

*The latest news from Luna Community College*

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# City officials speak on water crisis during forum at Luna

Las Vegas Mayor Louie Trujillo along with Utilities Director Maria Gilvarri and City Manager Leo Maestas said that there is about 23 days of water left in the City’s reservoir during a forum Thursday at Luna Community College.

About 40 people attended the forum which was held at the Media Education Auditorium.

Ash-laden runoff from recent wildfires caused the City of Las Vegas to declare a state of emergency in July.

Trujillo emphasized that the City is doing everything they can to make sure Las Vegas does not run out of drinking water. Trujillo said that “every idea is on the table.”

A temporary filtration system is being installed at Storrie Lake which should be ready for testing very soon.

During the forum, City officials said that they are working with state and federal partners on the water crisis issue and that replacing the entire treatment



**Las Vegas Mayor Louie Trujillo (right) speaks at a water forum held at Luna on Thursday, Aug. 25. Trujillo was joined by Utilities Director Maria Gilvarri and City Manager Leo Maestas.**

center in Montezuma is part of a long-term solution.

“We are working 24-seven,” said Trujillo.

Trujillo said that drinking water is provided to Las Vegas residents every Wednesday at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center. Trujillo said they gave water to 2,300 households the first week and to 2,700 this past Wednesday.

Some ideas on conservation are low flow toilets and the use of drinking out of water bottles. Luna will start providing bottled water next week to its students and employees

The City of Las Vegas uses about 1.5 million

gallons a day.

For more information on the City’s water situation, Trujillo recommends citizens view the City’s website, Facebook page as well as reading the Las Vegas Optic. Trujillo also said individuals can call City offices as well. Trujillo thanked every citizen for doing their best to conserve water.

## 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](mailto:ncollins@luna.edu) or at 505-454-5371. Esports, short for electronic sports, is a form of competition using video games.

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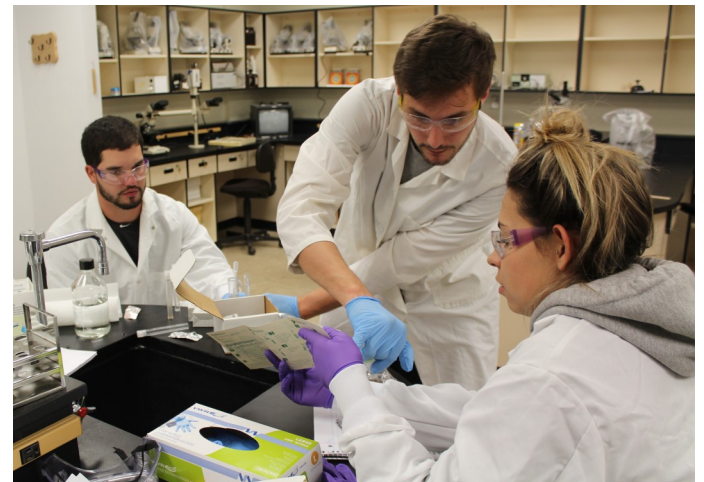
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# New nursing students participate in boot camp

Luna's Nursing Department is excited to welcome their new fall 2022 nursing cohort.

On Friday, August 12 all incoming Level 1 nursing students participated in the First Nursing School Boot Camp. The boot camp is designed to prepare new nursing students for the expectations of nursing school.

"We provided study, organization, time management, and self-care tips to help students become successful throughout their journey in the nursing program," said Luna's Nursing Success Coach Yvonne Pina.

During the Boot Camp members of the Student Nurses Association (SNA) provided snacks and recruited incoming students to become SNA members.

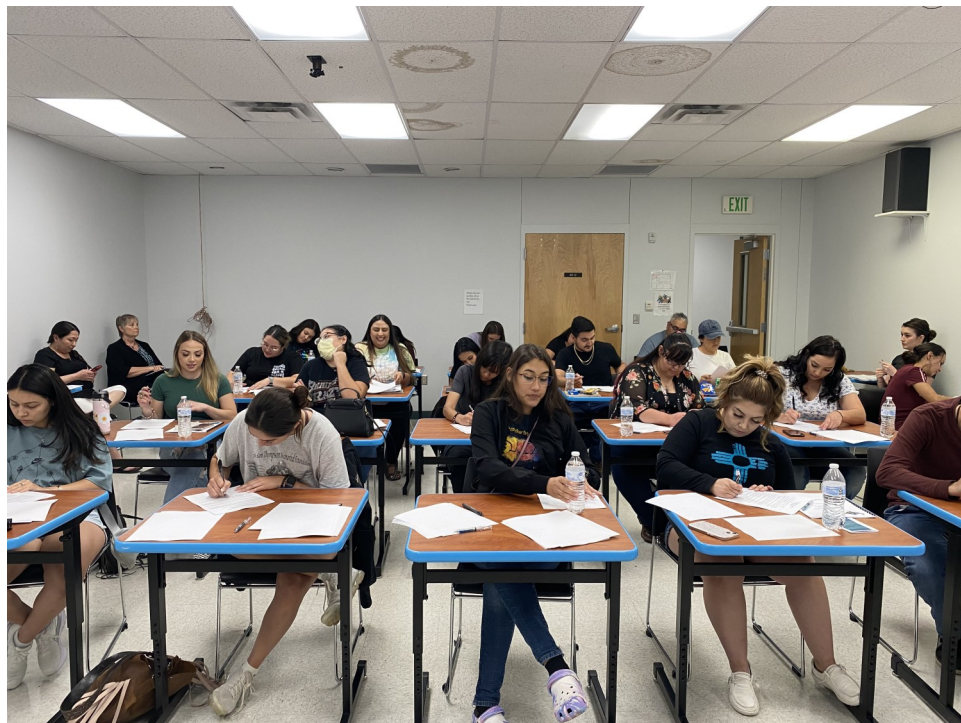
On Monday, August 15 the nursing department conducted orientation for all new and returning nursing students.

In the morning session the nursing department hosted Level 1 students and Level 3 students in an afternoon session

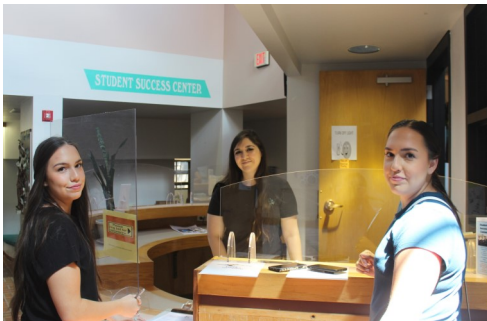
Lunch was provided for all students by the Area Health Education Center (AHEC). AHEC Director Raymond Sanchez spoke with students explaining how AHEC supports the nursing program and explained the AHEC Scholars Program.

"We want to thank everyone for making these events successful," said Pina.

**Level 3 nursing students (top photo) as well as level 1 students participated in orientation.**



# Luna students enjoy orientation and first week of class





# Wezwick says she likes Luna's family-like atmosphere

*The following is a one-on-one interview with Luna's Karen Wezwick.*

**Name:** Karen Wezwick

**Position:** Contract Education Advisor

**What year did you start working for Luna?** I started at Luna as a part-time tutor in 2009! I landed a full-time position in 2014, as an administrative assistant for the Vocational Trades Department, now CTE--Career Technical Education. I worked there until 2018, when I became the advisor for the Vocational Trades Department. For a short while, I was the dual credit contact and then was asked to do contract education, with which I am presently helping.

**What do you like most about Luna and why?** The students and my co-workers because we are like a family.

**What does your job entail; what does a day at Luna look like for you?** I'm an advisor for contract education but I help out anyone that needs it.

**Favorite food and why?** Sweet and salty anything! I love (my own recipe) sweet and sour pork. What I like the most, however, is a good grilled ribeye steak! Because there is nothing as delicious as a good steak (Angus or Wagyu,



**Karen Wezwick says that Luna Community College is a jewel.**

preferably!!)

**Favorite TV show and why?** I like America's Got Talent, but I don't really watch much TV! I like it because of the variety it offers the audiences.

**Where would you like to see yourself in five years?** Retired, and travelling in a luxury RV or tiny home, seeing as much of the world as one can see from land!

**What is your greatest strength?** My versatility and ability to do so many things.  
**What would you consider your biggest accomplishment in life and why?** I feel like my biggest accomplishment was to earn a master's degree. I am quite proud of that!

**What do you consider a good day in your life?** A day that I was able to complete my tasks, and leave my desk cleared off! (At home, I like to catch up with that endless chore--laundry!)

**What do you enjoy doing outside of working at Luna?** I love to sit outside and enjoy the quiet space in my hammock-swing chair, watch the thunderstorms come and go, pet my loving dogs, put on a good "spread" for dinner, and kick back and play a little Sudoku on my Kindle or phone!

**Any final comments?** Just that Luna is a jewel and anyone that hasn't discovered that hasn't really looked at Luna!

# Luna's student senate seeking members

Luna Community College's Student Senate is looking for new members to represent and advocate for students.

Senators receive a \$300 stipend with officers receiving \$400 per semester. Elections will be held on Monday, Sept. 12.

To be eligible, individuals have to be a current Luna student and enrolled in six or more credit hours; have a minimum 2.0 grade point average and have a declared major.

To apply, contact Kimberly Baca at 505-429-5962 or via email at [kbaca@luna.edu](mailto:kbaca@luna.edu).



**This picture of the week taken by Juan Fernandez, depicts the moon over the Luna Community College campus.**

**Luna President Dr. Edward Martinez gave a welcome back address to faculty and staff during Kick-Off Week. Martinez talked about how proud he is of everyone and of all the great things Luna did over the past year. The 2022 fall semester started on Monday, Aug. 22. \***





**Luna students show excitement about being part of the Luna family as they display college t-shirts during orientation. The t-shirts were given out by Recruitment and Admissions Manager David Lucero.**

**The Luna softball team participated in a scavenger hunt recently at the college in a team bonding exercise. As part of the activities, team members had to find different people and buildings around campus.**







FREE WORKSHOPS!



# POST-FIRE LAND RESTORATION

All workshops are on Saturdays from 8 am - 3:30 pm



- **Aug 27 - Forest Thinning** (San Pablo), instructor: Kent Reid
- **Sept 10 - Forest Thinning** (Rociada, Maestas Canyon), Instructor: Kent Reid

• **Sept. 24 - Post-fire plants (San Ignacio)**

What plants we are seeing in our burned forests and why, how plants re-establish post-fire, weeds to look out for. Edible and medicinal plants.

Instructors: Cameron Weber, habitat conservation director, Rio Grande Return and Erika Larsen, San Ignacio landowner and herbalist

• **Oct. 8 – Erosion control service project in San Ignacio**

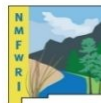
• **Oct. 22 - (San Ignacio, Las Dispensas) Seed harvesting workshop**

Finding viable plant populations for seed harvesting, how to harvest ethically, how to identify ripe seeds ready for collection, how to collect, store, and reseed.

Instructor: Cameron Weber, habitat conservation director, Rio Grande Return

## WORKSHOP PARTNERS

Luna Community College and the New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute housed at NM Highlands University are collaborating to host these workshops.



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NE New Mexico Suicide Awareness Project

*2nd Annual  
Walk For Hope*

***Date: Sunday, September 18, 2022***

***Time: 10:00am***

***Location: Luna Community College  
366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas, NM***

Get your friends, family, coworkers, etc. and make a team!

NO REGISTRATION FEE

Team fundraising encouraged.

Individuals that raise \$100 or more get an event T-shirt.

For more information contact:

Cindy Branch 505-454-2541 or email [cbranch@luna.edu](mailto:cbranch@luna.edu)



## Change Starts With You!

### Join Student Senate

Luna Community College Student Senate is looking for new members to help represent and advocate for students. Senators receive a \$300 Stipend; officers receive \$400 per semester. Elections will be held on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022.

Eligibility requirements:

- Current Luna student enrolled in at least a part-time student, six (6) credits or more, at LCC.
- Minimum GPA 2.0
- Declared major

To apply please contact:

Kimberly Baca, LCC Student Senate ,

505-429-5962, or [kbaca@luna.edu](mailto:kbaca@luna.edu)



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