

## Focus on Early Childhood Development

Makiko Mochizuki, 27 years old, from Chiba, Japan knew long ago that she wanted to work with children. She decided to pursue a career in Early Childhood Development at Lewis-Clark State College. Her agency introduced her to LCSC in the Spring of 2003. She studied English at the Institute of Intensive English first, and then began her degree program last year.

Makiko's goal is to take the good points of both the U.S. and Japanese educational systems and blend them together. She comments that, in general, Japanese children are taught good manners and exhibit good behavior and discipline. She wants to incorporate the beauty of the Japanese culture into her teaching, such as the arts and music. U.S. children tend to be more independent, and seem freer to express themselves. They are exposed to other children of different cultures at an early age, so tend to learn to accept differences easily.



Makiko Mochizuki with KinderCollege children

Makiko says she enjoys her life in Lewiston. The weather in Lewiston is similar to Japan's. She also likes Lewiston because it is a safe place to live. She says she has many international and American friends. On weekends, her friends get together and make dinner. Some weekends they eat African food, Korean food, Taiwanese food, and of course Japanese food. "We can exchange our cultures," says Makiko.

When Makiko is not studying or relaxing, she is working. Makiko has a part time job on campus at the KinderCollege, an on-campus day care center. She works for a few hours everyday with pre-school children and infants. Her job involves everything from playing with the children, to reading them books, to helping feed the babies. "The KinderCollege is good for my studies in Early Childhood Development, good for my practical experience and good for my budget because I can earn a little money."

For more information about our 1, 2 and 4 year programs in Early Childhood Development, please visit the website at <http://www.lcsc.edu/bts/Programs/earlychildhood.htm>. Those trained in early childhood education/child development may work as teaching assistants, social services aids, and preschool, elementary, or secondary teacher aides. They may also be employed as nannies, babysitters, and governesses. Child development provides an excellent education for parents and family members of young children.

As early childhood educators gain experience, they may advance to supervisory positions in childcare centers or preschools. With a bachelor's degree in education, preschool workers can become certified to teach in public schools.

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### Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ LCSC Summer 2005 sessions begin May 25, 2005 and June 13, 2005
- ☺ IIE Summer 1 term begins May 2, 2005

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## Academic Success and Rewards

The International Students at LCSC and IIE take their academics seriously. During the 2003-2004 school year 53 international students were on the Dean's List which requires a 3.25 GPA on a 4.00 scale or higher. In the same school year 24 international students were also on the President's List which requires a 3.75 GPA on a 4.00 scale or higher.

Excellence in academics is also equally rewarded at LCSC and IIE. For example, 43 international students are currently receiving Presidential Out-of-State Scholarships and Technical Presidential Out-of-State Tuition Waivers, totaling \$166,664.00. In order to receive the Presidential Scholarship students must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Once they receive the scholarship they must then maintain at least a 2.5 GPA to keep the scholarship. In order to receive the Technical Presidential Tuition Waiver students must have a 3.2 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Once they receive the tuition waiver they must then maintain at least a 2.5 GPA to keep the tuition waiver.

The International Club also rewards students for their great work through a program known as the "Pail O' Knowledge." All LCSC and IIE students who receive an

"A" (90% or better) on their course work can bring their assignment or test to any staff member in the International Programs Office. The staff member then puts the student's name into a bucket called the Pail O' Knowledge. At the last International Club meeting of every semester names are then drawn from the bucket and those people

are given prizes, such as gift certificates, stuffed animals, T-shirts and much more. Last year 19 students received prizes from the drawing.

In addition, the International Club also holds several fundraisers, including the annual International Dinner, during the year to raise money for the International Student Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship was

created by the International Club for the purpose of offsetting the educationally-related expenses of international students attending LCSC. To be eligible, applicants must be classified as full-time students, carrying 12 or more credits per semester and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Awards are renewed to students who continue to meet the above criteria.

Congratulations to all of our international students for their academic achievements!



Winners of the Pail O' Knowledge Award

## St. Stanislaus Visit



Yoko Shirozu and Shizuka Fukuchi teaching origami

In February, LCSC students from Japan, France, and West Africa visited St. Stanislaus Elementary School, which is near the LCSC campus. They shared stories from their countries, answered students' questions, and taught students how to make origami. Fun was had by all!



Yu Kamakari with students

## New Activity Center Opens



Activity Center During the Basketball Team Warm-ups

stands, a weight lifting and exercise room, 8 locker rooms, and indoor and outdoor hospitality rooms. It also contains offices for all sports personnel and equipment.

On hand to dedicate the new building were LCSC basketball legends Pat and Bob Sabota, LCSC President Dene Thomas, and Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne. With the addition of this new facility, the college will be able to host more community and college events and create more on campus employment opportunities for students. Scheduled events for the new facility include: a variety of basketball and volleyball tournaments, concerts, intramural activities and this year's commencement ceremony.

Ten years after the original plans, it is finally finished! On January 6, 2005 the 15 million dollar, one hundred thousand square foot Student Activity Center, which took almost a year and a half to complete, opened its doors to the Lewis-Clark State College community.

The new building can hold up to 3,500 screaming fans, and on the first night it was filled to capacity as spectators made their way through the halls for the first time. The new Student Activity Center contains a college regulation size basketball court that runs north and south. In addition, the floor can be split in half to form two full size courts that run east and west. The facility also contains two concession



Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne On Opening Night

## TOEIC at LCSC

Lewis-Clark State College is an official testing site for the International TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication). The test is given right here on campus once a month, so it is easy for students to choose a convenient time. Many students want to take the TOEIC before they return home to their countries, and

because it is an official international test, students can use their scores anywhere in the world. Students can register for TOEIC by phone or online, and they can arrange to receive their scores here in the US or have them sent to their home addresses in their countries. Lewis-Clark State College is happy to provide this service to its international students.



# International Dinner 2005 Is Smashing Success

The Lewis-Clark State College International Club fed and entertained approximately 280 guests Saturday, February 26 at the annual International Dinner. Tickets were sold out as guests from the LCSC campus, Lewiston, Clarkston and many surrounding communities arrived at the Williams Conference Center for this popular dinner. International students transformed the WCC into a cultural center filled with balloons, flowers and art objects from around the world.



Guests of the International Dinner

The theme for the International Dinner was "Around the World in One Night" and was chosen to celebrate the students at LCSC who come from 30 different countries. This year's cuisine included Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Mexican, African and Nepalese dishes. Guests were greeted by the delicious aroma of Coca-Cola Chicken, Bulgogi, DoDo, Calabacitas, Gunkan Sushi and Potato Pickle. They were delighted by 3 desserts from China, Nepal and Mexico. All dishes were completely prepared and served by students from the club.

Club members also entertained guests with a variety of songs and dances, and also put on a fashion show that featured clothing worn throughout the world.

Toward the end of the evening, the International Club honored Technical and Industrial Professor Henrik Brosten and his wife Robanna with the Sixth Annual Enlightenment Award. The award goes to an individual who is particularly supportive of global understanding. The Brostens are a regular host family for International students who have devoted much of their free time to

helping International students adapt to life in Lewiston.



Students Making Gunkan Sushi

The evening was a whirl of color, music, culture and enjoyment for both guests and students. Proceeds from the International dinner will go to the International Student Scholarship Fund.

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## LCSC Campus as a Classroom

Set in the mild climate of north central Idaho's Clearwater-Snake River Valley, the LCSC community enjoys gorgeous early spring as well as long, warm fall weather. Professors take advantage by occasionally holding class on the popular campus green. Learn more about the climate and weather in Lewiston <http://www.cityoflewiston.org/lewictin.htm>

