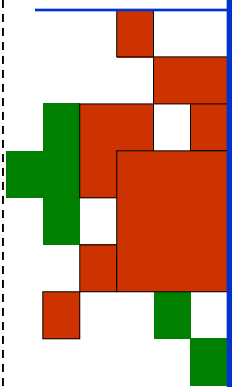


# Family & Friends Newsletter



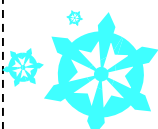
### Family & Friends of LCSC Students

To all who responded to the Family & Friends Survey ... Thank You!! Your feedback is important and necessary to help us better serve you and your student. Your concerns and questions have been addressed on page 2.

The November \$25 gift certificate winner is...

**Michelle Cowman,**  
A freshman from Boise, Idaho,  
majoring in Elementary Education.

To enter your student for the January Drawing, go to [www.lcsc.edu/os/](http://www.lcsc.edu/os/) and click "On-line Survey"



## Reminders For You From the Registrar & Admissions



- Final grades will be available to students via WarriorWeb on December 22. Take this opportunity to discuss how your student did during his/her Fall term of enrollment.
- Students who did not complete and pass required pre-requisites for courses in which they are enrolled in Spring term will be dis-enrolled from these Spring term classes.
- Your student should now be enrolled for Spring term classes, which begins on January 14. Registration began on Nov. 5 and will continue through the fifth day of Spring term, which is January 18. Students have the first five days of Spring term to drop/add classes via WarriorWeb. Beginning on the sixth day of classes, students are required to have faculty and division chair signature to add a class.
- If your student has not registered for Spring classes, encourage he/she to do so as soon as possible. Classes fill up very quickly and most sections will be closed as we get closer to the beginning of the Spring term.
- The last day to withdraw from Fall Semester classes has now passed. Students who drop courses after this date will earn an F on their transcript vs. a W for withdrawing. F grades can result in academic and/or financial aid suspension. If your student missed this important date send him/her to his/her advisor to discuss the petition process. Students cannot simply stop attending a class, they must complete the paperwork to formally withdraw, or an F grade will be assigned
- Registration for Summer 2008 and Fall 2008 will begin on April 7.
- Students who intend to graduate at the end of Spring 2008 should have submitted an application for graduation along with their Program Evaluation and all applicable signatures before October 1. If students have not submitted their graduate paperwork, they still can. When received, the Registrar will check the student's application and then send him/her an email to the student's LCWarriorMail account.
- Students graduating in May 2008 will be receiving a packet of information from Josten's (our graduation regalia vendor) in early February. Make sure your student reads the information in this packet and orders his/her regalia on the day noted in the packet.

## Important Dates for Students

<b>Dec 1 General Scholarship Application Available 2008-09</b>	<b>Jan 18 Last day to add/drop online</b>	<b>Mar 1 FAFSA Priority deadline AND Scholarship deadline 2008-09</b>
Dec 17-20 Final Exam Period	Jan 21 Martin Luther King Day- Campus closed	Mar 3 Last day to apply for graduation (Fall 2008- all degrees)
Dec 22 Final grades posted to WarriorWeb	Jan 22 Instructor's written approval required to add class(es)	Mar 14 Mid-term grades due/posted to WarriorWeb
Dec 24-Jan 11 Winter Break	Jan 28 Last day to add class(es) or to drop without 'W' grade on transcript	Mar 10-14 Native American Awareness Week
<b>Spring 2008</b>	<b>Jan 28 5pm: Last day to waive health insurance or increase coverage</b>	Mar 17-21 Spring Break – No Classes
Jan 1 First day to file for a 2008-2009 FAFSA	Feb 18 President's Day – Campus Closed	Mar 28 Last day to withdraw from class(es) or college for the semester
Jan 14 Classes begin for Spring		
<b>Jan 18 Accounts must be paid in full to avoid late fees</b>		



# Helpful FAFSA Hints For You And Your Student

Filling out your student's FAFSA can be a hard and confusing endeavor, so the Financial Aid Office has put together some helpful tips and hints.

- Complete the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet with your student. \*
- Complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) by the Priority Deadline – March 1.
- Electronically sign the FAFSA using the same PIN as last year for you and your student.
- Print a copy of your student's FAFSA information and confirmation number.
- Keep a copy of the 2007 tax return and W-2 form(s) for you & your student.\*\*
- Keep a copy of all other financial documents used to complete the FAFSA Worksheet\*

\* The worksheets are available on the

FAFSA website or from the Financial Aid Office.

\*\* It is important to keep a copy of these documents. Your student may be selected for a process called Verification. If your student is selected, the Financial Aid Office will request copies of this information.

*Estimated tax information on the FAFSA must be updated to actual when available.*

**Does Your Student Need a Scholarship?? See our listing at** [www.lcsc.edu/financialaid/scholarships.htm](http://www.lcsc.edu/financialaid/scholarships.htm)

- Review scholarships for your major or area of interest
- Print General Scholarship Application
- Complete the checklist
- Answer all questions
- Attach your essays
- Submit Scholarship Application to the Financial Aid Office by **March 1**

**Mark Your Calendar With These Important Dates:**

Dec 1: General Scholarship Application available online or in the Financial Aid Office

Jan 1: First day to file a 2008-09 FAFSA

Jan 14: Spring Semester begins

**Mar 1: FAFSA Priority Processing AND Scholarship Deadline**

Apr 1: Summer School Apps available

Apr 15: Deadline to file 2007 Taxes

May 1: Deadline to update estimated FAFSA tax information

Jul 15: Deadline to file FAFSA for disbursement prior to start of Fall Semester

**Contact the Financial Aid Office at (208) 792-2224 or (800) 933-5272 Ext. 2224.**

## Family & Friends Survey: Your Questions Answered

**What steps is LCSC taking to ensure the campus is safe, such as campus loud speakers and sirens?**

LCSC has expanded our escort program to include a van shuttle to Clearwater Hall. We continue to work with Residence Life to provide safety awareness programs to our resident students. We have increased our patrols by hiring more part-time officers and continue to work closely with the Lewiston Police Department to ensure we keep the campus as safe as possible as well as the surrounding community.

With regard to the loud speakers or sirens we have had an Emergency Notification System in place on campus for numerous years. As of right now there are no exterior speakers but we are in the planning stage to integrate them into the existing system. We are also gathering bids for a security system that will include surveillance cameras. The campus has formed a new Safety Committee which we work with to gather more outside information and suggestions.

For additional Information about campus security, please visit [www.lcsc.edu/security](http://www.lcsc.edu/security).

**What is being done about students who park in the College Place parking lot, but do not live there, taking away parking from residents?**

Residence Life maintains a roster of who resides in College Place, the make and model of their car, and the license plate number. The parking enforcement officers have that list when they patrol the parking lots. If a car is parked in the College Place lot and is not on the roster, the owner is issued a ticket for Restricted Parking, which is a \$25 fine.

If someone sees a non-resident parking in the lot, they are encouraged to call the Security Office and we will respond and

ticket the vehicle. A repeat offender, is summoned to the Security Office to discuss the matter and warned that any more infractions will result in his/her vehicle being towed.

**My student is having a hard time finding or contacting his/her advisor. What should we do?**

Each student's advisor is listed on the student's LCSC WarriorWeb account under "Academic Profile" on the page "My ID and Advisor Name." Most advisors have posted office hours and contact information. If after making every attempt to contact his/her advisor your student still has not made contact, encourage him/her to go to the division office of his/her major and discuss the problem with the division chairperson.

**How do we apply for grant and scholarships funds for students in average-income and/or minority families?**

LCSC has several scholarship opportunities for minority students, and our Financial Aid staff works with students and their families one-on-one to help them get the support they need. Most questions about Financial Aid can be answered by either going online to the Financial Aid webpage at [www.lcsc.edu/financialaid/](http://www.lcsc.edu/financialaid/) or by going to the Financial Aid office, located in Reid Centennial Hall room #208.

**What deadlines are in place for the next semester's tuition payment plan?**

Spring semester starts January 14, 2008. January 18 is the last day to pay without late fees. A payment plan should be set up before January 18. Due dates, holiday breaks, and other important information can be found at [www.lcsc.edu/registrar/AcademicCalendars/](http://www.lcsc.edu/registrar/AcademicCalendars/).



**Please explain, in simple terms, how a loan works.**

Student loans, unlike grants and scholarships, are borrowed money and must be repaid with interest. Loans are legal obligations which require the student to sign a promissory note with the lender. Students must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credits), complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and meet other eligibility criteria in order to borrow.

Financial need is not a requirement to obtain a Stafford Loan. However, if you demonstrate financial need, the U.S. Dept. of Education will pay the interest that accrues on this loan during certain enrollment periods. The amount a student may borrow annually depends on dependency status, year in school and cost of attendance. These amounts are set by the U.S. Dept. of Education. For a dependent freshman student, the annual maximum for 2008-2009 is \$3,500.

If the person is a first-time student and a first-time borrower, the first disbursement is subject to a 30-day hold per Federal regulations. This hold pertains only to the first disbursement of the initial loan; following semester disbursements will not be subject to the 30-day hold.

Contact the Office of Financial Aid at (800) 933-5272 ext. 2224 or (208) 792-2224 [www.lcsc.edu/financialaid/](http://www.lcsc.edu/financialaid/)

# Fun Activities At LCSC—Always!

Does your student suffer from boredom while at school? If so, have him/her check out the Student Activities Department. Student Activities includes: Intramural and Recreational Sports, Outdoor Adventures, Warrior Entertainment Board, and Clubs & Organizations.

Intramural and Recreational Sports has numerous programs and activities offered this semester which includes: basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, table tennis, racquetball, golf, swimming, and many others.

Does your student enjoy the Outdoors? Outdoor Adventures is planning an exciting Spring Break Hike in the Pacific Northwest (additional fees apply). We offer a variety of one-day adventure trips, such as hiking, kayaking, or floating, on the beautiful Snake River and other locations. Outdoor Adventures through the Float n Tote Rental Center, has rafting, kayaking, and backpacking equipment for rental. Soon, we will have snowshoeing equipment.

The Warrior Entertainment Board regularly schedules comedians, musicians, magic acts, hypnotists, concerts, movies, speakers, and numerous other programs on and off campus. Most of the activities are free and open to the public. Why not join your student for a night of entertainment? Robert Channing, a mentalist, is scheduled for December 6 at 8 p.m. in the Williams Conference Center. Students

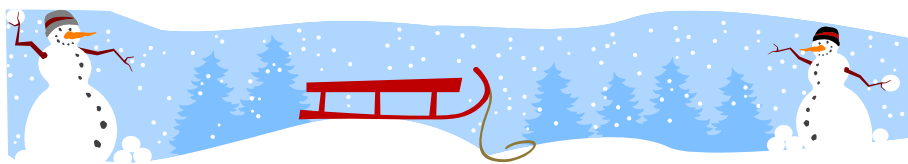


are also invited to participate in choosing the entertainment and to work "behind the scenes."

If your student is not interested in the above activities or programs, have him/her check out one of our many clubs or organizations. Would your student make a good radio DJ? If so, KLCZ, our student-owned station, is accepting applications for DJs. If your student is interested in

Student Government, ASLCSC is also accepting applications. If not, there are other clubs; Social Work, Social Science, Auto Mechanics, Welding, Accounting, and many others, over 50 in all.

So, if your student is bored, send him/her our way! I am sure we can find a cure for their boredom. We are located in the Student Union Building, room 208. Contact us by phone at (208) 792-2804 or by e-mail at [bllytle@lcsc.edu](mailto:bllytle@lcsc.edu).



## Student Counseling Services

Free confidential, personal counseling for LCSC students. Some of the student concerns that can be addressed in counseling include, but are not limited to: stress management, test anxiety, life transitions and depression. Counseling Services are located in Reid Hall, room #111, the Office of Student Life.

## 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 on campus at



the College Advancement Office.

You also have the opportunity to give them a special message in a small greeting card that will accompany the cake. Please print and complete the entire form, found online at the Alumni webpage, and send it to the College Advancement Office, 500 8th Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501.

Or email a copy to [rmolsen@lcsc.edu](mailto:rmolsen@lcsc.edu).

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

<http://www.lcsc.edu/alumni/alumni-benefits-05/cake-program.htm>

## What Is The Controller's Office?

The Controller's Office is the business and accounting office for Lewis-Clark State College and is responsible for receiving and expending funds for the College. We are located in the Administration Building, room 103.

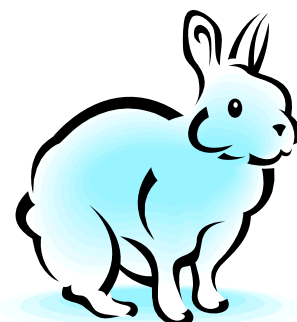
By registering for classes, students create a financial obligation. Fees can be paid with cash, check, financial aid, credit and debit cards. We accept VISA, MasterCard, Diner's Club Card and DISCOVER cards. Payments can be made over the phone by calling the Cashier at (208) 792-2351. Checks may be mailed to LCSC, c/o Controller's Office, 500 8th

Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501.

Approximately 10 days before semester begins, students may view their billing statement through their WarriorWeb account online. **Please be aware of fee payment and health insurance deadlines.**

If you have questions regarding fee payment, payment plans, late fees, availability of residual funds, or payment confirmation, please direct your call to the Controller's Office. Check our website at [www.lcsc.edu/controllersoffice](http://www.lcsc.edu/controllersoffice) for more details and new information.

What do you call ten Arctic hares hopping backwards through the snow together?



**A Receding Hare Line!**



# 7 Ways To Support Your College Student



The Office of Residence Life at LCSC has welcomed over 260 new residents into our residence halls this fall. We are excited about the year ahead and are in the midst of planning activities for students. The *7 Ways to Support Your Student at College...* Written below is part of a parent newsletter series that we provide on our website each month. Please feel free to check our website for information at: <http://www.lcsc.edu/reslife> at any time.

If you have mail or packages to send your student, please check the website for the mailing address. If you want to phone your student and do not have the room phone number, please call the office and we can transfer you; however, we cannot give out phone numbers.

## 7 Ways to Support Your Student at College While Fostering Self-Responsibility

Your involvement is essential to your student's success. Be interested, ask questions without prying too much and listen to what he/she has to say.

### Let Go a Bit.

You can't know where your student is every hour of the day—nor should you

have to keep track of that. Instead of quizzing him about where he's been, ask more general questions like "Have you gone anywhere interesting lately?" or "How have you been spending your free time?" so your student can share without feeling put on the spot.

### Keep Them in the Loop.

Even though your student is building a new life at college, it doesn't mean he/she should be cut off from what's happening back home. Share a balance of news to keep the connection strong—and to make sure your student focuses on people besides just him or herself, too! It's a time for transition as you and your student determine how to stay connected. Keep the lines of communication open, let mistakes be made and encourage your student to make decisions for him/herself. It's all part of the process, especially in this important first semester.

### Help Students Make Their Own Decisions.

When you say, "Well, what do you think you should do?" during a phone conversation, you're offering your support but, instead of jumping in with foolproof advice, you're helping your student figure out his/her own answer.

### Trust Your Student.

Let him/her know that you do. He/she'll likely feel more confident, supported and able to stand up for what he/she believes as a result.

### Communicate without Over-Communicating.

Check in with each other a few times each week via email or phone. However, don't feel like you need to touch base every day—there needs to be some space in between so your student can gain a sense of independence.

### Don't Solve Everything for Them.

The tendency to jump in and "take care of things" is natural. Yet, students need to start learning to do these things for themselves. So, try not to fix things—instead, ask questions like "What steps have you taken so far?" to help your student take the lead and take self-responsibility.

### Stay Involved.

Just because your student goes off to college doesn't mean he/she stops needing your input.

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## Important Health Alert



As you are aware, the topic of MRSA (Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus) is widespread. Conversations are endless and concerns are in an uproar. As of this writing no cases of MRSA have been seen or reported to Student Health. We are in the process of doing campus-wide education via the intranet, campus newsletter, and informational flyers for all students who want to be informed. The following information is a brief overview about the bacteria and will be helpful to you.

### What is MRSA?

The "super bug" is a bacterium that causes infections in different parts of the body. It is difficult to treat because it is resistant to some commonly used antibiotics. Most MRSA infections aren't

serious but some can be life threatening. Staph is a common bacterium that can live on our bodies but can be a problem if it manages to get into the body, often through a cut. Staph is one of the most common causes of skin infections in the U.S. Usually the infections are minor but can cause serious problems like infected wounds or pneumonia.

### Who gets MRSA?

MRSA is spread by contact—skin to skin, sharing drinking cups, eating utensils, sharing razors and towels. Crowded living conditions and poor hygiene also contribute to MRSA.

### Prevention:

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.

- Cover cuts and scrapes with a clean bandage.
- Do not touch other people's wounds or bandages and do not share personal items like towels or razors.
- Wipe down gym equipment before and after you use it.
- Dry clothes, sheets and towels in a dryer as this helps to kill the bacteria.

### Symptoms:

MRSA most often appears as a skin infection, like a boil or abscess. Many people who actually have a Staph infection often mistake it for a spider bite.

If you have any questions or concern please contact Student Health Services at (208) 792-2251.