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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings from a campus that is ready for spring and for the Dogwood trees to blossom. Spring is a beautiful time on the campus and we urge you to come spend some time here and enjoy the wonderful colors and sites.

One site that we are particularly proud of is the new Nursing/Health Science Building, which I am happy to announce that, with State Board approval, will be called Sacajawea Hall. The faculty and staff from both the Nursing and Natural Sciences Divisions, the building contractors from ZGA and LCSC administration all were in favor of the name change and believe it adds a special touch. Construction remains ahead of schedule and the building could open as soon as May for faculty and staff to begin to move into. Classes in Sacajawea Hall begin with the Fall Semester in late August and we’re planning to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime shortly after the semester begins.

Sacajawea Hall is a wonderful gift from the Idaho Legislature and a gift LCSC will give back to the state in the form of nurses, health care professionals, and high school science teachers. Fundraising efforts continue to place the new statue “Arduous Journey”, depicting Sacajawea, near the building’s entrance. (Yes, we are accepting contributions to this wonderful work of public art!)

I’m sure you take as much pride as I do in the fact that following the college’s trend of steady growth, LCSC set a spring semester enrollment record with a 7.6 percent increase from a year ago. We reported a spring enrollment of 3,601 students, and it’s the fourth consecutive semester the college has set an all-time enrollment record! As you can see, LCSC is definitely the place to be. And we expect to top the 4,000 mark during the Fall 2009 semester.

Of course these have been challenging times with the economy and budget cutbacks by the state. But we have a strong plan and will continue to remain on course of providing the highest quality and affordable education for our students.

To all of you who have contributed to this wonderful atmosphere on campus through your donations to scholarships, programs, and buildings, I say thank you. Thank you for your part in making LCSC the place to be!

President Dene Kay Thomas

Judi Wutzke

President, Alumni Association

As I end my two-year term as the LCSC Alumni Association President, I am reminded of the many accomplishments we have as a group. I am also reminded of the work to complete before the year is over.

Board members, under the direction of Steve Stroschein ’90, entered a tree in the Festival of Trees, a fundraiser for Tri-State Memorial Hospital. The tree was a blue ribbon winner and generated much interest. The group is already planning the entry for 2009.

February 5 was Alumni night at the home basketball game. A pre-function was held at South Way Pizzeria. Participants were enthusiastic and asked for more such events.

Grape and Grain is our next big event scheduled for April 17. This event is a fundraiser for scholarships at LCSC. Committee chairs for this event are Lisa Jensen ’85 and Steve Stroschein ’90. Watch the website for details.

May 6 is the annual meeting and awards night at the Clarkston Country Club. This is the night to celebrate the accomplishments of our alums. I encourage you to visit the website for a description of each award and the nomination form. The Awards committee needs your nominations. Awards are: Excellence in Education, Alumnus/Alumna of the Year; Aletha Pabst; Rising Star; Marion Shinn Lifelong Achievement; Spirit; and, Outstanding Coeur d’Alene Alumni. If you cannot access a computer but want to make a nomination, just contact Renee Olsen or Karen Evans at the Alumni Office.

May 22 is the annual Prefunction with President Dene Thomas. This event kicks off the NAIA World Series. All alums are invited to attend. This date is also the kick off for the Baseball Reunion celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first LCSC NAIA Championship team. Alumni will help with registration on May 22 and registration at the BBQ on May 24.

June 26 is the annual President’s Tea and the final event of the year. The alumni board decorated a table last year and had a great time attending the event.

I am honored beyond words to have served these past two years as your president. Serving on this board is one of the most enjoyable activities an alum could choose. Please consider becoming a board member or participating in your association as a committee member of one of our numerous activities. The rewards are worth the time! The friendships are priceless! LCSC is an incredible school well worth supporting with your time and money. Stay connected! Everyone benefits.

With best regards,

Judi Wutzke ’90
Alumni Association Board President
The Alumni Association is your gateway to Lewis-Clark State and fellow alumni for a lifetime of connections, learning, and service.

Last October your Alumni Board of Directors approved a new strategic plan to serve as our roadmap to better serve our incredible alumni.

Our focus is to create and nourish lifetime fellowship and active participation of LCSC, NICE, LSNS, and LCNS Alumni with their alma mater through advocacy, support, service, and communication.

The plan includes five major goals that we invite you to pursue with us as we adapt to the opportunities and challenges of the 21st Century technologies, demographics and lifestyles. We recognize that alumni interests are varied and change throughout the years. We are committed to offering programs and services that give alumni – at every stage of life – opportunities to connect, be informed, learn, feel pride, give back, and pay forward.

A great college deserves a great alumni association. We seek to draw each and every alumnus into a lifelong connection with Lewis-Clark State and inspire alumni to serve and advocate on behalf of their alma mater. We will work to do this through enhanced partnerships with students and college divisions, and by sharing the college’s story with alumni worldwide.

This is an exciting time for the Lewis-Clark State College’s Alumni Association. There is much to be done, and our alumni and friends are at the heart of all we do. With your continued support and feedback, we will become a stronger and more vibrant alumni association.

We invite you to join us on this exciting journey. Thank you for your continued support of your alma mater.

Reneé Olsen
Director of Alumni and Community Relations

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www.lcsc.edu/alumni
The mission of this association shall be to establish effective relationships between Lewis-Clark State College and its alumni; to cooperate with the College in promoting the role and mission of the College; and to assist in preserving and strengthening the traditions of the College.
From Left to Right: Katie McNichols, Colleen Mahoney, Butch Alford, Kirk Stedman, Don Poe, Gary Arndt, Mike Ripley, Joe Stegner, Liz Chavez, Mike Thomason, Bill Mannschreck, Marsha Creason, Howard Hayes, Dave Romesburg, Brian Schmidt, Brad Cannon, Bill Seehafer, Donn Durgan, Robin Henderson (Not pictured: Dave Arthur, Donna Doyle, Joe Hall, Julie Kane, Carl Koenen, Tim Lynch, Eadie Saxton, Bob Sobotta, and John Vassar)

Other Foundation Board Members:
Dene Thomas, LCSC President
Chet Herbst, LCSC VP of Administrative Services
Tony Fernandez, LCSC Provost and VP of Academic Programs
Judi Wutzke ’90, Alumni Association President
Lori Skelton, Executive Director of the LCSC Foundation

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Terry Kolb, Retired
Harriet Husemann
Dean Mahoney, Retired
Richard Maple, Retired
Michael McNichols, Attorney at Law
Robert Mink
Marilyn Stonebraker, Stonebraker McQuary
Maureen Streibek (deceased)
Gerald Wilson (deceased)
Bob Wittman (deceased)
John Young, Retired
1950's

David Hundeby ’59 retired after 32 years of teaching. David and his wife, Ann, live in Spokane Valley, Washington.

1960's

Douglas Johnson ’69 is living in Moscow, Idaho. He worked as a high school counselor and is now enjoying retirement.

Dennis Halsey ’62 lives in Liberty Lake, Washington with his wife Rosemary. Dennis writes “I retired in 2002. We currently winter in Saddlebrooke, Tucson, Arizona. LCSC has a consistent track record of achievements, but I thought you might be interested in this bit of history. I came to LCN from Anatone on a basketball scholarship. In 1961 the school decided to have a baseball program beginning in 1962. Most of the team was from the basketball team as we nearly all came from small school where we played multiple sports (we had to).”

Diane Peterson Hermann ’69 is living in Moses Lake, Washington, with her husband, Bernie.

David Roberts ’69 is retired and living in Medford, Oregon with his wife, Janet. In November 2008, David was inducted into the Oregon State ASA Hall of Fame in the Umpire category.

John Blessinger ’63 and Jo Anne Blessinger ’65 taught school in Pendleton, Oregon for 34 years. They are both now retired and are living in Pendleton.

1970's

Terry Freeman ’73 is living in Stanwood, Washington. He is the Associate Director of Development for the Boys and Girls Club of Snohomish County in Everett, Washington. Terry writes “I have three kids, Jennie Freeman-Would who has two children, one six-month girl and a son who is nine years old. Mitch Freeman graduated from WSU in 2004 and is now coaching at Seattle University (going on four years) and he received his Masters in Education in 2008 from Grand Canyon University. CJ Freeman received his degree in education from Oklahoma City University. CJ was part of the OCU team that beat L.C in 2006. OCU won the tournament that year! I have been married for 29 years to a wonderful lady, Chris Freeman, who has worked at the Everett Orthopedic Surgeons Center for the last 10 years.”

Lonny Hollenbeck ’70 is a retired educator and is living in Post Falls, Idaho, with his wife Judy.

Eugene Golla ’71 and his wife, Janet, live in Lewiston. Eugene is planning to retire after 40 years with the U.S. Postal Service. He writes “See you at Warrior baseball games in 2009!”

Don Foster ’72 and his wife, Connie, are living in Kuna, Idaho. Don works for King Claims as an insurance adjuster.

Beth Hottman Carkey ’79 and her husband, Steven, are living in Morton, Washington. Beth is a teacher for the Morton School District.

Ron Shepard and his wife, Anna, are living in Zillah, Washington. Ron is a Deputy Sheriff with the Yakima County Sheriff’s Department. Ron writes “Our oldest grandson, Chris Alcazar, will be playing baseball in Cooperstown this summer for the Brooklyn Baseball Club of Yakima. He is a 12 year old pitcher/infielder. There are six younger brothers, sisters, and cousins on his heels… all are potential future Warrior athlete/scholars if my influence over them holds out.”

Steve Prine ’71 and his wife, Mary, are living in Clarkston. He is a Sales and Service Associate for the U.S. Postal Service in Lewiston.

Steve Vandecar ’70 is retired and living in Kennewick, Washington.

Rodney Gehring ’79 and wife, Vicki, moved to Coeur d’Alene in 1998. He works for Kootenai County as a Deputy Sheriff.

Gary James ’79 and his wife, Julie, live in Lewiston. He is a Staff Accountant for Nez Perce County.

Gary Forrest ’75 has been inducted into the Kentucky High School Hall Of Fame. Gary has coached in Kentucky for 33 years and has amassed a record of over 600 victories. He is currently coaching at Oldham County High (15 miles north of Louisville) where he has amassed a 432-163 record the last 20 years at Oldham County High.

Barbara Bateson Loomis ’70 is working at Tri-State Memorial Hospital in Clarkston as a CHUC.

David Akers ’75 is now retired and living in Clarkston with his wife, Judi. David writes “My son, Matthew, has a Masters in Finance, daughter Melissa is a RN in the emergency department at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, and son Joshua has a Bachelors degree in Biochemistry and a Doctorate of Pharmacy from WSU. Matthew’s wife also has a Doctorate in Pharmacy from WSU.”

Debra Estenson Cadiente ’76 is living in Seattle with her husband, Gary Carlson. She is a Clinic Administrator at Swedish Physicians/ Magnolia. Debra writes “I have lived and worked in Seattle for the last 27 years. I would love to have a reunion with my fellow Nursing classmates either here in Seattle or in Lewiston. It’s been such a long time. I am grateful to LCSC for my excellent nursing education, it gave me a wonderful life and career.”

Ron Broyles ’76 lives in Silverlake, Washington, with his wife, Pennie. Ron is a detective with the Cowlitz County Sheriff’s Office.

Thomas Van Horn ’79 works as a Transportation Technical Principal for the Idaho Transportation Department. He and his wife, Vicki, live in Clarkston.

Debra Feucht Pence ’78 lives in Meridian, Idaho, with her husband, Steve. She is a Special Education Teacher with the Nampa School District.

Rod Frederiksen ’78 and his wife, Marilyn, are living in Vancouver, Washington. Rod is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Vancouver.

Paul Sinclair ’75 is an Elementary P.E. Specialist in his 34th year of teaching. Paul won the 2006 Educator of the Year Award given by LCSC Alumni Association. He is a wine judge in his spare time. He lives in Kennewick, Washington.

Cynthia Bruhn Rouende ’75, and her husband, Butch, have one daughter, Tannis (born in 1981). They live in Port Townsend, Washington where Cynthia works for Jefferson Healthcare as a Charge Capture Specialist. She writes “I am back in college to add to my knowledge due to the ever changing health care field!”

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Jeffrey Lewis ‘77 writes “I have gone through two major operations and may face another one. None the less, I am still going firmly forward in getting my business blossoming into a very active live-stage production non-profit company with several for-profit companies which will support the non-profit one.” Jeffrey is the CEO and Chief Designer for Jan Loui Productions in Dallas, Texas.

1980’s

Charrissa Eggleston ’89 is living in Tacoma, Washington. She works for Federal Way Public Schools as a Community Liaison/Teacher.

Ken Sanman ’87 is the Controller for A&A Construction and Development in Spokane. He writes “After graduating 20 years ago, life has been interesting to say the least. I have two children ages 21 and 24. My 21 year old son was recently deployed to Iraq. He decided he wanted to put college on hold and serve our country through the National Guard Reserves. I have never realized how tough it would be to have your only son in a war and have him 7,000 miles away with limited contact. I am also a grandfather for the first time. My daughter Jordan has a son (Elden) who is the greatest thing to happen in my life.”

Chris Ruark Zwerneman ’87 is teaching with the Lewiston School District. She resides in Lewiston.

Jeffrey Smith ’86 was recently promoted to the rank of Colonel in the United States Air Force. Jeff is currently living in Pullman, attending WSU to complete his PhD in Political Science with an emphasis on Homeland Security issues. Jeff was a pilot in the USAF and served on three different missions in Iraq. He has also been involved with think tank projects with the Pentagon.

Monte Sams ’84 and his wife, Laurie Gertonson, are living in Genesee, Idaho. Monte writes “I have been teaching in Genesee the past 15 years. I also coach high school track and teach driver education. I farm for the fall harvest. I have taught in Montana and at Coeur d’Alene Lake in Harrison (Kootenai Schools). Coach Dick Hannon helped me get a job at Twin City Foods in 1978 and I worked there in the summers for 25 years.”

Joanne Gouveia Geesey ’84 is living in Port Charlotte, Florida. She is working at HCR ManorCare as a Alzheimer’s Unit Manager.

Janet Moore ’83 is employed as a Developmental Specialist with Idaho Lewis-Clark State College

Verna Rice Studer ‘87 and her husband, Brent ‘87, are living in Genesee, Idaho. Verna is a professor in Business Technology and Service at LCSC.

Steven Browne ’89 and his wife, Rebecca (Kaufman) ’86, live in Lewiston. Steven is the service manager at Valley Boat and Motor in Lewiston. Rebecca is a first grade teacher at McSorley School in Lewiston. Steven writes “We have one child at LCSC and one in preschool. The tuition is the same for both and well worth it.”

Kenneth Homan ’82 is farming in Conrad, Montana, with his wife, Elin.

John Reeve ’82 and his wife, Kate, are living in Waitsburg, Washington. John is self-employed.

Bart Bramell ’87 is working as a Copy Center Technician at Lewis-Clark State College. He lives in Lewiston.

Steve Reed ’88 is living in Golden, Colorado. He writes “I miss Gus a lot!”

Richard Griffin ’81 is the Lead Security Specialist for Supervalu/Albertsons in Boise. He and his wife, Donna, are living in Eagle, Idaho.

Eddie Ramirez is living in Long Beach, California with wife, Tammy, and daughter, Olivia. He is a Deputy Probation Officer with the Los Angeles Probation Department.

Tim Simpson ’88 is living in Clarkston with his wife, Denise ’85, and family. He is General Manager of Public Utility District of Asotin County.

Tara McLaughlin Fleschman ’86 lives in Little Rock, Arkansas, with her husband Keith. She is the Office Manager for Confetti’s Party Rental.

George Martin ’84 is the Associate Pastor for the Beaverton Foursquare Church in Beaverton, Oregon. George and his wife, Bonny, live in Battle Ground, Washington.

Fred Quintero ’84 lives in Canby, Oregon with wife, Julie. Fred is a sales representative with Canby Ford. Fred writes “I have two grown children. My son will be 24 years old in March. My daughter was married in September, she will be 22 years old in June.”

1990’s

Rick Tierney ’93 has been appointed Director of Nursing at Royal Plaza Care Center in Lewiston. He supervises over 60 staff members and manages the delivery of nursing care of up to 55 residents. A life-long Lewis-Clark Valley resident, Rick has served as Emergency Department Nursing Director at Tri-State Memorial Hospital for the last seven years and worked as a Registered Nurse in Orthopedics and Neurosurgery at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center from 1992-2002. Rick’s community activities include serving on the Pottatch Federal Credit Union Board of Directors and community planning for emergency preparedness. Rick has two grown children, Drew and Jillian, and is an avid boater and motorcyclist.

Shane Roberts ’99 married Aimee Harrington ’96/’04 in 1999. He graduated in 2007 with a Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology from the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia. In 2008 they moved back to Idaho. Shane and Aimee currently reside in Ammon where Shane works as a Regional Wildlife Biologist for Idaho Fish and Game. Aimee works for IdahoSTARS as a Quality Child Care Consultant.

John Hosentfeld ’96 is the new Emergency Room Director at Gritman Medical Center in Moscow, Idaho. He first worked at Gritman in 2001 as a registered nurse in the Intensive Care Unit. He transitioned into a nursing position at Palouse Surgery Center, an affiliate of Gritman Medical Center. He worked there for two years. John became interested in medicine while in the Army, he and his wife, Jody, a Moscow native, moved back to the Palouse. The couple has two daughters.

David Bingham ’95 lives in Gig Harbor, Washington. He works for the Department of Corrections as a Community Corrections Officer in Lakewood, Washington. David and his wife Kerri have one son Trever, born in 2007. David writes “Living life and enjoying it. I am doing individual instruction for high school baseball.”

Naomi Kataoka ’96 is working for Sharp as a translator and living in Yuzaki Kawanishi-cho Shiki-gun, Nara, Japan. Naomi writes “I miss Lewiston very much”.

Allan “Gus” Johnson and his wife, Joanna, live in Lewiston. Allan works as a RN at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston.

Brian Birdsell ’95 is a detective with the City of Lewiston Police Department. He and his wife, Traci, reside in Lewiston. Traci is the Director of...
Clearwater Valley Talent Search at LCSC.

Tony Mastroberardino ’94 writes “I have been married for 14 years to Kathleen and we have three beautiful children, Hope (13), Kallie (9) and Luke (3). We live in Lewiston and are active in our community. I work for Inland Cellular as a Business Account Representative and New Bridges Community Church as the Marriage/ Family Pastor with my wife. Kathleen also works for the church. Our children are active in school and sports. Hope plays volleyball and is on the drama team at Jenifer Junior High. Kallie plays every sport she can (soccer, basketball, golf and swimming) and Luke just follows his sisters in whatever they do. I also coach football at Jenifer Junior High School and basketball at Sacajawea Junior High. I serve on the Twin County United Way Board, New Bridges Community Church Board, Lewiston School District LIFE Board, Teen Power Board, Region II Juvenile Justice Council and work with Idaho Drug Free Youth as a state trainer - lots of good stuff. Thanks LCSC for a great foundation to start my career!”

LeeJay Henry ’94 is living in Lewiston with wife, Kristi. LeeJay works in sales for the Clearwater River Casino.

Shirlee Otis Gilstrop ’90/’94 and her husband, Terry, are living in Anaheim, California. She is a teacher in the Magnolia School District.

Randy Eriksen ’94 is living in Clarkston. He is an Associate Professor in the Business Division at LCSC.

Timothy Kinzer ’99 and his wife, Nicole, are living in Craigmont, Idaho. Timothy is a bus driver for Harlow Bus Service. They have one son, Aaron, who was born in 2007.

Rae Lynn Madison Johnson ’97 and husband, Travis ’97, are living in Calimesa, California. Travis is a teacher with the Fontana Unified School District.

Aaron Munger ’98 is living in Sacramento, California. He is an Operations Manager with Wells Fargo.

Beth Morphew ’92 is working as an Affiliate Coordinator with EASE in Portland, Oregon.

Jill Hanford ’92 is living in Boise and is working as a 6th grade teacher in the Boise School District.

Mike Overberg ’97 and his wife, Raina ’97, are living in Clarkston. Mike is a Department Manager with Alliant Techsystems in Lewiston.

Kim Wassmuth Behler ’96 is now working at LCSC as an administrative assistant.

Glenn Baxley ’93 is living in Carlsbad, California. He is the president of West-Tech, Inc. in Carlsbad.

Johnathon Rears ’91 is working on his own consulting business, Rears Consulting. He and his wife, Mary ’91, are living in Clarkston.

Loretta Hammond-Nichols ’92 and her husband, Terry, are living in Clarkston. She is the Clerk/Treasurer for the Culdesac JSD #342 in Culdesac, Idaho. She writes “Jacob Nichols is my son. He is currently a sophomore at LCSC. He is president of the Bowling club and is working on his Associates in Liberal Arts. He plans to then continue his education at the University of Advancing Technology for a Bachelors in Electronic Gaming Design in Phoenix, Arizona.”

Mike Petrusky ’94/’98 is an accountant at Washington State University in Pullman. He and his wife Charlotte (Andi) are living in Clarkston. Mike says “I’m alive, healthy and holding on!”

Gary Bergen ’92 and his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Olivia, are living in Lewiston. He writes “I’ve been working for Century 21 Beutler & Associates for almost two years now and LOVE it!! I’ve quickly become one of the top 10 real estate agents in the LC Valley and surrounding areas thanks to all of my friends and past classmates. Please contact me if I can ever be of any help! I’m also involved in the Lewiston Civic Theatre and with Lewiston’s Hot August Nights. I enjoy volunteering my time and helping with valley events.”

Roger Robinson ’98 is living in Coeur d’Alene. He works for the Idaho Department of Corrections as a Presentence Investigator.

Alex Church ’97 lives in Lewiston with wife, Jeaneene Hickman-Church. He is a 2nd grade teacher with Lewiston Independent School District No. 1. He writes “We have a wonderful grandson, Joey Thomas, and another on the way.”

Gerl Waters ’90 writes “Enjoying retirement – traveling, visiting family and friends – just doing what we want to do when we want to do it. We will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary on April 14, 2009.”

Traver Lee ’98 and his wife, Kristin Brotnov, are living in Nampa, Idaho.

Kristi Washburn Tolmsa ’97 works at Tufts University in Boston as a Neonatal/Perinatal Fellow. She and her husband, Curtis, live in Swampscott, Massachusetts.

Gary Juchert ’91 writes “Missing Idaho... looking forward to seeing all the changes at LCSC since I’ve been gone. I’m currently living in California. A special hello to my friends! I was fortunate to be educated at LC and also to be on the staff. That was the best job of my life. THANKS!” Gary is now retired and living in Lakeport, California.

Jason Ginoza ’98 is living with his wife, Stacey, in Henderson, Nevada. Jason is teaching in the Clark County School District.

Kim Newell ’91 is teaching in the Selah School District and recently became nationally board certified as a teacher in EA Math. She and her husband, Ben ’91, live in Selah, Washington.

Kristy Atkins Dykes ’96 and her husband, Ken, are living in Mullan, Idaho. Kristy is teacher with the Mullan School District.

Stephen Stroschein ’90 writes “I have been teaching for 19 years in Clarkston. I recently received my National Board Teaching Certificate.”

Tuesday Johnson ’94 lives in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She is a Lecturer at the University of Texas – El Paso.

Lynne Whisner ’95 lives in Moscow, Idaho, where she is a Press Production Manager for Allegra Print and Imaging.

Kyle Anderson ’94, and his wife, Paula, live in Stansbury Park, Utah. Kyle is a Seminary Principal with the LDS Church in West Valley City, Utah.

Donnie Skelton ’91 works for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. He and his wife, Jenny, live in Richland, Washington.

Richard Montgomery ’98 writes “I am currently employed with the Iowa School for the Deaf and I’ve become proficient in American Sign Language. I also work for a local community college in Omaha where I teach English as a second language. Richard and his wife, Cassandra, live in Omaha.

2000’s

Aundrea Morrison ’07 is living in Pullman, Washington and is working at Washington State University as a Senior Secretary.

Brian Escott ’03 lives in Bellevue, Washington. Brian works as a network administrator for Computech Systems in Redmond, Washington. He writes “I was recently promoted to a network administrator II. I live in downtown Bellevue with my girlfriend and our two kittens. I still love playing baseball! I went to a national tournament last year in Arizona where I threw against Jose Canseco. GO WARRIORS!! Thanks to Coach Cheff. He played a large part in the man I have become.”
Tyler Garrison ’01 is living in Washington, DC. He is a realtor with Hounshell Real Estate.

Mary Jane Oatman Wak-Wak ’06 and her husband Fred Wak-Wak welcomed their new baby boy, Wayne Bo Wak-Wak, on August 18, 2008. In October 2008, Mary Jane was elected to the National Indian Education Association Board of Directors and elected as board secretary.

Kelly Carlstrom ’07 is living in Lewiston and is the Athletic Director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley.

Maegen Marshall Falciani ’02 is living in Coeur d’Alene with her husband, Mario. She is employed at Pioneer Title Company as a production typist.

Dirk Barnes ’08 is currently living in Lewiston. He works for the Moneysaver and as the graphic designer for River City Church in Lewiston.

Rachelle Johnson ’06 is living in Camano Island, Washington with her husband, Jeremiah. She is self employed.

Jackie Jackson Gudmundson ’00 writes “My husband, Murray, and I own and operate a construction company in Monroe, Washington. We married in June of 2007 and are expecting our first child in March of 2009. We are actively involved in rodeo and reined cow horses.

Dale Brekke ’02 is living in Hayden, Idaho. He is employed with the Coeur d’Alene School District.

Erica Roth Chadwell ’00 is living in Colville, Washington with her husband, Mike. She writes “I work for the City of Colville Water Department. I enjoy walking with my dog, snowboarding, boating, golfing, sky diving, reading, watching sports and movies and just about anything else life has to offer.”

Matt Baney ’01 and his wife, Sarah (Church) ’01, are living in Lewiston. Matt is a sports writer for the Lewiston Tribune. Sarah is working at JC Penney.

Ryan Heitmann ’02 is currently living in Lacey, Washington. He is a resident physician in obstetrics and gynecology at Madigan Army Medical Center. Ryan is married to Aimee and they have four children: Ayden (7), Meya (5), Lauryn (2) and Wyatt (3 mo.).

Stephen Bush ’00 is living in Lolo, Montana, with his wife, Celeste. He works at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula as a Medical Dosimetrist II.

Kim Eberhard ’00 writes “I have currently been subbing in the Lewis-Clark Valley and have most recently been helping in the Adult and Family Education (ABE) at LCSC. I am really enjoying it and learning lots. It is nice to be back on campus.”

Jaina Beeson Crotzer ’08 is living in Moscow, Idaho. Her son, Noah James, was born on April 23, 2008. Jaina writes “I am working in the Family Birth Center at Gritman. I am orienting to labor and delivery. I love my job.”

Michele Olsen ’08 and her husband, Glenn, are living in Rathdrum, Idaho. Michele is working as a Communication Coordinator for Real Life Ministries in Post Falls, Idaho.

Karen Kluss Hull ’03 and her husband, Larry, are living in Sacramento, California. She is a Business Travel Specialist for TravelStore, Inc.

Kathy Jackson ’06 is living in Reubens, Idaho, and works as a freelance graphic designer for her own firm, KJ Design.

Ambria Harris ’07 is currently living in Glendale, Arizona. She is a second year medical student.

Sheila Schumacher ’06 writes “I recently returned home to Boise after living and working as a social worker in Boston, Massachusetts. In September I took a job working with Idaho military families.”

Lori Loomis ’02 is living in Lewiston and works for Troy Insurance as an insurance agent.

Nathan Peterson ’00 and his family are living in Pasco, Washington. He is a Principal for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Pasco Seminary.

Clay Hatfield ’00 is living in Boise, Idaho. He is teaching at Eagle High School. Clay has one son, Ryne James Rae, that was born in 2003.

Anita Darrington Bradley ’03 and her husband, Michael, live in Lewiston. Anita is an Assistant Professor in the Technical and Industrial Division at LCSC.

Michelle Pearson-Smith ’01 and her husband, Rodney, live in Lewiston. Michelle is a RN in the ICU/CCC Department at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

Timberly Uhle Fiskum ’05, husband Jonathan, and daughter Emma (born 2007) are living in Woodlawn, Tennessee.

Elliott Strankman ’00 lives in Walnut Creek, California. In the summer of 2000, He was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the 12th round of the Major League Baseball draft with the 361st pick overall. He spent a little more than a year in the minor leagues before getting into coaching. Elliott served as an assistant coach for the Alaska Goldpanners for a couple of seasons when LCSC coach Ed Cheff served as the head coach of the Goldpanners. He also served as Moscow High School’s baseball coach in 2003. He later became head coach at Occidental College in the Los Angeles area for three seasons, completing his final year this past spring. He made his mark in the coaching profession with the Green Bay Bullfrogs, an expansion team in the Northwoods Summer League. Elliott led the team to the regular season title in 2007 and was named the league’s Manager of the Year. He also coached the team in 2008 and barely missed the playoffs. He was recently hired by the Minnesota Twins as a Scout for Northern California. He writes “I was down in San Diego for Ed Cheff’s left Gomez award.”

Trevor Brown ’08 was drafted in the 17th round with 512th overall by San Diego. He spent one season with the Padres’ organization, two in the independent leagues, and another year with the Oakland A’s organization. Trevor then spent three year (2006-08) with Oklahoma State University baseball program. He served as assistant director of baseball operations for a year and then was a graduate manager in 2007. Last season, he served as a volunteer assistant coach. He was recently hired by the Minnesota Twins as a Scout for the Pacific Northwest region.

Ali Faris Moohamed ’08 writes “I am home in Maldives and working as a semi-senior auditor in an internal audit department of a private firm. I also work as the general secretary of the tennis association of Maldives. I am hoping to work one year and move on to complete my masters in the United States. I miss Lewiston – especially the fast food and my friends. I have to say the first few months that I was back home was a period of readjustment and getting used to living in my home country again. If you want to find out more about my country, please visit http://www.visitmaldives.com.”

Ryan Bernalotto ’06 is the new emergency and security services officer at the University of Idaho – a position recently created to manage university emergency response and the Emergency Notification System, which underwent its first full-scale test in February.

Melinda Polk ’06 is now living in Mill Creek, Washington. She writes “I entered a writing contest for the magazine “Healthcare Traveler” and won first place! My article was published in the July 2008 issue. I wrote about my experiences as a travel nurse in sunny southern California. After getting to see the country from coast to coast, I have since stopped traveling, taking a permanent position in a different arena, the NICU, in Everett, Washington.”

If we have misspelled your name or the name of another, please contact us and let us know. We can be reached at the College Advancement Office, Lewis-Clark State College, 500 8th Ave., Lewiston, Idaho (208) 792-2458 or e-mail collegeadvancement@lcsc.edu
The INW Alumni Chapter would like to congratulate Susan Akers and Casey Drews as the first recipients of the INW Chapter Scholarship Fund. The chapter established the scholarship in 2008 which benefits students currently attending Lewis-Clark State at Coeur d'Alene.

Susan is looking forward to graduating this May with a degree in Justice Studies. After graduation she is planning to pursue a career as a Parole or Corrections Officer. She is also a member of the Idaho National Guard. Casey will be also be graduating this May with a degree in Justice Studies. She is planning to attend law school next fall.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our chapter scholarship! Giving is easy. Please visit www.lcsc.edu/alumni for details on how to support this scholarship.

On December 9th a great crowd of L-C alumni, students and friends gathered at Greenbriar Inn for a fun-filled holiday event. Special thanks to Greenbriar Inn owner and L-C alumna, Kris McIlvenna, for sponsoring this event.
Our alumni chapters exist to personally and professionally support alumni successes; to inspire pride in, and promote involvement with the College. Alumni chapters are active in social activities, student recruitment, scholarship fund-raising, and community service. Chapters also serve as a vital connection for alumni and friends who are relocating or simply looking for a group of friends with a common bond.

**Share in the excitement, get involved and see what's happening in your area!**

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Lewis-Clark State College
One recent Lewis-Clark State College graduate has made history by completing her first year in the National Council of Bhutan, the upper house in the bicameral Parliament of Bhutan.

Sonam Yangchen, who graduated from LCSC in 2006, had the honor of winning one of 20 seats in the country’s first election for the new Parliament on Dec. 31, 2007. The Parliament is made up of 20 elected members and five more nominated by former Bhutan King Jigme Singye Wangchuck.

To be eligible to run for office, a candidate must possess a college degree, which made more than two-thirds of Bhutan residents ineligible. The country, sandwiched between India and China, has the lowest rate of literacy in South Asia at around 42 percent, with around 3,000 graduates in a population of 700,000.

In the Bhutan area where she was elected, there were 8,891 votes cast, including 251 mail-in ballots. Yangchen secured 4,987 votes to win herself the NC seat against her opponent Kaka Dawa, who had 3,904 votes.

Yangchen, played tennis at LCSC and was the first individual from Bhutan to receive a sports scholarship to the United States, according to Warrior tennis coach Kai Fong. She earned a doubles ranking of No. 22 in the final ITA/NAIA rankings in May of 2006.

She was also one of the few players to have been the personal tennis instructor for LCSC President Dene K. Thomas and her husband, Gordon.

Yangchen was active in the LCSC International Club and graduated with a degree in Business.

Fong describes Yangchen as a soft-spoken and mild-mannered individual, but one who was respected and well-liked by her teammates and others.

Yangchen grew up in Thimpu, Bhutan before coming to LCSC. Her nickname on the LCSC tennis team was “Quiet One.”

She also earned numerous academic honors at LCSC, including making the Dean’s and President’s Lists and being an ITA All-Academic selection.
Savor the World

Students – both international and American – share in the annual International Dinner celebrations. The students do everything from choosing the menu and cooking all the food to acting as waiters, MCs, entertainers and servers. They also provide over two hours of entertainment in conjunction with a full dinner and dessert. This year’s event took place on February 21st with the theme: “Savor the World”.

LCSC – International Presence

Did you know that Lewis-Clark State has a presence around the world? We have international students traveling to Lewiston to attend school from several sister institutions. But did you know that LCSC students can study foreign languages abroad as well? In fact, this summer several students will travel to do just that. And next year, at least one student will be studying Spanish in Spain – while receiving credit for their studies right here at home.

All programs are pre-qualified through the LCSC Study Abroad office – making credit transfers and other shared information part of a straightforward process. Careful planning and program assessments are conducted well before departure – including the participant’s expectations for the experience personally, academically and professionally. Thorough financial planning is a part of the planning process and letters of recommendation are required as part of the qualifying criteria.

And the news gets even better: to help make the experience more affordable to LCSC students, two endowed scholarships have been created through generous donations. If you have a passion for international education, why not make a donation to one of these funds? It makes a wonderful memorial gift or a great honorarium to someone.

To find out how to contribute – please contact Lori Skelton in the College Advancement Office at 208.792.2458. Or, if you know someone who might be interested in studying abroad, contact Dana Elliott at 208.792.2184. For more information on the Study Abroad program check: http://www lcsc.edu/admissions/intl/studyabroad.htm.
Here are some of the exciting things going on within the divisions at Lewis-Clark State College!

Business

- The Business Division at Lewis-Clark State College has seen significant growth in student enrollment over the past year. Spring 2009 duplicated 10th day headcount revealed 583 students on and off campus are pursuing a degree in business. This is an increase over the 578 noted the previous fall and the 532 in spring 2008.

- Professor John Haehl announced that he will retire in June 2009 but will continue teaching as an adjunct for the division. John has served the college well for almost 20 years. He has left a major imprint on the Business Division, serving as a Coordinator of Business Programs in Coeur d’Alene, the Interim Director of the Coeur d’Alene center, Chair of the Business Division and earning the rank of Full Professor. His contributions are too many to list. He will continue to serve the Business Division well in his new capacity and his mentorship will help mold faculty for years to come.

- The Business Division congratulates Molly Mallet ’07, Karen Kaufman ’07, Lyla Smith ’07, and Becca Dugger ’08 for passing each of the four sections of the CPA exam – Financial, Auditing, Regulation, and Business – on their first attempts.

- Professor Shaomin Huang was nominated and elected V.P. of the Chinese Economists Society of North America—an organization that promotes market-based economic reforms and open-door policies in China. He also published the article, “Organizational Health Assessment: A Romania Firm Case Study” in the Review of Economists & Business Studies, which was well received.

- Region II Idaho Small Business Development Center Director and adjunct faculty member, Jill Thomas-Jorgenson was invited to participate in the Oxford University Round Table discussions held at Oxford University. The topic, “Ethics: The Convolution of Contemporary Values,” is being held at Lincoln College in the University of Oxford and will take place the 22 through 25 of March. Jill was also nominated for and received the “2009 Women’s Leadership Award” in the category of Academic Staff/Administrator at the 11th Annual Women’s Leadership Conference of the Inland Northwest held in Spokane, Washington on March 6.

- Associate Professor Michelle Sotka was selected by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) as a member of a site visit team for University of Montana Western in Dillon, Montana. The IACBE has developed accreditation principles based on best practices in business education—principles which Michelle and the other members of the team assessed and reported their findings to the Board of Commissioners.

- Assistant Professor Ruth Lapsley presented her article “Dealing with our Generation Y Students” at the regional IACBE conference in Marylhurst, Oregon last November. Her findings regarding educational approaches for young college students were useful for those in attendance.

- The Business Division held its third annual “A Night at the Oscars” student scholarship fundraiser in February. KLEW TV’s news anchor Matt Loveless volunteered his talents to emcee the event and help entertain the over 150 attendees. The event raised $10,000 in scholarship funds for business students and in addition to the 81st annual Academy Awards and auctions, the evening featured a comedy troupe from LCSC, the LCSC Jazz Quartet, and a piano performance by Clarkston High School student Eric Goodwin.

Business Technology & Service

- Students in the Dental Hygiene program assisted Clarkston dentist Robin Henderson in helping 24 Grantham Elementary school children from low-income/uninsured families receive dental care on “National Give Kids a Smile Day” on February 6, 2009. The Dental Hygiene program is offered at LCSC through Lane Community College in Oregon. This is the first year of the two-year associate’s degree in the program and is funded by a grant. The five first-year students in the program are Dessa Witters, Sarah Fowler, Abbie Farrell, Melinda Stowers, and Amanda Todhunter. The instructor is Vonni Mulrony.

- More than 400 juniors and seniors from 15 public and private high schools in the north central Idaho and southeastern Washington areas participated in the annual LCSC Professional-Technical Preview Day on March 3. The annual event, which showcases professional and technical
Education

- This spring, an 18-21 Secondary Transition Program is being piloted on the LCSC campus in collaboration with the Lewiston High School by Michelle Doty. Eight students from Kelly Berger’s special education classroom are coming to campus one day a week for educational activities. LCSC students in the elementary and special education teacher preparation program are volunteering their time to mentor the LHS students while on campus. In addition to attending classes created specifically for their needs the students from LHS also go to the Indian Education Center, Pi’amkinwaas where they prepare meals to share with the college students using the center. The 18-21 programs can provide a range of services to students enabling them to participate in their communities, local post-secondary institutional activities (including college classes in some cases), develop functional life and vocational skills, and the ability to take part in recreational and social activities with same-age peers.

- Ken Wareham, Assistant Professor of Education, was chosen to be part of a select team of evaluators to assess the impact of a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Reading First program that was recently implemented across the nation. As part of the evaluation team, Dr. Wareham travels to tribal schools throughout the country to administer the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Emergent Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessment to K-3 students enrolled in BIA Reading First schools. His primary area is the four-corner region (UT, AZ, CO, and NM), where he works with the Navajo, Apache, and Hopi tribes, but he has also worked as far away as the Great Lakes area with the Mille Lacs band of Ojibwe in Minnesota, as well as the Le Courte Oreilles and Menominee tribes of Wisconsin and Michigan. “I was quite honored to be invited to participate in this study” says Wareham, who has fond memories of his Navajo friends and classmates when he was in school.

- The Tools for Life Fair was held at the Best Western Coeur d’Alene Inn on March 2 & 3, 2009. The Tools for Life conference is designed to help high school students with disabilities and those that support them plan and prepare for life after high school. Michelle Doty, one of the conference coordinators had recruited twenty students from the LCSC teacher education program as well as members of the Council for Exceptional Children Student Club to attend the event. LCSC students participated in conference activities; act as mentors to the youth attending, and network with professionals. The Tools conference has become an annual showcase for the many individual and group efforts and activities occurring around the state to collaborate, inspire, and educate students, educators, families and agencies about the issues surrounding secondary transition. Breakout sessions covered such topics as assistive technology, education, self-determination, employment, post-secondary education, supporting rural families and community living.

- Michelle Doty, Faculty Advisor will be taking five LCSC students in the special education teacher preparation program to the CEC National Convention April 1-4 in Seattle, Washington. The LCSC students will have the opportunity to learn about the latest special education legislation and trends, select from nearly 900 educational sessions, explore new products and services in the exhibit hall, and network with others working with children with exceptionalities and their families. Funding for this educational opportunity has been received through ASLCSC, Idaho Council for Exceptional Children, and club fund raising activities.

- Lewis-Clark State College has received a check for $21,985 from the Qwest Foundation for its Pathways for Accelerated Certification and Endorsement program, which uses alternative ways to help qualified individuals earn certification to teach grades K-12 in Idaho. Jim Schmit, President of Qwest Idaho, presented President Dene K.
Thomas, Education Division Chair Jan Hill and PACE Secondary Coordinator Wayne Carroll with the check in Thomas’ office on February 18th. The Qwest Foundation is dedicated to enriching the lives and customers in the communities it serves. The Foundation awards grants to community-based education programs that generate high impact and measurable results.

• On Saturday, February 14, 2009, the Lewis-Clark State College Health & Kinesiology Program and Education Division hosted the second annual Girls & Women in Sports Day Event at the LCSC Activity Center at Lewis-Clark State College. Over 90 girls in grades K-6 from surrounding communities participated in physical activity and sport clinics. Participants had the option to participate in a variety of activities including basketball, volleyball, soccer, dance, pilates/ yoga, kickboxing, and cheer. This event was held in honor of the National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Clinic instructors were LCSC female Kinesiology students, LCSC female student-athletes, and local female coaches and/or teachers. The Lewis-Clark State College Health & Kinesiology Program and Education Division are committed to providing healthy activities supporting positive psychological and physical growth for youth in our surrounding communities.

• The LCSC Kinesiology Club had the opportunity to attend the North West American College of Sports Medicine conference in Seattle Washington on February 20 and 21. (Using Sports Medicine to make an impact). There were eight students who attended who are majoring in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Exercise Science and Health Promotion.

The conference speakers from across the nation addressed such topics as personal training, sports injury prevention, rehabilitation, nutrition, health behavior modification, and benefits and prescriptions for adequate exercise and physical activity.

Each year a knowledge bowl competition is conducted in the student segment pitting all the Colleges and Universities in attendance from Oregon, Montana, Washington, and Idaho against each other.

University of Oregon took first, University of Montana was second, and Lewis-Clark State College was third. LCSC students are competing against universities that have both master and doctoral students attending this conference and they were still able to place third at this conference.

The students can take pride in that their knowledge obtained in the Kinesiology and Natural science division is helping prepare them for their selected fields of work in the future.

• Faculty members from LC’s Division of Education teamed with Cina Lackey, Certification Officer in the Idaho Department of Education, in a presentation to members of the National Association for Alternative Certification during its annual conference in San Antonio, Texas this January. Wayne Carroll, David Massaro, Melinda Butler, and Jann Hill, Chair of the Division, explained the options available to Idaho school superintendents when they are unable to fill last minute teaching positions a week or two before school is scheduled to start. The session included a short overview of Idaho and the typical problems encountered by rural and remote school districts, a role-playing exercise, and an open discussion in which the audience participated. LCSC students attending this conference have both master and doctorial degrees as they are competing against universities that have both master and doctoral students attending this conference and they were still able to place third at this conference.

• Wayne Carroll serves on the National Program Quality Indicators Task Force currently working to author national standards by which alternative certification programs may be judged. Non-traditional teacher candidates who have passed through LCSC’s PACE Program demonstrate strong teaching and classroom management skills and a higher than average retention rate in the profession.

• Bob Hayes was one of 17 professionals selected for the Northwest region to attend a PAMI (Promoting Awareness of Motivational Incentives) Training of Trainers program sponsored by Brown University. Hayes was joined by other partners of education from throughout the U.S. to learn more about contingency management and evidence-based practices for the field of substance abuse and co-occurring disorders. The two-day training was held in Manchester, New Hampshire.
Humanities

Faculty Highlights

• Patricia Keith, Professor, has been selected as a Fulbright Program Scholar. She may be chosen by international institutions to provide expertise, through Fulbright, to serve 2 – 6 week residencies sharing her expertise with documentary film-making and teaching English as a Second Language.

• Chris Norden, Professor, has been invited by Huafan University in Taiwan to serve as their Distinguished Visiting Professor in June, 2009.


• Sean Cassidy, Professor, is collaborating with faculty at WSU on a videography project with Ecuadoran youths through a Youth Leadership for Ecuador project.

• Nancy Lee-Painter coordinated a Mentor/Artist Playwriting Program with students at Lapwai High School.

• Okey Goode, Professor, had a non-fiction essay, “Oh You Know How Mill Is,” accepted for publication in Bayou Magazine.

• An excerpt from Claire Davis’ current novel-in-progress was published in Southern Review and has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize.

• Bill Perconti, Professor, is included with the Idaho Saxophone Trio on volume XIV of the CD series, America’s Millennium Tribute to Adolphe Sax (2008).

• Ray Esparsen, Professor, and Diane Doty, Adjunct, had featured art exhibits at the Center for Arts and History, Lewiston, Idaho.

Student Highlights:

• The LCSC Speech and Debate team have successfully competed in several regional tournaments.

• Six theatre students were selected to compete in the prestigious Irene Ryan acting competition as part of the American College Theatre Festival in Moscow, Idaho. They were coached by Nancy Lee-Painter.

• The LCSC Jazz Band received commendation as the Outstanding Open Division Band at the 2009 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. The Jazz Band under the direction of Bill Perconti is a nine-time winner of the college band Open Division of the festival, including a run of seven consecutive years dating from 2003.

Alumni News:

• Aprilynne Pike (English: Creative Writing, 2002) has been awarded a four-book deal with Harper Publishers in their Harper Teen series. Her first novel in the series, Wings, is due in bookstores May, 2009.

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

• The new Nursing/Health Sciences Building will contain biology and chemistry labs for the Natural Sciences Division, in addition to classrooms.

• There has been record growth in the Computer Science major over the past year.

• The division is looking at competitive renewal of NIH-INBRE grant which will bring in over $400,000 to Biology over the next five years.

• “Geology of the Snake River” jet boat trip down Hell’s Canyon will take place on May 2, 2009.

Nursing and Health Sciences

• The new Nursing/Health Sciences building is nearing completion with the contractor projected to turn the building over to LCSC on May 1, 2009. It has been quite exciting to see the building grow from the blueprints to a state of the art building. The clinical laboratories are the most exciting. They will provide plenty of room for nursing and radiography students to practice real life situations before entering their clinical practicums. We hope you will join us for the opening ceremonies in late August.

• Our new all online RN to BSN track has been a tremendous success. We are getting phone calls from all around the state and even from a few students from other states. This new option allows the registered nurse prepared at the diploma or associate degree level to obtain a BSN entirely through web based learning. This allows them to remain in their communities while advancing their education.

• Our other new program, the Bachelor of Arts or Science in Medical Diagnostic Imaging is also a big hit. Our first emphasis offering is Computed Tomography (CT). Nearly a dozen students have completed the first set of courses and are nearing readiness for their clinical experiences. This hybrid-delivery program includes students coming to campus once or twice each semester for a day of discussion, group activities, and application. The balance of the didactic component is
completed online. The clinical piece is completed at the student’s employing agency.  

**New Faculty:** NHS is pleased to welcome the following faculty to our division:

- **Michael Ayres**, Visiting Assistant Professor, BSN Program
- **Meghan Bruns**, Visiting Assistant Professor, BSN Program
- **Donna Kopczynski**, Instructor and Clinical Resource Center Coordinator
- **Michelle Pearson-Smith**, Visiting Assistant Professor, BSN Program

**Departing Faculty:** Mr. Victor White, Director of the Radiography Program is leaving LCSC after nearly seven years. He is leaving to focus on completion of his doctoral program in Health Education through Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. We thank Victor for getting the Radiography programs started and wish him well in his future endeavors.

- Students with the LCSC Chapter of the Idaho Student Nursing Association will be traveling to Nashville, Tennessee for the annual National Student Nurse Convention. The convention allows an opportunity to network with fellow student nurses from around the country and to participate in the national house of delegates.

**Social Work Program**

- In February, LCSC Social Work Program had its accreditation reaffirmed by the Council on Social Work Education for the next 8 years.
- Social Work students in Chris Ahlman’s research class volunteered for the 2009 Homeless Count in Coeur d’Alene. They interviewed individuals who were homeless as a service learning project for their research class.

- **Brian Christenson** accompanied social work students to the annual Advocacy Days sponsored by Idaho NASW. The event included meetings and discussions with state legislators and provided the students with an opportunity to advocate within a legislative context.
- Kelli Loftus and her husband Bill attended Barrack Obama’s inauguration in Washington, DC
- **SOSW students** in Lewiston held their second annual Holiday Party for foster children and their families. Bill Clouser, Social Science Division Chair, was Santa Claus for the event and Sue Martin, Boise State MSW Coordinator was Mrs. Claus. There were crafts, a visit with Santa, pictures, gifts and refreshments in a festive winter setting.

**Technical and Industrial**

- According to Education Portal, a Web site that helps prospective students search for undergraduate, graduate, and on-line degrees, Lewis-Clark State College has the No. 2 Welding Technology program in the United States. Utah State University in Logan, Utah has the top rated program, while LCSC is second. Professionals in the welding field are involved with connecting various metal pieces together to create other products. The popular welding professionals are usually in the automotive, aerospace or construction industries.

**Coeur d’Alene**

- Lewis-Clark State College-Coeur d’Alene is sponsoring a YouTube contest for juniors in high school in the Post Falls and Coeur d’Alene areas to talk about professional-technical education at both North Idaho College and LCSC-Coeur d’Alene. Participants must explain the process of starting as a high school student, moving to a professional-technical student at NIC and then transferring to LCSC-Coeur d’Alene to earn a Bachelor’s of Applied Science degree. High schools that are invited to participate in the contest include Post Falls, Lake City, Coeur d’Alene, Post Falls New vision, Project Coeur d’Alene, and Coeur d’Alene Charter Academy. A $200 prize and letters of reference from the judges’ panel are available to the winner at each school as long as the winning video meets the judges’ criteria. The contest began on Feb. 16 and entries are due on March 23. The contest is sponsored by LCSC-Coeur d’Alene, NIC, the Coeur d’Alene Press, and the Post Falls and Coeur d’Alene Chambers of Commerce.
Why would a state school need to raise money? Doesn’t the state pay for everything that’s needed?

To answer these questions requires asking another: just what does “state college” mean? Who pays for what? And by the way, if you’re alumni, you likely paid your school bill when you were here. So what did THAT pay for? The answer is: it paid for some of the cost to educate you – about 23% of the cost.

State dollars do help cover costs of education here at LCSC, but they don’t even cover half the budget these days. In 2002, the state appropriated funds covered 51% of LCSC’s budget. And now, just seven years later, that amount has fallen to 43% of the total costs.

The other money must come from grants and state or governmental contracts and fundraising. Without these additional streams of support, the educational, professional/technical and athletic programs would be severely impacted.

The Advancement Office exists to do just what its name implies: ADVANCE the mission of Lewis-Clark State College. With markets fluctuating, stimulus packages under analysis and long-term outlooks uncertain, we are still committed to setting our sights on the future. Together, with your support, hundreds of students every school year have access to education they could not otherwise afford. We’re proud to highlight some of those stories in this issue.

Lori Skelton
Director of College Advancement

planned giving

Sound boring enough for you? No? How about: gift annuities, life insurance, bequests, charitable remainder trusts? It sounds like a different language – and it sort of is. But despite its intimidating lingo – the financial tools available in the planned giving portfolio are nothing short of magic.

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Warriors Calling...

Demonstrate your confidence in Lewis-Clark State College by giving to the 2009 “Warrior Call” Annual Fund Campaign. Your gift will support L-C’s greatest needs and leading priorities – including scholarships.

It’s now easier to give than ever before! Secure on-line giving at www.lcsc.edu/alumni.
Not even a first-round loss or two-hour rain delay in the championship game could stop the Lewis-Clark State College baseball team from starting its historic run of NAIA national titles in 1984.

It’s been a quarter of a century since the program won its first NAIA World Series title and during the last 25 years, the Warriors enjoyed a run like no one else in the history of college baseball, capturing 16 national championships.

The college will recognize the team as well all Warrior baseball alumni during the LCSC Baseball Alumni Weekend on May 22-24 with several events and a barbecue scheduled. The event falls on Memorial Day Weekend and at the same time as this year’s Avista NAIA World Series. (For more details on the Baseball Alumni Weekend, visit the web site http://www.lcsc.edu/alumni)

Although other teams paved the way, the 1984 squad was the first Warrior squad to win the title. It was also the first time the Series was held at Lewiston’s Harris Field.

In that Series, the Warriors lost their opener to Emporia State 6-5 to fall into the loser’s bracket. The Warriors decided to use a different uniform for their next game and stuck with that uniform throughout the rest of the tournament, claiming six straight victories to win the title.

In the title match, a then-record crowd of 4,674 turned out to watch the Warriors take a 3-0 lead against Azusa Pacific before a thunderstorm rolled in and dumped rain on the field for nearly an hour. It took another hour for the field crew to make the infield playable again and fans refilled the seats after the two-hour delay.

The Warriors responded to the delay by pounding out 19 hits and rolling to a 15-2 win. Rick Pegram led the Warriors at the plate with four hits, while Keith Peterson hit a second-inning home run.

The most impressive performance, however, was turned in by pitcher Trace Czyzewski, who was named the tournament’s MVP. Czyzewski was the starting pitcher for LCSC in the title game and wound up pitching a complete game, even with the two-hour delay. He scattered 11 hits to pick up his second win of the tournament.

Only once since that time has LCSC gone as long as three seasons without winning a national championship. The Warriors won six straight during 1987-1992 and have also won the last three titles.

Former LCSC coach Ramon Hooker is credited for taking baseball to a higher level at LCSC, but it has been coach Ed Cheff who has put the Warriors at the elite level. Entering his current 33rd season at the helm, Cheff had an all-time record of 1,617-410-2 for an amazing winning percentage of 79.8. From 1982-1992, his teams played in 11 consecutive national championship games and won eight. He’s been named the NAIA Coach of the Year eight times and has been elected into the NAIA Hall of Fame.

The Warriors have produced 80 players who have received some type of NAIA All-America recognition, including the past two NAIA Player of the Year winners, Beau Mills in 2007 and Kyle Greene last year.

LCSC also has had 109 players selected in the Major League Baseball draft since 1975, including a record eight following the 2007 season. The Warriors have had 13 players reach the Major League level.

The program’s list of accomplishments goes on and on.

While the players may change from year to year, there is one constant with the LCSC baseball program – the winning tradition remains the same.
A CENTURY OF BASEBALL
25 Years of Championships

Here is how dominant the Warriors have been:

- LCSC holds the most NAIA baseball championship titles (16). The second most are held by Grand Canyon (4).
- Since 1984, when the title run started, no team outside of LCSC has won the Series title twice.
- The Warriors have played in 27 Series. The next highest total is 12.
- LCSC has 116 Series victories. The next highest total is 31.
- LCSC has placed fourth or better 25 times in the Series. The next highest total is eight.
Spring 2009 • Journey

L-C’s Comeback Kid

It may have been because it was early in the baseball season of his senior year – a year in which he was expecting big things.

Perhaps it was because he wasn’t just getting enough sleep that Kyle Melton felt tired and sluggish.

And those lumps in his arm pit and rib cage area, well ...

Melton knew something was wrong last February when he realized the lumps were now up in his neck area and he could no longer avoid going to the doctor.

“I felt kind of tired, but I thought I was just being lazy,” he says. “But when the bumps went to my neck, I thought I had better get it checked.”

It didn’t take doctors long to discover Melton had non-Hodgkin lymphoma, which is a cancer of the immune system. It can occur in a person of any age and is often marked by enlarged lymph nodes, fever, and weight loss.

“I remember pretty clearly when the doctor told me and I was pretty devastated,” Melton says. “I just never thought about cancer and I didn’t know why I had it. It just can’t be. I’m 23 and I didn’t understand.”

Doctors told Melton he would have to begin treatment immediately and that his baseball season was over. According to the National Cancer Institute, Melton was one of 66,120 cases of non-Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosed in the United States last year. There were also 19,160 related deaths related to this type of cancer last year.

Melton’s world was suddenly turned upside-down. Baseball and college, the reasons he was at Lewis-Clark State College, were no longer the focus. Instead, things like needles, treatment and just living engulfed his thoughts.

But he was a tough kid and he’d get through it fine, his friends and teammates would tell him. And if there was one thing he learned from LCSC baseball coach Ed Cheff the previous year, it was mental toughness.

Melton followed the doctor’s advice and began treatment immediately. However, instead of returning home to Hamilton, Mont., to live with his parents and drive 50 miles north to Missoula to receive treatments, Melton chose to stay in Lewiston and live with the family of teammate Kyle Greene, the NAIA Player of the Year last season.

Kathy Greene, Kyle Greene’s mother, said that Kyle Melton was basically already a member of the family.

“My Kyle and Kyle did so much together that he was practically living here,” Kathy said. “They would go hunting on the weekends and he would spend a lot of time here. It was almost like when he wasn’t at the dinner table, I would ask ‘Where’s Kyle? Is he going to be here tonight?’ We loved having him around.”

Melton said he thought about going home for treatments, but wanted to be around his friends and teammates.

“I thought about going home for a couple of days but decided that I am going stay to here and with the team,” Melton said. “I’m in my comfort zone here. I wanted to be with my teammates and help them be successful.”

Tom and Kathy Greene, however, weren’t going to allow Melton to stay at the house he shared with roommates in Lewiston.

“We knew going through treatments he wouldn’t feel good so we threw it out there pretty early that if he needed a quieter place to stay he was welcome to stay with us,” Kathy said. “That way there would be someone around to watch out for him and make sure he had cooked meals. We knew he wasn’t going to feel good, but he needed to eat to keep his strength up. And for us, it wasn’t like it was a big change. He was around a
lot anyway.”

Melton began treatments in early March. Doctors felt they had made the diagnosis early enough that the prognosis for Melton’s recovery would be good, but it’s never a sure thing. Every two weeks, Melton went in for treatment, which consisted of having a needle inject radiation treatment into his body. He has 12 such sessions, which is the minimal procedure recommended.

“I was lucky,” Melton says. “After about the second or third treatment, doctors could see a difference and the treatments were working. During treatments, I saw a lot of other people with cancer and what they had to go through. It was pretty hard to watch.”

Melton lost his hair and said the treatments had different effects on him. He says sometimes he felt fine for a couple of days following treatment before the side effects kicked in. Other times, it took him a couple of days to get over the treatments.

Usually, either Melton’s mother or father would make it over to Lewiston when he had his treatments and he would spend a night or two in the hotel with them.

“And we tried to touch base with his parents quite a bit to keep them updated because, well, boys don’t always talk,” Kathy said. “When you are a parent at a distance, it has to be hard, but I think they handled it very well. And I think the situation worked out well for all. We consider him family.”

Melton continued the sessions for approximately four months with the final one last summer. Doctors felt good about the treatments, and a three-month follow-up examination in October showed that Melton was cancer free.

That was only part of the good news. Melton appeared in more than 10 percent of LCSC’s games last season, which meant he couldn’t redshirt to save a year of eligibility. LCSC coaches and officials, however, filed an appeal with the NAIA to grant him another year of eligibility because of the circumstances, and NAIA officials agreed, which meant Melton could be on the field this season for his senior year.

“It’s amazing really,” says Melton, who is scheduled to graduate in May with a degree in Kinesiology. “Just being back on the field and doing the day-to-day things is great. Sometimes I used to dread going to practice, but now I’m glad to be out there.”

Melton says he’s no different than someone who goes through a life-threatening experience. He says the experience hasn’t changed him much, but that he does appreciate things more.

“The experience taught me just to keep fighting,” he says. “You do look at things differently. The things you used to take for granted before you start to notice them now. Being able to do just the every day things is awesome.”

Although Melton moved out of the Greene’s house following treatments, the two Kyles remain close friends. And Kathy is still watching out for Melton.

“Once in a while I will tell my Kyle that I haven’t seen Kyle Melton in a while and my Kyle will pick up the phone and call him and tell him that mom wants you over for dinner,” Kathy said. “So he’ll be over at our house that night. He’s fun to have around. He’s always got a smile and he’ll sit at the dinner table and visit. And that kid can eat like a horse so he’s easy to cook for.”

Melton said he is thankful to the Greenes for being there for him and for all they did.

“All of the support my teammates, friends, family, and especially the Greenes gave me made it a lot easier for me,” Melton said. “I really appreciate everything they did for me. I can’t say enough about them.”

Melton, who plays second base for LCSC, says he is still trying to get his swing back and he’s struggled some at the plate in the early season. He’s also hoping that he can follow his dream this summer and begin a minor league professional baseball career.

“It would mean a lot to me if I get drafted,” Melton says. “I’ve dreamt a lot about moving on to the next level and playing professionally.”

“He’ll do well no matter what he does,” Kathy said. “He’s the same sweet kid; always kind and considerate, and nice to be around.”
The Dogwood trees and roses are in bloom, the days are getting longer and warmer, and even the Lewiston Hill is green. Yes, spring is in the air.

That means love also must be in the air on the Lewis-Clark State College campus. It certainly has been through the years as these couples can attest – all met their future spouses while attending LCSC.

Barbara Powell and Mark Kerby met and were married while attending Northern Idaho College of Education in 1949. The couple currently resides in Boise and will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 26.

Barbara was also at NICE and was in the play “Mr. Pim Passes By.” The two met and it was love at first sight.

The couple graduated from NICE in 1950 and were hired at Bonners Ferry, Mark as a physical education director for the county and Barbara as a first grade teacher. The couple had a son, Byron, born in 1952, and shortly thereafter headed to Southern California where they taught in El Central and later Redlands, where they had their second child, Lynnette.

Mark eventually went back to school and earned his Master’s degree, and later became principal in Alpine, Calif., where he worked for 21 years before retiring in 1982. The couple eventually moved to Boise where their daughter and her husband reside. The couple still looks back fondly on their days at NICE, and Barbara recalls her fond memories through her poetry.

Michelle and Alex Tibbits met in the early 1990s when both were students at LCSC. Michelle earned a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Reading, while Alex graduated in 1992 and was a member of the LCSC tennis team. Alex is now an account manager for CompuNet, Inc.

“I remember first seeing Alex at an LCSC basketball game,” Michelle says. “Honestly, we caught each other’s eyes from across the way and smiled. I remember how absolutely gorgeous he was and both of us got caught glancing back at each other! I was fortunate to work with a friend whose boyfriend played tennis. She asked me to come along to a match. That is when Alex and I were officially introduced for the first time.”

“I thought she was really cute, and of course, she was automatically in love,” Alex says, joking. “Our first date, we met at Night Lights and danced all night to Bobby Brown.”

“We did dance to a lot of Bobby Brown but there were some slow dances in there as well!” Michelle says. “Plus, we only danced with each other the whole night.”

The couple was married in 1992 and they have two sons, Zach 15, and Chandler 11.

Both Michelle and Alex say their time at LCSC was wonderful.

“I loved studying in the old library building with Alex and stopping by the tennis center to see him and the gang,” Michelle says. “Also, I loved walking across the campus during any season. It was always so beautiful.

“I am so lucky to have gone to LCSC. I am proud to say that I am an LCSC graduate. I feel I received an excellent education in what I was majoring in. And of course, it is where I met my loving husband, Alex. What more could a girl want?”

Alex says when he first arrived at LCSC.
Lewis-Clark State College

Lewiston and LCSC, he couldn’t wait to leave.

But after a few weeks here, I felt an instant bond with the community,” he says. “This is a great town and it has a great college! I loved my time at LCSC and I am blessed that I met my beautiful wife there.”

Elpidia Valle met her husband Chris Allen while both were basketball players at LCSC in the early 2000s. Elpidia played two seasons for the Warriors in 2002-04 after transferring from Treasure Valley Community College. Chris transferred to LCSC from Spokane Community College and played at LCSC during the 2001-03 seasons.

Even though they were both basketball players, as fate would have it, they really didn’t meet until they both worked at an LCSC basketball camp for younger children during Christmas break.

“We worked the same station at kids’ camp, it was a ball handling station,” Elpidia recalls. “My first impression was that I thought he was an amazing ball handler and of course thought he was very cute.”

“I thought she was very attractive and has a beautiful smile,” Chris remembers.

So their unofficial first date took place at (where else?) the basketball gym.

“We didn’t really have an official first date since we were poor college students,” Elpidia says. “Instead we met up at the gym one Sunday afternoon and played basketball. I thought he could help me develop my skills. Instead we spent three hours talking and flirting.”

The two were married in May of 2005 and have two boys, Jayce 2½ and Jordan 19 months. The family resides in the Nampa/Caldwell area where Elpidia grew up. Elpidia works as a secretary at an elementary school in Vallivue, while Chris is a delivery driver for Pepsi. The two also are assistant coaches for the girls’ basketball team at Vallivue High.

Both Elpidia and Chris look back fondly on their playing days and their teammates, who they still keep in touch with.

“LCSC was a great experience and a wonderful school,” Elpidia said. “We both had great coaches and so much support. We both feel very lucky to have gone to school there and to meet there.”

Soo Lee Bruce and Tate Smith also met and fell in love at LCSC, and they also have the unusual twist of both working at the college. Soo Lee is the Director of New Student Recruitment while Tate is Coordinator of the Tech Prep program.

Soo Lee graduated from LCSC in 2000, while Tate graduated in 2002. Both were involved in numerous activities at LCSC, including the Pathfinder and the Student Programming Board. Tate even served as Student Body President. It was through those activities the couple met.

“I remember seeing Tate hanging out in the Student Union Building.”

“LCSC was a great experience and a wonderful school,” Elpidia said. “We both had great coaches and so much support. We both feel very lucky to have gone to school there and to meet there.”

“Soo Lee later told me that she had spotted me in the Student Union Building a couple months before being introduced to each other. I guess my worn baggy jeans, plaid shirt and baseball cap accompanied by my good looks and charm equated to eye candy,” he added, joking.

The two built a friendship before going on their “first date.”

“Our first date was watching a movie at my apartment,” Soo Lee says. “Though we had been friends for a long time, I was nervous and excited at the same time.”

Soo Lee and Tate were married in June 2005 and they have a son Mason, 1, who attends the LCSC KinderCollege during the days, making it a family affair on campus.

“We both love working at LCSC,” Tate says. “We enjoy working together when needed but for the most part we are busy with our own departments. We sometimes laugh as people think just because we’re married we should be each other’s keeper, when in fact we rarely know...
what is going on in each other’s world. We’re pretty good at leaving work at work.”

Both admit staying in Lewiston and working at LCSC was about the last thing on their minds while in college.

“My goal was to move out of Idaho and find work in a big city after graduation,” Soo Lee says. “But plans changed when Tate and I started dating and I haven’t regretted staying in Lewiston. Tate is a wonderful husband and father, and I feel blessed to have such a patient and loving man in my life. I also feel very fortunate to work for my alma mater. I had a great time as a student at LCSC, and I appreciate that I can share my enthusiasm for the college with prospective students.”

“My initial plan was to graduate, move to Seattle, become an advertising executive and live on a boat,” Tate says. “Like many plans, things changed. I realized that all that I loved was in this valley. This included Soo Lee, my family, LCSC and our beautiful surroundings. I owe a lot to LCSC. It gave me knowledge, love, and a livelihood. So instead of moving to Seattle on a boat, Soo Lee (beautiful wife and mother),

Merrill appointed to Oregon Advisory Council

LCSC alums continue to do great things. Mary Merrill, who was the Outstanding Graduate of the Business Division in 1987, was recently appointed to Oregon’s Small Business Advisory Council by Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongski.

Merrill (nee Doughty), who is the Director of the Small Business Development Center at Columbia Gorge Community College, graduated from LCSC-Coeur d’Alene with a degree in Management Technology. Merrill said her college experience paved the way for her success.

“LCSC brought together an amazing group of students for the class of 198 Business Division,” Merrill said. “We sat next to union leaders, business owners and CEOs of large and small companies. The intensive summer study program on campus afforded us an opportunity to live and eat together in the dorms and study intensively through the summer session. Students from all corners of Idaho studied and worked together toward one goal: a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management.

“Throughout my career I have always remembered the lessons learned sitting side-by-side with business executives and small business owners. These lessons I take with me today as I serve on the Oregon Small Business Advisory Council. LCSC provided the educational foundation that continues to serve me today!”

Merrill took classes at North Idaho College and then at LCSC while working for Alpha Medical Laboratory. She took distance education classes at LCSC that used video and television transmissions from the Lewiston campus. She then would attend classes on campus during the summer.

Merrill said her duty on the Small Business Advisory Council is to bring small business issues to the attention of the governor and the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. She said one key issue right now is the shrinking access to capital for small businesses.

Merrill grew up the daughter of an Air Force office and lived in eight stats as well as Japan and Puerto Rico. After graduating from LCSC, she worked in Astoria, Ore., for a number of years in private industry and public service, including volunteer work at the Port of Astoria’s Mariners Center, which hosted visiting commercial mariners, including several from Russia. She later accepted her current position at Columbia Gorge CC.

Merrill and her husband, Lind Shadley, own a 20-acre area in Sandpoint and they are building a small cabin there. They hope to have it finished by next fall.
“It was in my first accounting class that I knew – I LOVE THIS!” Her auburn hair reflects the sunlight from the window as Mary recounts her journey. Now in the spring semester of her senior year at LCSC, Mary is coordinating the wrap-up from LCSC’s Business Division 3rd Annual “Night at the Oscars” – just one of the many projects she is involved in at the college.

A native of the Lewis-Clark Valley, Watson moved away when she was fourteen. She followed in the footsteps of both her parents in the trade of hand-retouching photos. It came to her naturally. But with the onset of technology, computers began to replace the human element, and so she decided it was time to change gears. Moving back to the valley in 2002, Mary took a displaced homemaker’s class to help her decide what might be next for her. She became a certified nurse’s aid at LCSC and then went on to receive an Associates Degree from Walla Walla Community College (WWCC).

“As soon as I get something, I just keep looking ahead and move on to the next thing,” she says of her next steps. She fell in love with accounting at WWCC, and upon transferring to LCSC in 2007, decided to pursue her business degree with an emphasis in accounting next.

During her work within the division, she coordinated and managed a leadership conference for the community hosted by the business division. She says it was a growing experience for her. Naturally drawn to introspective work (like photography) she admits that she really does have to push herself to get out of her comfort zone. But in doing this, she has found herself more competent in a variety of settings.

In 2008, Mary found herself coordinating the business division’s 2nd Annual “Night at the Oscars” event. It was a natural fit as part of the proceeds that year went to benefit the scholarship fund for which she was a recipient.

Currently Mary is in the wrap-up phase from the 2009 Night at the Oscars – which she again coordinated. Planning for the February bash begins in September and picks up intensity right up until the Oscars night when live feeds are played for the audience from the Hollywood location. Attendees cast their own votes on their favorites in several categories and the evening is interspersed with drama, music and dancing, as well as an auction.

When asked why she contributed financially on top of all her hard work for this event she says: “Why do something if you don’t believe in it one hundred percent? I’ve had a lot of opportunity in my life. Scholarships have kept me in school. Why wouldn’t I give to help someone else?” She also adds that she has taken on all kinds of odd jobs to save the $250 to make this donation.

As a non-traditional student, Mary knows the challenges a household can face. “There were times I couldn’t afford groceries; and my friends showed up with bags of them. I’ll never forget it.” She adds that there is a very supportive group of students in this situation at LCSC who help take care of each other. “We trade text books and help each other out because we know we couldn’t do it otherwise.”

Mary Watson will graduate in May 2009. She is hoping to intern with a Certified Public Accounting firm, but hasn’t yet located a job. She knows the economy isn’t exactly at its peak for employment right now. But just as she has faced incredible odds before now, so she sees the next steps in her life: “something will work out . . . it always does.”
There is no doubt Robert Trueblood is a winner. Just ask the students at Project C.D.A.

“Bob is awesome!” says Rebecca Graham, a senior. “We all love Bob,” adds Izsabella Donizetti.

“He’s the best substitute in the state,” says junior Travis Barron.

Sophomore Chris Howard brings it to a personal level, “I just want you to know Bob is the greatest man alive.” Why? “He’s always trying to keep me out of trouble; he’s always nice to me and respectful.”

Students at Coeur d’Alene’s alternative high school aren’t the only ones to recognize that Trueblood is a special person. Experience Works, the nation’s largest training and employment organization for mature workers, picked the 75-year-old Coeur d’Alene resident as Idaho’s Outstanding Older Worker. Selected from among 36 Idaho nominees, Trueblood joined the winners from other states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in Washington D.C. last September to accept Prime Time Awards.

This isn’t the first time Trueblood has been recognized for his contributions in what are typically “retirement” years. In 2000, he received the Idaho Ageless Hero award in the Love of Learning category. That award, sponsored by Regence BlueShield of Idaho, recognized his pursuit of knowledge by study or experience.

Trueblood appreciates the awards, but he’d rather talk about kids, and how some of them have been dealt some pretty harsh hands in their lives. “If I can help one kid … that’s why I do it,” he said. “They all know I care about them.”

As a young man, Trueblood enrolled in college to become a teacher but, after two years, life took him in other directions. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War, then returned home to California, got married and went to work for Conoco to support a family that eventually included four children. A forced early retirement at age 50 prompted him to resume his education.

Working as a janitor at North Idaho College, he enrolled in Lewis-Clark State College, taking classes evenings and weekends to earn his bachelor’s degree in 1991. An Introduction to Teaching class led to an internship with now-retired Lake City High teacher Fred Patano who encouraged Trueblood to become a substitute teacher.

Trueblood is in his 16th year as a substitute in District 271 and his “dance card” - as his wife calls his substitute schedule - fills quickly. He only subs in four schools: Lake City High, Riverbend Professional-Technical Academy, Project C.D.A. Alternative High School and the Juvenile Detention Center.

“I love it. I love the kids, especially here,” he says, wearing his red Project C.D.A. shirt and surrounded by Project students.

He has no intentions of slowing down and says he’ll keep subbing “as long as I can get out of bed.

“If I can make one little difference in a kid’s life, I’ve accomplished something.”
Meet Cherie Wormell – the latest Investiture Scholarship recipient. With her B.S. in Elementary Education accompanied by LCSC’s nationally recognized Pathways for Accelerated Certification and Endorsement (PACE) certification program for teachers, Cherie graduated in December 2008. A single mom with three children, Cherie tells of the impact this scholarship had in helping cover the cost of her education. “Every penny counts in a single-income home. And this scholarship helped me afford my education at LCSC.”

While finishing her degree, she interned and then was subsequently hired full-time by the Coeur d’Alene Tribal school. This spring she will be moving to the Spirit Lake school district eliminating her 140-mile-a-day commute.

Because of the extensive training she received through the PACE program she has been able to cover multiple areas of need at the school when other staff could not; making her a valuable resource to the small, rural school setting. She has covered all the classrooms in the tribal school’s kindergarten through eighth grades.

Her education at LCSC has given her a strong background for her career. She thanks President Thomas and all the incredibly generous donors who have helped create this scholarship. And now, as a teacher herself, she is able to transfer generosity and inspiration to her students in her classrooms too.

The Investiture Scholarship was established at President Dene Kay Thomas’s “investiture” in 2002. Scholarship awards are made to non-traditional female students attending LCSC.

Arriving under extreme economic challenges Dr. Thomas deliberately chose to reduce the full-fledged inaugural celebration for her presidency, opting instead for a pared-down investiture celebration in those tough economic times. With the savings from that event, she established this scholarship. It is a hallmark of her practical leadership and long-term vision for Lewis-Clark State College and for the students attending school here. Thanks to many generous donors who have caught sight of that same vision, this endowed fund will continue to create opportunities for students as long as LCSC is in the business of education.

Join this year’s group of phenomenal women who will gather on the last Friday in June to celebrate women in education and to benefit the Investiture Scholarship fund by attending the President’s Tea. For more information about the President’s Tea, or how you can get involved with this scholarship, please contact Lori Skelton, Director of College Advancement at: 208.792.2458 or laskelton@lcsc.edu.

Visit the LCSC campus this summer and stay in one of our beautiful residence halls. The residence halls are suite-style with a bathroom, kitchenette, living area, and four bedrooms (extra-long twin beds) per suite. The suites are air-conditioned and feature free wireless internet access and local phone calls. There are coin operated laundry facilities, exercise facilities, and internet accessible computer stations available on campus. Individual rates start at $25 per night while family rates start at $50 per night. Come experience the Suite Life!

For reservations, please contact the Office of Residence Life at 208-792-2053 or housing@lcsc.edu. For more information please visit our website at www.lcsc.edu/summerstays
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GETTING OUT and
GETTING INVOLVED

Festival of Trees, Wine Tastings, Alumni Golf Tournament, NAIA World Series, Holiday Events, Get-Togethers in Lewiston, Boise & Coeur d’Alene and more!
April 15, 2009  
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting  
5:00 p.m. – Activity Center Conference Room

April 17, 2009  
18th Annual Confluence Grape & Grain  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Sage Bakery/Meacham Mills  
Sample seven tastes of selected wines and micro-brews. Proceeds benefit L-C alumni scholarships and LCSC Center for Arts and History.

April 24 – 26, 2009  
Art under the Elms/LCSC Parent’s Weekend  
Plan to attend the region’s premiere artisans fair offering over 100 booths of handcrafted items, music, entertainment and gourmet foods. For more information visit www.lcsc.edu/museum.

May 3, 2009  
Coeur d’Alene Commencement  
The Commencement Ceremony will be held at NIC Schuler Auditorium. A small reception will immediately follow the ceremony in the foyer of Boswell Hall. All graduates and guests are welcome to attend.

May 6, 2009  
Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Awards Reception  
Clarkston Golf & Country Club  
5:30 pm Annual Meeting  
6:00 pm Awards Reception  
Plan to attend the Celebration of Stars Annual Meeting and Reception as we recognize and celebrate our outstanding alumni and friends of L-C.

May 15, 2009  
Commencement  
Join the faculty and staff at Lewis-Clark State College in honoring the graduating class of 2009 in the Activity Center. A reception hosted by the Alumni Association for graduates and their guests will immediately follow the commencement ceremony in the Student Union Building.

May 21 – May 25, 2009  
Warrior Baseball Reunion –  
A Century of Baseball, 25 Years of Championships  
All the pieces are in place – teammates you haven’t seen in years, campus in bloom, and more baseball action than you can imagine. This year we also celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the first L-C NAIA Championship team! For schedule and registration information, visit us online at www.lcsc.edu/alumni. This event is sponsored by Warrior Athletics and LCSC Alumni Association.

May 22, 2009  
Alumni & Friends Pre-Function with the President  
5:00 – 6:45 pm – The President’s House  
Join us at the President’s House to kick off the NAIA World Series “Warrior” Style! Enjoy tasty hot dogs, beer, soda, and great company before the NAIA Opening Ceremonies.

May 22 – May 29, 2009  
NAIA World Series  
Don’t miss one moment of great baseball action. For series and ticket information visit www.naiaworldseries.com.

June 17, 2009  
Alumni Association Board of Director’s Meeting  
5:00 pm -Activity Center Conference Room

June 26, 2009  
President’s Tea  
LCSC President Dene K. Thomas will lead the celebration and will join other women in the community as they acknowledge the importance of education, women leaders and the support of friends. All proceeds from the event will benefit the LCSC President’s Investiture Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a non-traditional aged female student with financial need enrolled at LCSC.

Contact the College Advancement Office at (208) 792-2458 to purchase tickets or to obtain more information on the tea.

August 19, 2009  
Alumni Association Board of Director’s Meeting  
5:00 pm - Activity Center Conference Room

Date TBA – Fall 2009  
3rd Annual Warrior Golf Classic  
Save the date! For more information please call the Alumni Relations office at (208)792-2458 or email alumni@lcsc.edu. This event is co-sponsored by LCSC Alumni Association, Warrior Athletic Association and Business Student Organization. Proceeds benefit student scholarships and programs.
The LCSC Alumni Association is pleased to offer these benefits to all LCSC alumni!

Once a LC student reaches 24 credits they are considered a member of the Alumni Association and will begin receiving the Lewis-Clark State College Alumni magazine, Journey, news and updates from their division and invitations to alumni events.

Some of the benefits we are offering include:
- Discounts on insurance through Liberty Mutual
- $300 donation to LCSC Alumni Association made in your honor by using Wells Fargo for home loans
- Activity Center Fitness Center Membership - $100 per year
- Free Lifetime E-mail

We have several new programs that are in the works. Check our website for updates to alumni benefits. If your company is interested in participating in the Alumni Benefits Program please contact Renee Olsen at 208-792-2458 or rmolsen@lcsc.edu.

Special Events Cakes for your favorite Warrior!

Whether it’s “Happy Birthday!” or “Way to go!”—The LCSC Alumni Association is pleased to offer the perfect service to let your favorite Warrior know how much you care!

We are partnering with Baskin Robbins and Albertsons for our Special Events Cake program this year. On the weekday you specify, your student or friend will be called and wished a happy day and will be told their cake is available for pickup at the College Advancement Office right on campus. You also have the opportunity to give them a special message in a small greeting card that will accompany the cake.

For more information or to order by telephone please call 208-792-2458. All orders must be placed two days in advance.

LCSC Collegiate License Plate

Show your LCSC pride on your car license plates and support your alma mater. For the $35 you spend on your collegiate license plate, LCSC receives $25. In addition, LCSC receives $15 from your renewal fees. Order your special LCSC license plates from the Idaho Transportation Department, or call the Alumni Relations Office at 208-792-2458.

What would you like to see?
Share your ideas and comments with us by e-mail at collegeadvancement@lcsc.edu.
The athletic teams at Lewis-Clark State College continue to raise the bar in excellence, both in the classroom and on the fields of play.

A total of 13 student-athletes achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the Fall Semester and six programs had a combined team GPA of 3.0 or better. The women’s cross country team, led by five athletes earning perfect 4.0 GPAs, led all teams with a 3.52 GPA.

That success carries over into competition as well. All LCSC teams that compete in the spring are expected to make their respective NAIA national tournaments. Topping the list, of course, is baseball, which will earn an automatic berth at host to the Avista NAIA World Series on May 22-29 at Harris Field. The Warriors are going for their fourth straight Series title. That has only been accomplished once in the history of NAIA baseball. That’s when LCSC won six consecutive titles during 1987-1992. LCSC will be going for its 17th national title.

The men’s and women’s tennis teams are the favorite in their respective groupings. The men are grouped with The University of Alberta and the College of Idaho, while the women’s grouping is the same, but with the addition of Southern Oregon and Dominican of California. The highest ranked team in the NAIA Top 25 at the end of the season in each group receives an automatic berth to the NAIA national tournaments in Alabama. LCSC is currently the only team in its grouping to be ranked. The women’s team has made 12 consecutive trips to the national tournament, while the men have made nine straight.

The men’s and women’s golf teams also look strong as they head into the spring portion of Frontier Conference play. The conference holds three tournaments in the fall and three more in the spring. The combined team score from each of the six tournaments is used to determine the conference champion. The Warrior men’s team enters the spring with a 21-shot lead over Montana Tech, while the LCSC women trail Rocky Mountain by 21 strokes. LCSC golf coach Paul Thompson said both Warrior teams are sitting good because both Montana Tech and Rocky Mountain have played home conference tournaments in the fall, while LCSC’s home conference tournament is still ahead this spring. He said the home-course advantage is worth 25-30 shots.

The LCSC track teams posted some strong times during the recently completed indoor season and will be looking to qualify several individuals to the NAIA national outdoor meet in May. The Warrior roster features 23 female and 17 male athletes competing in springs, distance races and throwing events. Last season, the warriors send Lindsay Szybura to the national meet, where she competed in the steeplechase.

The Warriors basketball teams recently completed regular-season play and were involved in the conference playoffs when this issue went to press. The women’s team, which featured four freshmen and two sophomores among its nine healthy players, finished second in the conference and was shooting for its third straight conference tournament title and 13th straight trip to the NAIA national tournament. The Warriors also reached 20 wins during a season for the 17th straight year. The men’s basketball team went through some struggles, but appeared to right the ship at the end of the season and could be a force as it also goes for its third straight FC tournament title.

The three fall teams, women’s volleyball and men’s and women’s cross country, are all gearing up to for threepeats. All three teams have won conference titles the past two seasons and are currently adding some strong recruits and practicing for next season. The volleyball team is scheduled to kick off its fall season on Aug. 28-29 by playing host to the LCSC Tournament. LCSC also will play host to the conference tournament for the second straight year.

To keep up to date on how the Warrior teams are doing, visit www.lcwarriors.com The web site is updated daily.

Go Warriors!
Benjamin Jackson ’08 and Raquel Johnson, June 7, 2008. Benjamin works in computer science for Boeing at Redmond, Washington. The couple is making their home in Redmond.


Ashley Gibbs ’05 and Arthur Harber were wed on October 18, 2008. The couple resides in Walla Walla, Washington.

Dan Reel ’08 and Darcy Schuitt were married on July 26, 2008. Dan is an X-ray technician at St. Mary’s Hospital in Cottonwood, Idaho. The couples lives in Lewiston.

John Eldred ’01/’08 and Sarah Mundell were wed on September 27, 2008. John is a survey crew chief at Keltic Engineering in Lewiston. They reside in Lewiston.

Andrea Coulter ’01 and Jeff Gordon were married on November 29, 2008. The couple are owner/operators of Gordon's Candy in Brookings, Oregon. The couple lives in Harbor, Oregon.

Ryan Baerlocher ’04 and Aimee Barnes were married on October 3, 2008. Ryan has played baseball for the Kansas City Royals and Atlanta Braves.

Casey Hoorelbeke ’02 and Kayla Shoemaker were married on November 21, 2008. Casey is a professional baseball player with the New York Mets. The couple resides in Vero Beach, Florida.

In 1968, Dr. Jerold O. Dugger became president of Lewis-Clark State College, where he remained until 1978. During his tenure at LCSC, Jerold was instrumental in renaming Lewis-Clark Normal School to Lewis-Clark State College. Under his presidency, LCSC received regional accreditation as a four-year, degree-granting institution in 1973. The nursing program was accredited by the National League of Nursing in 1970, and the Teacher Education program was accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education in 1976. While he was president, the Sam Glenn Complex, Meriwether Lewis Hall and the Student Union Building were built.

Dr. Dugger was then president of Bluefield (West Virginia) State College from 1978 to 1988. He was a regents professor at the University of West Virginia College of Graduate Studies from 1988 to 1993.

Dr. Dugger and his wife, Evelyn, returned to Lewiston upon retirement in 1993. He continued to be active in Rotary and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was active in community affairs, including the United Way.

At the 2007 LCSC graduation, Dr. Dugger received the President’s Medallion, awarded for demonstrating high personal standards, commitment to lifelong learning and personal growth. He received many awards throughout his career and was listed in the Who’s Who of Higher Education.

He will be remembered by many as a man of integrity, kindness and decency, and an inspiration to all who knew him.
**Friends we’ll miss...**

**Tom Matney** of Eugene, Oregon, passed away on October 24, 2008. Tom was employed at LCSC from 1981 to 1999. His legacy at the College included designing the layout for Media Services, previously known as the Media Center and the Educational Technology Center. As the director of this department, he spent many hours promoting the College to local and regional areas. Tom was a kind, generous and wonderful man. He will be missed by all his friends at LCSC.

**Dr. Rex L. Tolman** of Shelley, Idaho, passed away on December 16, 2008, from causes related to age. He was 81. In 1965, Dr. Tolman moved to Lewiston, where he taught at LCSC for 29 years. He also served as chairman of the education division for many years. He married Ellen King on September 10, 1948. They had a son, Bob, a daughter, Kathy, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He served as a bishop in the LDS Church in Burlington, and again in Lewiston. Rex also served in the stake patriarch in the Lewiston stake.

**James M. Seubert ’83** of Lewiston passed away on January 12, 2009. He was 54. Jamie graduated from L-C with a degree in mechanics. His true passion was masonry. He was employed with Rake Masonry for numerous years. Most recently he was privately contracted in the Lewis-Clark Valley.

**Susie Burgett ’78** of Greenwood, Arkansas, passed away on August 1, 2008.

**Robert Abell ’95** of Lewiston passed away on January 19, 2009 from brain cancer. He was 33. He graduated with a degree in welding. He married Kimberly Gunderson in 1997. Together they have two daughters, Ashlee and Teigen. He worked in the logging industry until his daughter was born. Robert worked in the Consumer Products Division at Potlatch until he became too ill to work any longer.

**William A. Moats ’02** of Clarkston passed away on December 24, 2008. Bill was 55. After graduating from L-C he spent his years working as a house painter. He married Constance Hope Farrish in 2004. Bill loved music. He played the harmonica very well, and played with several bands in the region and participated in jam sessions with many others.

**Levon E. Chase ’43/’49** of Orofino, Idaho, passed away on December 21, 2008. He was 85. After graduating from Lewiston High School, he attended Lewiston Normal School for one year, then transferred to the University of Idaho to play football. There he seriously injured his knee, putting an end to his football career at UI. He returned to Lewis Clark Normal in the spring of 1942 and was elected student body president in 1943. Upon graduating from LCN, Levon began his teaching career at Genesee from 1943-1948; because of wartime he was teacher, principal, coach and most likely janitor and bus driver. He returned to NICE in the fall of 1948 to earn his bachelor’s degree in education and met his future bride, Nellie Bruce. He had many college honoraries, including Alpha Epsilon, I Club and Phi Beta Sigma. In 1949 they went south to Weiser, Idaho, where he taught math and sciences at Weiser High School for two years. Parma (Idaho) was his next career move; he taught sciences and was the high school principal there for three years. Levon earned his Master of Education degree in 1953. In June 1954 he moved to Orofino, where he was the Orofino High School principal for 28 years. He was proud of his students. By his retirement in 1982, he was the “grandfather” of Idaho principals, being in one school longer than any other principal in Idaho.

**Glenn C. Brown ’04** of Orofino, Idaho passed away on January 31, 2009. He was 40. After receiving his bachelor’s degree in science,
Glenn applied himself to a variety of jobs including car salesman at Joe Hall Ford, the United States Forest Service, Clearwater Homes, DEBCO Construction, and his current employment at Brandt Cedar Mill. Glenn is survived by his fiancée, Charlotte Kestner, and children.

Fred Garrett Wendover '49 of Lynden, Washington, passed away on January 27, 2009. He was 92. Fred received a bachelor of arts degree from Northern Idaho College of Education in 1949 and later a master of arts degree from Washington State University. He was elementary principal at Spirit Lake, Idaho, and Pomeroys, Washington, and superintendent of schools at Anatone, Oakesdale and Meridian school districts in Washington State. Fred is survived by his wife of 65 years, Roena.


Vonda M. Chaffee ’76 of Cottonwood, Idaho, passed away on September 29, 2008. She was 67. Vonda graduated from L-C at the age of 31, with an associate’s degree in police science. She began her career in law enforcement in Culdesac, becoming Idaho’s first woman chief of police on March 13, 1977. Vonda moved on to the Idaho Department of Correction, where she worked for 17 years until her disability forced her to retire in 1994 as correctional sergeant at North Idaho Correctional Institute in Moscow. She is survived by three sons.

Fred Westenkow of Kamiah, Idaho, passed away on September 22, 2008. He was 87. After attending Lewis-Clark Normal School, Fred served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1944. After returning home from the service, he and his mother, Clara Bella, and his stepfather, Jim Rencehausen, operated the general store in Kamiah. He then opened his All West store next door. Floyd also worked at sawmills around the Kamiah area and in Summerville, at Kearney Pole Co. in Orofino, and then retired working for the department of lands.

David A. Cuddy ’51 of Moscow, Idaho, passed away on October 14, 2008. He was 84. Dave enrolled at Lewiston State Normal School in 1942 and enjoyed playing basketball on the college team and performing gymnastics. In 1944, Dave was accepted to the U.S. Navy Air Corps. In 1947, Dave married Carolyn Tull in Bremerton, Washington. After marriage, Dave completed his college studies. His first full-time job after college was to become the first director of the Lewis-Clark Boys Club. His initial assignment was to get the building constructed on its original site at Vollmer Park. Dave worked at the Lewiston Morning Tribune for 17 years, first as a salesman and eventually as manager of the Tribune’s then Commercial Printing Division. When the Tribune ended its commercial printing, Dave became a real estate associate broker for the remainder of his working life. After retirement, Dave enjoyed traveling with his wife to Europe, Costa Rica and Hawaii.

Michael Stickney ’02 of Caldwell, Idaho, passed away on March 1, 2008.

Frank Williams of Victoria, British Columbia, passed away on January 9, 2009. He was 50. Ernie played baseball for L-C and his sidearm 93-mph fastball broke in sharply on right-handed hitters and away from lefties, and it was good enough to make him an 11th-round draft pick of the Giants in 1979. Frank appeared in 333 games in the majors. Working his way up to the big leagues, he pitched for Great Falls, Fresno, Shreveport and Phoenix.


Levi Bobbitt of Salem, Oregon, passed away in January of 2009 after a long battle with cancer. He was 28. When Levi was 17, he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma and his Joseph High School Class of 1998 voted unanimously to give the money they’d raised for the traditional class trip to help him. Levi’s cancer went into remission for many years, though he had to deal with other health issues along the way. His cancer returned in the fall of 2007. He kept friends and family informed about his life and condition through his online blog, The Buzz, which he’d written for about six years. He was talented in many areas. Levi earned his associate degree in communications and a certification of video from L-C. He developed Wallowa County’s first online web site, and his customers through the years included Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, Wallowa County Extension and many others. Levi started LB Productions in 1998. He had expanded from a corner in his living room to a busy downtown Joseph location with several employees when he realized, according to his blog, he wanted to make some life changes. In October 2007, he moved from Joseph to Salem for what he called his “dream job” as technological coordinator for the transportation department division of Oregon Department of Transportation. Last August, his talents resulted in a promotion to project manager and web developer.

Carol Wenstrom ’48 of Salem, Oregon, passed away on August 31, 2008.

Dorothy (Farthing) Wasem of Clarkston passed away on January 4, 2009. After earning her teaching degree, she worked at Hirzel’s Music Store in Lewiston. It was there that she met her husband of more than 56 years, Clifford Weldon Wasem. Along with his father before him, and sons currently, Cliff owned and operated Wasem’s Drug in Clarkston. She was deeply involved with her P.E.O. sisterhood and Red Cross. Dorothy was a devout mother, appreciator of music, avid gardener and homemaker. Her yard was featured on the Dogwood Festival tour numerous times.
Following its trend of steady growth, Lewis-Clark State College set a spring semester enrollment record with 3,601 students enrolled for the current 2009 spring semester, according to the college’s 10th day report.

It is the fourth straight semester LCSC has set an enrollment record. During the 2008 fall semester, LCSC had its largest enrollment in the history of the college at 3,940 students.

The 3,601 students is a 7.6 percent increase from last spring when the college had 3,348 students enrolled. The number of students on the Lewiston campus totaled 3,233, which is a 7.8 percent increase from a year ago, while the LCSC-Coeur d’Alene campus tied its all-time spring enrollment mark of 368, which is a 5.4 percent increase from last spring.

“Students know a good value when they see one and they see Lewis-Clark State College as a place that provides a quality education,” LCSC President Dene K. Thomas said. “We have worked very hard to earn this reputation. LCSC is on the move and continues to be a smart choice.”

The college continues to be a leader in bringing diversity to the area by doubling the number of minority students attending the college. LCSC has 378 students who claim to be a minority enrolled at the college. The number of Native American students at LCSC increased by 31 from last spring with 163 attending this year.

“One significant source of growth was with Native American students,” LCSC Dean of Student Service Andy Hanson said. “This shows that the relationships we have forged with our area tribes and school districts have led to increased student access to higher education – an achievement we all can celebrate.”

LCSC also saw a sharp increase in the number of Professional-Technical program students with 955 enrolled this spring compared to any spring semester during this decade.

“Professional-Technical programs offer students the opportunity to complete a certificate or a degree in one, two, or four years, Hanson said. “These programs tend to burgeon when the state’s economy falters due in part to the fact that students can obtain highly marketable skills in a relatively short period of time.”

All state schools are required to file 10th-day reports to the State Board of Education. All school enrollment figures are based on the numbers on the 10th day of school. The 10th day of classes at LCSC this spring was Monday, Jan. 26.

LCSC officials report a full-time equivalency of 2,595.33, which is also a spring record. There are 85 more full-time students enrolled this spring compared to a year ago.

Although college enrollment usually goes up during bad economic times, the 7.6 percent enrollment jump can be attributed to a number of factors, according to Hanson.

“Our college has enjoyed steady growth for the past seven years,” Hanson said. “In addition to increases from our more traditional sources of students, this semester we saw a rise in former LCSC students returning to complete their degrees as well as part-time students. This is an indication that many are looking for opportunities to strengthen their career paths through higher education in what is unquestionably a very uncertain economy.”

Among some of the more interesting numbers, LCSC continues to have close to a 60-40 gender split in students with more females attending the college. LCSC also had 1,079 seniors currently enrolled, 590 junior, 516 sophomores, and 1,403 freshmen.

The Business Division continues to have the most students with 536 declared majors, followed by Nursing & Health Sciences at 454, Education at 430, and Social Sciences at 421.

LCSC also continues to become a younger campus. The average age of an enrolled LCSC student is now 25.61 years, compared to 27.6 during the Spring 2003 semester. The average age has steadily lowered during this decade.

The average credit load per student is 10.8 credits.

A total of $11,941,288.56 was awarded in student aid and scholarships. Included in that amount is 51 out-of-state scholarships totaling $37,604 to Asotin County residents across the Snake River in Washington.
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