

## April 21 -25, 2025

Week 14 of the Spring, 2025 Semester...counting down to graduation. What's Happening at LUNA...

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### Important Dates

- **May 1, 2025 –Art and Photography Exhibition (5:00 PM - MEC Lobby) and “AI for All” Workshop (7:00 PM – MEC Auditorium)**
- **May 5, 2025 – Cinco de Mayo Open House (9:00AM-2:00 PM) and Car Show (11:00 PM -1:00 PM) at Luna Main Campus**
- **May 8, 2025, 4:00 PM – Nursing Pinning Ceremony in the MEC**
- **May 10, 2025, 10:00 AM – Graduation in the MEC**
- **May 21, 2025, 10:00 AM – Head Start Graduation in the MEC**

Quote of the Week - "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

### ACE Lab Spring Tutoring Schedule

The Ace Lab is open and running. Tutors are available for all areas!

Tutor	Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Michelle Perez <a href="mailto:michelle.perez@student.luna.edu">michelle.perez@student.luna.edu</a>	Nursing, English, Math	1:30pm – 6:30pm	3pm – 8pm	1:30pm – 6:30pm	3pm – 6pm	
Em J <a href="mailto:ejimenez@luna.edu">ejimenez@luna.edu</a>	Allied Health, English, Math	3pm – 8pm	3pm – 8pm	2pm – 4pm		2pm – 5pm
Paige <a href="mailto:pgowen@luna.edu">pgowen@luna.edu</a>	Business and Allied Health	1pm – 5pm	1pm – 3:30pm	1pm – 5pm	1pm – 3:30pm	10am – 1pm
Rainn Daily <a href="mailto:rainn.daily@student.luna.edu">rainn.daily@student.luna.edu</a>	Science, English, Math	1:30pm – 6:30pm	2pm – 6:30pm	2pm – 6pm	1:30pm – 6pm	

## **AAUW “Girls Can” Event Inspires 5th Graders at Luna**

On Tuesday, April 22, Luna Community College proudly hosted the fourth annual “Girls Can!” event in partnership with the Las Vegas branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Montañas del Norte Area Health Education Center under the direction of Raymond Sanchez provided grant support. This inspiring program invites fifth-grade girls from across the region to spend a day on campus, engaging in hands-on activities and exploring career paths they may not have considered—particularly in fields where women remain underrepresented.

This year, 137 students, along with their teachers and staff, attended from Mike Mateo Sena, Sierra Vista, Union, Mora/Holman, Pecos, Anton Chico, Santa Rosa, and Springer elementary schools, as well as local homeschool students. The event offered these young learners a unique opportunity to experience a college setting and begin to imagine themselves as future college students.

Workshops throughout the day were led by dedicated Luna faculty and staff, whose creativity and mentorship brought the experience to life. These included Rachael Lucero (DNA), Briana Montaña Baca (AI), Germaine Sandoval, Clarice Bonney and students (cosmetology), Gene Martinez (welding), Lisa Bentson, Devon Chisholm, Kraig Bellows, & Jessica Garcia Montoya (flight simulation), Crystal Western Ford (Community Needs), Amber Elliott & Valerie Montoya (nursing), and Denise Fox with help from Raylynn Griffith (dental assisting). Their energy and enthusiasm made a lasting impression on the students.

The success of the event was made possible by the many staff who supported logistics and coordination, including Mary Frances Bibb, April Sandoval, Matt Griego, Francisco Melendez, and others who helped throughout the day.

In addition to Luna’s team, we are grateful to our community partners who offered unique sessions—Lucy Finch (art), Renee Hernandez (flowers, wildlife, and the environment), Carol Litherland (sign language), Cheri Burch (measurements), and Carolyn Hartwell (insects)—broadening the students’ perspectives on careers and interests. The event was organized by AAUW members Mary Shaw, Mary Byers, Carla Romero, Phyllis Ludi, and Karyl Lyne; many community members volunteered as group guides.

Although schools from Wagon Mound, Vaughn, Valley, and Rio Gallinas were unable to attend this year, we look forward to including them in future events and continuing to strengthen our regional partnerships.

“Girls Can!” remains a powerful example of Luna’s and AAUW’s commitment to educational access and opportunity for young women throughout Northern New Mexico. We are deeply thankful to the Las Vegas community members who helped create another inspiring day of exploration, learning, and possibility.

Carol Linder, President  
Luna Community College



Dental Program Administrator, Denise Fox (Center) poses with a group of 5th grade girls who partook in the Girl's Can Event at Luna on Tuesday.

Luna Strong



# Fresh Produce for LCC Community

Monday, 4/28/25 1-2 p.m.

LCC Cafeteria

Stop by to pick up a bag of fresh produce brought to us by MoGro Mobile Grocery and Luna Strong. Free for all Luna students, staff and faculty. First come, first serve.



Luna Strong is funded by grants from NMHED, Santa Fe Community Foundation and the Las Vegas Community Foundation

### Student Senate – Beautifying Luna’s Campus, April 23, 2025

In the spirit of Earth Day, on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, Student Senate planted flowers and pollinators in the concrete planters outside of Student Services and Humanities from 2-4 PM followed by a pizza party from 4-5 PM. Thanks to everyone who joined in this endeavor to help make our campus beautiful!



Pictured here (L to R): Rainn Daily, Justin Peterson, Samantha Rivera, Marcelino Molinar, Paloma Trujillo, Charlotte Larrabee, Jorge Melendez, Troy King, Michelle Perez, and Simon Molina.



(Photos provided by Mary Francis Bibb).



## Graduation is Just around the Corner

- Graduation is May 10 and planning is underway. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Rachael Lucero at [rlucero@luna.edu](mailto:rlucero@luna.edu) as we need at least fifteen non-faculty volunteers to assist as ushers and other helpful positions. Thankyou!

## Rough Rider Mentorship Summer Bridge Program

- Planning for the upcoming Summer Bridge Program is underway. If you would like to be involved with the planning process and have not already received an invitation to attend a planning meeting, please email Sherry at [sgoodyear@luna.edu](mailto:sgoodyear@luna.edu).



Need your GED  
or Hi-Set?

Do you live in Springer or the surrounding area, and need your HiSet or GED?

Luna Community College is the place to be.

Join us on Wednesdays from 4-6 P.M. for Free Prep Classes for the HiSet or GED.

We meet you where you're at.

Walk-ins are welcome. Teacher on site.

*The time to change your life is now!*

Email [sgoodyear@luna.edu](mailto:sgoodyear@luna.edu) for more information or just stop by.



Luna Community College Foundation

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual LCC  
Alumni  
Achievement  
Awards Banquet**

**Charlie's Bakery & Café**

715 Douglas Avenue; Las Vegas, NM

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 5 – 9 pm**

**\$40**  
per person

**Meal Included:  
Southwest Buffet**

**50/50 Raffle &  
Silent Auction**

**For more info:**

 (505)454-5337

 [lccfoundation@luna.edu](mailto:lccfoundation@luna.edu)

**Scan for Tickets!**

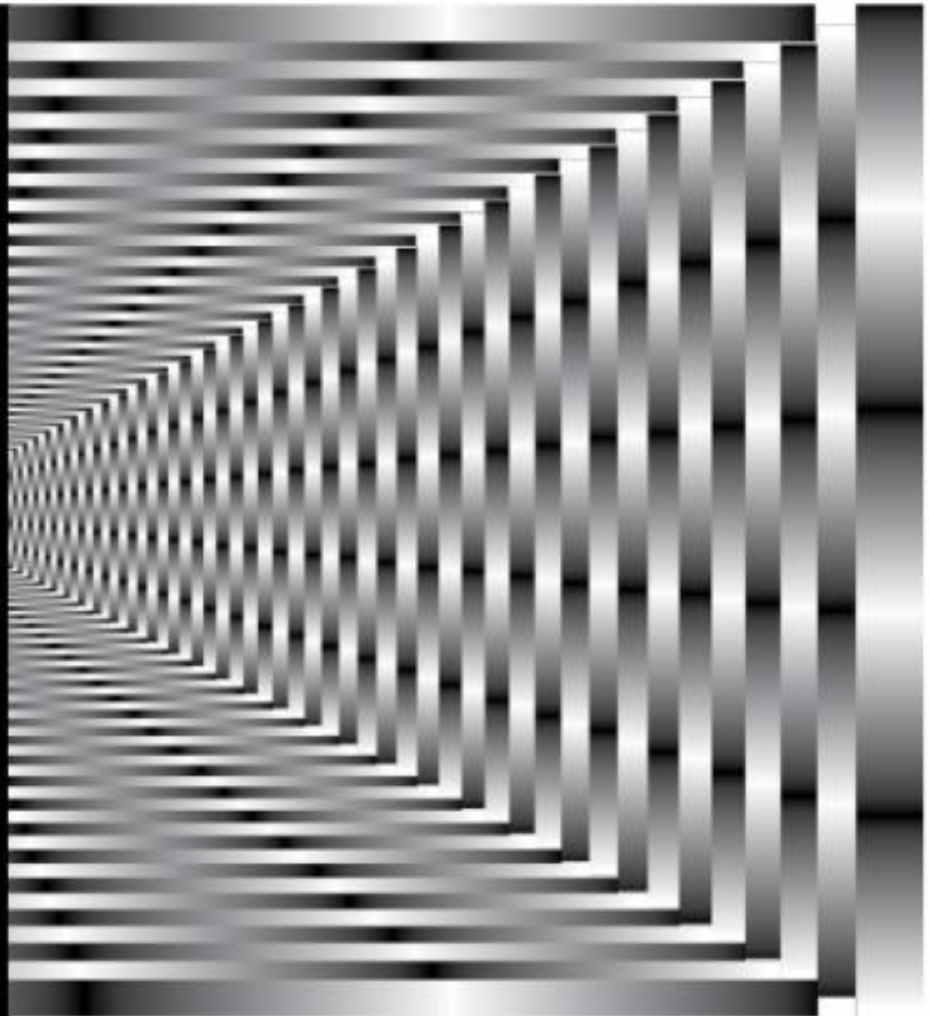


 Luna Community College  
**FOUNDATION**

# Art & Photography Exhibition

Come see original art and photography produced by Luna Community College students

*Instructors Deni Javas (Fine Arts) and Terence Garcia (Media Arts).*



## AI for All Workshop

Join Dr. Christopher Smith, Director of STEM and Humanities, and Mr. Jeff Gamblin, Director of Information Technology, to learn the basics of artificial intelligence and how some educators and students are using these new tools.

### Thursday, May 1

Exhibition, MEC Building Lobby, 5:00 pm  
Workshop, MEC Building Auditorium, 7:00 pm

All are welcome!

Post-site visit  
celebration!!

# DENTAL ASSISTING OPEN HOUSE 2025



*Let's eat*  
**CAKE!**

## Where and When

- May 2, Friday
- 3-5
- Dental Clinic (Room DO-2)



# Student Health Center

## How They Help Students and Staff

Medical Checkups / Mental Health Support / Prevention Services

### Better Access to Healthcare

Students have quick, easy, onsite access to Providers for regular checkups and health issues, getting the care they need when they need it.

### Improved Performance

Healthy student perform better academically. Treat health and vision issues early ensures your child has a better chance at succeeding in school.



### Mental Healthcare

Counseling can make a significant difference in your child's mental wellbeing and academic success.



### Health Education

With services that include weight counseling and nutritional guidance, your child will learn to develop positive, healthy habits.

### No Out of Pocket Cost

All students have access to school-based healthcare without cost, regardless of whether they are covered by insurance.

### Sliding Scale Fee Benefits

Adult community members, staff & faculty may qualify for co-pays as low as \$1.00 by completing and submitting a brief form submitting a brief form available at the school-based health center.

### Family Services & Benefits

- Student & Child Care
- Faculty/Staff
- Women Health
- Flu Vaccines
- Injury Assessment

- Rapid Covid Testing
- Sports Physicals
- Wellness Exams
- Health Education
- Headaches Care

- Chronic Illness Prevention & Management
- Cold & Flu Testing & Treatment
- Urinary Tract Infections



For more information visit our office or contact us: (505)454-3218

**When:** 8AM-5PM Monday thru Friday

**Closed for Lunch:** 12-1PM

**Where:** 901 Baca Ave., Las Vegas, NM, 87701

## Cinco De Mayo Open House and Car Show



The poster features a black background with a string of colorful paper lanterns at the top. The Luna Community College logo is prominently displayed in the upper center. Below the logo, a green banner contains the text 'FREE OPEN HOUSE MONDAY 05/05 • 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM'. The central part of the poster is divided into four quadrants: top-left with 'CINCO DE MAYO' in large white letters; top-right with a photo of tacos and a jar of jarritos; bottom-left with a photo of classic cars at a tailgate and the word 'TAILGATE' in large white letters; and bottom-right with a photo of colorful piñatas and the text 'CAMPUS TOURS, TACOS SUMMER REGISTRATION Show & Shine CAR SHOW Music & More'. A white zigzag pattern is at the bottom left.

**Luna Community College**

**FREE OPEN HOUSE**  
MONDAY 05/05 • 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**CINCO DE MAYO**

**TAILGATE**

**CAMPUS TOURS, TACOS  
SUMMER REGISTRATION  
Show & Shine CAR SHOW**  
Music & More

FREE ENTRY

# Cinco de Mayo

## Show & Shine Car Show



Join LCC for our Open House  
Enjoy Free Tacos, & Get Entered  
to Win BEST in Show!!!



Luna  
Community  
College

Monday, May 5th, 2025  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*Luna Community College Nursing  
Department  
Class of 2025*



*R.N. Pinning Ceremony  
May 8th, 2025  
@ 4:00pm*

*MEC Building*

*Sponsored by: LCC Student Nursing Association*

# Graduation

## Preschool



**21 MAY**

**10:00 AM**

*Luna Community College Preschool*

366 Luna Dr, Las Vegas, NM

Graduation will be held in the MEC building.



## Wildfire Resiliency Training Center

### **Wildfire Season Preparedness**

#### **From the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center**

This spring and summer are shaping up to be potentially very active. Dry, warm winter coupled with unusually high spring winds and temperatures as well as low relative humidity all point toward a possible active wildfire season.

There are dozens upon dozens of websites and agency recommendations. Which ones should we follow? Which ones might we question. Here at the WRTC, our recommendations are based upon years of scientific research including laboratory analyses, actual live burn research in the field, hundreds and hundreds of post-fire investigations and measurements, and interviews with homeowners and evacuees.

This research has shown how wildfire behaves, especially in relationship to homes, structures, topography, vegetation and weather. Here are some tips and information to help with your wildfire preparedness:

- Most homes/structures are ignited by embers, not large flames. Harden your home against ember "attack" by covering/screening vents and roof openings, move flammable debris such as leaves and pine needles from wooden decks and stairs. Trim or rake dry/dead vegetation near the structures. This creates a "survivable" space for your home.
- Prepare an evacuation plan. Have items such as documents, medicines, and keepsakes ready to put in your vehicle quickly. Have the same plan for your pets as well!
- When you're preparing to evacuate, close windows, doors garages. Don't worry about removing window treatments or moving furniture away from walls...you don't need to do this.
- Most civilian injuries and accidents in wildfire occur during evacuation. Prepare and leave early. Once in a safe area, then contact family and friends.
- Again, by following these guidelines, you are creating a "survivable" space (one in which your home has a better likelihood of surviving on its own. Creating a "defensible" space infers that responders will move into the path of the fire and defend your home. This is highly unlikely due to life safety and limited resources in active wildfire.
- Preparedness includes some common yard work, cleaning gutters, preventing ember entry and being ready to evacuate promptly.

For more information and guidance, contact the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center (WRTC) at Luna Community College. Go to [Luna.edu](http://Luna.edu) and click on the WRTC Class schedule.

**Wildfire Resiliency Training Center  
Luna Community College  
Las Vegas NM  
Wildfire Course Offerings, April-June, 2025**

**April 16** – Assessing Structural Ignition Potential, Intensive

**May 17-18** – S-211 Portable Pumps (NWCG certification)

**May 31-June 1 & June 7-8** – S 212 Chainsaw operations (NWCG certification)

**June 7** – Structural Ignition Awareness

**Other classes TBD**

## Nursing – Time for TEAS



### SPRING 2025 TEAS Exam Schedule

#### April 2025

Tuesday 1 @ 1:30 pm  
 Thursday 3 @ 9:00 am  
 Friday 11 @ 1:30 pm  
 Thursday 24 @ 9:00 am  
 Tuesday 29 @ 1:30 pm

#### May 2025

Thursday 1 @ 1:30 pm  
 Thursday 15 @ 9:00 am  
 Friday 16 @ 1:30 pm  
 Monday 19 @ 1:30 pm  
 Tuesday 20 @ 1:30 pm  
 Thursday 22 @ 1:30 pm  
 Friday 23 @ 9:00 am  
 Tuesday 27 @ 9:00 am  
 Thursday 29 @ 9:00 am  
 Friday 30 @ 1:30 pm

Students can contact Sandra Sanchez via email at [sasanchez@luna.edu](mailto:sasanchez@luna.edu) or call 505-454-2526 (ext. 1816) 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](http://www.atitesting.com) click on Create Account next to Log In. (Use Luna CC ADN for institution and estimated graduation date of 5/10/2027.) 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.**

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# TEAS

## Nursing school entrance exam

# April 2025 dates

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Thursday April 24          9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, April 29          1:30 p.m.

Contact: Sandra Sanchez  
505-454-2526  
sasanchez@luna.edu

Passing TEAS score is 58.7% overall or higher. There are 24 slots available for qualified applicants for admission in Fall 2025.

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.  
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Friday, May 16            1:30 p.m.           Tuesday, May 27           9:00 a.m.  
Monday, May 19           1:30 p.m.           Thursday, May 29        9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, May 20           1:30 p.m.           Friday, May 30            1:30 p.m.

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Timely Care

**Enter to win a \$25 Amazon Gift Card when you create your TimelyCare account!**

Feeling stressed or overwhelmed? Don't forget, TimelyCare provides free virtual access to licensed providers for your mental health needs. Register your account now, so you can have it later! Start a visit from anywhere in the United States.

To enter, you must create your profile by visiting [timelycare.com/luna](https://timelycare.com/luna) or downloading the TimelyCare app.

**Register by April 30, 2025 to be entered to win!**

**WIN A \$25  
AMAZON GIFT CARD!**

1. Download the TimelyCare app.  
2. Register via your school email address.  
Contest runs April 14-30, 2025

timelycare.com/luna

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Classifieds

*For those with something to buy, sell, or give away.*

- Need manure or straw for compost? I have used straw mixed with horse, chicken, and duck manure, free to anyone who wants to pick some up. Please text me, as we don't have a very good cell signal at our place. Sarah Obermeyer (from CCRI) 219.484.6792.

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## Las Vegas Community Events

- To learn more about the many community events happening in Las Vegas currently and in the future, visit <https://www.plug.events/space/-/las-vegas-new-mexico-united-states/events> and sign up for notifications.

## Santa Rosa

**Downtown Round-about**  
Fun and Games in Downtown Santa Rosa  
Thursday, May 1, 2025  
1 to 7pm  
Check-in is at  
**Pecos Theatre**  
Support your  
local  
businesses!

Card Games  
Board Games  
Puzzles  
Food Art/Crafts  
Other Fun Activities  
Free to play!

Luna Community College  
Mr. Bee's Coffee & Teas  
Fashion Fantasy  
La Villa  
Lake City Youth & Family Center  
Quaucalli Pottery  
Feed Store on Route 66  
Plateau  
Moise Memorial Library

Visit all locations to pick  
up Scavenger Hunt  
Clues!

**NM STATE**  
BE BOLD. Shape the Future.  
College of Agricultural, Consumer  
and Environmental Sciences  
Cooperative Extension Service  
Gardener County Extension Office

A mental health and wellness event

## Reminders

- All committees, departments, and individuals with information to share are encouraged to send their knowledge to [sgoodyear@luna.edu](mailto:sgoodyear@luna.edu) each week by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday (unless otherwise noted) for inclusion in the week's update. If you miss a deadline, don't worry, your information will be included in the following week's update provided it is still timely. When possible, your information should be in tidy bullet points that can easily be added to the basic update format. It is also helpful if you respond to the request for information for the week of the update in the reminder email that was sent out, as it makes it easier for me to find and include what you send in the update. Please submit any pictures in the form of jpegs.
- Things to consider contributing: News about your departments; community event flyers, news regarding personal triumphs and achievements; classified ads, cool, beautiful, or unusual photos you took and want to share among other things.
- 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](https://luna.edu/whats_happening).

Have a Wonderful Weekend, Everyone!