

The latest news from Luna Community College

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Luna's Joseph Baca Jr. selected to participate in art exhibition

Luna Community College student Joseph Baca Jr. has been selected to participate in Eastern New Mexico University's Juried Art Exhibition on Thursday, March 21 in Portales. Baca Jr., a student in Luna's Dr. Bernadette Maldonado's art classes, turned in a 14 by four inch shell stone piece of art called "How's Your Aspen."

The piece of art is done with non-toxic acrylic paint and accented with copper wire and copper tape. It depicts the trunks of Aspen trees with different colors in the background.

"It's an honor," says Baca Jr. "It's a big acknowledgement and I'm thrilled and excited to go."

Baca Jr.'s art along with other entries are taking place in Eastern New Mexico's Runnels Gallery from Feb. 20 to March 21.

"I do not know how many students were chosen but I do know that we were the only community college invited," says Maldonado. "I also know that 230 students entered their work. If Joseph were to win, he would win up to \$500. It is an extraordinary honor for a Luna student to go to a prestigious juried art show such as this one. I cheer for my student and we celebrate him and his ac-



Luna student Joseph Baca Jr. is pictured with Luna professor Dr. Bernadette Maldonado. Baca Jr. is holding a piece of art that will be entered in an Eastern New Mexico University's Juried Art Exhibition.

complishment in getting in and working his way into the art world. This validates him as an artist and his choice to select art as a certificate program."

Baca Jr. says that attending Luna has been a good choice for him.

"I like Luna a lot," says Baca Jr. "I appreciate that Luna has these classes. Luna is very affordable and I am learning a lot. I hope to earn my art certificate."

As part of the criteria, Baca Jr.'s art was selected based on first impression, originality and creativity and artist's voice where the voice of the artist can be felt in their work and their personal perspective of the world around them be seen.

"I am so proud that he has entrusted me as his professor," says Maldonado. "We need to continue growing this program and helping all of our art students see those creative moments and achievements so they too can have this kind of success within themselves with Luna and without."

For more on Luna's art program, contact Dr. Maldonado at 505-454-2565 or via email at bmaldonado@luna.edu.



SPRING 2024 TEAS Exam Schedule

February 2024

Friday 9 @ 9:00 am
Thursday 15 @ 9:00 am
Thursday 22 @ 9:00 am
Thursday 29 @ 9:00 am

March 2024

Tuesday 5 @ 1:30 pm
Thursday 7 @ 9:00 am
Tuesday 19 @ 1:30 pm
Friday 22 @ 9:00 am
Thursday 28 @ 9:00 am

April 2024

Thursday 4 @ 1:30 pm
Tuesday 9 @ 9:00 am
Thursday 11 @ 1:30 pm
Tuesday 16 @ 9:00 am
Thursday 18 @ 1:30 pm
Tuesday 23 @ 1:30 pm
Tuesday 30 @ 9:00 am

May 2024

Friday 3 @ 9:00 am
Monday 13 @ 1:30 pm
Tuesday 14 @ 9:00 am
Wednesday 15 @ 1:30 pm
Thursday 16 @ 1:30 pm
Friday 17 @ 9:00 am
Monday 20 @ 9:00 am
Tuesday 21 @ 1:30 pm
Wednesday 22 @ 1:30 pm
Thursday 23 @ 1:30 pm
Friday 24 @ 9:00 am
Tuesday 28 @ 9:00 am
Wednesday 29 @ 1:30 pm
Thursday 30 @ 1:30 pm
Friday 31 @ 9:00 am

Students can contact Vanessa Torres via email at vatorres@luna.edu or call 505-454-2566 (ext. 1803) to sign up for a test date. **Please provide student ID number, phone number, and exam date in the email.**

Students should create an account with ATI prior to the exam date (if you do not already have an account set up). To create an account, go to www.atitesting.com click on Create Account next to Log In. (Use Luna CC ADN for institution and estimated graduation date of 5/11/2026.) Please use your Luna email to set up ATI account.

On the day of your exam, please **arrive 10 minutes early*** to log in and purchase the exam. The cost of the exam is \$70. You will need to bring a debit/credit card to purchase the exam and a photo ID for identification verification. **No food or drinks** are permitted in the testing site. A calculator is available in ATI and the proctor will provide paper and pencils for use during the exam. All materials will be collected by the proctor before you leave the exam site.

***There will be no late admission into the testing area.**

1/11/24 VYT

Luna's Angelica Ortiz leading the nation in home runs, RBI's

It's early in the season and Luna Community College softball player Angelica Ortiz is making a name for herself at the National Junior College Athletic Association level. Ortiz, a sophomore from Albuquerque, is leading the nation in home runs with eight and RBI's with 31.

"I put my faith in God and trust Him," said Ortiz recently about her early season play. "I put a lot into softball; as a student-athlete I have to figure out how to get the extra work in. I try my best every day."

Ortiz is one of two Luna softball players to earn honorable mention all-region last season.

"I ask our players to pay attention to two important numbers, batting average and RBI's," said Luna softball coach Randy Krutsch. "Angelica obviously listened. She is doing things she is supposed to be doing. She is a positive leader and a great student-athlete. We're happy to have her on the team."

Ortiz plays catcher and third base for the Lady Rough Riders.

"My success would be nothing without my teammates," says Ortiz. "I love my teammates; I look to them when I'm struggling. They are a big part of my success."

Elisha Velasquez, a sophomore from Albuquerque, is tied for ninth in the nation in home runs with three.

Krutsch said that both Ortiz and Velasquez have received several offers from four-year universities to continue their softball careers.

The Lady Rough Riders are 2-8 on the season. They have played a tough early season schedule.

"We're competing; I'm pleased with the progress," says Krutsch.

The Lady Rough Riders play Frank Phillips College in a home opener on Friday, Feb. 9. The scheduled double header begins at noon at Rodriguez Park.

The Luna baseball team (0-8) travel to Pima College in Arizona over the weekend. The Rough Riders have lost four games to Eastern Arizona and four games to New Mexico Military Institute.

"The guys are working hard; we're knocking on the door to win," says Luna first year baseball coach Erick Wright. "If we correct a couple of things we should be okay."



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Luna softball team pictured (l-r) Samantha Rivera, Arielle Gomez, Jaiden Eustice, Alyssa Garduno, Michelle Perez, Alyssa Linares, Mariah Stanley, Elisha Velasquez, Sherie Marino, Angelica Angel and Angelica Ortiz (center). Not pictured are Rainn Daily and Brysza Samble.



TEAS

Nursing school entrance exam

February 2024 dates

Scheduling for the following dates is taking place now.

Friday, February 9	9:00 a.m.
Thursday February 15	9:00 a.m.
Thursday February 22	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 29	9:00 a.m.

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Passing TEAS score is 58.7% overall or higher. There are 30 slots available for qualified applicants for admission in Fall 2023.

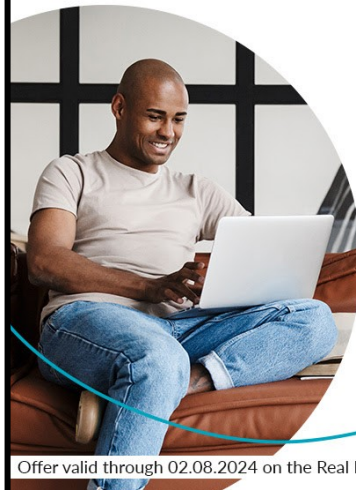
Please provide student ID number, phone number, and exam date in the e-mail.

You have up to three attempts per academic year to pass the exam; the fee for each attempt is \$70.

You're advised to set up an account with ATI prior to the exam date; go to atitesting.com, click on Create Account. Use Luna CC ADN for institution, with estimated graduation date of 5/10/2026

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In the top left photo, Luna Community College students preview a heavy equipment simulator demonstration last week. Luna is anticipating adding a Heavy Equipment Operator Training program to its Contract Training Department course offerings by mid 2024. In the top right photo, Don Bustos and Gloria Pacheco celebrate their retirement from Luna Community College.

Luna's Dr. Edward Martinez, Dr. Norma Guzman Duran and Dr. Carol Linder attended the Hispano Round Table dinner earlier this week. Also pictured is Dr. Erika Derkas. The Hispano Round Table seeks the advancement of education, employment, economic development and civil rights of Hispanic Americans.



AUSTIN VAN

WITH
SARAH ROWE



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Show @ 6:30

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Automotive Scholarship	Must be actively enrolled PT or FT in the Automotive Collision Repair/Automotive Technology Program	(4) \$500 Awards
Nursing Scholarship	Must be actively enrolled PT or FT in the Nursing Program	(2) \$500 Awards
Early Childhood Scholarship	Must be actively enrolled PT or FT in the Early Childhood Program	(1) \$500 Award
General Scholarship	Must be actively enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits in any LCC Certificate or Degree Program	(5) \$500 Awards
Veterans Scholarship	Active Duty, Reserve, or Military Veteran enrolled PT or FT in any LCC certificate or Degree Program	(1) \$500 Award

Who is Eligible:

Any student, in good academic standing (GPA 2.0+) who is actively enrolled at Luna Community College, main campus or satellites, either on a part-time or full-time basis in any program affiliated with LCC. Financial need is the general requirement for all LCC Foundation Scholarships. You must have a current FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid Office at Luna.

How to Apply:

You can find the LCC Foundation Spring 2024 Scholarship Application on our website, lunafoundationnm.org, or by picking up a printed copy from the LCC Foundation office, located on the 2nd floor of the Student Services building.

Questions or Concerns:

Feel free to contact the Luna Community College Foundation office with any questions or concerns you may have. **Phone:** (505) 454-5337 **Email:** lccfoundation@luna.edu

Date Due: February 15, 2024

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For more information please reach out to Dr. Norma Guzman-Duranat nguzmanduran@luna.edu



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The CT-REx (Clinical / Translational Research Experience) Career Preparation Program invites undergraduates from New Mexico and Arizona to learn about and to experience Health Sciences Research at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM. The CT-REx Program aims to recruit rural, tribal, and Hispanic college students who are underrepresented in the research workforce.

CT-Rex PROGRAM DETAILS: May 29 to August 2, 2024

Over 10 weeks, Trainees will:

- Explore multiple careers in research
- Work alongside skilled research professionals
- Learn the foundational skills of research

You will get training in:

- Lab techniques
- Participant interaction
- Data collection
- And so much more!

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- Job security
- Higher wages
- Fast career pathway to job opportunities.

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You don't have to be a doctor or nurse to have a successful career in research. You can begin your career as Research Coordinator, Lab Tech, or Data Management specialist with a High school diploma or Associate degree.

Trainees will Receive:

- \$6,000 stipend
- Campus-based housing
- Cohort building and Professional development activities
- Some meals

Admission: To be considered for the upcoming CT-REx cohort, your complete application package must be received by: **February 19, 2024.**

Contact Regis Lacher for more information:
rlacher@salud.unm.edu



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