



Student senate leads holiday drive

Luna Cares seeking donations of food, clothing, other items



A desire to help others is what has inspired the Luna Community College Student Senate to again lead a holiday drive in partnership with The Samaritan House of Las Vegas.

The drive, titled Luna Cares, is ongoing through mid-December, when student senate members plan to deliver donated items to the local Samaritan House for distribution.

Collection boxes have been set up at several locations on campus, including the main administration building hallway, the Humanities building and the Allied Health Sciences building. Donations of the following items are welcome: non-perishable foods; socks and winter clothing such as jackets, thermal underwear, beanie hats, gloves and scarves; toiletries such as

toothbrush, toothpaste, sanitizer, soap, shavers; and face masks.

Luna’s student senate also led the initiative in 2020, delivering boxes of the essential items to the Samaritan House.

“The Luna Cares drive is all about taking care of our community,” said Angelica Montanez, president of the student senate. “The people who use the Samaritan House get necessities they may not be able to get for themselves. We want to give back to our community in a meaningful way, and basic needs around the holidays and the colder winters is something we should all have. The senate wants to put people first, and this is a big part of that. We can only hope this will inspire greater participation in giving back to the community we are in.”

Sign up now for spring classes

Registration is now open for the Spring 2022 semester at Luna Community College.

Early registration began on Monday, Nov. 15, and continues through the first week of the semester. Spring ‘22 classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The last day to add full-term courses is Tuesday, Jan. 25. However, early sign-up is highly encouraged. Short-term courses in certain programs are typically offered with registration available later in the semester.

For more information, including a list of available classes, please visit LUNA.edu. Online registration is available to returning students; others should contact an adviser or the Student Success Center once admitted.

Dental assisting class



Gloria Pacheco, administrator and instructor for Luna's dental assisting program, reviews types of tooth conditions with students in a recent class. The class was among those featured in a promotional video shot on campus in late October. For more information on the program, please contact Pacheco at 505-454-2528.



Luna students enjoy a Thanksgiving Luncheon at the college on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Approximately 250 Luna students and employees enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Stop by the Academic Center for Excellence to get help in your classes.

Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), Tech 139

Open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tutor	Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sergio	Humanities	8-11 a.m.	4-8 p.m.	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	2-5 p.m.	8-10 a.m.
Brittney	STEM	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	
Edward	STEM	1-3 p.m. & 4-8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1-2 p.m.	1-2 p.m. & 4-8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1-2 p.m.	
Amber	CJ, Humanities, entry level math	1-4 p.m.	1-4 p.m.	3-8 p.m.	3-8 p.m.	
Mary Frances	All areas	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 4-8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 4-8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Madison	Humanities, entry level math courses	1-4 p.m.	1-4 p.m.	3-8 p.m.	3-8 p.m.	
Hilary	All areas	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.		9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Luna would like to thank everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Luna will be closed on Nov. 25 and Nov. 26 in observation of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



State auditor provides training, insights to Luna Board of Trustees

New Mexico State Auditor Brian Colón was a special guest of the Luna Community College Board of Trustees on Nov. 9 for the board's regular monthly meeting.

Colón provided insights and training in the areas of fiduciary responsibility and roles of governance.

Afterward, Colón praised the college's recent direction. "Luna Community College wants to get it right," he posted on his Facebook page. "Progress forward. Thanks to the Board of Trustees and President for inviting me to provide some guidance ... I'm always honored to engage in these important conversations."



State Auditor Brian Colón addresses members of the Luna Community College Board of Trustees during the Nov. 9 regular meeting. Colón provided advice on best practices for governance and said the board has shown progress in recent months.



Join our team and help us serve our communities!

Employment opportunities

Positions available at Luna Community College

FULL-TIME

- General maintenance I ... opened Nov. 11
- Academic and career planning director ... opened Nov. 3
- CTE commercial drivers license program administrator (INTERNAL posting) ... opened Nov. 3
- Registrar ... opened Oct. 29
- Custodian I ... opened Sept. 21
- Technical electrician ... opened July 14

TEMPORARY PART-TIME

- Wellness Center technician ... opened Oct. 18

- College & Career Readiness Institute math and language arts instructor ... opened Aug. 19
- ACE tutors (4) ... opened Aug. 16
- Preschool substitute teacher/caretaker ... opened June 29

ADJUNCT (per course)

- CTE welding instructor, Springer ... opened Oct. 25
- CTE furniture & cabinet making instructor, Santa Rosa ... opened Oct. 25
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- CTE welding instructor, main campus ... opened Oct. 25
- CTE commercial drivers license theory instructor, main campus ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE commercial drivers license driving instructor, main campus ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE auto technology instructor, Springer ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE auto technology instructor, main campus ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE department collision repair instructor, main campus ... 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.



College Scorecard:

The U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard has the most reliable data on college costs, graduation and post-college earnings. Visit collegescorecard.ed.gov

The Luna Light is a publication of the Luna Community College Office of Public Relations. To submit story ideas or items for consideration, please e-mail Jesse Gallegos, jgallegos@luna.edu, and Dave Kavanaugh, dkavanaugh@luna.edu.



Root beer floats rock!

Students enjoy free root beer floats served up Nov. 3 by Luna staff and the Office of Campus Life. In addition to door prizes and music, the event reached out to students for ideas on future activities they'd like to see on campus.



Game Room reopens

The Rough Rider Game Room held a grand reopening on Nov. 9, welcoming students to sample the facility. Volunteer staffers served chips, dips and drinks. And two Luna hooded sweatshirts were given as door prizes.





Luna Community College invites you to join us for
A salute to our veterans



Luna honors veterans

Col. John Alvarado, ret., shared some of his experiences with the audience for "A Salute To Our Veterans," hosted by Luna Community College on Thursday, Nov. 11. Alvarado, a native of Las Vegas, spoke about important veterans resources and encouraged everyone to help connect veterans with these resources. He also recognized fellow veterans, naming some of them who also come from the area. Also in Thursday's event: Luna President Dr. Edward Martinez thanked veterans for their courage, selflessness and willingness to serve their country; Esperanza Griego sang the national anthem; and event organizer Raymond Baca presented veterans with gifts made for them by Luna preschool children (ages 2-5).

LANL scholarship available

Luna Community College students are encouraged to apply for a Career Pathways Scholarship, sponsored by the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The scholarship award of up to \$3,000 is for students earning an associate degree or certificate or pursuing a trade.

According to LANL, many scholarship recipients are non-traditional students returning to or entering higher education for the

first time. Some are adults returning to school to make a career change, and others needing financial support to complete a semester or two before earning their associate degree.

There is no minimum grade point average requirement, and full-time enrollment is not required. Since 2011, this scholarship has been offered twice per year (fall and spring). Beginning this year, the Career Pathways Scholarship

will only be open in the spring, with funding available for the following fall. The scholarship will open Jan. 3 and close April 18.

For more information about our scholarship program, please visit www.lanlfoundation.org/scholarships. You may also contact scholarship program manager Mike Ammerman at 505-795-3778.



TEAS nursing school entrance exam

Fall 2021 test dates

Scheduling for the following dates is taking place now.

Friday, Nov. 12 @ 9 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 18 @ 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 @ 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 @ 10 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 16 @ 1 p.m.

Contact: Yvonne Piña

505-454-2525

ypina@luna.edu

Study manuals may be checked out from Yvonne. See contact information above.

You have up to three attempts per academic year to pass the exam; the fee for each attempt will be \$65.

Fall Classic, Luna-style



Luna's baseball team concluded a productive fall with its version of the Fall Classic, the Black vs. Teal scrimmage series, over the weekend at NMHU's Brandt Park. Pictured are scenes from Saturday's series opener.



BLOOD DRIVE



Luna Community College School of Nursing

THURSDAY, DEC. 2
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
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Luna Cares!

Samaritan House Holiday Drive

WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Hygiene bags that include toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hand sanitizer, shavers
- Facemasks, face shields, sanitizing items, liquid soap, hand sanitizer
- Winter clothing such as socks, thermal underwear, beanie hats, gloves
- Non-perishable food items such as canned fruits and vegetables

PLEASE DONATE!

Collection boxes are available in the Maria H. Paiz Administration Building, the Allied Health building and the Humanities building. Your generosity is appreciated! Items will be delivered to the Samaritan House in December. The Samaritan House assists people throughout the community.

