Hello Fellow Alumni!

It seems like just the other day that I was writing my article for last fall’s Journey magazine. But I guess it’s like they say “time flies when you are having fun!”

I want to take a quick moment to say thank you and also brag. I believe the board of directors for our alumni association is top notch and world class. I am very thankful and proud of our board members, without them the association would not be getting involved with our alums, our community and our business leaders and it would not be the success that it is today.

If you have not taken the opportunity to get involved with the LCSC Alumni Association, I would like to give you a few reasons why you should. The alumni association is not only involved with our alums, but also our community and our current students. We kicked off last year by partnering with our great friends at Inland Cellular and cooked over 450 hamburgers for a welcome back BBQ for students. We enjoyed great wines at our annual wine tasting event, we saw a very large group come out to play at Warrior Classic Golf Tournament, and of course we enjoyed some great hotdogs and prizes at the Pre-Function with the President to kick off the NAIA World Series. And let’s not forget my favorite event, the annual meeting and awards banquet, this event is about giving back and recognizing our alums.

We have many great events. I wish I could keep writing and list them all, but you can always find out more by checking us out on the web, facebook, or give the alumni office a call.

I am continually amazed by the impact of our LCSC Alums and I am proud to be an alumnus and proud to be the president for my second and final year. Thank you to those who have taken the time to get involved and I look forward to meeting those that plan to get involved.

Go Warriors!

Donald T. Montgomery
Alumni Board President
It began with a phone call from LCSC’s then-President, Lee Vickers. An $8,000 check had arrived as a gift to help students at the college. And something needed to be done. So Dr. Vickers did something. He placed a phone call to Phil Presnell.

Already known as an accounting expert in the Lewis-Clark Valley, Phil was busy building Presnell Gage, PLLC – Accounting and Consulting.

And so, the two met for lunch brainstorming names of people who could help oversee the management of the funds that were coming in. The results: founding members of what is known today as the Lewis-Clark State College Foundation.

From the early stages of a small, volunteer group to help raise and oversee the spending of funds to help students, the LCSC Foundation started growing.

Today, Foundation assets have reached above the $5 million mark. Thanks to early pioneers like Phil Presnell and visionary leaders like Lee Vickers and Dene Thomas, students received over $300,000 in scholarship awards during the 2009-2010 school year alone – many of them stating that they wouldn’t have been able to be in school if it weren’t for the scholarship help they received.

As we look back in celebration of the LCSC Foundation’s 25th Anniversary of raising money to benefit the students, the programs and the campus of Lewis-Clark State College, we thank people like Phil Presnell, who have helped make this possible.

This early pioneer of fundraising efforts for LCSC is a military veteran, an entrepreneur, a father, a husband to a wonderful woman of many years, Ruthie (Davis) Presnell. He is the name on the accounting library at the University of Idaho, and the first name on the Presnell Gage, PLLC business.

Nearly an LC alum (24 credits or more qualifies), his year as a student on the LCSC (NICE) campus included serving on the janitorial workforce. On his janitorial beat: the Fine Arts Building. Phil clearly remembers an escapade that included freeing snakes and rats from their cages and aquariums inside that building. He muffles his laughter, citing a cohort janitor who was just as much to blame as he was.

Phil went on from his brief L-C experience to the University of Idaho. He married Ruthie between his sophomore and junior years, and then, he went overseas to serve in the military. Ruthie, herself an instructor for LCSC’s business technology classes for many years, says she kept busy while Phil was gone on his military duty.

Phil started Presnell Gage Accounting on May 1st, 1950 – bringing that firm to a 60 year anniversary this Spring.

Phil, we thank you – from the thousands of students who have benefitted from your early Foundation work, from the programs and divisions that have grown because of your efforts, and from the current fundraising staff members and Foundation Board of Directors – thanks for the fundraising vision that made community philanthropy to the college possible.

For more information on the Lewis-Clark State College Foundation, please contact us at 208.792.2458
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.

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50’s

Milton Snyder ’51 was recognized by the United Way of Skagit County for his years of volunteerism and involvement by receiving the honored Ted Reep Trophy.

60’s

Bill Woodland ’67 is living in Lewiston with his wife, JoAnn. Bill retired as a high school teacher with the Clarkston (WA) School District. He is currently operating Woodland Apiaries with his son, Brandon ’85.

70’s

Marv Yates ’71 and his wife, Linda Lambert, are living in Tucumcari, New Mexico. Marv is a partner in LPN Educators, an education consulting firm.

80’s

Lee Reed ’88 and his wife, Lynelle, are now living in Wilbur, Washington. Lee is working as a police officer for the Colville Indian Tribe.

Brian Bonds ’84 is living in Lewiston. He works for the Nez Perce County Sheriff’s Office as a detention deputy. He has two children, Matt and Kelsi.

Patricia (Taylor) Matheus ’82 and her husband, Gustavo, are currently residing in Marysville, Washington.

90’s

Scott Baldwin ’93, a vice president and financial consultant for D.A. Davidson has been honored with the 2009 Bragg Lewis Knutson Community Service Award. This is the company’s highest award; it is given to an employee for outstanding volunteerism. Scott has volunteered with Twin County United Way for the last 13 years and became a board member in 2000. He has been a member of the Warrior Athletic Association for the last four years. Scott also coaches Little League and is a past member of the Youth Accountability Board. He and his wife, Staci, established Jackson’s Pay-it-Forward Foundation in honor of their oldest son, who died in 2006. The organization helps local children and their families.

Judi Wutzke ’90 recently helped the Clearwater Memorial Public Library receive approximately $20,000 in new books. Judi nominated the library for the Northwest Booksellers Association’s Michael Pritiken Rural Library Project. Judi is the owner of…and Books, too! in Lewiston. She and her husband, Gary participated in the annual PNBA tradeshow and brought the generous donations from publishers back to the library with them. (Judi is pictured second from left)

Valerie (Carbury Dickinson) Kugler ’99 is living in Orofino, Idaho, and is working as a bookkeeper for Granger Company in Clarkston.

Joe Smith ’91 is currently living in Renton, Washington and writes, “Working and living in the Seattle, WA area! After L-C, I transferred to WSU and graduated with my Bachelor of Science degree. Moved to Kentucky a couple of years after that and went to graduate school at the University of Kentucky. While at UK, I first coached girls basketball and then was hired as an assistant coach with the junior college women’s basketball program in Lexington at Sullivan
Barry Larson ’98 is living in Hayden, Idaho, with his wife Kristina Larson ’00. Their son Henry was born on May 8, 2009. Barry writes “This past season was my ninth as an umpire in the minor leagues (2nd in AAA). My family and I were recently in the Dominican Republic while I worked the Dominican Winter League (October through February).

David Simental ’91 and his wife, Tanya, are living in Pueblo West, Colorado. David is working as Chief Probation Officer for the 10th Judicial District Probation Department in Pueblo, Colorado.

Angela Farnham-Banks ’97 is living in Genesee, Idaho. She works for the NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium as a program specialist. Angela married Ryan Banks on October 14, 2006. They have two children, Jackson (6 months) and Sydney (20 months). She received her second degree, a Bachelors of Science in Public Communication from the University of Idaho in 2005. They bought their first house in December 2009.

John Foster, former L-C baseball pitcher, who played with the Atlanta Braves and Milwaukee Brewers, has been named head baseball coach at Lehman College, an NCAA Division III school located in West Bronx, New York. John currently resides in New York City with his wife, Anisha.

00’s

Seth Isaacks ’09 graduated with an Associate of Applied Science in Web Development and a Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Science-Web Based Emphasis in 2009. He is currently using those skills as a software/web application developer for the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C. Seth says that working in the web development field is like “putting a puzzle together.” Something might look like it will work, but it doesn’t always fit.

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Mary (Van Horn) Dilley ’04 is living in San Angelo, Texas, with her husband, Gary. She is working as a case manager for Mosaic, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting people with disabilities, in San Angelo. Mary writes “I have four beautiful granddaughters, Cami, Cayti, M’Kayla and Emmalee, and our first grandson Briggs Dilley, born on September 2, 2009. Another grandchild is due in May 2010.”

Kyle Southern ’07 is living in Lenore, Idaho, and is working as a machinist for Hilco Technologies in Nezperce, Idaho.

Nora (Faram) Riley ’08 is living in Edmonds, Washington. She received her Masters of Social Work/Mental Health-Interpersonal Direct Practice degree on June 12, 2009 from the University of Washington, Seattle. Nora is working as a Mental Health Therapist at Consejo Counseling and Referral Services in Seattle, Washington.

Wanda Michael ’09 is now living in Moyie Springs, Idaho.

Steven Munoz ’07 writes “After completing my Bachelors in Business Administration in 2007, I decided to enlist in the United States Navy. I’m currently stationed at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, California. I am an Aviation Electricians Mate (AE) and work on MH-60 helicopters. Within the next year I will be doing a tour in Kuwait assisting with air ambulance on a detachment. After my service, I have plans to continue my education and hope to earn my masters.

Samara Kluever ’08 is living in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. She is working as a project manager for Create-a-Pack Foods, Inc. in Ixonia, Wisconsin.

Marcy (Hazelbaker) Levesque ’01 and her husband, John, and daughter, Darcy, are currently living in Spokane, Washington. Marcy is working as a network analyst for URM Stores, Inc. in Spokane, Washington.

Ricky Bostick ’02 is living in Anchorage, Alaska. He is working as a North Slope oil rig skid operator in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Ricky is getting married in the near future and is planning to move to Chicago next fall.

Sean Nelsen ’03 is living in Genese, Idaho. He works at Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories as a designer. Sean writes “My wife Savannah is currently attending LCSC and we are expecting our first child in September. Very exciting times!”

JR Crider is living in Phoenix, Arizona. He is the assistant baseball coach at Glendale Community College and writes “It’s been quite fun coaching with the Glendale Gauchos lately as the assistant pitching and outfield coach. I also scout a little for the Brewers and enjoy giving lessons for younger ball players. I will be in Rockville, Maryland for the summer coaching with the Rockville Express in the Cal Ripkin Senior League. My goals are to continue progressing with my coaching career and my education.”

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
Dear LCSC...

David Pafford ’08, Sergeant Major, U.S. Marine Corp (retired) writes:

I just received my first copy of LCSC’s magazine for alumni information. I still cannot believe that I graduated from your college in August 2008 at the young age of 53 years, after a rewarding career as a United States Marine (1973 – 1999) and after working for the State of Idaho from 1999 until 2006.

That was the year I suddenly decided to quit the workforce and return to college to finish my college education before my Vietnam-era GI Bill expired. Lewis-Clark State College had a well-respected Business Program established on its Coeur d Alene campus, so I made the commitment and enrolled in the Management program.

I grabbed my old laptop, a brick of Costco tuna, some saltines, 5 gallons of water, and downstairs to the basement I went with only my 3 Australian Shepards for company. Less than 2 years later, I stumbled back up to the living room with my shiny, new Business Management degree!

I was undecided about which industry to return to, so I began substitute teaching at local school districts to see if I would enjoy becoming a teacher. The more assignments I accepted, the more I started to discover that I thoroughly enjoyed working with kids in a classroom environment.

In addition, Idaho awarded me a teaching certificate in Photography. I served for nearly 16 years as a Marine Corps Combat Photographer. I accumulated all the State’s required formal instruction by graduating from a number of professional photography and journalism schools conducted by the Navy and Air Force.

I continue to accept substitute teaching assignments to sharpen my teaching skills and to stay available to the hiring officials that one day may offer me a classroom of my own. If I am lucky, I will soon begin my “legacy career” as an English and/or Photography teacher at the Middle School level.

Meantime, I am the proud owner and single share holder of my own business – Steel Bridge Photography, your first choice in personal photography training. I tutor individual clients and/or provide quality photographic seminars to small groups. It is a unique business model, but I am excited about its potential. You can read about me and some of the unique services I offer on my website at www.steelbridgephotography.com.

I credit LCSC’s Business College for providing me with much of the knowledge I need to survive as a small business entrepreneur. I continue to refer back to my textbooks, and to the comments that Professors made on my research papers. In addition, I often have reasons to recall specific classroom discussions we all shared about real-world issues relating to running a successful business.

I look forward to future editions of this entertaining magazine. I get a kick out of reading all the success stories from our proud Alumni! You’ve done well, LCSC! Thanks.
A Sneak-Preview

Lewis-Clark State College is preparing for a comprehensive fundraising campaign. It is comprehensive for many reasons. The most important one is – it is the best way to capture our plans for the future. We are a multi-dimensional organization. With enrollment surging and a comprehensive list of degrees students can choose to graduate from, we are on the right track. National standards say so.

The primary purposes of the campaign should be to enable the institution to fulfill its mission, accomplish its strategic goals, and enhance its educational quality and access.

A number of factors contribute to the growing complexity of the modern comprehensive campaign: rapid growth in the scale of campaigns, increased donor sophistication, peer institution competition, greater public scrutiny, the diversity of institutions embarking on campaigns, increased pressure for private support, and the growing variety and complexity of revenue sources.


And so, we started right here at home. We listened to people inside our organization. We heard from committed faculty and staff who stay at LCSC because it’s the place they want to be. We interviewed them, we asked questions. And then we prepared the campaign case statement. We compiled the list of projects and recorded the stories. And we shared our compelling reasons for support.
Lewis-Clark State College received a $1 million grant from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation to use for scholarships to help Idaho residents earn a four-year degree, starting with the 2010 spring semester. The grant is part of the Foundation’s $20 million Go On initiative, which aims to create “greater awareness and engagement in addressing Idaho’s post-secondary success rate and increase opportunities for Idaho students,” according to the Foundation.

The Foundation’s goal with the scholarships is to improve college opportunities and increase college participation and completion. Idaho ranks 43rd in the nation for students who go on to complete a college degree.

“This is wonderful news,” LCSC President Dene K. Thomas said. “This grant will have a powerful impact on students, the regional and state economies, and the future of Idaho.”

LCSC officials have been working with the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation for the past six months, discussing the college’s role in teacher education and with non-traditional students.

The grant will help the college attract students in a variety of high-need areas, including first-generation and non-traditional students.

The grant LCSC received is restricted to Idaho students and can be used anytime from the start of the spring semester in January to the Fall semester in 2016. The scholarship awards must be committed in full by Jan. 31, 2011. All the money must be used for scholarships and not any costs associated with the scholarships. Also, when the funds are committed, the scholarship should automatically renew until the recipient obtains a degree as long as criteria is being met. The criteria regarding scholarship forfeits and time limitations to obtain a degree will be within LCSC’s discretion.

To be eligible for a scholarship, the grant requires students to meet one of the following five criteria:

1) 1st generation: High school seniors must be the first generation of their family to attend college and have a financial need.
2) Completion: This is need-based scholarship available to full- or part-time students who are re-entering college and are in pursuit of a degree.
3) Transfer: Any core-certified student from a community or two-year college who wants to continue their pursuit for a B.A. degree at LCSC.
4) Non-traditional: A full- or part-time student who has never attended college and is one or more years out of high school.
5) Know-How 2 Go: A merit based scholarship for high school seniors based on high overall student performance, including the successful completion of four math and four science courses in high school.

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation is a private, Idaho-based family foundation, dedicated to making a measurable positive impact on improving education in Idaho.

For more information on the Go On initiative, visit www.jkaf.org
“Diesel Girl” honored at President’s Tea

She is brave. She is daring. She is a mother. She is a student. She is an employee. She is becoming a Diesel Technician and is about to burst onto the career scene for all she is worth. And she’ll have two ardent supporters drowning out the crowd when she does – Waylan and Merle – her young sons.

Keesje Holmes will steal your heart. She is a non-traditional student juggling parenting, schoolwork, a job and everything in between.

I met her and her sons on the playground one late afternoon to find out more about her. She is amazing. Between bites of Taco Time salads and chips, she is running to catch her sons in mid-air leaps from monkey bars. She laughs and coos to settle them while they knowingly invite her to watch and to interact with their world – unthreatened by an intruder like me. They do not stop.

Keesje is the 2009/2010 Investiture Scholarship recipient. Hard-working all her life, she is used to earning her way. But this past June, a room full of women helped celebrate this bright, young woman and all her ambitions at the 5th Annual President’s Tea.

Her table was titled: “Diesel Girl”. But it is so much more than a shiny, red carburetor with a splashy, silver chain draped around it. It is a table full of women who couldn’t wait to arrive to share in Keesje’s moment.

Keesje is a beautiful, poised, confident, gracious and joyful soul. Her thank you from the podium that afternoon elicited tears and sniffles around the packed room. People willingly opened their wallets to add more to the endowed Investiture Scholarship, knowing that young women for years to come will be in her shoes. These women will have children, families, responsibilities and jobs to juggle with their education. But they will do it. Again and again their relentless efforts will bring reward, because they have spirit. They have a heart for their children and a commitment to provide. They are ready for anything and prepared for it all. These are the women of the Investiture Scholarship ranks.

LCSC President, Dene Kay Thomas began the tradition when she first arrived at LCSC – honoring women like Keesje. The President’s Tea welcomes new table hosts, sponsors and guests alike. Creative table-tops splash with color. All the celebrations honor and benefit young women like Keesje Holmes.

For more information on how you can get involved, contact College Advancement Office at 208-792-2458
As Kent Gustin put it, he was a “40-year-old, non-typical student” at Lewis-Clark State College when he obtained his Bachelor’s degree in Nursing in 2002.

On several previous occasions, he had enrolled in college classes, only to set them aside for various personal reasons, including work. He had worked in many physical labor areas, including carpentry, logging, landscaping, and 12 years as a dehydration specialist for Shell Oil Company. Life, including his time in the Navy, continued to be full of changes for him, and then a work-related injury left him unable to perform these jobs. That’s when he decided to get serious about college.

Gustin pursued a dream of working in the medical field and is now a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

“Lewis-Clark State College gave me a fantastic education that I could not fully appreciate until after I had graduated and started to work as a registered nurse and nurse education, and again as an advanced practice nursing student,” Gustin says.

While working on his goal to become a nurse anesthetist, Gustin says he was approached by an LCSC faculty member to chaperone a group of LCSC nursing students at a National Student Nurses Association annual meeting. He said that was a great experience because it allowed him to meet with other nurse educators and to compare experiences.

“The following year, I had the great opportunity to again chaperone a group of LCSC nursing students for this national event, while also teaching clinicals for third-year LCSC nursing students,” Gustin says. “The task exposed me to the educational process at a completely different level. What an eye-opening experience it was!

“I believe that most students have little inclination or appreciation of the time and effort it takes to be a good, effective educator. With these new skills and insight into this diverse nursing position, I was better able to assess the education process and to personally evaluate the level of education I had received from LCSC.”

While obtaining his degree, began working at Tri-State Hospital in Clarkston, starting off as an emergency room technician and working his way to his current position as a certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

Following his graduation from LCSC, Gustin was accepted to Midwestern University in Glendale, Ariz., to earn his Masters of Science in Anesthesia. While there, Gustin worked at a nurse registry system and traveled to high trauma level hospitals in the area.

“Being ‘thrown into’ these various work environments gave me great appreciation for the excellent training I received at LCSC,” says Gustin, who grew up in Orofino before moving to Afton, Wyo., for his senior year in high school.

Working with other graduate students, Gustin says he regularly compared his LCSC education to the education received by other students and found it to be top notch. He also has done similar comparisons while working at different hospitals across the United States.

“Bottom line, Lewis-Clark State College has nursing educators that instruct at a high level that produces highly trained, safe, and competent nurses that are able to think critically upon entering the nursing work force,” he says. “The teachers demand peak performance from their students and encourage them to compete for acceptance into the nursing program. They go the distance to help students successfully graduate with their Bachelor’s degree.

“Furthermore, those faculty providing prerequisite classes and sciences at LCSC are very unique and gifted educators. They contribute to a great final product: a well-rounded, well-prepared student with a strong, basic education and exemplary skills to enter the job market.”

Gustin graduated from Midwestern University in 2006 and became a member of the Army Reserve. He took a year off from Tri-State to do locum tenes work where he spent time in Elkins, W.V., and Amarillo and Borger, Texas. He also did a three-month deployment in 2007 at Weed Army Community Hospital in Fort Irwin, Calif. Each stop reaffirmed the solid education he received at LCSC.

“Students graduating from the Lewis-Clark State College Nursing Program are among the best in the nation, as I have witnessed in my many different healthcare and education-related experiences across the country,” he said. “We should be extremely proud of this accomplishment because many programs, in my honest opinion, do not meet these criteria.”
Lewis-Clark State College continued its trend of impressive growth in student enrollment by setting an enrollment record for the sixth straight semester, according to the college’s 10th day report which was released in January.

The college set a spring enrollment record for the third consecutive year with 3,915 students for the current 2010 Spring Semester. That is the second-highest all-time enrollment mark, following the Fall Semester’s all-time high for 4,200 students. Spring enrollments are always smaller than fall enrollments at LCSC.

The college followed its healthy growth pattern over the past decade. The 3,915 students is an 8.72 percent increase over last year’s spring total of 3,601. Last year’s enrollment was a 7.6 percent increase from Spring 2008. Over the past three years, LCSC’s spring enrollment has increased by almost 700 students.

During the past two fall semesters, LCSC’s enrollment has increased by 6.6 percent and 9.1 percent, respectively.

LCSC also set a spring semester mark for full-time equivalency at 2,787.33, a 7.4 percent increase from last year’s mark.

Over the past decade, LCSC’s student population increased 1,194 students from 2001 when the college’s 10th day enrollment was 2,721. That is 43.9 percent increase in spring enrollment.

“In these tough economic times, we continue to serve the people of Idaho, particularly northern Idaho,” LCSC President Dene K. Thomas says. “We’re doing our job as an economic engine with increased enrollment.”

College officials say they have awarded more than $15.8 million in financial aid for the spring semester – which includes scholarships, grants and loans – to be used for tuition, books, housing, food, and other living expenses.

“Healthy enrollment is particularly important in this time of economic difficulty,” Thomas says. “We are preparing the next generation of Idaho workers and taxpayers.”

Thomas and others credit LCSC’s faculty and staff for their work and dedication to helping the college continue with its healthy growth.

LCSC set several spring records, including headcount in its academic programs (2,865 students) and Professional-Technical programs (1,050). The latter is the first time the spring count has been more than 1,000 students.

LCSC also set spring semester records for both male and female headcount, full-time students, minority students, freshmen and seniors. LCSC-Coeur d’Alene also set an all-time enrollment mark with 399 students, topping the 396 total from the fall.

LCSC’s enrollment continues to be about a 60-40 split of female to male students. LCSC’s spring headcount has 2,377 female and 1,538 male students. LCSC also reported 379 minority students, which is also an all-time spring mark.

LCSC had a record 1,542 students who are considered freshmen (26 or less credits obtained) and 1,140 students who are considered seniors (90 or more credits).

Along with the above increases, LCSC also had a significant enrollment jump in its Nursing & Health Sciences Division, thanks to Sacajawea Hall, which opened last fall. Sacajawea Hall is the new home to the division as well as labs and classes for the Natural Sciences & Mathematics Division. The Nursing & Health Sciences Division has 593 students enrolled this spring, a jump of 139 students last fall. The Division is the most popular on campus, followed by the Business Division, which has 514 students. The Social Science Division has 472 students, while the Education Division has 452 students.

Although the college had its highest non-traditional student head count (age 26 and older) for the spring in six years, the overall average age of the college continues to get younger. The average age of an LCSC student is 25.54 years, down from 27.6 in 2004.
LCSC’s Roster of Success

Here are some of the exciting things going on within the divisions at Lewis-Clark State College!

Business

Students in Coeur d’Alene have partnered with North Idaho College to start a new chapter of the Business Student Organization (BSO), whose members consist of LCSC-Coeur d’Alene students and NIC Business students. The group holds bi-monthly meetings, inviting guest speakers and volunteering in the community.

The Business Division held its fourth annual A Night at the Oscars fundraiser on March 7, 2010. The event featured KLEW’s Dan Stellmon as emcee, the Academy Awards, dancing, as well as performances by Main Street Dance, vocalist Carlye Anderson, and LCSC Theater students Ethan Wilson and Tyler Landon. The special guest for the evening was Chaske Spencer, best known for his role as Sam Uhley in the Twilight Saga films. The event raised $15,000 for student scholarships.

Accounting students worked hard again this year to prepare and file over 500 tax returns as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and were recognized by the IRS for “outstanding public service contributed to the community through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.” VITA allows students to gain practical application knowledge while serving low-income and elderly community members.

Dr. Shaomin Huang conducted research for the Chinese Economists Society in order to assist them in hosting an international economics conference in Nanning, China last June. His research efforts and service as Vice President of the Society earned him the “Activity Award.”

Dr. Ruth Lapsley recently completed an in-depth review of several chapters in the forthcoming textbook, “Management,” 10th edition by Richard L. Daft, Ph.D.. Dr. Lapsley was contacted by the publisher, Southwestern, Cengage Learning, to review portions of the text. It is due for publication in January, 2011.

Business Technology and Service

Lewis-Clark State College’s Business Technology & Service Division sent five students to Boise to compete in the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference and came away with 10 top 10 finishes at the event, held on March 5. Tristan Mullis of Bonners Ferry took top honors in CISCO Systems Administrator competition and also was fifth in computer security. Karen Hunter of Orofino placed second in both Advanced Office Systems & Procedures, and Legal Office Procedures. Denise Key of Lewiston was second in Keyboarding Production, eighth in Fundamental Accounting, and ninth in Computer Network Technology. Josie Hancock of Clarkston was second in Database Applications. Lee Ryan of Kooskia was fifth in Fundamentals of Web Design and sixth in Computer Network Technology. “The conference is the culmination of a school year’s worth of business workforce education, fundraising, and training which members of the local chapter of BPA at LCSC have received,” LCSC chapter advisor and BTS associate professor Sue Gudmunson said. BPA is a national organization for high school, college, and middle school students preparing for careers in business and information technology. The organization’s activities and programs complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of the skills learned at school. BPA acts as a cohesive agent in the nationwide networking of education and business and industry.

Students from LCSC participated in the International Corrugated Packaging Foundation’s 11th annual Careers in Corrugated International Teleconference on February 24, 2010. The purpose of the annual teleconference is to raise student and faculty awareness and knowledge of the corrugated packaging and display industry, and its career opportunities for future packaging and graphic design graduates.

Education

In spite of the budget short falls, the LCSC Addiction studies program, under the direction of Bob Hayes, has begun to train 7 students who will enter the work force within the next year, on the GAIN-I assessment tool. As a way to make our graduates more field and professionally ready, the GAIN-I training is offered to allow our graduates to be assessment capable…and for that matter more qualified as compared to others competing for the jobs!!

Michelle Doty, Assistant Professor - Special Education, Dr. Holly Tower, and ten LCSC Education majors attended the Tools for Life Secondary Transition and Technology Fair. The statewide conference was held on March 1-2, 2010 at the Doubletree Riverside in Boise. Ms. Doty is one of the conference coordinators and a member of the Idaho Interagency Council on Secondary Transition. The conference is sponsored by the Idaho State Department of Education, the Idaho Assistive Technology Project, the Center on Disabilities and Human Development, the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the Idaho Interagency Council on Secondary Transition.

Tools for Life is for anyone who has an interest in supporting individuals with disabilities as they...
transition from school to life. This includes secondary educators, post-secondary educators, special educators, therapists, counselors, service providers, job developers, other rehabilitation specialists, and especially high school students with disabilities and their families. Throughout the two-day event, there were presentations by regional and national experts on issues surrounding secondary transition and assistive technology. Over 500 attendees come from all over the state and more then half were students hoping to learn more about how to better prepare for life after high school. All young adults and college mentors were invited to attend a pizza party and dance social, which included live music, dancing and karaoke. Ms. Idaho 2009, Kara Jackson and keynote speaker Logan Olson joined the evening festivities. Ms. Doty’s son, Chase Doty, provided the evening’s entertainment. Chase who is now twenty-two was a student who received special education services while in school and knows first-hand what life is like after high school for a young adult with disabilities.

College mentors were invited to help support the high school students who attend the conference. The mentors were able to participate in professional development presentations, network with other educational providers, and interacted with the high school students who attend the conference. It is Ms. Doty’s hope that the pre-service educators will learn aspects of transition planning so they will be better prepared to support their own students in the future. The LCSC students who attended this year’s event include; Ileczandria Amador, Mark Stenzel, Ben Johnson, Debbie Gering, Nicole Hata, Calvin Schnider, Ashley Winterringer, Brittany Imbs, Brian Ehrhardt, and Darrell Edson. All students are either taking a special education class or are a member of the LCSC Council for Exceptional Children Student Club.

Education Division Faculty + Social Science Faculty = Better History Teachers

The LCSC Education Division has partnered with two area school consortia to help improve the teaching of American History in grades K-12 through three-year grants totaling almost $1,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Education. The “Frontiers” Consortium includes school districts on the Prairie and in the Clearwater Valley and is led by Mountain View District 244 in Grangeville under the direction of Superintendent Greg Bailey and managed by Judy Leuck. The “Confluences” Consortium includes schools in and around the Lewiston-Clarkston valley and is led by Clarkston School District’s Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Eric Price, and managed by Dr. Jan Goodheart.

LC’s role is to provide content, pedagogy, and evaluation consultants for the grants. More than sixty teachers have benefited from instruction in history content and new inquiry and research strategies to actively involve students in their studies of Idaho, Washington and American History. Dr. Wayne Carroll, Grant Academic Consultant, and colleague Shauna Castellaw have provided guidance in new teaching strategies while Dr. Ken Wareham has served as the evaluator for the grants. Dr. Chris Riggs and Dr. Amy Canfield from the Social Science Division have modeled new teaching strategies while presenting instruction in American and Idaho history content. The group has also collaborated with Dr. Kathy Aiken and Sally Greene from the University of Idaho. In addition to Saturday workshops scheduled several times each semester, the grants include one-week summer workshops featuring nationally recognized historians and local historical field experiences. The grants have provided two instructional field trips, one to the Washington, D.C. area and a second to San Francisco where nationally recognized academics gave historical background briefings and lectures at various historical sites. Participants have been able to meet with their respective Congressional Representatives in Washington, D.C. It’s not all fun. Teachers’ knowledge of history is formally assessed annually and test results suggest the teachers are doing “A” work.
Humanities

Faculty:

• Kevin Goodan, Assistant Professor (English, Creative Writing, Publishing Arts) had two poems, “Hoist-points for the Promised Power” and “Album,” published in the Harvard Divinity Bulletin.

• Claire Davis, Professor (English, Creative Writing) is on sabbatical doing research for a novel-in-progress.

• David Wiseman, Assistant Professor (Spanish) is co-editor with Pablo Martinez Diente of Border Crossings: Boundaries of Cultural Interpretation. Selected Proceedings of the Border Crossings Graduate Student Symposium at Vanderbilt University, Vanderbilt University Center for Latin American Studies, 2009.


Anderson is also an alumna (B.A., English: Creative Writing, 2000).

Students:

• Loren Landrus (English: Creative Writing, 2010) has been accepted to the MFA Creative Writing program at the University of Idaho, and awarded a teaching assistantship.

• Bryce Kammers (English: Secondary Education, 2010) has been accepted to the MA English program at the University of Idaho and awarded a teaching assistantship.

• Theatre student Dani Diaz was selected to compete in the Student Scene Directing competition at the American College Theatre Festival in Reno, Nevada, in February. She directed a scene from Euridice by Sarah Ruhl. Based on her directing and the performances in her scene by fellow LCSC students Zach Brink, Maggie Coy, Jonathan Buckley, Nate Graves and Kaitlin Cushman, she was advanced to the final round of the competition. Also Theatre students Tyler Landon and Jonelle McCoy, together with acting partners Ethan Wilson and Zach Brink, were selected to compete in the Irene Ryan acting competition. Congratulations to all these students, and to Nancy Lee-Painter, Asst. Professor (Theatre) for representing the Humanities and LCSC so well in this national competition.

• LCSC Coeur d’Alene Communication Arts students Alexandra Anthony, Katie Hardy, Donna Holland, Stephanie Steward, Hope Quay, and Ashley Gerstenberger all had Senior Research papers accepted, through blind review, for the Northwest Communication Association’s conference in April.

Alumni:

• Michael Johnson (B.A. English: Creative Writing, 2003) has been honored with inclusion of his poem, “How to be Eaten by a Lion” in the new Best American Poetry and inclusion of another poem, “The Church of Steel” in Best Canadian Poetry.

Programs:

• The Humanities Division was proud to sponsor two Visiting Scholars in the Humanities, Spring 2010. In March, Elizabeth Vandiver, Clement Biddle Penrose Associate Professor of Latin and Classics at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, delivered a public lecture and participated in discussions with students and faculty on Greek Tragedy. In April, Douglas Weatherford, Associate Professor of Spanish at Brigham Young University, offered a film and lecture in honor of the Bicentennial of Mexican Independence (1810) and the Centennial of the Mexican Revolution. Both programs are made possible by a generous donation from the Rosehill Estate.

Nursing and Health Sciences

Sacajawea Hall is brimming with students from across campus. The clinical laboratories are the most exciting for Nursing & Health Sciences students. They provide plenty of room to practice real life situations before entering the clinical setting. Nursing students from the Practical and Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs now spend two days each semester in the human simulation lab where they address complex patient situations using the Sim Man® manikins. Radiographic Science students have a state-of-the-art lab with practice stations, live x-ray and fluoroscopy, and digital radiography. Nursing & Health Sciences received a generous donation from Clearwater Paper in the form of two practice manikins for the nursing Clinical Resource Center. We chose dark-skinned manikins to complement those already in the labs.

Our online RN to BSN track continues to be a tremendous success with the majority of nurses requesting online courses. This new option allows the registered nurse prepared at the diploma or associate degree level to obtain a BSN entirely through web based learning. RN students are able to remain in their communities while completing the BSN program.

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 have begun 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. We’re moving forward on an emphasis in Ultrasound.  

The Nurse Scholar program, a HRSA-funded program aimed at supporting and retaining American Indian and Hispanic students as they progress toward completion of a nursing degree, continues in its second semester. The program serves two distinct groups of students: 1) pre-nursing students and 2) students already admitted to either the Bachelor of Science or Practical nursing programs. Project staff, including Bob Sobotta, Director of Native American and Minority Student Services and Ella-Mae Keatts, Associate Professor of nursing, support students through comprehensive academic advising, math/science or nursing coursework support including tutoring and structured study tables, exposure to the nursing profession and professional role modeling, and social support from campus clubs and organizations.

NHS’s first International Humanitarian Project, in collaboration with Interfaith Service to Latin America (ISLA), began spring 2010 and provides an opportunity for nursing students to work with experienced health-care professionals in a third world setting. During spring break 2010, Ms. Peggy Wasserman, Associate Professor (BSN) and Beverly Kloepfer, Assistant Professor (Practical Nursing) and four baccalaureate nursing students traveled to Nicaragua’s mountainous regions, along with medical and lay volunteers, to provide health education, medical care and improve a school or clinic.

Faculty Accomplishments:

• Elizabeth Scarano, Assistant Professor, had an article published in Bariatric Nursing and Surgical Patient Care titled ‘A Big Lesson for Nurse Educators’. Bariatric nursing, focused on the causes, prevention and treatment of obesity, is a fast growing nursing specialty.

• Mr. Michael Ayres, Assistant Professor, completed a master’s of nursing education in February 2010.

• Three BSN Visiting Assistant Professors, Krista Ellis, Meghan Bruns, and Michelle Pearson-Smith were awarded graduate education scholarships by the Idaho Alliance of Leaders in Nursing, to support completion of their master’s degrees in nursing.

Social Sciences

The Lewis-Clark State College Social Work Program has been selected as one of only 17 Social Work Programs to participate in the National Social Work Congress to be held in Washington, DC April 22-23, 2010. The Congress titled “Reaffirm, Revisit, Reimagine the Profession” will focus on the future of the social work profession. Students will participate in a virtual Congress along with other selected social work students across the country. LCSC social work students will be voting members of the Congress and will cast their votes with professional social workers serving as delegates to the Congress. Participation in the Congress is integrated into the LCSC Social Policy course taught by J.R. Seaman and Brian Christenson.
So you’re thinking of starting a scholarship. It sounds appealing. But what exactly does it entail. How does it work? And how do students exactly benefit?

If you have some of these questions, read on.

There are two types of scholarships you can establish at Lewis-Clark State College:
1. An annual scholarship
2. An endowed scholarship

Both follow the same steps to set up.
1. Establish criteria for the student who will receive the award. This could mean selecting a minimum grade point average and/or designating the field of study. Some people choose qualifications such as extracurricular activities, student leadership or volunteer activities and organizations.
2. Fill out the paperwork with the LCSC Foundation Office.
3. Make your gift to establish the fund.

If the gift is an annual gift, meaning we spend all your donation each year, you simply write us a check for the amount you wish to award to the student who will be selected.

If you are interested in endowing the scholarship, the minimum donation is $10,000. Once the endowment has been finalized with the LCSC Foundation, the funds will be invested to begin earning the scholarship that will be awarded to a student. The following sample table is based on a 4% distribution.

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Here is a breakdown for the endowment process. We are here to communicate with you every step of the way. We can help identify criteria, share ideas or answer questions you have. Please contact the LCSC Foundation Office at 208.792.245.

1. Consider your intentions or those of your family for setting up a scholarship. For areas of study which you may want to target, see: www.lcsc.edu

2. Fill out the Gift Use Agreement, including any background or history you want to include.

3. Fill out the Endowed Scholarship Template including the gift amount. (A minimum of $10,000 is required.)

4. Return forms with your financial contribution to the LCSC Foundation Office for finalization.

5. Wait 18 to 24 months for the endowment to build interest. During this wait, some people consider giving a gift for the award amount before the 18 to 24 months are up.

6. Scholarship is awarded to a student who meets your criteria.
“You just have to start. That’s half the battle.” Aprilynne Pike sips her coffee. “I hate deadlines. That’s why I get my work done early, so I don’t have to deal with them.” She humorously refers to a time when a deadline was so tight her whole household was a wreck. They were out of clean laundry and every last piece of silverware had been used. “It was terrible.”

Deadlines or no deadlines, Aprilynne Pike is a picture of the young, fresh energy that is today’s author. She met me at an outdoor coffee shop on a warm, sunny afternoon in Phoenix to share her story.

Her recently published book for young, teen readers has hit the big times. New York’s #1 Bestsellers list to be exact. And her second book in the 4-part series is due out this May. She also shares that she is in negotiations with Disney for an option to produce a movie based on the story.

“Struggling in one of several science courses, Aprilynne found herself talking with her advisor, Dr. Tom Urquhart. He said something she found very painful to hear, but something she will never forget: “If you have to work this hard at this class, you might want to reconsider your future career choice.”

“The hard advice is sometimes what you need the most,” Aprilynne offers. Her eyes punctuate the phrase. “The next morning, I thought more about what he had said and I realized he was right. So I did reconsider.”

And so she began to think about what came naturally. She says she’s always been a creative writer. She took a creative writing class from Claire Davis at LCSC and says she really loved it. “It stopped being work and started being fun.”

Upon graduation in 2002, she kept on writing. She wrote and wrote and wrote. And as she wrote, she read. And as she read, her reading revealed a need. Young readers were missing a whole category of good reading options: light fiction. There is plenty of dark fiction to choose from, but great opportunities loomed on the lighter side.

She began working with her agent. Her agent worked with editors from numerous publishing companies. And eventually, an editor from Harper Teen offered to purchase the manuscript. That started everything rolling.

Aprilynne says the next step was editing the manuscript. Editing doesn’t require the creativity that is needed to capture the initial concept, she notes. However, a great editor will challenge what is called the “back story”. This is the story behind the story. The back story captures the environmental context for the main story. It reflects the reasons characters do what they do and helps answer or, at times, pose questions for readers. And Aprilynne Pike has succeeded at authoring the back story as well.

An accomplished writer, she has more books in the works. She captures her sense of work, “Being able to really love the job that you do.”

“You just have to start. That’s half the battle . . . then finishing, that’s the other half.”
Author Kim Barnes is looking out the window of her home on Moscow Mountain as the morning sun gives way to some late March snowflakes. Such peaceful moments have been few of late for the 1983 graduate of LCSC.

She isn’t, however, about to complain.

Her life is a balancing act of working on her new novel, tentatively titled “American Mecca” that is due out in 2011, receiving recognition for her second novel, “A Country Called Home” that came out in 2008 and is still earning honors, and teaching both upper division undergraduate and graduate writing courses at the University of Idaho.

She also recently completed two essays, one “That Fragile Membrane, the Heart” that was published in the New York Times in November, and the other for Good Housekeeping magazine on marriage and the empty nest that will appear sometime this spring or summer. She will soon begin work on another essay on the “New West” as someone who is seen as a western writer. She is writing it for granddaughter of Wallace Stegner, considered “The Dean of Western Writers.”

And that’s just a start. She recently became a full professor at UI and will take her first sabbatical this fall, which will allow her and her husband, fellow writer Robert Wrigley, to become Artists in Residence in Bogliasco, Italy this fall. Bogliasco is on the southeastern city limits of Genoa in northern Italy.

“They put you up, feed you, and insist that you do nothing but write,” Barnes says, laughing. “It’s very exciting and wonderful, and we feel very privileged.”

The Artist in Residence honor is one of many she has received. “A Country Called Home” was named one of the “Best Books of 2008” by the Washington Post and the Kansas City Star, a Book Club pick in 2009 by Marie Claire Magazine, Barnes & Noble, and the Book-of-the-Month Club, and the Pen Center USA Literary Award for Fiction for 2009. She picked up that award at a ceremony in Beverly Hills, Calif., which gave her an opportunity to “rub elbows” with some of Hollywood’s top writers and directors.

She also won the PEN Center USA Literary Award for Fiction and the Long-list, International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, both in 2009, for “A Country Called Home.”

Judging by her writing career, the novel she’s currently working on will draw rave reviews as well. The storyline follows a young couple who are basically making ends meet until he accepts a job with Ramco Oil in Saudi Arabia in 1967. The husband both disappears and is accused of murdering a young Arab woman, and the story focuses on the main character, his wife, and her search for the truth.

Although the main storyline is fiction, Barnes is using facts to describe the political, social, religious, and physical landscapes of Saudi Arabia in 1967.

“It’s a real challenge because I have been doing research for a couple of years,” she said. “Both Ramco and the Saudi government don’t divulge much about anything from that time so it feels like I’m doing my doctoral exam all over. Certainly, my research skills as a student at LCSC have come in handy and to be credible, the details have to be right.”

Barnes came up with the idea for the story from her aunt and uncle, who live in Clarkston, and went to Saudi Arabia to work for Halliburton. She said Ramco was basically like a compound that was a gated community and had different rules from the rest of Saudi Arabia, which had a heavy Muslim influence and
didn’t allow women to drink alcohol, drive, or show skin. Barnes said it was a fascinating challenge to write about a woman in such a closed environment.

“At the time, the thought was that this compound protected Americans from the Muslims, but actually, we’ve learned it was to protect the Muslims from the Americans and their way of life,” Barnes says. “Ramco functioned as its own government.”

Barnes says in all of her books, she has been able to bring her family and its background into the story.

“I always say I come from a family of dirt-poor Okies,” she says. “We had very little and were share-cropping families. That theme shows up in all of my books.”

Barnes says she tries to write one project at a time, but like with this current novel, she will take breaks to write essays. She says the break allows her to clear her head and give her a new perspective on her novel.

“I started out in poetry at LCSC, then did short stories at LCSC, and then really didn’t start writing essays until the 1990s,” Barnes said. “Then I worked into memoirs, and then started writing novels. But personal essays remain my favorite form because of the lyricism and emotional intensity. So whenever I have a chance to write an essay, I’m glad to do it.”

Barnes said she enjoys both teaching and writing, but sometimes it feels like she has two jobs and that she can’t do either one as well as she likes. Still, she says is delightful to be involved with both. After spending most of last summer on book tours, she is looking forward to a more relaxing spring/summer. She will travel to McMinnville, Ore., and Linfield College where they chose “In the Wilderness: Coming of Age in Unknown Country” for its “Mac Reads” program. The idea is to have both the college and the McMinnville community ready a book in common to discuss and then have the author come in and speak. Barnes will discuss her memoir, which was a finalist for the 1997 Pulitzer Prize, in May. She will travel to Indiana this summer with her husband to take part in a writer’s conference, but also plans to get in a lot of fly fishing and camping as well.

“I’m busy, but I’m enjoying it,” she says.

Warriors Calling…

Demonstrate your confidence in Lewis-Clark State College by giving to the 2010 “Warrior Call” Annual Fund Campaign.

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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!*  

**Inland Northwest Chapter (Coeur d’Alene and Spokane Area)**  
Co-Chair: Ken Sanman  
Co-Chair: (Open)

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Chair: Mary Jane Oatman-Wak Wak

**Treasure Valley Chapter (Boise Area)**  
Chair: Robbie Reno

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ABOUT THE LCSC NATIVE ALUMNI CHAPTER:

MISSION:
The mission of the Native American Alumni of Lewis-Clark State College is to develop, maintain and celebrate our tribal cultures and to enrich the experience of the Lewis-Clark State College Campus and its students.

The purpose of the LCSC Native Alumni Chapter is to provide a means through which alumni and students can interact with each other as well as how alumni can support positive campus outcomes for students. Our intent is to ensure the continued excellence of Native students while strengthening and promoting our unique cultures, traditions and languages.

The Native American Alumni Chapter was approved by the Alumni Board of Directors in the summer of 2009, and is authorized under the direction and programs of the Alumni Association. The Native American Alumni Chapter is supported by the Office of Alumni Relations.

WHAT WE DO:
Himeeq’is qeciye’yew’yew’ to all of the Native American Alumni and friends that have participated in the past two meetings to assist in the development of the newly formed alumni chapter. A special qeciye’yew’yew’ to Renee Olsen, Director of Alumni and Community Relations, the Alumni Board of Directors, and Robert Sobotta Jr., Director of Native American/Minority Student Services, for the support and guidance in getting formal recognition of the Native Alumni Chapter. It is through the joint efforts of all involved that we will create greater opportunities for scholarship, student/professional networking, service days to give back, as well as opportunities to gather and become more informed and gain greater understanding of the successes and challenges that Native students face in the 21st century.

SAVE THE DATE:  
August 20, 2010 Welcome Reception  
5:00 to 7:00 pm Pi’amkinwaas  
August 23, 2010 Back 2 School BBQ

MEMBERSHIP INFO: 
The Native American Alumni Association is like no other... we are the organization committed to Native American student excellence by creating opportunities and connecting alumni and students together to promote educational success through our unique culture and languages.

JOIN TODAY!
UNITED THROUGH EDUCATION, LCSC’s Native American Alumni Chapter is for students, alumni, advocates, parents, elders, practitioners, educators and organizations.

HERE ARE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED: 
MEETINGS:  
August 20, 2010, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Pi’amkinwaas

SOCIAL GATHERINGS and SERVICE EVENTS:  
PLEDGE-A-THON, Receptions, Alumni Network, Logo Contest

MEMBERSHIP:  
Or, you can simply be an annual member to support our work in scholarship development, culturally appropriate commencement honoring, social gatherings to connect students and alumni, and service events to give back to community.
LCSC Native Alumni Chapter Membership Form
Please complete this form and check the type of volunteer activities that are of interest to you.

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____ I’d like to help plan alumni events.

____ I’d like to work on publicity for alumni events.

____ I’d like more information about becoming a mentor for an LCSC student.

____ I’d like to financially support the alumni association.

____ I’d like more information regarding the LCSC Alumni Association Back 2 School BBQ.

Annual Membership - single

I would like to make an additional tax deductible gift to the Native American Alumni Chapter.

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The Lewis-Clark State College baseball program is a big part of the Lewis-Clark Valley community. The program has won 16 national titles, four times more than any other program in the history of NAIA baseball, and has been home to the Avista NAIA World Series 18 of the past 26 years, including the past 10.

The support of the Lewiston, Idaho and Clarkston, Washington communities is important for the Warrior program, which is one of the reasons why NAIA Hall of Fame coach Ed Cheff instills community involvement in his players. The Warriors learn to give back by volunteering at area elementary schools and a number of charity and fundraising events.

Although the Warrior players are often recognized for what they do on the field, a lot of what they do away from the ballpark goes relatively unnoticed. That’s fine with the Warrior coaching staff and players because it’s not the recognition they seek, but rather the importance of relationships and helping the community. It’s those values Cheff wants his players to use and follow after they leave the program.

“We always encourage our players to be involved in the Lewis-Clark Valley community as volunteers,” Cheff said. “There are some positive life experiences that evolve with helping people who need help. Obviously we hope the players carry that concept with them when they return to their own communities.”

In a typical year, the Warriors will take part in 10-15 projects. Some are one or two day events, while others will go throughout the school year. They also range from set up and cleanup to fixing cougar cages and mentoring elementary school students.

These projects include:

- **Lewiston Roundup Rodeo**: Clean up after each day, help with the set up tables and chairs for the judges’ booth for the parade, and clean up which includes shoveling up after the horses.
- **Valley Boys and Girls Club**: Serve as soccer and flag football coaches for area youth and also help with set up and clean up of the organization’s annual fundraising auction.
- **Firewood**: Although the biggest fundraiser for the baseball program involves cutting and delivering pre-sold firewood, the program also donates 5-10 cords of wood each year to needy families who rely on the wood as one of their main sources of heat.
- **Jackson Baldwin Pay It Forward Foundation**: Help with the foundation’s bi-annual fundraiser by donating and delivering cut firewood.
- **Wishing Star Foundation**: The program uses some of its fundraising dollars to donate to the foundation, which helps wishes come true for children with life-threatening illnesses.
- **Elementary School mentors**: Players serve as mentors for area elementary school children by helping them with their reading and other skills and also eating lunch with them, usually on Fridays.
- **American Legion**: The players help with the local American Legion’s biggest fundraiser, a crab feed, by helping with the set up prior to the event and clean up.
and tear down after the one-night event.

- Elderly: The Warrior players volunteer to help the elderly in the area by doing yard work or helping them move by loading and unloading their belongings.
- Wild Animal Rehabilitation of Idaho: Outside of Lewiston in Waha, the players help with the repair and building of cages for wild animals that are either injured or abandoned.
- Warrior For a Day Program: During the season, a youth will get to hang out with the team, spend time in the dugout during a game, and serve as bat boy/bat girl.
- Veteran’s Hospital: The players volunteer at the local Veteran’s Hospital by giving them cards, reading newspapers and books, and visiting with them.

The list goes on, which keeps the players busy with projects throughout the year.

One of the projects that is a favorite among the players is working at the Wild Animal Rehabilitation of Idaho, Inc., which is run by former Idaho Fish and Game officer Tim Cochnauer. It’s not uncommon to see deer, wild turkeys and other animals roaming around on his property in the mountains.

More than a decade ago, Cochnauer begin the rehab center, which gives injured or abandoned animals a place to recover before they are re-released into the wild. For most of the players, it’s the first time they’ve been that close to deer, raccoons, and skunks, foxes, coyotes, elk, mountain goats, mountain sheep, rabbits, and squirrels. He’s even had a bear cub and an otter. All of the animals are native to the area.

And for a lot of the players, it’s the first time they’ve seen cougars.

“The Wild Animal Rehabilitation center is special in that many of our players have never been around wild animals,” Cheff said. “They gain an awareness and hopefully a concern about animal protection.

The facility has three cougars, which were orphaned as cubs and came to the Center at an early age. Because Idaho law forbids rehabilitated cougars to be released back into the wild, the cougars will likely live the remainder of their lives at the facility.

During a Saturday this fall, a handful of players joined Cheff in trimming some of the brush and putting up reinforcement pipes to secure the cougar compound, which spans over a large area. The cougars were in a separate compound, but one still came over to give the players a look over and at one point, was only about 3 feet away from the players, growling at them through a wire fence.

“One rule that we stress to the players is to never be the slowest guy working in the cougar compounds just in case the gate is left open,” Cheff joked.

“We always have maintenance projects or things that need to be done, and we know if we need strong arms, the baseball team is always willing to help us,” Cochnauer said. “I really enjoy having the players around because they’re always willing to help and they enjoy being here.”

Another favorite of the players is the involvement with the area elementary schools, where the players will read with students who are behind for the reading level at their grade. They also serve as mentors and help the students in other areas of their studies as well as develop a personal relationship with them, similar to an older brother. For some students, the players are the only male role model they have.

The results have lasting effects. Some former players have remained in the Lewiston-Clarkston area and remain heavily involved in the community. Former Warrior pitcher Scott Baldwin started the Jackson Baldwin Pay It Forward Foundation, whose goal is to assist families in the area who have children with a serious illness or injury by providing financial assistance during times of medical crisis.

Former player and assistant coach Chip Damato is general manager of Inland Cellular, a local cell phone service provider. Inland Cellular has been regularly named the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce’s Medium Size Business of the Year for its involvement in the community.

“I just really enjoy helping people and it’s nice seeing people appreciate everything that we do,” LCSC outfielder Jake Eccles said. “It’s just a good feeling when you make someone smile.”
Saturday of Service
There was an SOS call on Saturday, March 27, heard throughout the Lewis-Clark Valley. It was the Associated Students of LCSC’s first Saturday of Service. Students, alumni and staff gathered to take on landscaping, painting and yard work projects. We wrapped up the day with great music and BBQ.

Meet the Author Event & Book Presentation on March 25
Maybe Milton Should Go Work in the Woods by Dr. Milton L. Snyder
The current L-C women’s basketball team took on a team of former Warrior women during the exhibition match on December 12th. The alumni team kept the score close for most of the game, but ended up losing to the Women Warriors by a score of 62-50. Sixteen alums took part in this year’s game – Michelle DeKay, Shannon Russel-Haselhuhn, Danielle Boggs, Nikki Hearling, Katie Hart, Janeen Nelson, Vanessa West, Heather McIntosh-Lang, Cami Kalbfleisch, Sadie Short, Kim Preston, Terra O’Neil, Breanne Kottwitz-Bender, Ashley Baker, Brooke Cushman and Kally Lytle-McFee.
Thanks to Judi Wutzke and ...and Books Too! for hosting our February Alumni After Hours event on Friday, February 26th. Judi donated 15% of her sales during the event to the LCSC Alumni Association.

Students and donors gathered for the annual Scholarship Luncheon on March 25.
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Once L-C students reach 24 credits they are considered members 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.

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

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Notes from what’s happening in the athletic department:

• LCSC had 108 student-athletes earn a 3.0 or higher grade point average during the 2009 Fall semester and honored those athletes in January during the Warrior Athletic Association Academic Lunch at the Red Lion Hotel. Eleven athletes posted perfect 4.0 GPAs, including Kyli Astle and Taylor Harrington of the women’s cross country team, Dani Barrett, Jenika Bird, Lisa Davis, and Kim Fong from the volleyball team, Chelsea Gay from women’s tennis, Joel Koelstedt from men’s basketball, Alana Norris and Idah Whisenant of women’s golf, and Nathan Uhlorn from men’s track.

• The Warrior cross country program has donated 44 pairs of shoes to relief efforts in Honduras. A local group from the Lewiston-Clarkston area is building a Rural Pastors Learning Center in Honduras in an area that was devastated by hurricane Mitch. The group has been taking old tennis shoes donated by members of the LCSC cross country team to adults and teenagers in Honduras who are wearing shoes that are worn through or no shoes at all. The cross country program plans to make another shoe donation for the group’s next trip in June. The cross country teams also won their third straight conference titles and remained the only school to win FC titles. The men’s team swept the top five spots at the FC meet, while the women had six of the top 10 finishers. The women wound up 15th at nationals, while the men were No. 22.

• It was a great fall for teams at LCSC as all three qualified for national tournaments. During the fall, the volleyball team tied for its third straight Frontier Conference regular season title and then ran its consecutive conference tournament titles to three as well. The Warriors advanced to the national tournament for the third straight year and finished 25-9 overall.

• The Warrior women’s basketball team also qualified for nationals, the 14th time in the last 15 years it has made the trip to the NAIA national tournament. LCSC finished second in the FC standings and then won the conference tournament to earn the trip to Jackson, Tenn. LCSC won its opener at the 32-team national tournament but then fell to Oklahoma City to finish the season at 29-6. LCSC loses only one senior from the squad. The men’s basketball team was challenged by injuries during the season and at times, only had eight healthy players. LCSC wound up sixth in the FC standings and finished the year at 14-15.

• Spring sports are going strong and as of this writing, all five teams – baseball, men’s and women’s golf, and men’s and women’s tennis – were ranked in the NAIA Top 25. The Warrior baseball team won 18 of its first 20 games, while the Warrior tennis teams are again at the top of their region standings. The men’s and women’s golf teams are battling Rocky Mountain for the FC titles.

• Eight LCSC student-athletes were named to the Daktronics NAIA All-Academic Team for the fall and winter sports. To qualify, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and be a junior in academic standing. The eight include senior Kyle Astle of Shoshone, Idaho; senior Lindsay Szybura of Orting, Wash., junior Jessie Gulsvig of Colorado Spring, Colo., and junior Casey Hampton of Bonners Ferry, all from the cross country team; senior Dani Barrett of Port Angeles, Wash., senior Lisa Davis of Genesee, and junior Kim Fong of Lewiston, all from volleyball; and junior Kenna Reiter of Central Point, Ore., from women’s basketball.

• The women’s volleyball team had 11 players earn academic all-Frontier Conference honors for maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or better during the fall semester. To be eligible, a player must be a sophomore or higher in standing and participate in half of the team’s matches/events. The women’s cross country team had nine earn such honors, while the men’s team had five. Academic teams for the winter and spring sports will be announced in the summer.

• Tickets for the annual Avista NAIA World Series are on sale and tournament passes range from $45.60 to $98.85 for the event, which runs May 28-June 4 at Harris Field. A general admission tournament pass for the left-field line is $45.60, a three-day family pass (two adults, three youths, general admission seating) is $56.25, a reserved grand stand seat is $66.90, a first-base or third-base section seat is $88.20, and a family tournament pass (two adults, three youths, general admission seating) is $98.85. Tickets are available by calling (208) 792-2471 or visiting Julee King upstairs in the Activity Center during 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Mondays-Fridays. To volunteer for the series, visit http://www.naiaworldseries.com or call (208) 792-2729. Also, new this Series will be reserved parking across the street from the ballpark. Reserved spots are $50 apiece and are good for the length of the Series. Call (208) 792-2471 to reserve a parking spot.
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Nancy “Kay” (Rogers) Gordon ’90 of Lewiston, passed away on February 12, 2010. She was 62. Kay graduated from L-C with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a minor in special education. Kay especially enjoyed the years she spent attending LCSC, as many of her family members attended at the same time. Kay and Stanley Gordon were married in 1989. She enjoyed spending time with her four children, 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Steven B. Hubbard ’90 of Jacksonville, Florida, passed away on January 11, 2010. Steve was a gifted artist and actor and a wonderful friend.

Mortimer Milne Curtis ’41 of Wilder, Idaho, passed away on June 7, 2009. He was 90. After proudly serving his country, where his bravery and loyalty earned him the Bronze Star, he attended Lewiston State Normal School where he earned a teaching certificate. From his graduation, he began a life long passion as an educator and school administrator. He was principal/teacher of schools in Reubens, Cottonwood, and Weippe. He drove the school bus, started the wood stove, taught all varieties of education for grades 1-12, and then returned the students to their homes at the end of the day. In 1960, he and his family moved to Council, Idaho where he served as Superintendent of Schools for the district. He returned to college during his tenure at Council, and graduated with honors from the University of Idaho with a Masters in School Administration. He retired from Council in 1978 after 18 years. Mort earned his wings in 1948 and was an avid private pilot. Mort married Ann McCall in 1947. They enjoyed 60 years of marriage. They were both community leaders in education and health care. Together they raised four children.

Ed Carney ’95 of Clarkston, Washington

Amber N. Alexander ’09

Margaret McFarling ’50 of San Francisco, California

Laurabelle (Chapman) Hogaboam ’33 of Lapwai, Idaho, passed away on October 26, 2009. She was 95. Laurabelle graduated from Lewiston State Normal School with her teaching certificate. She married her high school sweetheart, Porter Hogaboam, in 1934. They lived in Clarkston, Washington, for one year until they moved to the Tom Beall area, where they were engaged in farming. After her four children were grown, Laurabelle went back to school and received her master’s degree in education from the University of Idaho. She taught school at Lapwai for 24 years and had charge of the library the last 10 years. She also coached Lapwai High School girls’ basketball team and won the state championship in 1967.

Hester (Knepper) Hull ’30 of Boise, Idaho, passed away in December, 2009. She was 97. Education was foremost in Hester’s family, and she graduated from Lewiston Normal School at age 18 with a teacher’s degree. She often taught in one-room schools and single-handedly taught students from all eight grades. She met her husband, John Hull, while teaching at the Spring Creek School (between North Fork and Gibbonsville, Idaho) where he was the school bus driver. Together they built a log cabin on Hull Creek. She and her husband, John, lived simply, preferring to save money toward their children’s education. Hester leaves six children, 17 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren.


Wade L. Mayer of Lewiston, passed away on December 14, 2009. He was 100. After receiving his teaching degree from Lewiston State Normal School, Wade served...
in the Army Air Corps from 1942-44, stationed in England. He was wounded and received a Purple Heart. He then taught school for two years in Lewiston and then began working as a butcher. He married Ruby Millard in 1938.

**Danny D. Morton** of Post Falls, Idaho, passed away on January 24, 2010. He was 60. After graduating with his teaching degree, Danny started teaching in Rupert, Idaho. He then moved to Kamiah, Idaho, where he taught fourth grade and coached junior high football and basketball and the summer youth baseball program. When he was 30, Danny took a summer job at a local lumber mill where he was injured, and suffered a traumatic head injury. From that time on, Danny was disabled and unable to work, but he continued to have a positive influence in people’s lives. Danny is survived by his son, Greg and family.

**James L. Barker ’84** of Lewiston, passed away on December 10, 2009. He was 64. Jim lived in many places, including Lewiston, Las Vegas and Boise. He worked as a bartender and was a truck driver for most of his life.

**Charlotte M. (Henry) Surplus ’35** of Napa, California, passed away on March 24, 2009 at the age of 92, after 45 years of teaching elementary and middle school, raising two sons, and enjoying many years of retirement with her loving husband, Eugene, of 65 years.

**Marjorie “Midge” (Richards) Pierce** of Clarkston, passed away on January 21, 2010. She and Robert Pierce were married on November 21, 1940, in La Grange, Missouri. In 1955, Midge and Bob, plus their five sons, moved to the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley. Midge worked for St. Joseph Hospital and then Medical Service Bureau for 21 years before retiring. In her mid-40’s, Midge found time to get her liberal arts degree from LCSC. She was also actively involved in volunteer work for the elderly.

**Ivan Pixley ’70** of Lewiston, passed away on November 8, 2009. He was 60. After graduating from L-C with his associate’s degree in industrial mechanics, he was hired by the City of Lewiston Parks Department. Ivan worked for the city for 21 years, retiring in 1991 as park supervisor. He married Cindy Gill in 1968 and together they raised two daughters. He also was very musically talented. For many years, he played local establishments and private parties with his group “The Westward Movement.”

**Robert Thorsen ’88** of Halethorpe, Maryland, passed away in March, 2006.

**Lillian (Muir) Hall**, of Weiser, Idaho, passed away on April 5, 2009. She was 90 years, 7 months. She completed her teacher training at Lewiston State Normal School and began a brief teaching career at one room school houses in Harpster, Highland, Mesa and Linden Schools. In 1943, she married her high school sweetheart, Edgar, while he was serving in the Marines. Their daughter, Gloria Jean, was born that same year. Following discharge from the Marines, they fulfilled a lifelong dream of buying a farm. They shared a huge setback when Lillian became ill with tuberculosis and had to spend over 18 months receiving medical care. When Lillian was released from the hospital, they began their dream of farm life once again rebuilding the herd of cattle.


**David Biggers** of Boise, Idaho, passed away in April, 2009. He was 49. After attending L-C, he worked in bank security. In 1981, he was involved in a serious auto accident which left him paralyzed and a quadriplegic. After years of therapy, he remained independent. David volunteered at the Boise Zoo and enjoyed working with children.
April 23, 2010
Alumni/WAA Baseball Event
5:00 pm Refreshments on the Deck (Activity Center)
6:00 pm Baseball Action Begins
All LCSC alumni, WAA members, and their families will be admitted free of charge.

April 23 – 25, 2010
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/ce/aue.

May 2, 2010
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 5, 2010
Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Awards Reception
Sage Baking Company – 1303 Main Street, Lewiston
5:00 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 14, 2010
Commencement
Join the faculty and staff at Lewis-Clark State College in honoring the graduating class of 2010 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 28 – May 29, 2010
All Class Reconnect Events –
All the pieces are in place – classmates you haven’t seen in years, campus in bloom, and more baseball action than you can imagine. For schedule and registration information, visit us online at www.lcsc.edu/alumni. These events are sponsored by Warrior Athletics and LCSC Alumni Association.

May 28 – June 4, 2010
Avista NAIA World Series
Don’t miss one moment of great baseball action. For series and ticket information visit www.lcsc.edu/naia/2010.

May 28, 2010
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.

June 25, 2010
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.

September 17, 2010
3rd Annual Warrior Golf Classic
Clarkston Golf and Country Club
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.
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