## Monday Message May 10, 2021



## **President's Message**

Dear all,

We made it! This week, Friday, we will celebrate the academic achievements of our graduates. The 2021 graduating class totals 746 students who have earned 855 degrees and/or certificates! Over the course of our three commencement ceremonies 500 are expected to walk, including 56 graduates from the 2020 class (see <a href="https://www.lcsc.edu/graduation/ceremony-events">www.lcsc.edu/graduation/ceremony-events</a> for details and information regarding times, line-up, livestreaming, etc.).

This is no small accomplishment for our students, their families, our faculty and staff. We rose to the challenge. We met the moment. We persevered and endured, we worked together and we succeeded. It is with both pride and appreciation that I commend you. Well done, Warriors. Well done!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D. President

## **Events**

- May 11 Tuesdays at Two President Pemberton's Tuesdays at Two continue through Zoom (<u>https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/861031866</u>). All are welcome to join the conversation. Special Guest: Human Resource Services. There will be no Tuesday at Two next week (May 18).
- May 14 Commencement LC State's 2021 Commencement ceremonies will be held Friday, May 14, at Harris Field Rain or Shine! For more information and to watch the ceremonies live online visit <u>www.lcsc.edu/graduation</u>.
  - Parking: To help keep the 6th Street parking lot available for commencement, Campus Security asks employees to instead park in the 4th Street parking lots or in the Library parking lot on May 14.
  - **Faculty instructions:** Faculty will be receiving an email from the Office of the Provost with commencement information, including when to arrive.

## Announcements

- Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level: For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit <u>www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus</u>. In accordance with its <u>Operational Levels</u>, LC State's current risk level is: Minimal.
  - Cases Update: Currently there are no active cases and no students in isolation in campus housing. The college has had 28 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 all ages. To schedule an appointment visit <u>www.idahoprepmod.com</u> or call 208-799-3100. <u>COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ (PDF)</u>.
- LC State protocols will remain in place <u>at least</u> through mid-May: Ongoing protocol decisions will continue to be guided by science and safety, with summer modifications (see the <u>Summer 2021 Outlook</u> for details) in effect May 17-Aug. 6 (aligned with summer hours). Reminder: fall 2021 protocols will be determined and posted late summer.
- Center for Teaching & Learning Director: Dr. H. Marlowe Daly-Galeano has been selected as director of the Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL), beginning July 1. Daly-Galeano, an associate professor, joined the LC State Humanities Division in 2012, and was appointed assistant to the chair in 2015. She serves as the director of the interdisciplinary Hells Canvon Institute, collaborating with the Nez Perce Tribe, Nature Conservancy, and Idaho Fish and Game, among others, to provide a hands-on, field school for students from all disciplines. Daly-Galeano earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Spanish and Creative Writing and Comparative Literature from the University of Michigan, a graduate certificate in Gender and Women's Studies, as well as a Master of Arts and a doctorate in English, from the University of Arizona. Part of Daly-Galeano's vision for the CTL is forging relationships across campus, and supporting and providing mentorship opportunities for faculty. The Center for Teaching & Learning was established in 2014 by then president, Tony Fernandez, to promote teaching excellence for LC State faculty, to serve as a resource for K-12 teachers, to support student success, retention, and completion, and to be a partner in advancing education reform in the state of Idaho. Dr. Rachel Jameton served as the CTL's inaugural director. She will transition to teaching and leadership roles within the newly formed sciences division, beginning in August.
- Volunteer for the World Series: LC State employees who receive supervisor approval, can volunteer for up to two shifts at the Avista NAIA World Series, May 28-June 4 at Harris Field, this spring without using vacation time. Volunteers are needed to sell and take tickets, sell programs, help in the concession stands, and serve as ushers. To register to volunteer online visit naiaworldseries.com. For questions, contact Caelyn Orlandi at naiav@lcsc.edu.
- HR Updates:
  - o <u>May Newsletter</u>
  - o Warrior Wellness and Professional Development flyer
  - Summer hours will be in effect beginning Monday, May 17, through Friday, Aug. 6. See intranet for details.
  - Open Enrollment ends this Friday, May 14. Please view the short <u>Open Enrollment</u> video on the Office of Group Insurance website for more information.
  - Summer Fun: We all had so much fun at Employee Appreciation Day that we are going to continue the fun through the end of summer! Mark your calendar from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for the Summer Concert Series: June 9 (Dan Faller), June 23 (Marcos Dominguez), July 14 (Marty and Sherry Lukenbill), July 28 (TJ Richardson), and Aug. 11 (Rewind Rock Band). In addition to a band, we will be having a department cornhole tournament so email HR nominating your two people from your department to get in on the tournament fun. More information will be coming in the next couple weeks!

