



What's Happening at Luna

Friday, 02/10/2023 😊

Hi Everyone. Welcome to another edition of Luna's weekly update. Happy Friday! Have a great weekend!

What's Happening in Allied Health and Public Service – Carol Linder

Please help us spread the word about the Food and Housing Survey – only 10 minutes.

The UNM Basic Needs Project Team is conducting a statewide study to understand the extent of basic needs insecurities among **students, faculty, and staff across all public New Mexico colleges and universities** and offer participants the opportunity to share solutions.

What is the *Basic Needs Statewide Study*?

- A survey to assess basic needs insecurities of students, staff, and faculty at all public colleges and universities in New Mexico.
- Survey topics include food security, housing security, mental health, transportation access, and participant recommendations for solutions.
- The survey takes about 10 min.
- The survey is completely anonymous.
- This is the first statewide study in the nation to include full-time, part-time, and adjunct faculty and staff.

Who:

- Any current student, faculty, or staff (full-time or part-time) at a NM public college or university can participate.
- 16 – 17 yr old dual enrolled students may participate.
- This survey is for anyone on the continuum of needs security. Everyone can have their say to improve higher ed!

How:

- The online survey can be taken via this link (Feb 15 – March 1st): https://survey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d4NyzVMIJN3IzI2
- Or via this QR code:



- Luna will have paper copies available.

When:

- The online survey is open February 15th – March 1st.
- Paper surveys must be returned via pre-addressed and postage paid envelope by Wednesday, March 15.

Why:

- 40% of students who start college in NM do not finish. This study will help us understand some of the causes.
- A goal of the study is to contribute to the conversation about equity in higher education because some groups of students have much higher rates of needs insecurity as well as higher dropout rates.
- Faculty and staff needs insecurities have not been documented.
- Data are needed to better inform spending priorities in higher education.
- **Survey completers will have a chance to win a \$40 egift card to Amazon or Walmart. We are raffling more than \$30,000 in gift cards!**

A closer look:

- The survey is mostly closed questions (e.g. multiple choice and yes/no) but includes a few open-ended question for more detailed information and participant recommendations.
- Because the survey is anonymous, responses are completely confidential and will never be tied to participants. If you supply your name and email for the raffle it will be de-linked from your survey.

Results

- Initial results will be shared widely in May 2023.
- A Tableau site with data from all institutions will be made publicly available.
- Responses to open-ended questions and any comments provided will not be shared with any information that might be used to identify individual participants.
- The data will be used to create evidence-based interventions and inform *The 2030 Project: Reducing Needs Insecurity in NM Higher Education*, a statewide consortium.

The *UNM Basic Needs Project* is a research team of faculty and students. The study is funded by Governor Lujan Grisham's *Food Initiative* and the NM Higher Education Department. For more information you can Contact then: basicneeds@unm.edu

What's Happening Campus Wide

- February 13 is Las Vegas Day at the legislature. Jesse Gallegos is putting together a group to attend. At 10:00 A.M. on this date Dr. Martinez is scheduled to speak. Anyone wishing to be part of the group attending Las Vegas Day should contact Jesse at jgallegos@luna.edu. Lunch will be on your own and the day is 8:00 – 5:00 with many people typically leaving around 1:00 P.M.
- February 15 is Community College Day at the Legislature. Anyone wanting to and able to attend is encouraged to do so.
- Our spring student headcount is 780 students which is up 13% from last Spring.
- The adoption of CHES/Work Day is beginning now and the team involved in this stage of the transition process is Francina Martinez, Donna Sanchez-Pino, Georgia Baca, Kathy Romero, Carolyn Duran, and Greg Salazar.

What's Happening in CTE – Gene Martinez

- On February 16, the welding department will be holding their AWS Training and Scholarship Drive. Please see the attached flyer for more information. *

What's Happening with the Rough Rider Mentorship and College Readiness Program – Sherry Goodyear

- Sherry Goodyear will be at West Las Vegas Middle School on February 14 and at Springer Schools on February 15. Instructors, Gloria Pacheco and Denise Fox from the Dental Program have plans to accompany her on these visits to showcase their program. On that note, anyone wishing to join Sherry on any of her Middle School visits should contact her at sgoodyear@luna.edu. Remember, these school visits are a great opportunity to visit our area schools and plug your programs, so anyone interested should consider coming along.
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Reminders

- All committees, departments, and individuals with information to share are encouraged to send their knowledge to sgoodyear@luna.edu each week by noon on Thursday for inclusion in Friday's update. If you miss a deadline, don't worry, your information will be included in the following week's update. Keep in mind, your information should be in tidy bullet points that can be easily added to the basic update format.
- Thanks to all who shared information for this week's edition of "What's Happening at Luna."
- If you missed an edition of "What's Happening at Luna," find it here: https://luna.edu/whats_happening.

