

Lewis-Clark State College

First Friday Letter

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Dr. Tony Fernandez



Dear Friends,

The spring semester is in full swing and I can tell from the hustle and bustle I hear in the hallways that Lewis-Clark State College's faculty and staff are as busy as ever. For a college that just reported its 10th straight semester of record enrollment, this is to be expected.

I was very pleased to learn that LCSC's 10th day report showed a 1.3 percent increase in spring enrollment from a year ago. We are now at an all-time high of 4,269 students for this semester and a record mark of 2,995 in full-time equivalency. This stands as our fourth consecutive spring semester of over 4,200 students, and we have seen spring enrollment jump by 57 percent since 2001, when it was at 2,721. Our continued growth is a sign that the word is spreading about the high quality, student-centered, and affordable education LCSC can provide.

Enrollment at LCSC will be one of many topics we will discuss at a strategic planning session scheduled to be held on campus on Feb. 9-10. A broadly representative group composed of individuals from areas all across LCSC will meet for the two-day event and will be asked to analyze a number of topics including: the college's mission in the changing higher education environment, student success, instructional programs, outreach and public engagement, organization, communications, infrastructure, technology, and performance measures. This will be the start of a yearlong effort and I am certain that these meetings will help lay a foundation for the development of a strategic plan that will guide the college successfully into the future.

I am very appreciative of the efforts you all have made to help us reach another

milestone in enrollment, and I look forward to the many milestones yet to be achieved by the faculty and staff of Lewis-Clark State College.

Sincerely,

J. Anthony Fernández
President

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