

Monday Message

March 22, 2021



President's Message

Sometimes, maybe even often these past months, we have lamented about what we haven't been able to do and the protocol restrictions we have been compelled to live by. That said, there has been and remains much that we can and are doing. And to that end, I thought I would share a-day-in-the-life at LC State – **just one day** – Friday, March 19, to be specific.

Of course there was paperwork to take care of and meetings to attend. There were faculty and students in classes, with lectures and discussions held, group work engaged and learning taking place. And, there was also...

A fiercely contested, wonderfully intense LC State women's basketball NAIA Round 16 game against Campbellsville University (KY). The Warrior women did not prevail, but played with heart and determination to and through the final minutes of the game.

This week's campus song played over the noon hour on the Harris Field speakers (Cat Stevens, "Wild World").

We concluded a meaningful and memorable **34th annual Native American Awareness Week**, with closing ceremonies recognizing and honoring LC alum the Rev. Dr. Mary Jane Miles as the Lifetime Achievement Awardee, followed by our Native American Club scholarship raffle finale.

LC State nursing faculty and students shared their time and expertise conducting hundreds of mid-nasal swab COVID-19 tests for students and employees – as we continue to engage surveillance testing to help keep our campus community safe and thriving. [Update: We've received results from Friday's tests and so far 187 out of 187 have come back negative! Way to go, Warriors!].

The afternoon progressed with the No. 4 ranked Warrior men's basketball team defeating Oklahoma Wesleyan to advance to the NAIA quarterfinals. [Update: they won again on Saturday and play in the semifinals tonight at 6 p.m., PDT!].

Led by a dozen indoor track and field All-Americans, our women's and men's track and field teams broke records and qualified for outdoor nationals at a meet in Spokane; our No. 24 ranked men's tennis team opened a weekend of tune-up exhibition play against teams from the Community Colleges of Spokane; volleyball played strong against Corban on the road; and baseball took down the College of Idaho Yotes.

Closer to home, student health and wellness offered on-campus stress reduction workshops and presentations to help students navigate the semester midpoint.

So, **lest you think that the full college experience isn't happening, think again.** We may be living through and with challenging circumstances, but Warriors are indomitable. Warriors don't passively endure, they find a way forward. Warriors stay strong. Which is exactly what we have been, are, and will keep doing.

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **March 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.
 - **April 7 – Ask & Answer** – Mark your calendar, President Pemberton will host Ask & Answer on Thursday, Feb. 11, from noon-1 p.m. on [Zoom – 891-7023-0140](https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/89170230140).
 - **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 Zoom](#).
 - **April 23 – LC Connection** – [LC Connection](#), a preview event for prospective high school students, will be held on Friday, April 23. Please join the Admissions Office in welcoming these students to our beautiful campus by wearing LC State attire and your nametags. You may even consider a welcome sign in your office or lobby, providing giveaways that highlight your program, or adding a welcome slide to monitors in your buildings. Please contact the Admissions Office if you have any questions.
 - **May 14 – Commencement** – LC State's 2021 [Commencement](#) ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 14, at Harris Field. [Read this letter sent to graduates \(PDF\)](#) for details.
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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 are **two** active cases and **one** student in isolation in campus housing. The college has had **24** confirmed cases this spring. For the latest numbers visit the coronavirus webpage.
 - **Vaccine Availability:** Public Health - Idaho North Central District has opened vaccine availability to ages 35 and over. To schedule an appointment visit www.idahoprepmod.com or call 208-799-3100.
- **Volunteer for Commencement:** Volunteers are needed for LC State's three [commencement](#) ceremonies on May 14 at Harris Field. Those interested are asked to obtain supervisor approval and then reach out to Caroline Hatfield in the Office of the Provost at cshatfield@lcsc.edu or 208-792-2213.
- **CAH Director Position Search:** The following candidates for the position of Director of the Center for Arts & History will give campus presentations on Friday, March 26, at this Zoom link: <https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/96063886594>.
 - Dr. Renee Holt, 9-10 a.m.
 - Katy McAlary, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 - Emily Johnsen, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- **CTL Director Position Search:** Center for Teaching & Learning director candidate, Dr. Marlowe Daly-Galeano, will deliver a campus presentation via Zoom (<https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/84307379756>) on Thursday, April 1, at 3:15 p.m. She will discuss her vision for the future of LC State's CTL.

- **Mental Health Resource:** There's a new mental health resource available for all LC State students, faculty and staff. Therapy Assisted Online (TAO) includes over 150 brief, effective, self-help educational sessions covering over 50 common topics and skills related to mental health, wellness, and substance use issues. TAO includes interactive sessions, mindfulness exercises and practice tools all aimed at helping you achieve your goals. [Learn more and register for an account online](#). Contact the Student Counseling Center at counseling@lcsc.edu or 208-792-2211 if you have questions.
- **Advance Registration, April 12-15:** Advance Registration Week is just around the corner with April 12-15 reserved for current students. Now is the time to reach out to advisees and students you see on campus to put this on their radar. Early registration is not only the best way for students to obtain their most ideal schedule, it is the best way for us to begin measuring the health of our fall enrollment. As an added incentive for students, each day one student (who 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 one randomly selected registrant from their division. Students living in LC State housing can take part in the Battle of the Halls. The hall with the highest percentage of registrants will be awarded a special Sodexo meal to celebrate their victory. To help us celebrate Advance Registration week, all staff and faculty are encouraged to wear LC gear or LC colors during the week. For more information, visit www.lcsc.edu/registrar/student-information/register-for-classes. Help us make Advance Registration for fall 2021 our most successful week yet!
- **HR Updates:** For Warrior Wellness and Professional Development opportunities [view this week's flyer](#).
 - Warrior Wellness Week is April 5-9. For more information and to register for events, visit www.lcsc.edu/hr/wellness/lc-state-wellness-week.
- **Cybersecurity Training:** On Feb. 16, all employees should have received an email from cybertraining@dhr.idaho.gov to complete an updated Cybersecurity Training. This is a legitimate email and action will need to be taken as this training completion is due March 31, 2021.

