

Monday Message

March 14, 2022



President's Message

Dear all,

As of this writing I don't have a full update on the higher education budget. Information shared last week remains true to our path forward and options; and I will update folks as I learn more. That said, given how much in the world these last months, years and now is troubling, challenging, frightening and even terrible, let me share a few words from Mahatma Gandhi speaking on humankind: "When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it – always."

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **March 15 – Tuesday at Two** – President Pemberton hosts Tuesday at Two on Zoom (<https://lscs.zoom.us/j/861031866>). Join the conversation. Note: this week's Zoom will be limited to 30 minutes to accommodate overlapping time commitments with our Native American Advisory Committee spring meeting.
 - **March 24 – Ask & Answer** – Ask & Answer is Thursday, March 24, in the SUB from noon-1 p.m. This is a live, in-person opportunity to visit with President Pemberton, ask questions and share information. President Pemberton will treat the first 10 students in attendance to a free lunch that day.
 - **April 8 – Faculty & Staff Recognition Event** – Mark your calendars for Friday, April 8, at 2 p.m. for the Faculty & Staff Recognition Event. The event will feature a full ceremony and dessert bar in the Williams Conference Center.
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Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit www.lscs.edu/coronavirus. In accordance with its [Operational Levels Matrix](#), LC State's current risk level is: Minimal.
 - **Cases Update:** Currently there are **0** active cases and **0** students in isolation in campus housing.
 - **Vaccine Availability:** To schedule an appointment with Public Health - Idaho North Central District visit www.idahoprepmod.com or call 208-799-3100.

- **Reporting Line:** The college is maintaining the COVID-19 reporting line for students, and employees should continue to contact Human Resource Services if they are positive for COVID-19 or a close contact. The college's Coronavirus Dashboard will continue to be updated at least through the end of the spring 2022 semester.
- **Surveillance Testing/Self-Screening:** The college is continuing with weekly surveillance testing. The free test kits are available at [several campus locations](#). Rapid tests are also available on a more limited basis to campus employees by contacting Human Resource Services. As we are "test driving" our mask optional/recommended protocol, it is even more important that people [self-screen for symptoms](#) of illness and test when symptoms surface.
- **Provost Search:** As announced in a previous [news release](#), a national search has resulted in four finalists for the position of provost/vice president for Academic Affairs being invited to campus in March. The finalists and the dates of their campus presentations are listed below. More information, and the opportunity to provide feedback, is available at www.lcsc.edu/position-search.
 - March 3 – Fredrick M. Chilson, Ph.D.
 - March 14, 3:30-5 p.m., Williams Conference Center – Michelle Kiec, DMA
 - March 17, 3:30-5 p.m., Silverthorne Theatre – Dirk Schlingmann, Ph.D.
 - March 22, 3:30-5 p.m., Williams Conference Center – Quincy A. Rose-Sewell, Ed.D.
- **Seeding Our Tomorrows:** The Movement & Sport Sciences Club is a great example of the many wonderful things happening in the Physical, Life, Movement & Sport Sciences Division.
 - On Feb. 25-26, the club took a group of seven students and two faculty to the annual meeting of the Northwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine and took first place out of 10 undergraduate teams in the Knowledge Bowl! The competition tested their knowledge in areas such as exercise physiology, biomechanics, exercise testing and prescription, nutrition, anatomy, and physiology, and included teams from schools such as Gonzaga University, Washington State University, and the University of Oregon. Check out the photo below and look for a feature on this on our website soon.
 - In addition, last week the Movement & Sport Sciences Club and its division hosted a group of middle and high school aged home-schooled students from the Pullman, Wash., area. The prospective students had the opportunity to tour campus and experience many of the scientific disciplines taught at LC State, including kinesiology, human biology, chemistry, physics, wildlife biology and non-medical sciences. See photo below.



- **Message from IT:** As the Information Technology department moves forward to meet the changing needs of the LC State community, the Administrative Computing Team (ACT) within the Information Technology department is making several changes.

- The first change centers around how ACT will prioritize and focus their work to meet the needs of LC State. The team will move from a work order-driven system to a project-based approach. The majority of the work performed by the team will be centered toward the completion of the myriad of IT projects defined and tracked through the President's Cabinet. The team will still address the college needs not included or aligned with projects, as time and resources allow. Starting immediately, if you have a need that would be addressed by ACT, enter a standard IT Help Desk Ticket rather than a work order. This will streamline how work is requested, prioritized, and tracked to completion.
 - The second change is that the Data Advisory Committee (DAC) and the Data Integrity Group (DIG) are decommissioned. The function DAC served will be met through an efficient work process, scheduled individual monthly meetings and quarterly team meetings between the Application Specialists and the Business Process Architect, and monthly summary reports sent to all Application Specialists. The focus of the work addressed through DIG will migrate to our new Vice President of Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness, Grace Anderson. These two groups, DAC and DIG, have proudly served the needs of the LC State community, and I thank them for all their hard work over the years.
- **Photo Contest:** Are you ready for spring? Capture your favorite things about spring and enter your photos into the SUB/CSL's First Signs of Spring Photo Contest. [Learn more and submit your photos online here.](#)
 - **March Madness:** Ready for the madness? March Madness begins this week and WEB and Intramurals are teaming up to run a bracket challenge and host watch parties. [Make your brackets today.](#) Watch parties will be hosted in the SUB/CSL from 12-2 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18, with all the games showing, free snacks and a chance for students to win prizes at all the watch parties.
 - **Outdoor Adventure Planning:** Curious what it takes to plan your own adventure? With spring break just around the corner, join Outdoor Adventures to learn what you can do to plan your own epic trip! On Friday, March 18, at 12-2 p.m. we will be covering where to go, equipment needed, weather considerations, Leave No Trace principles, and some of the local adventures you can take in the area. Stop by SUB 143 at 2 p.m. for this free workshop. [Register here.](#)
 - **Kayak Pool Sessions:** On March 22 there will be kayak sessions at the Aquatic Center in Clarkston at 7-8:30 p.m. for students, faculty and staff. This is a chance for kayakers to practice skills in the safety of a pool. Both first timers or seasoned pros welcome. [Register online](#) to reserve your spot, or contact outdooradventures@lcsc.edu or call 208-792-2670.
 - **Campus Song for the Week:** "[Imagine](#)" by John Lennon

