

# Monday Message

March 6, 2023



Dear all,

Last Wednesday was the March 1 priority deadline for scholarships and financial aid for the fall 2023 semester. Through our Monday Message, the weekly student newsletter, and seemingly countless reminders from our Admissions and the Financial Aid Offices, both current and prospective students were encouraged to complete their free application(s) for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), submit the college's general scholarship application, and apply for the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship by this date. Doing so puts students in line to maximize their financial aid package opportunities.

The FAFSA makes students eligible for federal financial aid scholarships (Pell grants), student loans and work-study. With the coming year, the maximum Pell grant will increase by \$500, meaning that the students with the greatest financial need could receive \$7,395 in grant funds during the next academic year. Furthermore, our early FAFSA numbers look promising. We have approximately 100 more FAFSAs on file for the fall semester than we did at this time last year. As we continue to work with current and future students, be sure you know and they know about the many [financial resources](#) available to help them.

And, it's not too late – if students missed the priority date, there are still thousands of dollars of financial aid available for those who qualify. Even students who do not have high financial need may qualify for one type of student loan. And just “for the record” let me reiterate something I shared last week during President’s Council: **Only about half of our students take out student loans**, and among those who do and complete a bachelor’s degree, the average graduating student debt is \$18,000, which as you probably realize isn’t even half the cost of a new truck. LC State has consistently and persistently worked to keep college both accessible and affordable, and make obtaining a degree from LC State a truly great education value!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.  
President

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## Events

- **March 7 – Tuesday @ Two – Cancelled** due to President Pemberton’s travel schedule. Be sure to check the Monday Message weekly for schedule updates.
- **March 7 – Women’s Basketball** – The LC State women’s basketball team will play host to Simpson University at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the P1FCU Activity Center in the opening round of the NAIA National Tournament. If LC State wins, it will play Wednesday, also at home, against either Rocky Mountain College or Menlo University.
- **March 8 – Film Screening & Keynote** – At 6 p.m. at the Center for Arts & History, the film “Voices from the Field” will be shown, followed by a question and answer period with filmmaker Karen Day. Day will also give the Women’s History Month keynote earlier in the day at noon at Sacagawea Hall, Room 115. [More info.](#)

- **March 13-17 – Native American Awareness Week** – LC State’s 37th annual Native American Awareness Week will feature numerous events, presentations, a Friendship Banquet, and the Closing Powwow. [Click here for details.](#)
- **March 15 – Ask & Answer** – Ask & Answer will be held in the SUB over the noon lunch hour. The first 10 who join the conversation enjoy lunch paid for by the President.
- **March 23 – Faculty & Staff Recognition** – Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 23, at 2 p.m. for the Faculty & Staff Recognition Event to be held in the Williams Conference Center (While there is no perfect day/time, the scheduling of this event was coordinated inclusive of faculty input). The event will include a full ceremony and feature an ice cream sundae bar and other desserts. Please **[RSVP here by this Friday, March 10](#)**, so that an adequate food count can be provided. Come support your colleagues!

## Announcements

- **Cybersecurity Training:** The State of Idaho 2023 Annual Cybersecurity Statewide Training (emailed to all employees on March 1) is due by March 31 ([see flyer](#)). You can log into your account directly at [www.knowbe4.com](http://www.knowbe4.com). Email questions and requests for assistance to [cybertraining@dhr.idaho.gov](mailto:cybertraining@dhr.idaho.gov). Persons with disabilities may send reasonable accommodation requests to assist with completing this training to Janelle McDonald at [ada.coordinator@dhr.idaho.gov](mailto:ada.coordinator@dhr.idaho.gov) or 208-854-3077. Requests should be submitted by March 24.
- **HR Updates:**
  - **Training Tuesday:** A 25Live Training will be held on Tuesday, March 7, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in SAC 112. [Sign up here.](#)
  - **Jaggaer Training:** Training on the new eProcurement system, Jaggaer, will be held on Thursday, March 9, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. via Zoom. Learn how to shop, enter requisitions, and approve requisitions. [Sign up here.](#)
  - **First Annual Department/Division Chili Cookoff:** Join us anytime between 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, in RCH 202 to sample different chili recipes made by our very own employees! The winner will win the traveling chili cook-off trophy!
- **Did You Know?** A 2019 Regional Economic Impact Study showed why LC State is one of the economic pillars in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley, providing workforce, training and advanced human capital for all industries. Student, employees and the college combined for a total impact of \$118,400,000 and 1,833 jobs, according to the study. You can read the complete report at [www.lcsc.edu/president/economic-impact-study](http://www.lcsc.edu/president/economic-impact-study). Review this page and then [take this week’s quiz](#). If you’re one of the first 10 to answer right, you’ll win a prize (Swag prize location: President’s Office).
- **Song for the Week:** “[Money](#)” by Pink Floyd

