

The latest news from Luna Community College

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Congratulations to Luna 2023 RN graduates who had their pinning ceremony on Thursday, May 11 at the Media Education Center Auditorium.

Luna's Carl Vigil to begin work with NMAA

Luna Community College's Carl Vigil will begin working with the New Mexico Activities Association starting in July.

Vigil served as Luna's athletic director for the last four years and as the Gerald P. Ortega Wellness Center Coordinator for about a decade. Overall, Vigil worked at Luna for about 16 years.

"I'm going to miss Luna," said Vigil. "Luna was my second home. I made it a point to be at work every day. Working at Luna was something that I loved."

Vigil's mom Diane, retired from Luna after 25 years of working at the college. Vigil said that he will always



Carl Vigil has been working at Luna since 2006.

respect Luna for what the college has done for him and his family.

"I grew up in the hallways at Luna while my mom was here," said Vigil. "I earned my associate's degree from Luna. I began as a work study here and steadily moved up the ladder."

Vigil will be an assistant to the commissioner of officials at the NMAA. Vigil said that he hopes to eventually become the assistant director of sports for the NMAA.

Vigil has been officiating high school basketball in New Mexico for nearly 20 years.



TEAS

Nursing school entrance exam

June 2023 dates

Scheduling for the following dates is taking place now.

Thursday, June 1 10:00 a.m.

Friday, June 2 1:30 p.m.

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Passing TEAS score is 58.7% overall or higher. There are 30 slots available for qualified applicants for admission in Fall 2023.

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 \$65.

You're advised to set up an account with ATI prior to the exam date; go to atitesting.com, click on Create Account. Use Luna CC ADN for institution, with estimated graduation date of 5/10/2025.

MISSION

Luna Community College is dedicated to providing accessible, innovative and integrated learning experiences that prepare students to compete at the forefront of their chosen fields

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

Rough Rider Resilience mural completed at Luna

Local artist Alex Allington recently completed the Rough Rider Resilience mural in the Student Success Building on the Luna Community College campus. Alex's design was selected by students, staff, and faculty as the favorite out of nine submissions in a Luna Strong Mural contest. The contest arose as part of the Building Rough Rider Resilience grant under the direction of Dr. Carol Linder, director of Allied Health and Public Service and funded by the New Mexico Higher Education Department.

The mural symbolizes the resilience shown by the Luna community in the face of the pandemic, fires, floods, and threats to our watersheds. The image of the Rough Rider fearlessly riding his horse out of the darkness into the light demonstrates the strength that can come from adversity. Luna wants the mural to be a sign of hope and inspiration for years to come.

As a Las Vegas native and former Luna student, Alex says he was inspired to enter the mural contest as a result of watching his community go through last year's fires and subsequent water shortages.

"In particular, I was directly involved with the evacuation of domestic homeless animals, lost animals, and animals left behind," said Allington. "Every day I watched the skies and I watched the people. As the skies got darker, the people got stronger. We are a community always looking towards the light."

Painting the mural on the 10 by 20-foot elevated space between the Board Room and the Registrar's Office required not only talent but a great deal of ingenuity. Using both rented and homemade scaffolding, Alex spent most of April donning a hard hat and painting six to eight hours a day balancing on planks. Alex patiently answered questions from onlookers, talked about the process with students from Luna's College and Career Readiness Institute, and allowed videographer Marshall Poole to



Final Rough Rider Resilience Mural. (Photo by Julie Hanich)

Artist Alex Allington with Luna Director of Allied Health/ Public Service and Building Rough Rider Resilience Project Director Dr. Carol Linder stand by the scaffolding needed to reach the mural.



capture the process. The video will be released to social media and through Alex's website at www.allingtondesigns.com.

Alex's upbringing and time exploring the Land of Enchantment prepared Alex for life as an artist. His paintings of landscapes could be found in local galleries at the young age of 13. Alex returned to Las Vegas in 2017 after completing a degree in computer ani-

mation from The School of Communication Arts in Raleigh, NC and working as a digital artist in numerous states. While Alex is best known in Las Vegas for his unique tables with organic designs and for capturing the personality of pets on canvas, the Rough Rider Resilience Mural has captured the hearts and the resilience of the Luna Community and all who see it.



SUMMER REGISTRATION

LCC GERALD ORTEGA

WELLNESS CENTER

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE
ACCREDITED COURSE

PE 112

Physical Fitness

\$75 per semester

\$55 for Seniors*

OTHER OPTIONS:

Monthly rates:

\$32 for Students

\$10 for Seniors*

Day pass:

\$3 for Students

\$2 for Seniors*

* Seniors is individuals 55+

Registration:

For accredited course PE 112

Physical Fitness, please do so through
the Registrar's Office or visit

luna.edu

Monthly pass:

Contact the Fiscal Office

Michelle Cordova or Ida Valdez at

505-454-2500



REGISTER FOR

SUMMER 2023

**ENROLL
NOW!!**

Classes begin on
**Monday,
June 5, 2023**

Luna summer registration begins on
Wednesday, April 5, 2023

The last day to add courses is

Friday, June 9, 2023

To view classes, go to

luna.edu

and click the

**schedule of
courses link**

Contact us at

505-454-2500



Luna Community College in Las Vegas and its campuses in Mora, Santa Rosa and Springer will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

The college will resume its regular hours on Tuesday, May 30.

Luna is scheduled to begin the summer semester on Monday, June 5. The last day to register for summer courses is Friday, June 9.



Beginning guitar...bring your guitar, if you have one! Learn some basics.



PRESENTS

Future Rough Riders Kid's College

Where: Luna Community College, Main Campus, Humanities Building.

When: June 5-8, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Who: All 6th-9th grade Las Vegas students

Cost: Free; Lunch and snacks provided

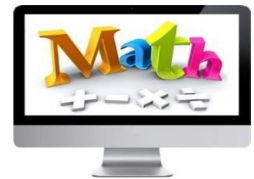
How to Sign Up: Contact Sherry Goodyear at 505-587-3824 or 575-447-0502 or your school counselor or teacher. You can also email Ms. Goodyear at sgoodyear@luna.edu to request a registration packet.

Deadline to Sign Up: Friday, May 26, 2023

Space for Kids' College is limited to 60 students so please sign up ASAP. If more than 60 students wish to sign up, a waiting list will be created.

These are just a few of the topics that will be part of the RR Kids College: Beginning Guitar (bring your own guitar if you have one); tour the campus, STEM Activities, Arts

and Crafts, Games, Reading, Music, and more!



Three Luna students inducted into Kappa Beta Delta International Honor Society

On May 5, 2023, three Luna Community College students were inducted into the Kappa Beta Delta International Honor Society. It is the highest recognition an associates degree candidate in business can earn. Congratulations to Aixa Arellano, Kohle Kerin, and Angela Pacheco.

To be eligible for Kappa Beta Delta honors, students must meet the following criteria:

- They must rank in the upper 20 percent of students pursuing business degrees at the time of invitation to membership
- They must have completed a minimum of 12 semester



hours of credit, of which a minimum of six are in business subjects toward the degree program.

- They must have a minimum grade point of average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or the minimum GPA for honors considerations at your institution, whichever is higher)

Kappa Beta Delta members hold the values of excellence, trustworthiness, and genuineness. KBD also provides scholarship opportunities. For more information, please call the Luna School of Business KBD Advisor Reyes Coca at 505-454-2575 or Director, Tycie Jackson at 505-454-5381.

West Las Vegas High School senior Azlynn Valdez signs a letter of intent to play for the Luna Lady Rough Riders' softball team. "We are excited to be adding local players to our record setting program," said Luna Softball Coach Randy Krutsch. "We hope that Azlynn will have a big impact on our team and we look forward to having her at Luna. It is exciting to have a program that our local players want to come to and continue, not only their education, but to participate in intercollegiate softball and represent their schools, families and their high school coaches."



A photograph of a commercial kitchen with stainless steel counters, sinks, and various appliances. Several people are working in the background.

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.

For more information visit

www.luna.edu/community-kitchen

505-454-2516

Find out more!

Two Luna softball players earn all-region honors

Two Luna softball players earned all-region 9 honors following the 2023 season.

Angelica Angel earned all-region honors as an outfielder with Angelica Ortiz earning honorable mention all-region honors as a catcher.

Luna head coach Randal Krutsch said this is the first time in program history that Luna softball players earned all-region 9 honors.

Several Luna baseball players earned all-region honors following the 2023 season.

Earning all-region honors are:

Wilmer Henriquez – First-team all-region infielder

Jose Villalobos – Second-team all-region infielder

Diego Quinonez—Second-team all-region pitcher

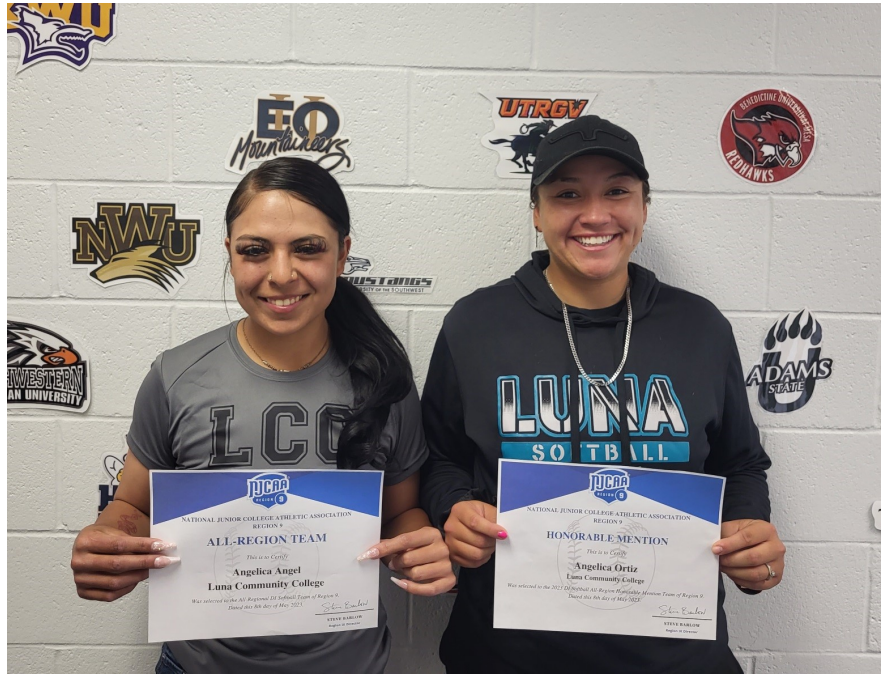
Kohle Kerin—Second-team all-region outfielder

Juanito Avila—All-defensive team right fielder

JJ Garcia—Honorable mention all-region

Ashton Luera—Honorable mention all-region

Kekoa Ogawa—Honorable mention all-region



Luna softball players Angelica Angel (left) and Angelica Ortiz both earned Region 9 honors this year.

Congratulations to Luna students who earned micro-credentials in welding, automotive technology and collision repair technology. Students were presented certificates during a ceremony on Friday, May 12 at the Media Education Center Auditorium.

