

Monday Message

Feb. 22, 2021



President's Message: Dear all, consistent with the past weeks, this message shares final excerpts from 2021 legislative testimony/presentation given on behalf of LC State. The JFAC committee is scheduled to establish legislative recommendations for the higher education budgets next week (March 3). I and we, remain hopeful for an outcome of support for the Governor's budget recommendations, to the benefit of our students, community, region and state.

To close ... Thank you for the support we received last year – YOU made the Schweitzer Career & Technical Education Center a reality; and thank you for your ongoing support of efficient and effective higher education in Idaho and the unique role that Lewis-Clark State College plays. I will leave you with some bright spot highlights, points of pride and examples of new and next step initiatives we are engaging.

Signature Certificates, which derive from and build upon our Do More campaign. This initiative works to narrow the divide between CTE and “academic” programs. Literally knitting together CTE and “academic” courses (CTE and entrepreneurship, web and writing, cyber, business law and HR) creating boundary crossing certificates that can be embedded within two- or four-year programs as well as stand alone.

100% experiential – connecting learning to life v.2.0. Last year I shared that we verified 100% of LC State associate and bachelor's degree programs include a “connecting” experience (defined to include internships, practica, clinicals, apprenticeships, service learning, research, etc.). Now, we are taking it a step further. We are implementing a co-curricular portfolio that helps students track experiential engagements outside of the classroom (student leadership positions and experiences, participation in campus events and programming). Ultimately creating a co-curricular transcript that tracks the industry identified competencies of analytical/quantitative skills, leadership, teamwork, and problem solving. And, we are pairing this with our new LC State Leadership micro-credential aligned with and through Idaho's *SkillStack* program.

At LC State, we are coordinating, connecting and leveraging education opportunities from certificates and micro-credentials, Workforce Training, CTE, associate and bachelor's degree programs, and soon beyond. We are incredibly proud to be serving our education mission to the benefit of students, communities and Idaho; helping to develop “...*successful leaders, engaged citizens, lifelong learners...*” truly connecting college to career and ever important learning to earning!

Events

- **Feb. 23 – Tuesdays at Two** – President Pemberton's Tuesdays at Two will continue through Zoom (<https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/861031866>). All are welcome to join the conversation.
- **March 5 – Women's Leadership Conference** – The Women's Leadership Conference (a faculty, staff and student volunteer event) will be held virtually on March 5, 2021. [Register for event.](#)
- **April 9 – Faculty & Staff Recognition** – Mark your calendars for the Faculty & Staff Recognition Event on Friday, April 9, at 12:30 p.m. This year's event will be held in the Silverthorne for the

award recipients (contingent upon COVID-19 realities). The campus community will be invited to watch via live stream.

Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus. The page will continue to be updated with resources and FAQs. In accordance with its [Operational Levels](#), LC State's current risk level is: Minimal.
 - **Cases Update:** Currently there is **one** active case and **no** students in isolation in campus housing. The college has had **20** confirmed cases this spring. For the latest numbers visit the coronavirus webpage.
- **RRF Process Update:** In accordance with LC State's usual processes, Functional Area Committee (FAC) representatives presented Resource Request Form (RRF) recommendations to President's Cabinet this afternoon. These recommendations are under review and consideration as we move through Idaho's Legislative and related budget and tuition setting processes. Funding decisions will be finalized and communicated by June 1. Thank you to all who have engaged in this important campus-wide process.
- **Zoom:** All campus Zoom licenses have been upgraded to allow 300 attendees in a meeting. This is a permanent change.
- **New Website:** While the new website launched without a hitch and is receiving excellent reviews, please note that the search function within the site may take some time to fully transition from the old site to the new. This transition is dependent upon standard Google processes that are out of LC State's hands, and some lag is to be expected.
- **AUE, Commencement, World Series:** Protocol-compliant versions of Art Under the Elms (April 23-25), multiple commencement ceremonies (May 14), and the Avista NAIA World Series (May 28-June 4) are being planned. Plan execution and delivery will be dependent upon Public Health and State guidelines. Stay tuned for more information and details over the coming weeks.
- **HR Updates:** For Warrior Wellness and Professional Development opportunities [view this week's flyer](#). Also, the PA and PRC forms have been updated and can be accessed on the [HR Forms](#) page.
- **Cybersecurity Training:** On Feb. 16, all employees should have received an email from cybertraining@dhr.idaho.gov to complete an updated Cybersecurity Training. Please do not discard this email as spam. This is a legitimate email and action will need to be taken as this training completion is due March 31, 2021.

