

Monday Message

Sept. 26, 2022



Dear all,

I want to share some **shoutouts and information updates**. First, special thanks and congratulations to Dean Ober, Assistant Dean Nelson, Division Chair Weeks and the CTE staff and faculty for their work coordinating and hosting a terrific week of Workforce Development Council and CTE meetings and conference. The Workforce Development Council has been instrumental in making the Schweitzer Career & Technical Center equipment purchases possible, as well as a more recent grant award of over \$1M that is making renovations and equipment upgrades for Diesel, Collision Repair and Welding possible, along with the creation and launch of our new Allied Health Hub in the Mechanical Technical Building. The CTE Connect Conference brought together 200-plus CTE educators (K-12 through college) for three-plus days of innovation sharing, curricular and programming updates and forecasting for the future. LC State was proud to showcase its facilities, faculty, staff and students in hosting these two important events.

Student Accounts update: Located in Reid Hall, Student Accounts is part of our Warrior OneStop. In early September, our director of Student Accounts, Ms. Kirstin Jeppsen, accepted a position outside of higher education. For the fall, Ms. Laura Hughes, director of Financial Aid, has agreed to serve as the interim director of Student Accounts (in addition to her ongoing role as director of Financial Aid). During this time, working with IT and drawing on the expertise of the Student Accounts and Financial Aid staff, Laura will seek to identify processing efficiencies and opportunities to automate some of the more manual processes in Students Accounts. We anticipate launching a search for a new, permanent director later this semester.

Adult Learner services & supports: One of LC State's successes during last year's legislative session was to secure funding to support an expansion of our programs and services for adult learners. Along with the addition of our Adult Learning coordinator, Ms. Dovie Willey, expansion included funding for a fulltime mental health counselor. Recognizing that adult learners often need classes and services at non-traditional times (i.e., after 5 p.m. and on weekends), Student Counseling has established expanded appointment hours. Counseling appointments are now available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday; AND 5-7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays; and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Additionally, as we move more live classes into the evenings and weekends and realize a larger non-traditional student presence on campus, other services will be examining their capacities to extend hours and be present for what we know will be a growing part of our student body – the adult learner.

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

P.S. Did You Know? LC State employees and students can get discounts on Dell laptops and desktops as well as possibly get Microsoft Office for free. Visit www.lcsc.edu/it to learn more about the discounts. 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 sponsor: Information Technology)

Events

- **Sept. 27 – Tuesdays @ Two** – Tuesdays @ Two continue via [Zoom](#). Be sure to check the Monday Message weekly for schedule updates (e.g., there will be no Tuesday @ Two on Oct. 3 due to the President's travel schedule).

- **Sept. 29 – Multicultural Discovery** – After a month full of great events, LC State’s final Multicultural Discovery event “Sharing Our Stories” will be held on Thursday from 12-1:15 p.m. via Zoom (702 671 5775).
- **Oct. 1 – Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Volleyball Match** – The Warrior Volleyball team is honoring individuals and families impacted by breast cancer Saturday, Oct. 1, at 5 p.m. when the team plays Corban University. The first 150 fans will receive a pink rally towel and pink ribbons will be available for all fans. Prior to the first serve, honored individuals will receive a pink carnation from the team to acknowledge the fight against breast cancer. Tickets are on sale now at www.lcwarriors.com. Go Warriors!
- **Oct. 3-7 – Mental Health Awareness Week** – Join us in celebrating [Mental Health Awareness Week](#) Oct. 3-7. There will be daily activities such as aromatherapy crafts, resource information, and even a free yoga session. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to take a break and join in a little stress-releasing fun.
- **Oct. 3-8 – Homecoming** – Mark your calendars for LC State’s Homecoming on Oct. 3-8! To receive a FREE Homecoming T-Shirt you must register! For the full schedule of events and to register visit www.lcsc.edu/homecoming.
- **Oct. 4 – Alumni Faculty & Staff Lunch** – Faculty and staff who are alumni of LC State are invited to attend a lunch in their honor. Please register by Wednesday, Sept. 28, to reserve your spot and be entered to win LC State swag. [Register here](#).
- **Oct. 6 – Career Fair** – We are proud to announce that on Oct. 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., LC State will host a record number of businesses and graduate programs for the Fall Career Fair. With over 75 entities expected, a record number of attendees is also needed. Students can register for the fair and see who’s coming through [Handshake’s](#) app. Faculty, staff, alumni and family members can see a list of businesses and graduate schools on our website (updated weekly): www.lcsc.edu/student-employment/lc-state-career-fair/registered-businesses-grad-schools. Remember, recruiters want to meet with our students and they also want to network with faculty and learn more about our programs.
- **Oct. 21 – Hike with your Profs** – 2-5 p.m. Friday Oct. 21. Plan to dress for the weather, wear sturdy athletic shoes, bring a bottle of water and be ready to enjoy a 3-4 mile, all ability-level hike with LC State faculty and staff. Special thanks to the Social Sciences Division and LC Outdoor Adventures for bringing the idea to life. The event details and sign-up sheet are live on LC’s [Outdoor Adventures webpage](#) (direct link to the sign-up form: https://lcsc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aaWOdhOnpj3wXMq).
- **Oct. 31, Dec. 7 – Ask & Answer** – Fall Ask & Answer sessions will be held in the SUB over the lunch hour. The first 10 attendees are hosted for lunch by the President.

Announcements

- **Coronavirus:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus. Our web-based information has been updated to include infectious disease resource information broadly; and includes the Fall 2022 Outlook document recently sent to students and the campus community. Note: we plan to maintain a supply of N95/KN95 masks, as well as rapid tests throughout the fall semester. **Additionally, on-campus vaccination/booster clinics have been scheduled through CHAS Health on Sept. 28 and Oct. 13.**

- Statement from President Pemberton: “***Vaccination remains a strong protection tool against severe illness associated with COVID-19. I am double-vaxed and double-boosted, and recently received my annual flu shot. I will be getting the omicron booster later this fall. I encourage folks to contemplate these protective options as part of your ongoing personal health care considerations.***”
- **Web Editor Training:** Does your department have/need a new web editor or perhaps you're a web editor who would like a training refresher? Web editor trainings will be held in October and occur quarterly. All new web editor requests must be approved by a vice president. To register for a training or for more information, email Web Coordinator Hailey Denton at hadenton@lcsc.edu.
- **Zoom License Renewal:** The renewal for LC State Zoom Licenses is due in early November. With the end of federal funding for the COVID-19 pandemic, which paid for the Zoom licenses, LC State is attempting to reduce annual Zoom costs. With the addition of Microsoft Teams for all employees, the college has an excellent toolset to augment Zoom and minimize duplication of expenses. Since Zoom offers a basic license for free, combining the two tools will help reduce our operational costs. Zoom licenses will be prioritized for instructional use and those leading statewide committees. Please [click here](#) to view how Zoom licenses will be allocated and answer questions on the difference between the basic and licensed Zoom accounts.
- **Budget Book:** LC State's FY2023 Budget Book is now available on the intranet at <https://intranet.lcsc.edu/budget-office> (accessible only on campus).
- **Online Giving:** The new LC State Foundation online giving page is live. To make a gift or direct others to make gifts, visit www.lcsc.edu/give and chose “make a gift.” For questions contact College Advancement.
- **Campus Song for the Week:** In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, “[Guantanamera](#)” by Celia Cruz

