

Monday Message

April 11, 2022



President's Message

Dear all,

CEC: We have submitted a proposed distribution model (we believe compliant with guidelines and consistent with previously expressed campus priorities and preferences). No word yet on approval, so nothing to share as at this time. Hopefully by next week's message – stay tuned.

Faculty/staff Recognition Event: We had a wonderful Friday afternoon event, during which exceptional efforts and achievements among and by our faculty and staff were recognized and celebrated. Congratulations to all our honorees and special thanks to Ms. Vicki Cooper, Ms. Lori Ruddell and Mr. Adam Ashford for their planning and preparatory work!

Recruitment, Conversion and Retention: This month is critical for our all-in efforts to make sure current/returning students register for summer/fall, and our strong pool of admitted students is converted into new registrations for fall. April 15 is the scholarship acceptance deadline for our academic merit-based awards (Presidents, Provosts and Deans scholarships, see: www.lcsc.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships-and-waivers). As of this message, over the past weeks I have personally have made 229 calls to prospective students being offered a [Presidential Scholarship](#). While most often messages were left, I had a fair number of conversations with prospective students and/or their parents – congratulating them on their acceptance to LC State and most especially for being offered this prestigious scholarship because of their outstanding academic achievements. I took pride in encouraging them to attend LC State and letting them know I looked forward to the possibility of having them join us as Warriors.

Commencement 2022: If you have not done so already, please review information available on the website regarding our three ceremony plans for May. Ceremonies will be held at Harris Field, unless inclement weather dictates otherwise, in which case they will be moved into the P1FCU Activity Center. Any weather-dictated change will be communicated not later than Wednesday, May 11.

Summer Communication: The Monday Message will continue through the summer. Please stay tuned-in to these updates. Tuesdays at Two will pause for the summer after our May 10 meeting. These open office hours will resume August 30 (via zoom), and continue as announced in weekly Monday Messages.

The Fall 2022 All-Campus Meeting will be moved to Wednesday Aug. 17 (instead of its historical Thursday afternoon day/time). This is so that department/division meetings, retreats, etc. can be scheduled after the all-campus meeting and incorporate campus-community updates, initiatives, etc. The meeting will be held live in the Silverthorne Theatre beginning tentatively at 3 p.m., and followed by the Faculty Association meeting and all-campus reception in the President's Residence backyard.

Best to all, happy spring; and remember to wear LC gear throughout this Priority Registration week!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **April 12 – Tuesday at Two** – This week’s Tuesday at Two is cancelled as President Pemberton will be attending a presentation by general education assessment coordinators at the Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) at 2-3 p.m. The coordinators will discuss recent assessment efforts in their respective discipline areas and also introduce faculty to the Canvas page that’s been created as an orientation, depository for data, and assessment data collection tool for LC State’s general education program. The session will be in-person in the Library CTL and also on [Zoom](#).
 - **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.
- **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.
- **Culture of Pakistan:** Want to learn about this country known for its diverse and interesting culture? Stop by SUB 143 on Monday, April 11, between 12-2 p.m. in SUB 143 to ask questions and learn more. Presented by the International Students Club.
- **Skills Builder:** You want it? Say so! Join Dr. Tynslei Spence-Mitchell on Tuesday, April 12, at 3 p.m. for a workshop on negotiating. Join the viewing party in SUB 143 or join in on [Zoom](#).
- **Earth Day Hike:** Want to get outside and enjoy the sunshine? Join Outdoor Adventures for a day hike to Puffer Butte on April 22. Sitting among the pine trees in the Blue Mountains, Puffer Butte is about a 3.5 mile loop that features amazing vistas and views. Participants will meet in front of the Williams Conference Center at 8:45 a.m. and plan to leave LC State by 9 a.m., returning by 2 p.m.
- **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.

- **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.
- **Seeding Our Tomorrows:** President Pemberton recently formed four groups within President's Council and charged them with reviewing sections of LC State's annual student survey with the goal of finding ways to better recruit, convert, retain, and serve students. The Rose Group looked at sections regarding delivery methods, internet and devices used, and COVID-19. Noteworthy items included the following.
 - Only 47% of survey takers who attend face-to-face classes in Lewiston said they are comfortable taking classes online, while just 68% of those who attend online said they're comfortable taking classes face-to-face.
 - Action/takeaway: Some students prefer face-to-face, and some prefer online. Either way, what appears key is that students get what they sign up for in terms of the expected mode of course delivery.
 - 79% said their internet is fast enough for school-related needs; and 92% said a laptop is very useful for doing school work.
 - Action/takeaway: A continued focus on student technology needs (internet, laptops, etc.) is important, and perhaps even more information and training should be considered. An idea would be to provide incoming students with technology requirements for their classes and programs and to assist students with technology at orientation. Comprehensive course use of Canvas and student information/orientation associated with navigating Canvas are key.
 - 61% said they have been vaccinated, and 10% said they plan to be vaccinated. Interestingly, this aligns with our voluntarily disclosed employee vaccination rate of approximately 71%. Go, Warriors!
 - 67% said their greatest concern with COVID-19 is its impact on the elderly.
- **Campus Song for the Week:** "[That's What Friends Are For](#)" by Dionne Warwick, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Gladys Knight.

