

Monday Message

April 4, 2022



President's Message

Dear all,

Priority Registration for summer and fall 2022 will begin next Monday, April 11, and will run through Thursday, April 14, for our current students. Now is the time to reach out to advisees you see in classes, hallways, offices, and on the courts and fields. Encourage them to get registered for summer/fall now, and guide them through the process of selecting their next schedule of courses. Early registration is the best way for students to obtain their most ideal schedule, and helps us get an idea about the health of our fall enrollment. As in the past, we are offering incentives to students who take advantage of next week's Priority Registration. Each day, one student (registered that day) will be awarded a \$250 LC State bookstore gift card. At the end of the week, the instructional division with the highest percentage of registered students will award one additional \$250 LC State bookstore gift card to a randomly selected registrant from their division. To help us celebrate and promote Priority Registration week, all staff and faculty are encouraged to wear LC State gear or LC State colors during the week. Our enthusiasm will make a difference.

For more information, visit www.lcsc.edu/registrar/student-information/register-for-classes. Help us make Priority Registration for summer and fall 2022 our most successful yet!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **April 5 – Tuesday at Two** – President Pemberton hosts Tuesday at Two on Zoom (<https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/861031866>). Join the conversation.
 - **April 8 – Faculty & Staff Recognition Event** – Lewis-Clark State College's Faculty & Staff Recognition Event will be held Friday, April 8, at 2 p.m. in the Williams Conference Center. It will include a full ceremony and dessert bar. Faculty nominees received a special invitation.
 - **April 22-24 – Family Weekend** – LC State's [Family Weekend 2022](#) is April 22-24. Held the same weekend as Art Under the Elms, the event will include a panel discussion, comedy show, a musical at the Silverthorne Theatre, and golf for the whole family. Register today to order your Family Weekend t-shirt.
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Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus. In accordance with its [Operational Levels Matrix](#), LC State's current risk level is: Minimal.

- **Provost Search:** As announced in a [news release](#) on Friday, Dr. Fred Chilson has been named the provost/vice president for Academic Affairs after a national search. “It’s my pleasure to welcome Dr. Fred Chilson to a permanent leadership position as provost/vice president for Academic Affairs,” President Pemberton said. “Dr. Chilson rose to the top from among a strong and varied finalist pool. In particular, Dr. Chilson’s solid background and expertise across the liberal arts and sciences, professional studies and career technical education, combined with an accomplished record of scholarly productivity and achievement, make him well-suited to provide academic leadership to and for LC State.”
- **Week of the Young Child:** April 2-8 is the Week of the Young Child, a national event celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. President Pemberton will present her official proclamation establishing LC State’s participation in this annual event to the KinderCollege on Tuesday April 5, at 10:30 a.m. The KinderCollege will be participating in the week-long celebration by holding activities related to the daily themes including Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday which will feature a documentary “No Small Matter,” covering the importance of early childhood education at noon in Sam Glenn 222. Everyone is invited.
- **Virtual Teacher Career Fair:** LC State’s Career Center has partnered with institutions throughout Idaho to host the first ever Statewide Virtual Teacher Career Fair, Friday, April 8, from 1-4 p.m. Students can register for this event through Handshake, then attend either one-on-one recruitment sessions or group informational sessions. Nearly 60 school districts throughout the state of Idaho and beyond are participating and want to meet our students.
- **Suicide Prevention:** The Student Counseling Center is supporting the Suicide Prevention of the Inland Northwest (SPIN) half-day professional conference scheduled for Friday, April 15, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. SPIN is a local nonprofit organization with the mission “to reduce stigma surrounding suicide and mental health in our region through education and awareness events and to reduce suicide deaths.” This is an in-person meeting occurring in the Williams Conference Center and there will be a continental breakfast available as well. SPIN provides a limited number of student attendance scholarships and those interested can email spinsuicideprevention@gmail.com to apply. [Registration flyer](#).
- **IT Updates:**
 - **Internet Explorer:** Microsoft has announced it will retire Internet Explorer on June 15, 2022. Faculty or staff who are still using that browser should transition to a more modern tool such as Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox. IT will be remotely disabling Internet Explorer starting April 13. If you or your department has a service that only works with Internet Explorer, please contact helpdesk@lcsc.edu for assistance.
 - **Restart Computers:** A reminder from IT to restart your computer once a week to install pending updates from Microsoft and other software developers. Restarting provides a secure computing environment at LC State by ensuring that all patches are applied. Starting on April 6, computers that haven’t been restarted in seven days will receive a message to restart.
- **Outdoor Adventures Rental Center is Open:** The Rental Center has a wide variety of equipment from tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, kayaks, SUPs and more! Find more information on the [Rental Center website](#), call 208-792-2670, or email outdooradventures@lcsc.edu.
- **Backcountry Cooking:** Join Outdoor Adventures on Friday, April 8, at 2-3:30 p.m. in SUB 143 for a backcountry cooking workshop. Some easy recipes will be shared along with equipment and packing tips. The cost is \$5 and you can eat what you make! [Sign up](#).

- **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.](#)
- **Sodexo Contact:** With the departure of Tim Wheeler, LC State has a new temporary contact for catering on campus. Teissa Oxford will be available to assist in the planning stages of catered events, assist with ordering via the online portal (Catertrax), as well as address catering questions or concerns. She can be reached at 360-201-9109 or Teissa.oxford@sodexo.com.
- **CEC modeling** is underway in response to meetings and guidance provided last week from both the Idaho Division of Human Resources and the Division of Financial Management. Details will be shared as soon as there is an approved CEC distribution model. Stay tuned.
- **Seeding Our Tomorrows:** President Pemberton recently formed four groups within President's Council and charged them with reviewing specific sections of LC State's annual student survey with the goal of finding ways to better recruit, convert, retain, and serve students. The Dogwood Group looked at sections regarding demographics and presented some of its finding at the last Council meeting on March 21. Noteworthy items included:
 - 80% of survey takers were pursuing a bachelor's degree and it was noted that, despite some unemployment trends nationally, over 95% of LC State's graduates are successfully placed in jobs, graduate schools, military, or other areas.
 - 30% of survey takers were non-traditional students, a population that LC State serves well and will continue to focus on with prior learning assessment opportunities, online courses, and shortened eight-week courses.
 - 25% of survey takers lived in LC State housing and expressed high satisfaction levels with safety and housing availability, however, some expressed a dissatisfaction with food variety and quality. While dissatisfaction with food is commonplace in higher ed, strategies were named and discussed that might help improve this area.
 - The top two concerns among survey takers were finances and balancing competing commitments. Automatic merit-based scholarships and financial aid services and strategies were reviewed and discussed.
 - 75% of survey takers were female. It was noted that only 35% of LC State's student body is male and that this could represent an underserved population and area for potential enrollment growth.
- **Campus Song for the Week:** "[Have You Ever Seen the Rain?](#)" by Creedence Clearwater Revival.

