. Luna Community College is opening a Wildfire Resiliency Training Center. If you would like to lead this important work and apply for the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center Director position contact Dr. Day at 505-454-5378 to discuss the Center and the position in more detail. You may also visit luna.edu and click on the About link and then click on the Employment Opportunities link.

Vice President for Finance and Administration

This position serves as the Luna Community College (LCC) treasurer and chief financial officer, charged with maintaining the fiscal integrity of the College. This position is responsible for the planning, implementation, and management of all financial activities, including business and strategic planning, budgeting, internal and external auditing, contract management, forecasting and negotiations for financial affairs and administrative services. Develops short and long-term plans for the Finance and Administration (F & A) areas. For more information, visit luna.edu and click on the About link and then click on the Employment Opportunities link.



Luna baseball players Nick Estacio, Keagan Scott, Manuel Chaco, Conagher Pierce and Jadon Trujillo stand in an area behind the Luna athletic facility where both the baseball and softball team will have outdoor mounds and hitting cages. Luna student-athletes will enjoy a picturesque background while they practice.

In the bottom photo, Luna assistant softball coach Jessica Sisemore and head softball coach and athletic director Randy Krutsch get ready for a practice at Rodriguez Field.



Mia Marquez...

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Marquez, a 2021 West Las Vegas High graduate, said that choosing nursing, as a profession is a way to give back to her community.

“My nephew was in a neonatal intensive care unit for about a month, and that pushed me toward wanting to be a nurse,” says Marquez. “My nephew is doing fine.”

Marquez has both a short-term and long-term goal in mind.

“My short-term goal is to graduate from the nursing program and my

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long-term goal is to further my education, possibly to be a nurse practi-

tioner,” says Marquez.

Marquez says that her choice of Luna was an easy one.

“I didn’t want to go too far, I love Las Vegas, so I decided to stay here,” says Marquez.

Marquez has some direct advice for those that want to follow in her footsteps.

“Be yourself,” says Marquez. “Give it your all and the same goes for the nursing program. Don’t be afraid to ask questions.”

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Commercial Drivers License

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(505) 454-2533 or 454-5308
(Tracy) OR (Karen)

Or 1-800-588-7232,
Ext. 1205 or 1207



CDL Training — All Classes

CDL Cost breakdown:

TOTAL COST	\$2828
ELDT Online Module	\$300
Registration & other fees	\$100
Hands-on Driving Lab Fee	\$2050
State Driving Test fee	\$200
Med. Exam & UA	\$150
MVD fees (not included) \$10/permit; \$18/license	\$28

RETESTING FEE:

If student does not pass the driving test, there is a Retest Fee of \$250. —Another test will be scheduled **ONLY** after the retest fee has been paid.

PROCESS:

- Enroll in CDL classes (complete the E-Z Enroll link, or email requesting an Enrollment page)
- Arrange for payment, of course
- Complete the Online Theory Studies
- Test at MVD for permit
- Go get Medical exam & UA
- Visit CDL office, for Simulator time & Driving Class
- Attend, Listen, Learn, Apply Knowledge, then
- Test

NOTE:

A copy of all of the following is required to be on file in the CDL Office in order to participate in the driving portion of the lab class. Tests will be scheduled only after confirmation that payments are all complete.

- ⇒ Receipts for: Full Payment (or Payment Plan or Agreement forms)
- ⇒ Valid NM Drivers License
- ⇒ Current CDL permit (Class A)
- ⇒ Drug test results
- ⇒ DOT physical (Med Card)



Are you a middle-school student interested in film-making?



Film Prize Junior

Consider signing up for Luna Community College's Future Rough Rider Mentorship and College-Readiness "Beyond School" Program's Film Prize Junior Class:

For: 6th-9th grade students in Colfax County

Lead by Teacher sponsors: Dr. Billie Mathews and Stephanie Garcia who will walk you through the process

Meeting location: Luna Community College satellite in Springer, NM Room 107

Day and Time: Fridays, 9:00-11:00 A.M. (First class 9/22/23)

Cost: Free

(Film Prize Junior is a two-semester commitment)

Sign Up: Email Sherry Goodyear at sgoodyear@luna.edu for a sign-up package.

Film Entries for Film Prize Junior are due

December 5, 2023.



Several community education classes at Luna for the fall semester

HITT Class by Michael Maes and Lori Lujan

Mon - Thurs 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center

Cost of Course: \$50 a month or \$5 a day

Zumba by Lori Campos

Tues and Thurs Noon – 1 p.m.

Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center

Cost of course: \$10 a month or \$5 a class

Zumba by Sonya Romero

Mon and Wed 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Tech Bldg Room 139

Beginning September 18, 2023

Cost of Course: \$30 a month or \$5 a class

Classical and Contemporary Guitar Lesson by

John Arrellanes

Tues and Thurs 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Location: TBA

Cost of Course: \$15 a class \$60 for 4 weeks

Call 505-454-2541 for starting date

Driver's Education by Kenneth Ortega

Sat and Sun 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Cost of Course: \$300

Location: STEM Dept. Tech 102

Classes will run Dec. 2, 2023 to Dec. 16, 2023

Sewing: Panel Quilt and Border by Lin Chibante

Thurs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost of Course: \$70

Dates: Aug. 17, 2023 to Nov. 13, 2023

Location: School of Business, Room 116

Sewing: Panel Quilt and Border by Karriri Scott

\$70 a person (plus \$20 for supplies)

Tues 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: School of Business, Room 116

Aug. 15, 2023 to Nov. 14, 2023

Location: School of Business, Room 116

Beginning Quilting (Karri Scott)

\$80 a person (Student must supply materials and thread)

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: School of Business, Room 116

Aug. 22, 2023 to Dec. 12, 2023

Sign Language for Beginners by Chuck Griego

\$50 a person on Mon and Wed, from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 11, 2023 to Oct. 11, 2023

Location: School of Business Room 117

Pencil Drawing by Tammy Marrujo

\$50 a person on Tues and Thursday from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Sept. 12, 2023 to Oct. 24, 2023

Location: School of Business Room 116

Ballet I and II by Sarah Flores

\$160 for 10 weeks

Mondays: Ages 4-6 is from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Ages 7 and up is from 4:45 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Location: School of Business Rm 112

Folklorico Lessons by Sarah Flores

\$160 for 10 weeks

Wednesdays: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Ages: 5 & up

Location: School of Business Rm 112

Kettle Ball /Functional Fitness Course by Antonio Salazar

Tues and Thurs 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Gerald Ortega Wellness Center

Cost of Course \$40 a month

New Community Ed Courses (Santa Rosa)

Walking\Exercise

Mon-Thurs 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Occasional Friday Bonus Days

\$15 a month

Location: Santa Rosa Campus

New Community Ed Courses (Springer)

(Schedule is in process and will be announced at a later date)

New Community Ed Courses (Mora)

(Schedule is in process and will be announced at a later date)



**Rough Rider
Community
Education**

Luna's Matthew Garcia to participate in Geospatial Educator's Certification Program

Luna Community College's Matthew Garcia, an Administrative Assistant II, in the STEM and Humanities Department, has been chosen by the National Geospatial Technology Center of Excellence to participate in a Geospatial Educator's Certification Program.

The Geo Educator's Certification Program is designed for educators (middle school through college/university) who are seeking to increase their pedagogical skill-set and/or acquire a document certifying that they have the requisite technical skills, competencies, and knowledge to teach geospatial technologies (GST). The program is intended for educators with intermediate or above levels of GST experience who teach or are planning to teach GST.

"I'm looking forward to it, it's a good certification to have," says Garcia. "I have taken geospatial classes before at Highlands University through their geology program. With this credential, it could open up opportunities for Luna students."

The benefits of the Geospatial Educator's Certification Program go beyond simply showing proof of expertise; the hands-on program provides educators with:

- Evidence of expertise to teach (or continue/begin to teach) workforce-aligned GST curriculum. Instruction regarding advances/changes in GST



Luna's Matthew Garcia will participate in an eight-week Geospatial Educator's Certification Program beginning on Sept. 25.

- A community of practice (CoP) in order to network, collaborate, and/or share content
- Pedagogical techniques to effectively teach GST
- Additional skills to create [GTCM](#)-based (Geospatial Technology Competency Model) curriculum for real world, work-related GST applications
- Information to share with students regarding career opportunities in the GST industry
- Notification to their respective administrators of the achievement

"Eventually, I would like to work full-time as a geologist," says Garcia who is a part time Geologist right now. "I am happy to be do-

ing this and I hope it can benefit Luna and Luna students in the future."

The eight week, Geospatial Educator's Certification virtual program starts on Sept. 25 and culminates on Nov. 19, 2023. The curriculum consists of weekly learning modules, culminating with a weekly geospatial technology mini project. In addition, it includes a weekly mini "capstone" project where participants will design their own learning module.

"I'm very proud of Matthew," says Luna STEM/Humanities Director Francisco Apodaca. "It's exciting to see him take this type of initiative. I have been looking for someone with the credentials to teach in this area."

Luna students and employees participate in West Las Vegas' Homecoming Parade on Friday, Sept. 8.





Luna cosmetology and barbering students visit with Hair Keratin Treatment representatives Joha Perez and Rafael Montua. Luna cosmetology and barbering students meet with special guests throughout the year and have the opportunity to earn product and hair treatment certifications.



Luna softball players take advantage of study space in the athletic facility to get extra study hours in.



MISSION

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