



# Ukraine conflict hits close

*Luna student says he's ready to help defend country*

“One day you have a regular life. The next, you have your body armor and an AK-47.”

When Russian forces invaded Ukraine in recent days, Aaron Harford – a student living there and remotely attending Luna Community College thousands of miles away in Las Vegas, N.M. -- found himself relocating his family from the capital city of Kyiv to a different part of the country -- and preparing for the worst.

Harford, 45, who's been living in Ukraine the past four years, said he anticipated a violent attack by Russia and joined his wife Lesya and stepchildren in leaving their home -- a high-rise apartment with glass walls and windows -- for more secure accommodations elsewhere. He also readied his combat gear from a prior six-month stint with the Ukrainian third battalion, just in case.

Harford's body armor, chevrons and combatant identification now share space with materials he uses to log into his Luna Community College math classes.

“Sadly, it is the biggest news in the world right now,” he said of his



**Luna student Aaron Harford, who lives with family in Ukraine, served in the country's third battalion as a paramedic from December 2018 to June 2019, as shown. He said Ukrainian soldiers are true volunteers who work 10 to 12 hours a day sometimes up to seven days a week.**

adopted home country, “and it looks like it's going to get bigger.”

“The situation changes hourly,” he said. “Where I am near the border, it is a very odd tension, and we understand that there is nowhere safe to go.”

Originally from Los Angeles,

Harford said he visited his mother, a longtime Las Vegas, N.M., resident, in the Meadow City a couple of times a year before moving there himself in 2016 and enrolling in classes at Luna.

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|--|----------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| AH 105 Nursing Assistant Training (3/4-5/13)                               | Fri      | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Las Vegas                           |
| AH 105 Nursing Assistant (3/21-4/1; 4/18-4/29)                             | MTWRF    | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Las Vegas                           |
| AH 120 CPR for Health Professionals  | Tue, Thu | 5:30-6:20 p.m.   | Las Vegas                           |
| AUTO 100 Automotive Fundamentals   | Sat      | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Springer                            |
| BCIS 1110E Intro to Information Systems (DL)                               | Async    | Async            | Online                              |
| CDL 130L Commercial Driver's License Lab (3/14-4/15; 4/19-5/20; 5/23-6/24) | MTWR     | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Las Vegas                           |
| CDL 130L CDL Lab (4/23-6/12)   | Sun, Sat | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Las Vegas                           |
| CDL 130T CDL Theory (2/28-3/11)  | MTWR     | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. | TBA                                 |
| <i>* An additional CDL theory class will be added in May</i>               |          |                  |                                     |
| CS 217E Windows Server 2 (Distance Learning)                               | Async    | Async            | Online                              |
| CS 245E Security + (Distance Learning)                                     | Async    | Async            | Online                              |
| CS 248E Web Design & Programming (Distance)                                | MTWR     | 2-3:50 p.m.      | Online                              |
| CS 267E Network Concepts II (Distance)                                     | MTWR     | 11 a.m. to 12:50 | Online                              |
| DENT 170 Clinical Training Practicum I                                     | MTWR     | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. | TBA                                 |
| DENT 170 Clinical Training Seminar   | Fri      | 8-9:50 a.m.      | Las Vegas                           |
| ENGL 1110H Composition I (Hybrid)  | Tue, Thu | 8-11:50 a.m.     | Las Vegas                           |
| FCMK 100 Intro to Furniture & Cabinet Making                               | Sat      | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Las Vegas<br>Santa Rosa<br>Springer |
| PSYC 1110E Intro to Psychology (Distance)                                  | Async    | Async            | Online                              |
| WLDG 118L Welding Level I Lab  | Sat      | 2-4:50 p.m.      | Las Vegas                           |
| WLDG 119L Welding Level I Application Lab                                  | MTRF     | 1-4:50 p.m.      | Las Vegas                           |
| WLDG 125 Machine Operation in Metal & Lab                                  | Wed      | 8-11:50, 1-3     | Las Vegas                           |



## President Martinez visits WLV



**Luna President Dr. Edward Martinez speaks with West Las Vegas High School seniors and juniors on Friday, March 4, at the high school. Martinez talked about the importance of education and opportunities available at Luna.**

## Ukraine

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While he'd already attained a master's degree in counseling, he wanted to go back to study math and engineering – "I love the honesty, simplicity and purity of math," he said. He resumed his studies during the COVID-19 pandemic and began taking classes remotely.

"At Luna, the mathematics instruction under (STEM Director) Francisco Apodaca and (math instructor) Dr. Rita Surdi, it really is world class," he said. "I'm quite proud to go there. I'm going to be proud to finish (my degree), God willing."

While he plans to pursue a career in the aerospace industry, he

has currently found a niche in teaching English to engineering students in Ukraine. That's where he moved in May 2018, seeking to learn more about his mother's family origins. His late grandmother, he said, fled Ukraine under duress decades ago, eventually returning to visit years later.

"I always wondered why someone who fled a country come back and visit," he said. "Coming back here filled in so much of our back story."

While he said he has enjoyed living in his ancestral homeland and has no regrets despite the current situation, he acknowledges the history of Ukraine as "absolutely horrific." "I understand and have an appreciation for the families who

fled in these dark times. I know now what it's like to have this big, scary neighbor."

Harford said he's previously heard from a 93-year-old cousin the accounts of Stalin-era seizures of small farms and forced starvation. Fast forward to the current Russian invasion of Ukraine, and it's shelling of cities and reported use of hyperbaric weapons, he said. "They started launching these at the capital a couple of days ago ... They started bombing cities all over – a massive attack. They kept saying they weren't going to attack, but they lied. It's something we've gotten used to."

In Ukraine, the ominous signs of pending war are abundant, and it's nothing really new.

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# Ukraine

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“Ukraine’s been at war for eight years,” Harford said. “So you know this has been a possibility. They’re trying to be more progressive and they want to be part of Europe. Since they gained independence in 1991, they’ve been trying to find their place in the world.”

There are encouraging signs and reason for optimism, he contended. The outpouring of global support for the Ukrainian cause has coincided with an internal rising of Ukrainians stepping up to defend their country.

“The quality of life is fragile,” he said. “But it’s worth defending. If you don’t have freedom, you don’t have anything ... The Ukrainian people are not victims. They built an army out of nothing.”

“(Russian leader Vladimir Putin’s going to fall,” Harford predicted. “All of Europe is now united ... We have a country of 1.1 million soldiers and a country of 40 million with over half of them willing to defend themselves. It really disrupts things for people. But we understand that this is probably the end for modern Russia. Some of the finest patriots are in the Ukraine. They know what they’re fighting for.”

Harford acknowledges that it’s been a scary time for him and his family and their fellow Ukrainians. A countrywide mobilization is in effect, and many of those are able to are fleeing homes, either within the country or to neighboring countries. Key places like airports have been targeted, and cities especially in the

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**Aaron Harford**

Luna Community College student and resident of Ukraine

eastern part of the country are under fire. Stories of Russian shelling of civilian buildings, including a children’s hospital and a kindergarten, are circulating in media accounts. “People are just going to work or on the bus home, and the shelling starts. It’s the damnedest thing.”

“I’m scared like a lot of other people,” he said. “But I understand what we’re doing. And I don’t really want to leave. My grandparents had to; they had no choice. One of several different armies would be the end of you back then. That’s what happened. (But) we have a real chance of independence and finally be done with this former Soviet power.”

“How do I feel? Tense a bit. You stay in a war zone, you get used to it, and you understand this could happen at any time. I’m angry my two stepdaughters (aged 17 and 15) have to live through it, instead of getting ready to go to college. They’re making camouflage. They should be having a carefree life getting ready for university.”

Harford said he’s focused on taking care of his family but

considers it an obligation and duty to serve should the situation devolve into partisan warfare. In the meantime, he said he continues writing and trying to keep people back home informed on what is going on.

“I’m no Rambo, but I’m more than willing to support, whatever the situation is,” he said. “(The Ukrainians) bravery and willingness to step up is the primary reason the world’s been able to help. We’re going to win ... It makes it very clear to me (though). Freedom is not just an abstract concept. It’s not something you just watch in ‘Braveheart.’ It’s a real thing. Here, it’s so stark.”

While Harford said he’s ready to help his home country however he may be needed, he said he does hope to be able to finish his math degree by the end of the summer if all goes well. He wants to continue teaching English to engineers and engineering students in eastern Europe.

“I never knew there’d be a demand for it,” he said. “We take it for granted, but the rest of the world does not. That’s a project I’m working on. That’s another way to open up the former Soviet countries. I really want to work on something in aerospace. I’m frustrated that in humanity we have so much technological progress and we’re still killing each other. It’s so frustrating to me. The world is so open to us; nothing is impossible. You can be just about anything you want to be, and the Internet has changed it so it doesn’t matter where you live.”

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# Employment opportunities

## Positions available at Luna Community College

### FULL-TIME

- Procurement specialist ... opened March 2
- Admissions & recruitment manager ... opened Feb. 16
- Budget & procurement director ... opened Feb. 11
- Custodian I ... opened Feb. 9
- Assistant softball coach ... opened Feb. 9
- Rough Rider Community manager ... opened Dec. 17
- Admissions counselor ... opened Dec. 17
- Student success specialist (2) ... opened Dec. 13
- Business, lead instructor ... opened Dec. 10
- Executive administrative assistant to the president ... opened Dec. 7
- Allied Health Sciences: Dental assisting instructor ... opened Nov. 16

- Academic and career planning director ... opened Nov. 3

### PART-TIME

- Custodian I, Santa Rosa ... opened Jan. 13

### TEMPORARY PART-TIME

- CTE: Welding student lab assistant, hourly ... opened Jan. 21
- Preschool substitute teacher/caretaker ... opened June 29

### ADJUNCT (per course)

- Allied Health Sciences: Certified Nursing Assistant instructor ... opened Feb. 9
- Allied Health Sciences: Dental assisting instructor ... opened Dec. 6
- CTE: Furniture & cabinet making instructor ... opened Nov. 15
- CTE: Welding instructor, Springer ... opened Oct. 25

- CTE: Furniture & cabinet making instructor, Santa Rosa ... opened Oct. 25

- CTE: Furniture & cabinet making instructor, Springer ... opened Oct. 25

- CTE: Welding instructor ... opened Oct. 25

- CTE: Commercial drivers license theory instructor ... opened Aug. 26

- CTE: Commercial drivers license driving instructor ... opened Aug. 26

- CTE: Auto technology instructor, Springer ... opened Aug. 26

- CTE: Auto technology instructor ... opened Aug. 26

- CTE: Auto collision repair instructor ... opened Aug. 26

Most recent postings listed first. All positions open until filled unless otherwise noted. For more information on each position, please log on to [www.luna.edu/jobs](http://www.luna.edu/jobs).



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## March 7, 2022, POST SESSION

The 55th Legislature's second regular session began on Jan. 18 and concluded on Feb. 17. Deadline to introduce legislation was Feb. 2. Legislation not acted upon by the governor as of March 9 is pocket-vetoed. Legislation — other than general appropriation or bills carrying emergency clauses or other specified dates — goes into effect May 18.

Luna @ The Legislature, an initiative of the Luna Community College Office of Public Relations, provides a weekly update on the session to inform the campus community.

Legislation of particular interest to Luna Community College, filed as of this publication:

**House Bill 2** General Appropriations Act. Funds government operations, including \$1.01 billion from general fund, \$16.8 million from other state funds, \$43.1 million from internal service/interagency transfers, and \$10.5 million from federal funds to the higher education department for fiscal year 2023. Funding amounts include \$10,517,000 total for Luna Community College — \$7.3 million for instruction and general, \$1.87 million for other, \$483,800 for retention and completion, \$251,000 for nursing expansion, \$150,000 for Rough Rider student support services. Introduced by Patricia Lundstrom. Committee substitute passed House 56-13; additionally amended version passed by Senate 37-3; bill passed after conference committee.

**HB 58** Creates adult online learner scholarship program for higher education; introduced by Joshua Hernandez. Currently in House Education Committee.

**HB 59** Modifies school group insurance contributions by employers; introduced by Raymundo Lara, G. Andres Romero, Anthony Allison, Natalie Figueroa, Willie Madrid. Currently in House Appropriations & Finance Committee. See also SB 101.

**HB 73** Allows certain educational retirees to return to work without suspension of benefits; introduced by Joy Garratt. Amended version passed House 62-1; passed Senate 41-0. Signed by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on March 1.

**HB 98** General Appropriations Act, original filing. Currently in House Appropriations & Finance Committee. See HB 2 above.

**HB 105** Allows public employees to return to work for affiliated public employers under certain conditions; introduced by William Rehn, Rachel Black, Phelps Anderson, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Dayan Hochman-Vigil. Currently in House Labor, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee.

**HB 107** General Appropriation Act of 2022, funding amounts proposed include \$10,517,000 total for Luna. Introduced by Nathan Small, Candie Sweetser and Patricia Lundstrom. Currently in House Appropriations & Finance Committee. See SB 157 and HB 2.

**HB 137** Requires public contracts provide for increased contractor and subcontractor wages in accordance with state minimum wage increases; introduced by Rebecca Dow and Miguel Garcia. Currently in House Rules Committee.

**HB 143** Creates five-year innovation accelerator pilot project for businesses, with centers at certain community colleges;

introduced by Linda Serrato. Currently in House Appropriations & Finance Committee.

**HB 153** General Obligation Bonds, provides for potential funding of projects including academic libraries statewide and \$1.5 million for heating, ventilation and air conditioning at Luna Community College, with bond election to go before voters in November 2022. Introduced by Christine Chandler. Amended version passed House 66-2; passed Senate 37-0.

**HB 159** Provides college and career readiness programming at public high schools around the state; appropriation of \$500,000. Introduced by Linda Serrato and Tara Lujan. Currently in House Education Committee.

**HB 170** Sets minimum wage for state employees, higher education employees, public school employees and others at \$15 an hour; introduced by Susan Herrera, Christine Chandler, Angelica Rubio, Anthony Allison, Javier Martinez. Currently in House Rules Committee.

**House Memorial 38** Initiates study of training needs for law enforcement and first responders; introduced by Andrea Romero. Currently on House calendar for action.

**House Memorial 48** Initiates study of STEM education-to-career pipeline, with study to include public schools, higher educational institutions and workforce solutions; introduced by Tara Lujan. Passed House 65-0.

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**Senate Bill 1** Increases starting salaries for licensed public school teachers — \$50,000 for Level 1, \$60,000 Level 2, \$70,000 Level 3; introduced by Mimi Stewart and Debra Sarratana. Passed Senate 35-0; passed House 68-0. Signed by governor March 1.

**SB 7** Sets minimum wage for state employees and employees of state contractors at \$15 an hour; introduced by Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Peter Wirth, Linda Lopez. Amended bill passed Senate 26 -11; now on House calendar for action. See alternate bill, SB 125.

**SB 25** Creates a research grants closing fund and competitive process for higher educational institutions; introduced by William Soules. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

**SB 36** Increases certain contributions to educational retirement fund; introduced by Mimi Stewart. Passed Senate 35-0; passed House 52-12. Signed by governor March 1.

**SB 50** Funds expansion of nursing programs at public post-secondary institutions; introduced by Liz Stefanics. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

**SB 51** Creates public works commission to annually hear proposals on capital outlay-funded project; introduced by Bill Tallman. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

**SB 56** Provides for financial aid for nursing students and loan repayment assistance for nurses in advanced practice; introduced by Liz Stefanics. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

**SB 101** Modifies school group insurance contributions by employers; introduced by Harold Pope. Currently in Senate

Finance Committee. See also HB 59.

**SB 114** Changes stipulations within the state procurement code; introduced by Bill Tallman. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

**SB 124** Changes eligibility requirements for the legislative lottery tuition scholarship and specifies summer session eligibility; introduced by George Muñoz, Mimi Stewart. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

**SB 125** Sets minimum wage for state employees at \$15 an hour; introduced by George Muñoz, Michael Padilla. Amended version currently on Senate calendar for action. See alternate bill, SB 7.

**SB 131** Creates an educational loan-for-service program in career technical education; introduced by Cliff Pirtle. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

**SB 132** Increases minimum salary for licensed educational assistants who meet eligibility requirements to \$20,000 a year; introduced by Mimi Stewart. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

**SB 140** Opportunity Scholarship Act. Appropriates \$85.5 million from general fund to establish Opportunity Scholarship to be awarded to qualified, eligible students covering up to 100 percent of tuition and fees after other state aid has been applied; introduced by Liz Stefanics, Joy Garratt. Amended version passed Senate 30-6; passed House 51-17. Signed by governor March 4.

**SB 146** Authorizes state agencies or local public bodies to join existing cooperative procurement agreements; introduced by Pete Campos. Currently in Senate Committees Committee.

**SB 154** General Appropriation Act of 2022, funding amounts proposed include \$10,517,000 total for Luna Community College. Introduced by George Muñoz. Currently in Senate Finance Committee. See HB 2, HB 107.

**SB 172** Allows certain educational retirees to return to work without suspension of retirement benefits; introduced by George Muñoz. Currently on Senate calendar for action.

**SB 212** Capital Outlay project funding includes \$92,500 for dental lab instructional equipment at Luna Community College; introduced by Nancy Rodriguez. Substitute version passed Senate 38-0; passed House 64-0.

**SB 213** Capital Outlay project reauthorization list includes extension of time for Luna Community College CNC milling machine equipment purchase; introduced by Nancy Rodriguez. Substitute version passed Senate 31-9; passed House 65-0.

**Senate Memorial 13** Initiates study of training needs for law enforcement and first responders; introduced by Leo Jaramillo. Currently in Senate Rules Committee.

(Including bills, memorials, resolutions, 642 total pieces introduced this session)

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Intro & pre-test      | March 22, 6:30 p.m. |
| Reading & English     | March 24, 6:30 p.m. |
| Math                  | March 29, 6:30 p.m. |
| Science               | March 31, 6:30 p.m. |
| Anatomy & physiology  | April 5, 6:30 p.m.  |
| Conclusion            | April 7, 6:30 p.m.  |

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## Around campus



**Top: Rachael Lucero delivers a lecture in her Biology II class.**

**Left: Luna welding student John Gutierrez works on an art project.**

**Below: Luna cosmetology student Ashley Wheeler practices her manicuring skills on a client.**





## Around campus



**Above: Luna's early childhood students parade with a dragon on a tour of the campus in celebration of Chinese New Year on Feb. 10.**

**Below: Luna nursing students perform public service while practicing skills in a COVID-19 vaccination clinic Feb. 10.**



**Luna auto collision repair student Jasmine Park completes final prep work on a tailgate project as instructor Anthony Baca supervises.**



# What a comeback!

**F**aced with an 8-0 deficit two innings into the Feb. 27 series finale with Lamar, it would have been easy for the Luna Community College baseball team to let the game get away.

The Rough Riders didn't quit, though. They kept battling, one play at a time.

It's a good thing, too. Luna rallied to score the next 14 runs and held on to take a 14-10 victory, snapping an 11-game losing streak in dramatic fashion against a program just three years removed from a Region IX championship.

The Rough Riders surged for seven runs in the pivotal third inning to pull within 8-7. Samuel Estrada's two-RBI double produced Luna's first runs. Later, Keko Ogawa blasted a three-run homer to right field with one out. The Lopes managed to curtail the damage and record two outs to end the inning.

But in the fourth, the Riders picked up where they'd left off. After Jeremy Martinez made it home courtesy of a Lamar error, Bo Kidd doubled to score Jake Seglem, giving Luna a 9-8 edge. Ogawa then singled to score Kidd for a 10-8 lead.

Solid pitching and defense played a role down the stretch, sustaining the home team's momentum.

Reliever Diego Quinonez came through with a couple of clutch strikeouts to strand two Lamar runners in the top of the sixth. In the Luna half of the frame, Kobe



**Bo Kidd gets a lead toward third base in a recent Rough Riders home baseball game at Highlands' Brandt Park.**

Carpio reached on an error and two runs scored. Then Martinez drilled a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh to pad the lead to 14-8.

Dominic Lucero pitched well after that, although the Riders yielded two runs in the top of the ninth before shutting it down.

Lamar had won Saturday's nine-inning series opener 7-4 and Sunday's seven-inning contest 7-2.

Carpio had the first RBI of the series in scoring M.J. Cepeda in the fourth inning Saturday. Ashton Whiteaker added a solo home run and Tyler Sunstrom a two-RBI base hit.

Luna battled close in two of four road games at Southeast (Neb.) March 4-5 in Lincoln, Neb. Game scores were 9-0 and 2-1 on Friday,

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## Rough Riders

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March 4, and 4-1 and 10-2 on Saturday, March 5.

Team statistical leaders include Carpio (13 RBI), Milo Behrens (19 total hits, .365 batting average), Whiteaker (three home runs), Ogawa (11 walks), Ryan Clark (34 batters struck out) and Quinonez (0.63 earned run average, minimum seven innings pitched).

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Luna softball was competitive in three games but lost four at Western Texas College, 4-2 and 16-1 on Feb. 27 and 3-1 and 12-8 on Feb. 28 in Snyder, Texas.

After looking solid defensively in a close game three, the visitors seemed to get their offense going in game four. A two-run homer by the Rough Riders capped an eventful third-inning rally that cut Western Texas' cushion to 9-8.



Luna's most recent outings were at the Region IX Showcase March 3-4 in McCook, Neb. (A third full day of games was cancelled due to inclement weather.)

Luna lost to Otero 5-0, Western Nebraska 26-4, McCook 7-4 and Northeastern 12-6.

Statistical leaders for the

Rough Riders include Shelby Cordova (19 total hits), Jenai Santa (.500 batting average, minimum 12 at-bats), Victoria Gonzales (two home runs), Nicole Chavez (six walks), Mya Ortega (three steals), Madelyn Johnson (3.94 earned run average,) Valaree Manzanares (six strikeouts).

## Healthy smiles here

**Luna dental assisting students demonstrate proper brushing and flossing techniques as part of a recent presentation to Luna's early childhood students. Also discussed were nutrition and exercise. For more on the Luna dental assisting program, call 505-454-5382.**



# Kumbia Kings concert April 30

New Mexico Highlands University is inviting all Luna students and employees to a free concert to see the Kumbia Kings All Starz, Ellas and Bri Bagwell on Saturday, April 30, at the John A. Wilson Complex.

Please see below on how to attain your free concert ticket.

To claim your free ticket simply follow these steps:

1. Click the following link to take you to the event page. <https://www.nmhu.edu/ilfeld-auditorium/tickets/>
2. General admission tickets are available for stu-

dents, staff, and faculty, at no cost. Once you choose which general admission section you'd like to sit in, then go to checkout and in the code area enter your Luna ID number and hit apply.

3. Then you can fill in the rest of your information for your ticket. Only one code per individual is available.

The internationally renowned Kumbia Kings All Starz are an American musical group from Corpus Christi, Texas, who play Mexican cumbia and Latin pop music. A.B. Quintanilla, the brother of the late Selena Quintanilla-Perez, created the group.

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## Luna plans spring break week of March 14

Luna Community College in Las Vegas and its locations in Mora, Santa Rosa and Springer, will be on spring break this coming week.

Unless otherwise specified, students will be off Monday, March

14, through Friday, March 18.

Campus sites will be closed and employees will have off Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18.

Luna will resume normal hours on Monday, March 21.

# Meet your ACE tutors (Part 1)

Luna Community College Academic Center for Excellence tutors are available to help students with various classes and subjects.

Luna students may contact ACE coordinator Ray Varela at 505-454-5306 or rvarela@luna.edu to set up appointments or ask any questions

about ACE.

Here is a behind-the-scenes look at a few of our ACE team members (first in a series):

## Luna Light PROFILE

**ACE TUTOR:** Mary Frances Bibb “Mary”

**HOMETOWN:** Las Vegas

**SUBJECT(S):** Math, science

**OTHER JOBS:** Ranch hand

**EDUCATION:** Robertson High School; Luna (A.S. General Science, A.S. Mathematics); NMHU (B.S. Environmental Science in progress)



**What motivates you to tutor students?**

Just to be able to help people in any way possible.

**Whom do you admire the most and why?**

My mom and my older sister because of their perseverance they have shown me.

**What is something about you that would surprise most people?** I have a 700-pound pet pig.

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Star Wars

**FAVORITE TV SHOWS:** Grey’s Anatomy, Station 19

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Tacos

**FAVORITE SPORT:** Football, volleyball

**FAVORITE SONG:** “You Get What You Give” by New Radicals

**FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST:** Blackbear

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT LUNA AND/OR**

**VEGAS:** The sense of community

**HOBBY:** Spending time with family

## Luna Light PROFILE

**ACE TUTOR:** Theodore Curry “Theo”

**HOMETOWN:** Atchison, Kansas

**SUBJECT(S):** English, biology, history

**OTHER JOBS:** None

**EDUCATION:** Maur Hill-Mount Academy; Luna; NMHU



**What motivates you to tutor students?**

The desire to see them succeed in their academic careers and become better writers in the process.

**Whom do you admire the most and why?**

M.J. He retired twice; that’s wild. Plus all the rings.

**What is something about you that would surprise most people?** Big dogs < little dogs. I think small dogs are best.

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Dr. Strangelove

**FAVORITE TV SHOWS:** The Simpsons, The Mandalorian

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Chinese buffet

**FAVORITE SPORT:** Basketball

**FAVORITE SONG:** “Do You Realize”

**FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST:** The Flaming Lips

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT LUNA AND/OR**

**VEGAS:** The Wellness Center

**HOBBY:** Hiking, dog walking, botany

## Luna Light PROFILE

**ACE TUTOR:** Sergio Hartshorne

**HOMETOWN:** Rociada

**SUBJECT(S):** Humanities (English, history, etc.)

**OTHER JOBS:** Media tech, Luna library

**EDUCATION:** Robertson High School; NMHU (B.A. History)



**What motivates you to tutor students?**

I like seeing their skills improve from one draft to the next.

**Whom do you admire the most and why?**

President Barack Obama

**What is something about you that would surprise most people?** Most people think I am very quiet and serious, but I generally open up to people after I get to know them.

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Man On Fire

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Mobile Suit Gundam Wing

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Spaghetti

**FAVORITE SPORT:** Rugby

**FAVORITE SONG:** “Courage of the Knife” by Senses Fail

**FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST:** Senses Fail

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT LUNA AND/OR**

**VEGAS:** Red chile

**HOBBY:** Playing video games



## Taos students visit campus

Luna President Dr. Edward Martinez speaks with Taos Middle School students during a campus visit on Thursday, March 3. Martinez is scheduled to speak with a number of area students in the coming weeks.



# TEAS

## Nursing school entrance exam

# March 2022 dates

**Scheduling for the following dates is taking place now.**

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday, March 8   | 10 a.m.   |
| Thursday, March 10 | 1:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 22  | 1:30 p.m. |
| Friday, March 25   | 10 a.m.   |
| Tuesday, March 29  | 9 a.m.    |
| Thursday, March 31 | 10 a.m.   |

Contact: Yvonne Piña  
505-454-2525  
ypina@luna.edu

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 \$65.

You're advised to set up an account with ATI prior to the exam date; go to [atitesting.com](http://atitesting.com),

click on Create Account. Use LCC ADN for institution, with estimated graduation date of 5/11/2024.



**Stop by the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) to get help in your classes!**

We have tutors throughout the day to assist you in any subject area you may need. Visit us at Student Services Building 204 (upstairs).

We also offer online tutoring if needed; just e-mail a tutor to set something up.

Contact Ray Varela at 505-454-5306 or [rvarela@luna.edu](mailto:rvarela@luna.edu) if you have any questions.



| Tutor        | Subject  | Email  | Monday   | Tuesday                | Wednesday   | Thursday               | Friday   |
|--------------|--|--|----------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------|
| Sergio       | English, History, Sociology, Psychology          | <a href="mailto:shartshorne@luna.edu">shartshorne@luna.edu</a> | 8am-11am | 5pm-8pm                | 8am-1pm     | 8am-10am<br>2pm-4pm    | 8am-10am |
| Mary Frances | Math, Science, English                           | <a href="mailto:mbibb@luna.edu">mbibb@luna.edu</a>             | 3pm-8pm  | 3pm-5pm                | 8am-10am    | 3pm-5pm                | 11am-4pm |
| Madison      | English, Criminal Justice, Sociology, Psychology | <a href="mailto:mgould@luna.edu">mgould@luna.edu</a>           | 2pm-6pm  | 11am-6pm               | 2pm-6pm     | 5pm-8pm                |          |
| Theo         | Science, English, History                        | <a href="mailto:tcurry@luna.edu">tcurry@luna.edu</a>           | 5pm-8pm  | 4pm-8pm                | 5pm-8pm     | 4pm-8pm                |          |
| Amber        | Criminal Justice, Sociology, English Comp,       | <a href="mailto:amgonzales@luna.edu">amgonzales@luna.edu</a>   | 10am-3pm | 10am-3pm               | 10am-3pm    | 11am-3pm               |          |
| Brittney     | Math, Science,                                   | <a href="mailto:bmares@luna.edu">bmares@luna.edu</a>           | online   | online                 | online      | online                 | online   |
| Keegan       | Allied Health, Science, English Comp             | <a href="mailto:klopez@luna.edu">klopez@luna.edu</a>           |          | 11am-6pm               | 12:30pm-3pm | 12:30pm-6pm            |          |
| Gabriel      | Math, English Comp,                              | <a href="mailto:gamaestas@luna.edu">gamaestas@luna.edu</a>     |          | 9:30am-12pm<br>1pm-5pm |             | 9:30am-12pm<br>1pm-5pm |          |
| Hailee       | Math, English Comp                               | <a href="mailto:hgallegos@luna.edu">hgallegos@luna.edu</a>     | 2pm-4pm  | 8am-9am                | 2pm-4pm     | 10am-12pm              | 8am-12pm |

*All tutors can be reached via email to set online appointment (google meet or zoom)*



# Graduating this year?

ATTENTION, LUNA CLASS OF '22!

We are now accepting Applications for Degree.  
Please visit your academic advisor for assistance.  
Submit your Application for Degree to the Office of  
the Registrar in the Student Services Building.

You have until April 22 to submit application and  
clearance form and to make payments as needed.  
All requirements must be met prior to graduation.

For more info, please call 505-454-2548.

Also, caps and gowns must be ordered by March 25!  
Visit Ron at the Bookstore, or contact him at  
[rduran@luna.edu](mailto:rduran@luna.edu) or 505-454-2569.

