

# Monday Message

Sept. 27, 2021



## President's Message

Dear all,

In a little over a week, LC State will host a **COVID-protocol compliant** Career, Internship & Graduate School Fair. Recruiters from businesses and graduate schools will arrive on campus to meet with our students and build relationships with faculty and staff. Please join me on Oct. 7th in welcoming folks to the Career Fair, and perhaps take a break during the day to walk through the Activity Center and thank the organization representatives for coming to campus. I also ask that you encourage your students to explore the opportunities offered by these organizations, remind them of the many resources they have on campus to launch their post-LC State careers including [Handshake](#), the [Leadership Development Program](#), and the benefit of a student-focused, student-centered educational experience.

The Career Fair is a tradition that was re-launched in 2019, was held virtually in 2020, and once again will be held in person in the Activity Center next week. With a firm foundation laid, we are now building on the success of past fairs and expanding the event to include an additional component for our region's high school students. This year, we have invited high school students to participate in "The High School Career Expo," showcasing future career options and connecting LC State's programs with individual's goals.

On Oct. 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., we will build new relationships, continue to *seed our tomorrows*, and demonstrate once again how we connect learning to life and college to career!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.  
President

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## Events

- **Sept. 7-30 – Multicultural Awareness Month Events** – Visit [www.lcsc.edu/multicultural-awareness](http://www.lcsc.edu/multicultural-awareness).
  - **Sept. 24-Dec. 10 – Center for Arts & History Exhibit** – The Center for Arts & History is featuring [The Land of Persepolis: Introducing Persian Culture to the West](#). This multi-month exhibit will include related public programming ranging from cooking demonstrations, to film director conversations, to calligraphy, to music and dance performances. Treat yourself to the opportunity (live and/or virtual) to experience the "aesthetic beauty and rich traditions of Persian culture..." (<https://www.lcsc.edu/cah/exhibits>).
  - **Sept. 28 – Tuesday at Two** – President Pemberton's Tuesdays at Two continue through Zoom (<https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/861031866>). All are welcome to join the conversation.
  - **Oct. 7 – Career Fair** – LC State's [Career, Internship, & Graduate School Fair](#) is Thursday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Activity Center.
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## Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit [www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus](http://www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus). In accordance with its [Operational Levels Matrix](#), LC State's current risk level is: Moderate.
  - **Cases Update:** Currently there are **6** active cases and **1** student in isolation in campus housing.
  - **Reporting Line:** If someone believes they were exposed to someone with an active case of COVID-19 or believes they are infected themselves, they should contact the campus COVID-19 Reporting Line at 208-792-2002 for guidance.
  - **Vaccine Availability:** To schedule an appointment with Public Health - Idaho North Central District visit [www.idahoprepmo.com](http://www.idahoprepmo.com) or call 208-799-3100.
  - **Continuing Weekly Testing:** LC State will plan to continue its weekly surveillance testing program through the fall semester (assuming the state supply of tests continues to be available), and is working to implement onboarding testing during the month of January for the spring semester.
  - **Vault Tests Accuracy:** The Vault Test is a saliva-based, RT-qPCR test that detects specific genes from the SARS-CoV-2 virus – the virus that causes COVID-19. The test is very sensitive to the presence of SARS-CoV-2, with 98% of tests providing either a positive or negative result. The test can detect fewer than 10 copies of viral genes per milliliter of saliva and can detect the virus within two days of infection. Because it tests specific to SARS-CoV-2, it does not test for the flu.
  - **Staff/Offices Tasked with Distributing Masks:** The college has a limited supply of masks to provide when people forget or otherwise need them, but these are primarily intended for campus guests who were not aware of the campus mask policy before coming to campus. Offices that are distributing face masks should be mindful of this and monitor how often an individual student is coming in to get a one-time use face mask. Individual judgment about distributing a mask to current students more than once will be respected but it is perfectly acceptable to send a student back to their vehicle, apartment, or dorm room to retrieve their own masks if they make repeated requests.
- **Student Survey:** Students have been sent the annual Student Survey. Please encourage students to respond. Responses will help us better support and serve our students. The survey will close Monday, Oct. 11, at 5 p.m. Results of the last annual all student survey can be found on the [intranet](#).
- **NWCCU Midcycle Review:** In August, LC State submitted its NWCCU (regional accreditation) Midcycle Report. An evaluation of our status towards Mission Fulfillment by representatives of NWCCU will take place in October. An important part of that review is an institutional self-review of student achievement using comparative peer data and disaggregating by institutionally meaningful categories of students (e.g., race/ethnicity, gender, first generation status and socio-economic status). If you want to learn more about what was found during this institutional self-reflection, join us at the PDT scheduled for Sept. 27, at 3:30-4:30 p.m. Drs. Fred Chilson, interim vice president of Academic Affairs, and Grace Anderson, director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness, will share what was found in anticipation of the NWCCU review scheduled to take place on Oct 11-12. More information on how to attend can be found at [www.lcsc.edu/hr/pdt](http://www.lcsc.edu/hr/pdt).
  - Presentation today (3:30-4:30 p.m.): [Zoom link](#) | Password: DataNerd
- **Donate Paint:** An LC State art class will be painting a new mural on the exterior of KinderCollege and paint is needed. To donate paint you may have sitting in your garage collecting dust, email KinderCollege Director [Alex Briggs](#). Gray and other primary colors would be particularly helpful.

- **Dental Hygiene Patients:** The North Idaho College dental hygiene program housed at LC State is now taking patients. If you have dental health needs and are interested in low-cost treatment and supporting these students, please consider making an appointment. LC State students and employees are welcome. For more information contact the Lewiston Clinic ([DHclinicL CSC@nic.edu](mailto:DHclinicL CSC@nic.edu), 208-792-2930) or the Coeur d'Alene Clinic ([DHclinicNIC@nic.edu](mailto:DHclinicNIC@nic.edu), 208-929-4002).
- **Seeding Our Tomorrows:** "Tuesday of this week, Dr. Traci Birdsell and I will build upon our [Clearwater Valley TRIO Talent Search](#) program (a federal grant program hosted by LC State, that was renewed in August for another five years) and travel to Weippe, Idaho, to present to a Timberline High School junior and senior assembly on the importance of going to college, what it means to be a first-generation student, the skills students need to be successful in postsecondary education, and the many services and supports LC State has to offer. We are both excited to visit with these high schoolers!" – President Pemberton
- **Wi-Fi Hotspots:** Wi-Fi hotspots were expanded and upgraded spring/summer 2021 to better support LC State students and employees. Most LC State parking lots have enhanced Wi-Fi, as do our Grangeville and Orofino centers.
- **Weekly CTL Email:** To receive the weekly Center for Teaching & Learning email, please [email Dr. Marlowe Daly-Galeano](#) with "CTL email" as the subject line.
- **Campus Song for the Week:** "[Hit Me With Your Best Shot](#)" by Pat Benatar.
- **HR Updates:**
  - This week's [PDT/Wellness Flyer](#)
  - New [homeowner benefit](#) with Axia Home Loans
  - Nominations for the Willing and Outstanding Warrior (WOW) award are due on Thursday. [Nominate an employee](#) who has gone "above and beyond!"
  - All mandatory compliance training is due Friday, Oct. 1
  - Swing by HR to verify your vaccine card!

