

The latest news from Luna Community College

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Productive day of class

Luna student John Larson, a native of Las Vegas, prepares material for an antique television stand as part of Roberto Ortiz’s furniture and cabinet making class. Larson said he recently retired and is happy that Luna is offering the furniture and cabinet making class again. For more on Career & Technical Education classes and programs, please call 505-454-2522.

Native educator to visit Luna



Cajete

Dr. Gregory Cajete, a Native American educator, scholar and author, will share his insights with the Luna Community College campus community in a pair of special events on Wednesday, April 13.

Cajete will present “Native Science: Natural Laws of Interdependence,” specifically to Luna students at 9:30 a.m. at the Allied Health Auditorium.

Then Cajete will discuss “Health, Community, Indigenous Foods and Herbs in Northern New Mexico,” in a public presentation at 5:30 p.m. at the Media Education Center Auditorium. The

presentation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Cajete is a native of Santa Clara Pueblo and is a former professor of Native American Studies and Language, Literacy and Sociocultural Studies at the University of New Mexico. He has served as a New Mexico Humanities scholar in ethno-botany of northern New Mexico and as a member of the New Mexico Arts Commission. He has lectured at colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, England, Italy, Japan and Russia.

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Cajete

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Prior to his time at UNM, Cajete was a dean, department chairman and professor at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe. He organized and directed the first National Native American Very Special Arts Festival in the early 1990s. He earned his bachelor's in biology and sociology with a minor in secondary education from New Mexico Highlands University, a master's in adult and secondary education from UNM, and a PhD from International College-Los Angeles New Philosophy Program in social science education with an emphasis in Native American studies.

His visit to Luna is part of the 2022 Nina Tesla Ballen Visiting Professorship in cooperation with New Mexico Highlands University.

Big wheels, big dreams



Luna CDL program administrator Tracy Morales gets ready to teach a hands-on driving class to students Estevan Romero and Chance Drake. For more information on the commercial driver's license program, please call Morales at 505-454-2533 or e-mail tmorales@luna.edu.

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Jackson: Passionate about education

Luna Light PROFILE

Name: Tycie Jackson

Position: Lead instructor, Education Department

What year did you start working for Luna?
January 2018

What do you like most about Luna and why?
I love that Luna has provided me the opportunity to work with amazing people who are passionate about education, opportunity and growth. I also love where Luna is located; I never get tired of the view.

What does your job entail? What does a day at Luna look like for you?

I was recently hired as the lead instructor in the Education Department. This is an exciting change for me because I absolutely love teaching. It is my calling, my passion. I take pride in educating future teachers. I started my teaching career in 1998 and have experience with every grade level from Pre-K through high school. I want the students who graduate from our education programs to leave feeling confident in their abilities, energized to make a difference, and motivated to continue their education. In addition to teaching, I am involved in several committees. I love the committees I serve on and I appreciate the people I serve with. Every day is busy in some form or fashion, but every day I still wake up excited to come to work. I consider myself fortunate to work in a department that embraces empowerment, team collaboration, rich conversations and humor.

Favorite food and why?

Northern New Mexico food. I moved to northern New Mexico in 2006 and thought I knew what good Mexican food was, but I was wrong. I am convinced the



best cooks reside in northern New Mexico. Tacos, enchiladas, stuffed sopailles, rellenos, beans, rice, salsa, salsa, salsa.

Favorite TV show and why?

I don't watch much TV at all, but when I do I watch re-runs of the classics — Andy Griffith, I Love Lucy, Friends, Seinfeld, The Golden Girls and others.

Where would you like to see yourself in five years?

In five years I hope I'm a grandma. My children will be

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“I want students to leave feeling confident in their abilities, energized to make a difference, motivated to continue their education.”

Jackson

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mortified when they read this, but I really can't wait to be a grandma someday. Professionally, I see myself continuing to serve children, whether it's through my diagnostic work, consulting with educators, or continuing to inspire future teachers.

What is your greatest strength?

My understanding of my purpose here on Earth. Life is a beautiful gift. I truly believe that every situation, positive or negative, is for our benefit. We are forged into the best version of ourselves through all of our experiences. We get to choose how we respond to success and adversity, what we create with the time we are given, and how we honor the breath in our lungs.

What would you consider your biggest accomplishment in life and why?

My greatest creation is my three children; my biggest accomplishment is knowing that the foundation my husband and I laid for them is a solid foundation that they can forever rely upon — faith, family and freedom. Seeing them fearlessly go out into the world and give, serve and contribute to making this world a better place is “soul-satisfying.”

What do you enjoy doing outside of working at Luna?

When I'm not at Luna, I can be found outdoors, and if not outdoors, I'm probably volunteering somewhere. I love nature and what it does for my mind, body and spirit. I hike almost every day with my dogs, ride horses when I can, enjoy gardening, flower gardens, and DIY home projects. I also spend a lot of time volunteering at church.



Above: Luna auto tech instructor Paul Vance explains to student Elias Roybal the importance of an o-ring inside of an automatic transmission. Luna prides itself on the hands-on learning and one-on-one attention students receive.

Automotive learning

Below: Gene Sandoval, Luna auto tech instructor, evaluates proper placement of the lift arms with students Ellery Collins and Mario Sanchez. For more information on Luna's automotive technology program, please call 505-454-2522 or visit LUNA.edu.





**Luna
alumnus
Mike
Yardley is
featured in
a recent
showcase
of self-
made
bosses.**

Mechanic, entrepreneur, Luna grad

Yardley: Luna experience led to career success

Really, Mike Yardley has always been a mechanic. Growing up, he and his brother used to do what they could to help their grandfather work on cars, from fetching tools as youngsters to tackling the heavier lifting once they got old enough.

“I had a pretty good knowledge of cars,” he said. “My granddad was what you would call a ‘shadetree mechanic.’ He was my inspiration. My brother and I would have to tell him to wait until we got there to help him with the heavy stuff. I enjoyed working beside him. I learned a lot – including that you will make mistakes.”

The advice would eventually do

well for Yardley, who honed and refined his own skills with education at Luna Community College (then known as Luna Vocational Technical Institute) en route to employment – first as a contract mechanic for various auto dealerships, then as partner in independent shops, and since 2009 as the proprietor of his own business.

Today, Yardley is living his own dream, thanks in no small part to his Luna experience as well as his own gumption and drive. He is one of several entrepreneurs recognized in “Self-Made Boss,” a book by Jackie Reses and Lauren Weinberg released this past month.

Born in Raton, N.M., Yardley moved away a while, served in the Army, did a little traveling, and worked different jobs – including gigs on telephone lines, in a furniture factory and as a telephone

operator. In Texas, he began training in auto mechanics and met Jo, the woman who’d become his wife. He made his way back home and started commuting to Springer to enroll in automotive classes through Luna. It was a homecoming in more ways than one.

“I’d been working on cars since I could drive,” he said. “I was doing the work of a line technician but getting probably a third of the wages. So I used my G.I. Bill and some grants to get a formal education with Luna.”

Aside from the certificate it offered to validate his training, the Luna experience expanded Yardley’s knowledge base and made him a more well-rounded mechanic. Plus it fortified his confidence, which would serve him well through

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Mechanic

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his eventual career journey.

“Automatic transmissions are probably one thing I had to learn in college,” he said. “And I learned how shops should run, dealing with the customers a little better. I got that from the program. I learned how the engine actually works – things like that. A lot of the education I got helped me. I learned the science of it and how to help customers a little better.”

“Quite a bit was hands-on – tune-ups, oil changes, brake jobs.”

One highlight of his time as a Luna student was taking part in a statewide Vocational Industrial Clubs of America competition, in which he placed third. It further fueled his desire to develop his career – and the jobs were waiting for him once he graduated.

After a stint working with Kmart’s automotive section, Yardley went back to Texas and got work in a Ford dealership, the first of several he’d serve over the next decade or so. He’d also work for Aamco Transmission, boosting his savvy with transmission building and repair.

Eventually, though, he said he realized that while shop rates were on the rise, the line technician’s wages weren’t necessarily doing the same. Between that and his own expressed differences of opinion on shop operations, Yardley made the decision to go independent. He went into business with a friend and they started their own shop.

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Mike Yardley
MYT Automotive

Leaving the relative comfort and security of a steady job working for dealerships was a gamble, he admitted. “(My first concern was) how do I make sure I have work every day?” he recalled. “I ended up going into debt buying tools. I worked in a restaurant, a night job to ensure I had a check every two weeks ... I continued following my dream of working for myself.”

He spent some time working with one or more business partners, and in different types of shop set-ups, eventually going on his own altogether. The clientele grew steadily, largely through reputation.

“I’d always moonlighted on my own time,” he said. “It got started with word of mouth. I’ve handed out business cards – that and word of mouth. It’s grown quite a bit.”

Today, he runs MYT Automotive in Kalispell, Montana, in the shadow of Glacier National Park and the Canadian border just beyond it. A typical week sees him

working on brakes, water pumps, transmissions, motors, wheel bearings and suspensions: “I do a lot of bench work and rebuilds.”

His own grandson has recently expressed interest in one day taking over the shop. “I had to tell him you always work on commission,” he said with a laugh. “He just kind of wanted to be around me and learn how to do it ... I like that he comes to me and asks me things.”

“I tell him ‘You’ve got a lot more than I started with,’” pointing out the multiple trailers of equipment his grandson has accumulated. “I started with a toolbox you could put in the trunk of my car.”

Another difference Yardley acknowledged is the rise of computer-based technology as a part of the modern automobile. “The basics are still there, but there is a lot of computer inputs. I’ve transformed a lot of things I didn’t know.”

Even being selective with the jobs he accepts, Yardley, 64, estimates he clears up to \$70,000 a year.

“My dad said to find something you enjoy, and it won’t feel like a job – and you can make money at it. I’ve always got money in my pocket nowadays.”

“My vehicles and my home are paid off,” he said. “But I’m not ready to retire. I’ve just got to keep moving.”

For more information on Luna Community College’s automotive technology program and others in Career & Technical Education, please visit LUNA.edu or contact Dr. John Thompson, 505-454-2522.

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Employment opportunities

Positions available at Luna Community College

FULL-TIME

- College & Career Readiness Institute faculty and staff ... opened March 24
- Student services specialist, nursing ... opened March 23
- Nursing instructor ... opened March 21
- Admissions counselor, communication ... opened March 21
- Admissions counselor, campus life ... opened March 16
- Vice president of finance and administration ... opened March 11
- Procurement specialist ... opened March 2
- Assistant softball coach ... opened Feb. 9
- Student success specialist (2) ... opened Dec. 13
- Allied Health Sciences: Dental assisting instructor ... opened Nov. 16

PART-TIME

- Custodian I, Santa Rosa ... opened Jan. 13

TEMPORARY PART-TIME

- CTE: CDL instructor ... opened March 24
- CTE: Welding student lab assistant, hourly ... opened Jan. 21
- Preschool substitute teacher/caretaker ... opened June 29

ADJUNCT (per course)

- Allied Health Sciences: Certified Nursing Assistant instructor ... opened Feb. 9
- Allied Health Sciences: Dental assisting instructor ... opened Dec. 6
- CTE: Furniture & cabinet making instructor ... opened Nov. 15
- CTE: Welding instructor, Springer ... opened Oct. 25
- CTE: Furniture & cabinet making instructor, Santa Rosa ... opened Oct. 25

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- CTE: Welding instructor ... opened Oct. 25
- CTE: Auto technology instructor, Springer ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE: Auto technology instructor ... opened Aug. 26
- CTE: Auto collision repair instructor ... 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

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Luna to host Girls Can event

Initiative aims to encourage females to consider variety of education and career pathways

For the first time, Luna Community College will host Girls Can, which comes to campus on Wednesday, April 20.

Girls Can, an initiative of the American Association of University Women, will bring approximately 180 fifth-grade girls from school districts in San Miguel, Mora, Colfax and Guadalupe counties to the college for a day of presentations and activities.

Sixteen women, who have gone on to success in various fields, will be the featured presenters and will speak to the students about their experiences and opportunities available through education and career pathways.

Dr. Carol Linder, director of Luna's Allied Health Sciences Department, has been involved with Girls Can for years. She said having Luna as a venue for this year's event figures to open even more doors of opportunity for the students.

"The most exciting thing is this will be the first time they'll be exposed to the number of different trades we have at Luna," she said, noting that nursing, cosmetology, automotive technology and the commercial driver's license program are a few of the programs expected

to be represented.

"I've done this a number of years," Linder said. "It's a day for these girls to look at things they maybe haven't considered."

Carla Romero, another veteran educator, said the local AAUW chapter has been conducting the Girls Can event for more than 10 years in Las Vegas and San Miguel County. She pointed out that AAUW is focusing on reducing early gender bias and encouraging female students to pursue higher education – including fields of study to which they have not traditionally been steered.

"Each year we try to include more girls in the northern region of New Mexico," she said. "For the past two events, we brought the girls to NMHU to experience a day in college. This year ... the girls will attend several hands-on presentations by 16 female professionals – a surgeon, forestry experts, geology experts, IT experts, a musician, a mechanic, a criminologist, a nurse practitioner, an expert on sustainability, a cosmetologist, and a mathematician."

Romero said she grew up in Wagon Mound and while she encountered good role models such as teachers and principals, there were many more potential career fields to which she and others had little to no exposure.

"We want (Girls Can participants) to think girls can be anything they want to be, as long as

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Dr. Carol Linder
Allied Health Sciences Director,
Luna Community College

they work at it," Romero said. "They shouldn't limit themselves. They shouldn't limit the careers they pursue."

"It's extremely important," agreed Dr. Mary Shaw, a longtime science professor and one of the event organizers along with Romero and Linder. "I don't think students have any idea of all the careers available to them—or of the training that's available. That includes not only the university programs but the two-year programs. Society has needs for different things. We need electricians just as much as we need doctors."

United World College-USA President Victoria J. Mora and local AAUW President Barbara Perea Casey are among those expected to be featured speakers.

Luna's Montanas del Norte Area Health Education Center has agreed to offer financial support to make the event possible for more students. Romero said the grant funding has allowed AAUW to expand its reach beyond Las Vegas to other communities in the region.

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Workshop schedule (Session 2)

| WORKSHOP TOPIC | DATE |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Intro & pre-test | April 12, 6:30 p.m. |
| Reading & English | April 14, 6:30 p.m. |
| Science | April 19, 6:30 p.m. |
| Anatomy & physiology | April 21, 6:30 p.m. |
| Math | April 26, 6:30 p.m. |
| Conclusion | April 28, 6:30 p.m. |

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Sluggers hit well in homestand

A grand slam by Kekoa Ogawa, followed shortly thereafter by a two-run shot by Kobe Carpio, came in the fifth inning of Luna Community College's eventual 14-4 triumph over Northeastern Junior College in the first game of their four-game series over the weekend.

That offensive deluge showed the potential of a young group of Rough Riders, and it helped the team secure a split of the series against a sturdy opponent.

The aforementioned contest saw Luna take an early lead, scoring once in each of the first three frames before Northeastern evened things up with a three-run fourth. In their half of the inning, the Rough Riders responded with a five-run outburst, and after the Plainsmen added a run in the top of the fifth, Luna loaded the bases for Ogawa's grand slam shot. Diego Quinonez collected three hits in as many at-bats to pace Luna, which also got multiple-hit games from Carpio, Ogawa, Dominic Lucero and Samuel Estrada. Jacob Limas threw a three-hitter with one earned run allowed and five strikeouts.

In Saturday's other game, Northeastern carved out a 7-5 win when Luna's seventh-inning rally fell short. The host Rough Riders had led twice in a back-and-forth game, going ahead 3-1 through three innings and regaining the lead at 5-4 by the end of the fourth. But the Plainsmen tied it in the top of



Luna's Kekoa Ogawa makes a play on defense in a recent home game. Ogawa shined on offense as well in a series split with Northeastern. Photo courtesy of Brad Carlyon.

the fifth and then scored the go-ahead runs in their final at-bats in the top of the seventh. Ogawa went 4 for 4 at the plate with two doubles, and Quinonez, Bo Kidd and Ashton Whiteaker had two hits apiece.

In game three on Sunday, Northeastern pushed two runs across on its first opportunity only to have Luna answer with another six-run surge – including another grand slam -- to take control. The Riders added an insurance run in the fifth en route to a 7-2 win. Ogawa and Quinonez both homered for Luna, supporting a solid pitching performance by Chisum Rush, who scattered seven hits over seven innings and didn't allow an earned run.

Northeastern closed the series with an 11-0 win, scoring four in the top of the first to set the tone. Zach Boone hit two home runs and a sacrifice fly for five RBI.

Luna improved to 7-34 overall and 5-17 in conference play with the weekend split. The team and coaches T.C. Nusser and Harry Estep will wrap up their home schedule with a three-game set vs. Otero Junior College on Saturday and Sunday. First pitch both days is set for noon at Brandt Park on the New Mexico Highlands campus.

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Absidy Ball's two-RBI home run in the bottom of the seventh inning lifted Luna Community College

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Rough Riders

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softball to a 5-4 walkoff win over Trinidad State on Monday evening (April 4) at Cowgirl Field.

Luna had trailed 4-3 going into the final frame. Ciara Cruz led off the at-bat by reaching base ahead of Ball, who delivered her first hit in timely fashion.

Raegan Shackelford got Luna on the board in the first inning with an RBI double to score Lexi Johnson, who'd been moved to second by Nicole Chavez's sacrifice bunt. In the second, Luna took the lead, tying it on Mya Ortega's RBI single and then Jenai Shanta's slide into home on a wild pitch.

The Trojans exploited an error to tie the game and then regained the lead, 4-3, on Sydney Loyet's RBI single in the top of the third.

Good defense and pitching – Madelyn Johnson had a steady start for Luna – kept the margin intact



going into the final inning.

Trinidad State, which won the Region IX tournament last spring, took a competitive game one of the Monday twinbill, 5-2.

Trinidad led by four going into the bottom of the sixth when Cruz drove in Ortega to make it 5-2. The Riders had two baserunners on with the potential tying run up to bat but

got stranded by pitcher Kirstin Ferguson. It was a solid complete-game effort for Charmaine Othole.

"These ladies turned in two solid performances and competed the whole day," said first-year head coach Randall Krutsch. "It's exciting to see them play hard."

TSC won both ends of Tuesday's doubleheader, 11-4 and 6-1.



Above: Luna's Shelby Cordova gets some encouragement from teammate Mya Ortega before batting in a recent game vs. McCook (Neb.).

Left: Luna first baseman Absidy Ball hears the cheers from the home dugout as she bats against Trinidad State. Ball hit a two-run homer to left the Rough Riders to a walkoff win on April 4.



Hopping into spring

Luna's Student Senate presented Hop Into Spring, a day of free food and fun activities, on Wednesday, April 6.



Hop Into Spring activities included cornhole, volleyball and an egg hunt. Students and employees also enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, snow cones and other snacks.



Meet your ACE tutors (Part 3)

Luna Community College Academic Center for Excellence tutors are available to help students with various classes and subjects.

Luna students may contact ACE coordinator Ray Varela at 505-454-5306 or rvarela@luna.edu to set up appointments or ask any questions

about ACE.

Here is a behind-the-scenes look at a few of our ACE team members (third in a series):



Luna Light PROFILE

ACE TUTOR: Hailee Gallegos

HOMETOWN: Las Vegas

SUBJECT(S): Math, intermediate and college algebra, pre-calculus and trigonometry, calculus

EDUCATION: Robertson High School; currently working toward B.A. in math and computer science



What motivates you to tutor students? I like to express myself through my knowledge of math. So helping others become comfortable with difficult math concepts is my motivation that also helps me to master my own skills.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My grandmother; she's taught me how to be and stay a strong woman.

FAVORITE MOVIE: Harry Potter, The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings, Hoodwinked

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Peacemaker, Euphoria, F is for Family, Trailer Park Boys, Friends

FAVORITE FOOD: Sushi, Mexican food, Filipino food

FAVORITE SPORT: Softball, skiing

FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST: Logic, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Dua Lipa

FAVORITE SONG: "Right Down the Line" by Gerry Rafferty, "No Pressure Intro" by Logic

FAVORITE THING ABOUT VEGAS: The fact that we still have the drive-in open during the summer is really cool.

HOBBY: Reading, skiing, self-care, sleeping



Luna Light PROFILE

ACE TUTOR: Keegan Lopez

HOMETOWN: Albuquerque

SUBJECT(S): Biology, chemistry, math, English

EDUCATION: Eldorado High School; NMHU



What motivates you to tutor students? I love to teach and help students get through their classes and succeed.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My mother is the hardest and most ambitious woman I have ever known in my life.

What is something about you that would surprise most people? I am 6 feet tall.

FAVORITE MOVIE: Dodgeball

FAVORITE TV SHOW: The Office

FAVORITE FOOD: Italian

FAVORITE SPORT: Volleyball

FAVORITE SONG: "Coming Back" by James Blake and SZA

FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST: Khalid

FAVORITE THING ABOUT LUNA AND/OR

VEGAS: The wildlife and nature around Las Vegas is breathtaking.

HOBBY: Playing volleyball



Luna Light PROFILE

ACE TUTOR: Gabriel Maestas AKA "Dude"

HOMETOWN: Wagon Mound

SUBJECT(S): CDL, math, computer science

OTHER JOBS: Home baker, guitar dude

EDUCATION: Wagon Mound High School; Luna; NMHU; SNHU; APU



What motivates you to tutor students? I like watching people succeed. I enjoy helping people bring their dreams to fruition, and I know how it feels when there's no one to help do that, so I figure I might as well lend a hand since I have time.

Whom do you admire the most and why? Elon Musk. Technological innovation leads to improved living conditions for people across the Earth.

What is something about you that would surprise most people? I will crochet a koozie when frightened.

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Every Gordon Ramsey show

FAVORITE FOOD: I love making sushi.

FAVORITE SPORT: I love playing all sports. I love watching soccer.

FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST: Hendrix and Tech N9ne

FAVORITE THING ABOUT LUNA: I've always liked the fact the teachers work to help their students. I get the sense that they really care about what they do.

HOBBY: Cooking, baking, forging knives, guitar, welding, chillin' with my friends



A river runs through it

The Pecos River flows serenely in this image captured March 24 not far from the crossing at Interstate 25.



TEAS

Nursing school entrance exam

April 2022 dates

Scheduling for the following dates is taking place now.

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday, April 5 | 10 a.m. |
| Friday, April 8 | 1:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, April 19 | 1:30 p.m. |
| Friday, April 22 | 10 a.m. |
| Thursday, April 28 | 9 a.m. |

Contact: Yvonne Piña
505-454-2525
ypina@luna.edu

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.

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LCC offers courses and programs in person and via distance learning at all instructional centers, including Las Vegas, Mora, Santa Rosa and Springer.

VISION

Where future leaders aspire to create, collaborate, communicate and think critically to bring positive change to the world

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 and to lead in their communities.

MOTTO

Creating opportunities for you!

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Demonstrate integrity, excellence and resilience.
- Demonstrate collaboration, empathy and community.
- Demonstrate innovation and creativity.
- Demonstrate diversity, equity and inclusion.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Offer students diverse, challenging and regularly assessed programs.
- Thoroughly utilize cutting-edge technology and innovative strategies to support students.
- Promote institutional financial growth to support students.
- Establish and develop a culture of data collection, assessment and utilization through best practices in student support.
- Increase student enrollment.
- Cultivate and strengthen public and private partnerships to support students.

Planning for progress

Posters of the newly revised and approved strategic plan for 2022-2027 have been created and posted at various locations around campus as of Friday, April 1. The posters will also be posted at Luna campus locations in Mora, Santa Rosa and Springer. Additional items informing the campus community about the strategic plan will be distributed in the weeks ahead.

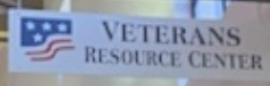


Stop by the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) to get help in your classes!

We have tutors throughout the day to assist you in any subject area you may need. Visit us at Student Services Building 204 (upstairs).

We also offer online tutoring if needed; just e-mail a tutor to set something up.

Contact Ray Varela at 505-454-5306 or rvarela@luna.edu if you have any questions.



| Tutor | Subject | Email | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------|--|--|------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Sergio | English, History, Sociology, Psychology | shartshorne@luna.edu | 8 am-11 am | 5pm-8pm | 8 am-1pm | 8 am-10 am 2pm-4pm | 8 am-11 am |
| Mary Frances | Math, Science, English | m bibb@luna.edu | 5pm-8pm | 8 am-12pm | 8 am-10 am | 9 am-11 am 3pm-5pm | 11 am-4pm |
| Madison | English, Criminal Justice, Sociology, Psychology | m gould@luna.edu | 2pm-6pm | 11 am-6pm | 2pm-6pm | 5pm-8pm | |
| Theo | Science, English, History | tcurry@luna.edu | 5pm-8pm | 4pm-8pm | 5pm-8pm | 4pm-8pm | |
| Gabriel | All areas | gamaestas@luna.edu | 8 am-12pm | 9:30am-12:00pm | 8 am-12pm 1pm-5pm | 9:30am-12:00pm | |
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| Keegan | Allied Health, Science, English Comp | klopez@luna.edu | 12:30-3pm | 11 am-4pm | 12:30pm-3pm 5pm-8pm | 12:30pm-4pm | |
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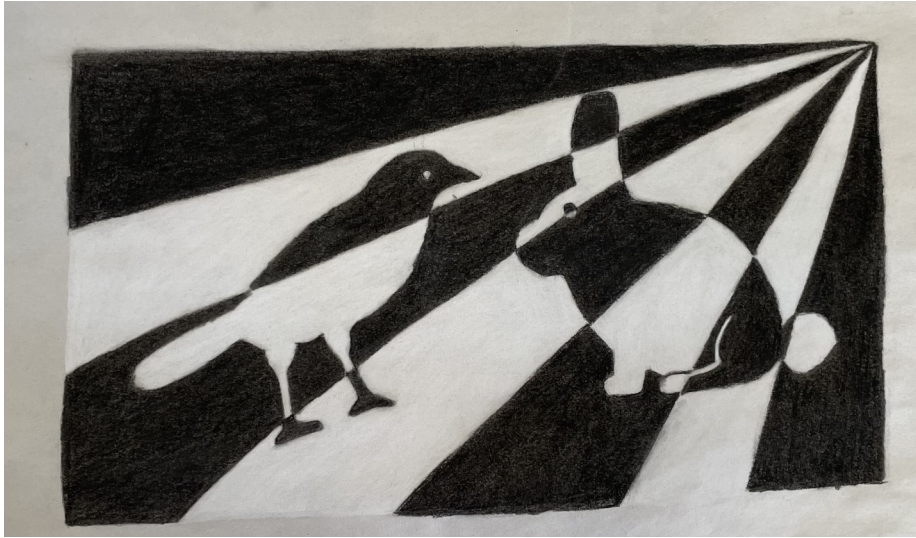
Career fair on campus

Luna Community College hosted and participated in a career fair presented by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Connections and HELP NM on March 29.

At left, Nicholas Maestas, a 2019 computer science graduate of Luna, visits with Sandra Sanchez of the Luna Human Resources office. For more information on employment opportunities at Luna, you may call Sanchez at 454-2574 or visit the college's website at LUNA.edu.



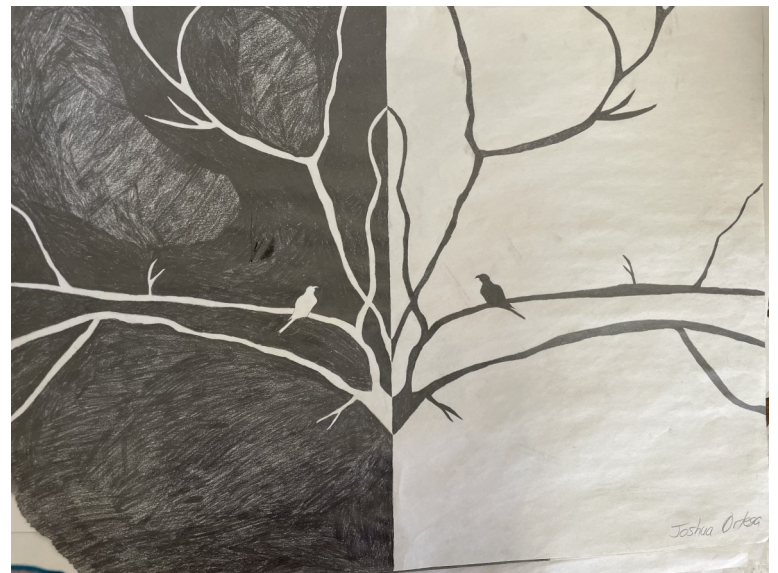
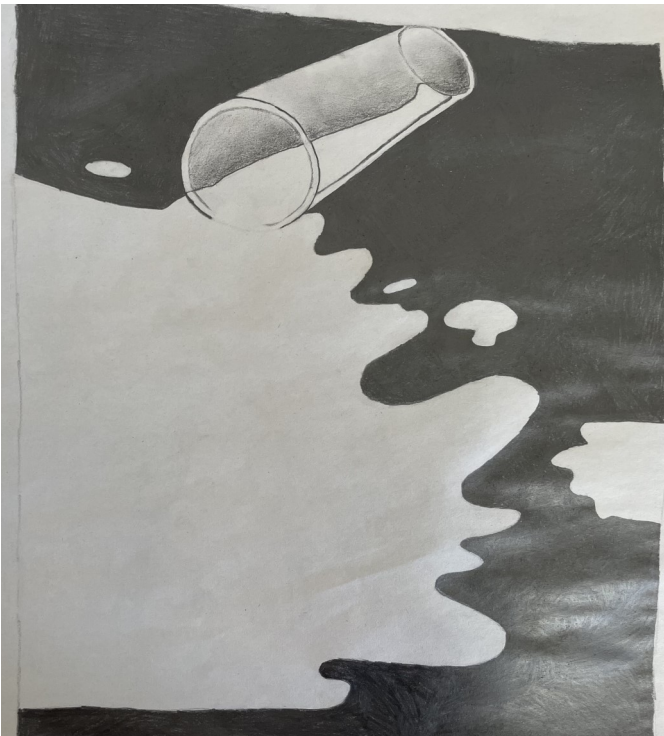
Among the Luna students participating in the career fair were those in Rick Baca's communications class. The entities represented in the career fair included the New Mexico Department of Transportation, New Mexico State Police, Las Vegas City Schools and the Albuquerque Metropolitan Detention Center.



A study in contrasts

Students in Bernadette Maldonado's art class showcased their creativity with a series of black-and-white works.

Students featured this issue include Nicolas Apodaca (top left), Richard Baca (middle left), Joshua Ortega (middle right) and Tranquelino Sena (bottom right).



"These are studies in negative space," Maldonado explained. "They did a magnificent job learning about the subject matter, then had to create their own idea of what they thought negative space would look like. Negative space is the space around and between the subject of the image. The positive space is the subject or object."



Graduating this year?

ATTENTION, LUNA CLASS OF '22!

We are now accepting Applications for Degree.
Please visit your academic advisor for assistance.
Submit your Application for Degree to the Office of
the Registrar in the Student Services Building.

You have until April 22 to submit application and
clearance form and to make payments as needed.
All requirements must be met prior to graduation.

For more info, please call 505-454-2548.

Also, caps and gowns must be ordered by March 25!
Visit Ron at the Bookstore, or contact him at
rduran@luna.edu or 505-454-2569.



Join us for special presentations by

Dr. Gregory CAJETE

Native American educator, scholar, author



Wednesday, April 13

FOR STUDENTS:

“Native Science: Natural Laws of Interdependence”

9:30 a.m. Allied Health Auditorium

FOR THE ENTIRE CAMPUS COMMUNITY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

“Health, Community, Indigenous Foods and Herbs in Northern New Mexico”

5:30 p.m. Media Education Center Auditorium

REFRESHMENTS TO BE SERVED

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New life for project funding

SANTA FE — Funding for a number of projects across the state got a reprieve as the New Mexico Legislature reworked its junior spending bill as part of a special session on Tuesday, April 5, at the Roundhouse.

The new Senate Bill 1, sponsored by George Munoz and

Patricia Lundstrom, passed the Senate 39-0 and the House 63-0. It awaits action by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, who called lawmakers back into session in part to address rebates intended to mitigate the impact of inflated fuel prices.

Among the projects included in

this version of the junior spending bill is \$120,000 for purchase of an activity bus at Luna Community College.

Additional amounts for statewide higher education projects were also included in the legislation.



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Student debt relief for health care

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Higher Education Department is now accepting applications for its Health Professional Loan Repayment Program, which repays student debt for eligible health professionals practicing in rural and underserved New Mexico communities and shortage areas.

Gov. Lujan Grisham approved \$1.6 million for the program, a \$400,000 increase from last year. This funding could support more than 60 working health care professionals in New Mexico this year. The department has also applied for \$400,000 in additional federal funding from the National State Loan Repayment Program, administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration.

“New Mexico is ramping up our efforts to support nurses and other health care professionals, and providing student debt relief for those working in our highest need areas is an important part of that effort,” said Stephanie M. Rodriguez, Secretary of the Higher Education Department. “Providing this benefit goes a long way toward keeping these valued professionals in New Mexico and in the rural communities that need them most.”

While the New Mexico HED and public colleges and universities offer scholarships for students pursuing degrees and certificates in health-related fields, many working professionals carry college debt,



especially those with advanced medical degrees. The average debt of program recipients in 2021 was \$112,000.

“Recent events have made it clear that New Mexico faces a serious shortage of health care workers,” said Health and Human Services Secretary David R. Scrase, M.D. “Programs like this one, as well as the Primary Care Council and Graduate Medical Education Council, will allow us to increase our health care workforce to address this shortage and keep a wide variety of health care professionals in our state.”

The program covers more than 25 health occupations and licenses in allied health, dental, medical and mental health fields. Included are medical doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and advanced practice nurses, mental health counselors, licensed clinical social workers, speech language pathologists, and occupational therapists. A full list of eligible professions is available at hed.state.nm.us.

Recipients must commit to practicing in an area of the state designated by the health profession advisory committee as a health professional shortage area for a minimum of two years. Currently, 28 out of the state’s 33 counties are designated as whole county shortage areas and four are listed as partial shortage areas.

According to the 2021 New Mexico Health Care Workforce Committee Report, there are 258 openings for nurse practitioners, 154 pharmacists, and 229 primary care practitioners in the areas of family medicine, general internal medicine, and pediatrics in New Mexico.

Practitioners must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, established New Mexico residents for at least 12 consecutive months, licensed or certified in the State of New Mexico as of July 1, 2022, and employed at least 40 hours per week. Preference is given to graduates of New Mexico colleges and universities.

Program applications will be accepted until May 1, 2022, and can be completed online at hed.state.nm.us. Those interested can also contact the New Mexico Financial Aid Division at fin.aid@state.nm.us or 1-800-279-9777.

Luna students!

Join us for Isotopes baseball!

- Round-trip transportation to the game
- Admission to Albuquerque Isotopes vs. Sacramento RiverCats
- Dinner in the Smith's Picnic Pavilion
- Take pictures with Isotopes players



Tuesday, April 26

Departure at 12:30 p.m. from the administration parking lot (game time 6:35 p.m.)

First come, first serve. Sign up by Friday, April 22 to reserve your spot with Ray Baca at the reception's desk at the Maria H. Paiz Administration Building.

