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**Student of the Month for February 2015**



Parsons, KS- Student Support Services, of Labette Community College, announces the February Student of the Month, Jose Martinez, of Chetopa, KS. Martinez is an Engineering major.

“I plan to complete my associate’s degree this May,” Martinez said of his plans at LCC. “I then plan to continue my education at the University of Tulsa to study Petroleum Engineering.”

Jose has studied part-time at LCC for many years before finally completing his studies this semester. During his time here, he credits his mother Teresa Martinez, a graduate of the LCC Nursing program and a former SSS program participant, as his greatest educational inspiration. Sam Jack, Academic Advisor for SSS and LCC Tutoring Program Coordinator had high praise for Martinez and his work as a tutor. “Jose is smart and committed to the students he tutors. He

takes the time to work with students who struggle and help them become more confident.” Jack continued, “He’s been an invaluable resource for us here in the Student Success Center.”

Student Support Services is a TRIO Program funded by the United States Department of Education to improve the persistence, transfer, and graduation rates of first-generation and income-eligible college students at LCC. Student Support Services serves 215 students each year with an annual budget of \$300,916.