

# Students enrolling at Luna as fall semester set to start on Aug. 22

With the fall semester scheduled to begin on Monday, Aug. 22, Luna Community College is happy to see so many students on campus finishing up their registration process. The last day to register for fall classes is Monday, Aug. 29.

Students can register online at [www.luna.edu](http://www.luna.edu) or in person at any one of Luna's campuses. Each new student will meet with a Student Success Specialist and complete the Accuplacer. A specialist will review results with the student and plan a schedule for the upcoming semester. Success Specialists are always available to assist students throughout their academic journey.

Student orientation is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 12, at the main campus. This is the best opportunity for students to acclimate themselves to LCC. Students will be provided information about resources available to enhance their success. These include academic planning assistance, tutoring, college success seminars and other support services. Each student will learn about their responsibility in successfully achieving their academic goals.

For more information, please contact Admissions and Recruiting Manager David Lucero at 505-454-2550.



**Luna dual credit student Isaiah Ortiz finishes up the registration process for the 2022 fall semester with fiscal office employee Ida Valdez. The fall semester begins on Aug. 22 and the last day to register is Aug. 29. Student orientation is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 12.**

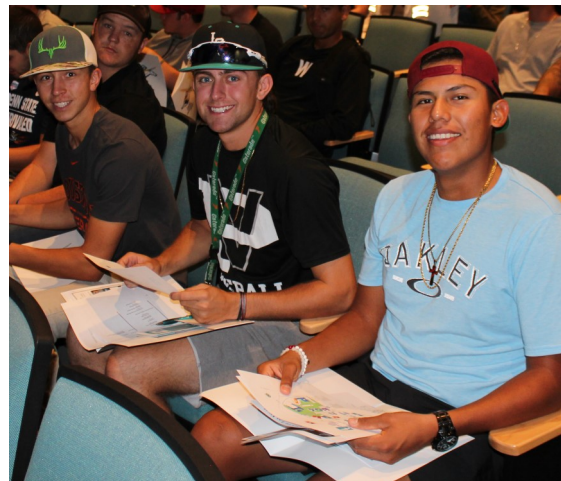
## Student orientation schedule

**Friday, Aug. 12 at the main campus**

**10 a.m. to noon**—Get admitted to Luna, register for classes, financial aid and more

**Noon to 1:30 p.m.**—Lunch, food trucks, faculty tables and more

**1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.**—Presentations and more



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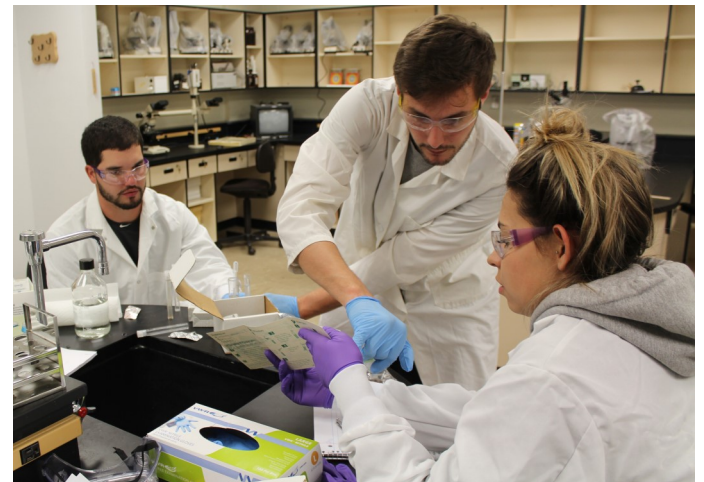
**Make 2022 the year for you  
at Luna Community College!**

Fall 2022 classes begin Aug. 22.  
Last day to register is Aug. 29.

Visit [LUNA.edu](http://LUNA.edu) for class schedule  
and registration information.

- Allied Health  
Sciences & Public  
Service
- Business
- Career & Technical  
Education
- Education
- Humanities
- Nursing
- Science,  
Technology,  
Engineering &  
Math

**LUNA.edu**  
**505-454-2500**  
**1-800-588-7232**



# Get **STRONGER.**

Learn **essential skills** and build confidence to take on a **rewarding career!**

Luna's array of degree, certificate and workforce training programs include dental assisting, CNA, nursing, pre-engineering, business administration, early childhood education and many more.



## **FALL 2022 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Tuition rates start at just \$45 a credit hour. Luna's terrific value is recognized by national websites. Additional course fees may apply. Financial aid and scholarships available.

Fall classes start Aug. 22; registration ongoing through Aug. 29.

Visit [LUNA.edu](http://LUNA.edu) for details, or call 505-454-2500 or 1-800-588-7232.



# Vigil says his biggest accomplishment has yet to be fulfilled

*The following is a one-on-one interview with Luna's Athletic Director Carl Vigil.*

**Name:** Carl Vigil

**Position:** Athletic Director

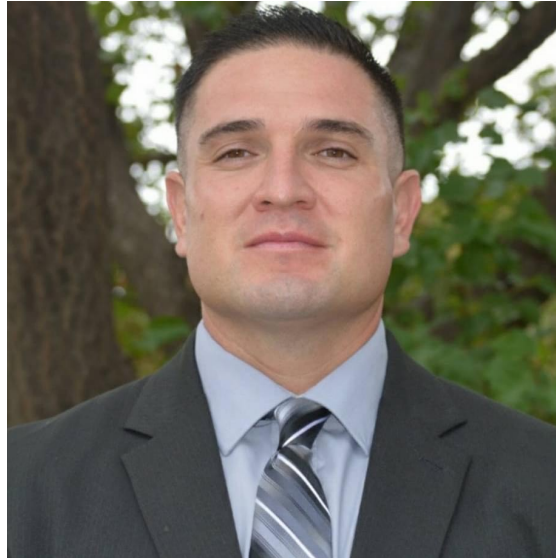
**What year did you start working for Luna?** 2007, as a part-time temporary Wellness Center Technician.

**What do you like most about Luna and why?** Location near the mountain, family-like atmosphere. In addition, this is where I began my journey. I am a 2004 Criminal Justice graduate.

**What does your job entail? What does a day at Luna look like for you?** I am also in charge of the wellness center. My day begins at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday.

As far as the wellness center, my staff and I are constantly cleaning making sure all machines are up and running. We have to make sure the gym is cool on these hot summer days, assisting gym members with exercise or making sure machines are used correctly, helping new members register or making sure all registered members check-in.

Athletics is an on-going process. Right now, we are preparing for another year with incoming student-athletes. The athletic staff has to assist all student-athletes through the registration process, finding them a place to stay, either at the HU dormitories, apartments, or house rentals. We then have to get them cleared with the NJCAA to participate in athletics. I also work with other city entities to make sure we have a place to play games and have hotels



**Carl Vigil has been at Luna since 2007.**

reserved. I work with umpires and visiting teams as well. Most of all, I make sure LCC Athletics is NJCAA compliant.

**Favorite food and why?** I love grilling smoked meats. From breakfast on the flat griddle to dinner from the smoker. Grilling, for some odd reason, relaxes me.

**Favorite TV show and why?** If any show, it is SportsCenter or hunting shows. I love sports and the outdoors.

**Where would you like to see yourself in five years?** I would still love to be with Luna hoping we progress, as I would like to be the first AD to be on a Luna-owned baseball or softball field.

**What is your greatest strength?** My ability to lead. From being a father, to my playing days in sports as a team captain, to coaching, to teaching exercise classes, to officiating sports. I have never been afraid to lead, speak for the unspoken, or step

up when no one else wanted to.

**What would you consider your biggest accomplishment in life and why?** My biggest accomplishment has yet to be fulfilled. Its making sure I succeeded as a father to my son and daughter. Making sure my kids do not make the same mistakes I made and sending them in the right direction. But big accomplishments for me have been 1. The first of my immediate family to graduate college, 2. Becoming a collegiate basketball and baseball official (NCAA Div. II basketball and NJCAA Div. I umpire), 3. becoming an athletic director.

**What do you consider a good day in your life?** A good day in my life would be waking up with my family in the wilderness somewhere, going hiking, fishing, or hunting, and come back to enjoy a campfire and enjoy the peace of mother nature. Harvesting an animal would be the icing on the cake.

**What do you enjoy doing outside of working at Luna?** As mentioned before, coaching my kids in sports, spending time with my family, and, what I'm most known for, officiating high school and college sports.

**Any final comments?** I am very grateful to the Luna community, past and present, for giving me the opportunity to get where I am now. I started from the bottom and have worked my way to the top. Who knows what will be next as my journey is not done. My accomplishments at Luna will give me bigger opportunities if I choose to ever move on, but I have no intention of leaving any time soon.

# Ron Maestas says Luna wellness has extended his life



**Ron Maestas works out at the Gerald P. Ortega Wellness Center. Maestas says that Wellness Center Director Carl Vigil is very welcoming and that Vigil is a perfect physical fitness advocate. Maestas, a student at Luna, works out twice a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon.**

Ron Maestas had open heart bypass surgery eight weeks ago and although every day is a struggle, he says Carl Vigil and the Gerald P. Ortega Wellness Center is helping him extend his life.

“One day I was walking on the road in front of the wellness center and Carl (Carl Vigil, Gerald P. Ortega Wellness Center Director) asked if I would like to work out in the gym,” said Maestas. “It was one of the best decisions in my life. This place is phenomenal for cardiac therapy rehab.”

Maestas said that doctors told him he had a silent heart attack and scheduled him for emergency surgery.

“I had 90 percent blockage in one of my arteries,” said Maestas. “The surgeon said I was a lucky man because I was able to get the surgery when I did. I could have gone down any minute. With the grace of God, I am still here.”

Maestas, who lives in the Camp Luna area, is a for-

mer professor at Luna where he taught business. He is probably best known for his days as the Dean of Business at Highlands University and as a college cross country coach. He led the Highlands men’s cross country team to a 1987 runner-up finish at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics level.

Maestas, 76, uses a walker most of the time, however, he is gaining strength each day he works out at Luna.

“I love the basketball floor here; it is very soft,” said Maestas. “This wellness center is a hidden gem. While I have been here, other students have been my biggest cheerleaders.”

Maestas thinks the world of Vigil.

“He is outstanding,” said Maestas. “He is very hospitable and very welcoming. He is the perfect physical fitness advocate. I recommend this wellness center to everyone. It’s been a tough go, but I choose not to sit around. I want to be active and get better.”

Querencia in Action

# Free Post-Fire Land Restoration Workshops

Managing burned forests:

- Should you cut down your burned trees?
- How do you deal with bark beetles?
- Can burned trees survive?
- Can burned trees be chipped for mulch?
- Which tree species are best to plant?

**Saturday, Aug. 20**

**Meet at 8 a.m. at Rociada Fire Station, 278  
State Route 105.**

**Saturday, Sept. 10**

**Meet at 8 a.m. at San Geronimo Fire Station  
623 CR A3A.**

**Workshop instructor: Kent Reid, forester  
Enroll at [luna.edu](http://luna.edu) or on site.**



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# Congratulations to Luna nursing graduates



Luna nursing graduates held their Nursing Pinning Ceremony. The Nursing Pinning Ceremony is a tradition that dates back to the days of Florence Nightengale in the 1860s. It marks the completion of a student's studies in nursing. Students thanked their support group, mostly friends or family in a touching ceremony. A reception followed where students shared their experience through a slide show and reminisced about their educational journey. The event was sponsored by the Student Nurses Association.

## 2022 Fall Mariachi Class

MUSC117 (Mariachi)  
Tues /Thurs (6 p.m.-7:20 p.m.)  
08/22/2022 - 12/09/2022  
Humanities Building – Room TBD  
Instructor: Billie Mathews  
No course prerequisites

## Course Description

A course designed to give an introduction to Mariachi music through sight-reading, music theory, and instrumental practicum. All musicianship levels are welcome.

For more information, e-mail  
[bmathews@luna.edu](mailto:bmathews@luna.edu)



## NEW

**IN PERSON Psychology Classes starting August 22, 2022!**

**Introduction to Psychology Class PSYC 1110**

Monday/Wednesday (6 p.m.-7:20 p.m.)

Main Campus, Humanities Building (BUS– Room 112)

Instructor: Leon Bustos

No course prerequisites

**Developmental Psychology PSYC 2120**

Monday/Wednesday (6 p.m.-7:20 p.m.)

Main Campus, Allied Health Sciences Building (Room NO-11)

Instructor: TBA

Prerequisite: PSYC 1110

**Classes required for Allied Health Associates of Applied Science Degree and those students interested in pursuing a career in nursing and other health-related fields.**

For more information, e-mail Carol Linder at [clinder@luna.edu](mailto:clinder@luna.edu). or call 505-454-5387

# Get started today with Luna's CDL program

Luna's Commercial Drivers License Program covers all topics, as mandated by the new Entry Level Driver Training Rule and FMSCA Training guidelines.

The program includes: theory class—hybrid: self-study and in-person training and lab—driving/range—customized training time.

Here is how to get started.

- Apply for admission to attend Luna
- Register/enroll in CDL classes (in person)
- Plan for a drug test & DOT physical
- Arrange for payment/funding

There are classes throughout the year. In-person registration and an orientation meeting is best.

For more information, call Tracy Morales at 505-454-2533 or contact her via e-mail at [tmorales@luna.edu](mailto:tmorales@luna.edu).



**In this file photo, students are getting ready to turn onto I-25 for one of their driving lessons.**