

Monday Message

April 10, 2023



Dear all,

Priority registration for our current students has begun! This means current students have an opportunity to register for fall 2023 classes and continue their education journey. If you have advisees but have not heard from them, reach out, track them down and review their course schedules and the progress they are making toward their degree. We cannot wait passively for students to contact us. We – You must reach out.

If advising students is not part of your “normal” work at LC State, you still play an important role in encouraging and supporting students in their continued journey. Be assertive. Be bold. Ask the students you meet if they have their fall 2023 schedules planned. Ask them if they have met with their advisors. Ask them if they need any help with the priority registration process. These efforts reveal what makes LC State so special – that personal touch and the genuine interest we take in our students’ educational pursuits.

A couple weeks ago the Lewiston Tribune printed a terrific article about LC State and our internationalized tennis program. If you haven’t read it, you’ll find it [here](#) (note: subscription required). The article described the connection Coach Kai makes with prospective student-athletes and the reasons they shared about choosing LC State. Their rationale for attending LC is a testament to exactly what we, as a campus community, have been working to engage in terms of personal outreach and connection – working to convert applications to enrollment for fall. For those who cannot access the article, here’s a quote from it.

“I think coach Kai had a lot to do with my decision (to play here),” said Daniel Tevez, a sophomore on the men’s team from El Salvador. “He’s the coach that wanted me the most. And I took into account the tennis program, my major, the city and I decided just to try something new here ... through the whole process, there were other schools, but coach Kai was the one who seemed a bit more not concerned with financial situations or stuff like that, or level of play. He just wanted to know you as a person, how you are and if you’re willing to work hard and put in the work, so that’s why I came here.”

So far, fall 2023 admission applications are up, and there are promising indications of an increase in new students for next year. Transfer and international student applications are up. Housing applications are holding even, and we have made more institutional scholarship offers than any time in the past. But, as our own student surveys tell us, it will be our direct outreach to these students that will make the difference. When these students get that note of encouragement or phone call from you, it tells them that they are valued and reinforces that our college is unique among the options they are considering. It quite literally says to them, to paraphrase Tevez’s comment, *we are the school that wants them the most*.

We can take nothing for granted when it comes to enrollment. The competition for students is strong. Our spring 2023 census data showed a slight decrease in our overall enrollment compared with last spring (down about 1% – which is still better than national trends among regional comprehensive institutions – but not the direction we must go). Now is our opportunity to fully reverse the pandemic enrollment trend. Nothing less than all our efforts, every one of us, every day, will be and are required. It is time to Warrior up!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **April 11 – Tuesday @ Two** – Tuesday @ Two continues via [Teams](#). Be sure to check the Monday Message weekly for schedule updates.
- **April 13 – Wellness & Health Screening Fair** – The Wellness & Health Screening Fair is Thursday, April 13, at 10 a.m.-1 p.m. outside the main entrance to the Student Union Building/Center for Student Leadership. A variety of free health tests will be available. The fair is open to the public and no appointment is necessary. The event is sponsored by the Physical Life, Movement & Sport Sciences Division and the Nursing & Health Sciences Division.
- **April 20 – CTE National Signing Day** – Career & Technical Education will hold its first NC3 National Letter of Intent Signing Day on April 20 at 10 a.m. The event will be held at the Williams Conference Center and will also be live streamed. This event is to welcome new and prospective CTE students who plan to enroll at LC State next fall and major in one of the college's 21 CTE programs. [News Release](#).
- **April 21 – Hike with Your Profs** – Join Outdoor Adventures and LC State professors for an afternoon hike at Hells Gate State Park on April 21 at 2-5 p.m. Transportation is provided and the event is free. [See flyer](#) for details.
- **April 21-23 – Art Under the Elms** – Join us for the 37th annual Art Under the Elms presented by LC State's Center for Arts & History. Admission is free and each day will feature special events. Learn more at www.lcsc.edu/cah/art-under-the-elms.

Announcements

- **Warrior Giving Day:** Thank you to everyone who worked to make our Warrior Giving Day a HUGE success (College Advancement, Athletics/WAA, etc.) – and that includes, most especially, those who donated during Warrior Giving Day 2023! Preliminary numbers show that LC State raised \$136,282 from 239 donors. Your generosity is appreciated. Visit www.lcsc.edu/warriorgivingday to learn more about the campaign. Go Warriors!
- **Employee Survey:** We invite you to share your work experience at LC State. By answering these questions, you will help us serve you and others during their employment. Your response is anonymous. The link to the survey will be sent in a separate email from "LC State News." Thank you for your consideration.
- **Faculty & Staff Recognition:** Congratulations to the award winners and thank you to the Office of the Provost for hosting and the LC State Foundation for sponsoring last week's event. Read the [news release](#) for details.
- **HR Updates:**
 - **Outlook Basics Training:** Two Outlook training sessions will be held on Tuesday, April 11, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in SAC 112. Learn more and sign up at www.lcsc.edu/hr/pdt.
- **Light Up Campus:** Do you want to be part of the group that coordinates the lighting of campus next winter? The group will meet on Friday, April 28, at 10 a.m. in the lower level of the SUB/CSL

by Jitterz. If you cannot attend the event and would like to be involved, please contact Debbie Kolstad at dqkolstad@lcsc.edu.

- **Did You Know?** LC State offers a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, which provides a student the opportunity to major in a unique program that can be tailored to meet specific career and academic goals. A student works with an advisory committee to develop a customized program that includes two broadly defined areas of study leading to an integrated educational objective. It is not a random collection of credits to degree completion. Learn more about Interdisciplinary Studies at www.lcsc.edu/liberal-arts-and-sciences/interdisciplinary-studies. 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: School of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean).
- **Volunteer for Art Under the Elms:** Art Under the Elms will be held April 21-23 and volunteers are needed to help with information booth staffing, selling T-shirts, taking film festival tickets, serving as ushers, and serving as crowd management/navigation. With supervisor approval, LC State employees can volunteer for up to two hours during designated work hours, or a supervisor can approve comp time if shifts are worked after hours. For more information email aue@lcsc.edu.
- **Volunteer for the World Series:** The 2023 Avista NAIA World Series is May 26-June 2 and volunteers are needed to take tickets, sell programs, help in the concession stands, and serve as ushers. With supervisor approval, LC State employees can volunteer for up to eight hours, for a maximum of two shifts, during designated work hours, or a supervisor can approve comp time if shifts are worked after hours. For more information visit <https://naiaworldseries.com/volunteer-intern>.
- **Song for the Week:** "[Waiting On the World to Change](#)" by John Mayer

