

*The latest news from Luna Community College*

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## Luna’s Department of Education receives \$10,000 grant from PNM Resources Foundation

The Luna Community College Education Department in partnership with the Luna Foundation recently applied for and received a grant from PNM Resources Foundation. The Foundation awarded \$700,000 in grants to 44 nonprofits that have demonstrated a commitment to important issues around education, inclusion, the environment, and community vitality.

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Luna’s Education Department was awarded \$10,000 to create a model classroom for Early Childhood and Teacher Education students to gain hands-on experience during their time at LCC.

Director of the Education Department, Tycie Jackson, who submitted the grant says, "Oftentimes, pre-service teachers are educated in environments that have no resemblance to a real classroom setting. Securing this grant will allow us to create a real-life model classroom where students can interact virtually or in person to experience practical hands-on training in areas such as classroom design, technology integration, Universal Design for Learning, inclusive practices, and many other teaching concepts. In addition to serving the LCC Early Childhood and Teacher Education students, the classroom will be open to all area schools to use for professional development, training, and collaboration."

Jackson attended a recipient award ceremony on June 16, 2023 at the African American Performing Arts Center in Albuquerque where Luna Community College was recognized as a nonprofit recipient who has made a significant impact on the communities they serve.

It is estimated that the classroom will be ready by the spring of 2024 when an open house will take place for the community to tour.



**Luna’s Department of Education Director Tycie Jackson.**



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**The New Mexico Legislative Interim Committee on Water and Natural Resources listens to testimony from Las Vegas Mayor Louie Trujillo and Luna Community College President Dr. Edward Martinez on Monday, July 10. The Committee met at Luna's Media Education Center on July 10 and Tuesday, July 11.**



**Members of the New Mexico Legislature Water and Natural Resources Interim Committee tour the City of Las Vegas' water treatment and filtration plant at Storrie Lake. The tour was led by Luna President Edward Martinez to highlight the area's Calf Canyon/ Hermit's Peak fire recovery efforts.**



# Luna preschool receives \$10,000 grant from the LVNMCF for a greenhouse

The Luna Community College Preschool in partnership with the Luna Foundation recently applied for and received a \$10,000 grant from the Las Vegas New Mexico Community Foundation for a greenhouse that will be assembled behind the preschool building on the Luna campus.

The purpose of the Greenhouse Growing Project is to have a place where the children can be active participants in the farm-to-table process.

For three summers, the students have participated in planting pumpkins, lettuce, peppers, and tomatoes in

outdoor raised beds. The students then participated in harvesting the vegetables to eat and also for experiential learning, e.g. veggie stamps, seed roasting, and counting, and comparison contrast.

In addition to the children using the greenhouse as experiential learning, families will also be invited to participate in planting and gardening with their children throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Luna's preschool plans to have semi-annual plant sales open to the community so the community can engage with the children and their gardens.



**Luna STEM and Humanities Director Francisco Apodaca (right) speaks with longtime local senator Dr. Pete Campos earlier this week outside the Media Education Center. The New Mexico Legislative Interim Committee on Water and Natural Resources met at Luna's main campus on Monday, July 10 and Tuesday, July 11.**



**High school students, Angelina Silva from Santa Rosa, Joslyne Garcia from Pecos, and Jaylyn Garcia from Robertson, start out their four-day participation in the Future Nurse Camp by taking a tour of the nursing department with Luna Director of Nursing, Maxine Hughes.**



**Students in the Future Nurse Camp practice CPR on a mannequin, one of three activities that they engaged in during the four-day camp. Other activities included a simulation experience and learning to take vital signs as well as a short course in medical terminology"**



**Luna CDL student Geno Trujillo of Springer, practices his shifting and driving during his final week of training as he gets ready for his CDL driving test. For more information on Luna's CDL program, please call Tracy Morales at 505-454-2523 or via email at [tmo-ales@luna.edu](mailto:tmo-ales@luna.edu).**



### **Career and Technical Education Director**

Luna Community College is looking for an energetic and creative individual who can continue building the college's successful Career and Technical Education programs as the Division Director. The CTE Director will have the opportunity to implement new programs and expand the currently successful programs in Welding, Cosmetology, Automotive Repair Technology and Collision Repair Technology. If you want to make a difference for students, for the community, for the economy and for New Mexico, this is the place for you!

To discuss the position in greater detail, contact the VP of Instruction and Student Services, Dr. Dani Day, at 505-454-2567 or email her at [dday@luna.edu](mailto:dday@luna.edu).

### **Wildfire Resiliency Training Center Director**

Wildfires are growing worse every year - both bigger and more frequent. To combat the devastation, we need more people with the skills and expertise to mitigate the dangers and implement recovery for lands, forests, water and communities. Luna Community College is opening a Wildfire Resiliency Training Center. If you would like to lead this important work and apply for the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center Director position contact Dr. Day at 505-454-5378 to discuss the Center and the position in more detail.



**Harry Estep, who was Luna's head baseball coach for a year and an assistant for five years, recently took over as the mentor of the Highlands baseball team. "Luna was a great place to start my career," said Estep. "Luna gave me an opportunity I will be forever thankful for."**





# LCC Community KITCHEN

The LCC Community Kitchen provides a turnkey rental facility to entrepreneurs, culinary professionals and community members. Serving Las Vegas, Mora and northeastern New Mexico communities.

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**Ariana Garza, along with her parents Cindy Garza and Thomas Garza visited Luna's registrar's office recently. Ariana Garza registered as a freshman for the 2023 fall semester. She intends to major in cosmetology. Also pictured is Luna interim registrar Alicia Chacon. The first day of fall classes begin on Monday, Aug. 21 and the last day to registrar is Monday, Aug. 28. Please visit [luna.edu](http://luna.edu) for more information.**

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