

Monday Message

Aug. 14, 2023



Dear all,

As we ramp up for the semester and prepare to bring students back on campus, I wanted to share some updates. It is my hope to empower staff and faculty who encounter students and families these next few days with accurate information. As you may be aware, led by our outstanding admissions and advising folks, we held a summer Destination LC pre-orientation event, and last week (Aug. 9) New Student Orientation for transfer and non-traditional students took place in the Williams Conference Center (Be sure to check out the new carpet in that venue – it not only looks great, but no longer features loose carpet bumps and ripples). Beginning this week we have student leader orientations for ASLCSC, WEB, Residence Life, and Peer Mentors; a Coeur d'Alene new student orientation in CDA, and student move-in day (Wednesday, Aug. 16), followed by Convocation, all-campus student orientation activities, lunches and receptions on Friday. The activity is ramping up!

In terms of student housing, we continue to be delayed (because of circumstances beyond our control) in opening up the Living Learning Center (LLC) (former Music building on 11th Avenue). Additionally, we still have a few repairs underway in some facilities, largely as a result of the summer flooding the LC valley experienced in June. Because of this, as well as high demand for on-campus housing (a good problem to have), we estimate we will have nearly 50 students starting the semester living at the Hells Canyon Grand Hotel (we have again reserved the Seaport wing). Approximately 30 of these students will be able to move into residences once facility repairs are complete (we anticipate this to be two-three weeks). About 20 have been placed there because, without the ability to occupy the LLC (which we anticipate will be able to house about 20 students) we are at capacity in our residence halls and rental houses. These students are comprised of student-athletes (a group who has a built-in support system through their coaches and teammates), as well as those who applied for housing late and confirmed having reliable transportation. To support students who will be living in the Hells Canyon Grand we have hired a resident assistant who will be on-site to provide programming and general support. (We did not have a resident assistant at the hotel last year). We have also garnered permission to hang an LC Banner and various LC branded artifacts on their floor and in the rooms to help them feel more associated with the college campus. Hells Canyon Grand resident students will have access to the hotel's swimming pool and hot tub, have weekly housekeeping, and we are putting together small welcome baskets. We will also be arranging a shuttle service with our campus vans for some of our campus events (we did attempt a more regular shuttle service last fall, but the service was not used). Parents of the freshmen staying at the Hells Canyon Grand have been contacted routinely by Residence Life staff. The response has been largely positive with both parents and students grateful to have housing accommodations and expressing appreciation for the extra efforts we are making. As vacancies come open in our residence halls, students will be moved back to campus. Our residence assistant will remain on-site until the last student has moved back to campus. We are doing all we can to accommodate our students and ask that you be positive ambassadors and information conduits.

Finally, this week is forecast to be hot, hot, hot. We have worked to put accommodations in place for students, staff and faculty. Where needed, we're providing fans, extra bottled water, and are arranging for the Student Union Building/Center for Student Leadership to have extended hours during the first few weeks of the semester so that students can study and relax in a cooler location. There are, however, few good options for some of our residential facilities. While it is part of our campus master plan to address vintage facility needs, central HVAC (in residence halls like Talkington) is not an option at this time. Please be assured we are doing all we can to create a welcoming, safe, and comfortable living-learning environment for our campus community.

The semester is starting and we are ready and excited. Go Warriors!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

Keep up on events and activities through [25Live](#) and online calendars: [LC State Do More](#), [Academic & Instructional](#), and [Events & Activities](#).

- **Aug. 16 – All-Campus Meeting** – The Fall All-Campus Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the Silverthorne Theatre from 3-4:30 p.m.
 - **Faculty Association Meeting** – The Fall Faculty Association meeting will take place Wednesday, Aug. 16, immediately following the All-Campus Meeting, in the Silverthorne Theatre (estimated time: 4:30-5:30 p.m.).
 - **Fall Semester Kick-off Reception** – Plan to come to the backyard of the Residence to kick off the fall semester from 5ish-7 p.m. on Aug. 16. There will be live music, tasty appetizers and beverages for all employees to enjoy.
- **Aug. 17 – LC State hosts Business After Hours** – Lewis-Clark State College will host the Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Schweitzer Career & Technical Education Center from 5-7 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided and guests will have an opportunity to tour the facility. In addition, guests have the opportunity to win door prizes and can choose to participate in the Chamber's 50/50 raffle. All LC State staff, faculty and families are welcome to attend.
- **Aug. 18 – Convocation & New Student Orientation** – Convocation will be held on Friday, Aug. 18, at the P1FCU Activity Center at 8:30-9 a.m. [New Student Orientation](#) will continue throughout the day. All faculty are to be in full regalia and line up in their respective divisions at 8:10 a.m. outside on the ramp. The processional will start at 8:30 a.m.
- **Aug. 18 – All-Campus Photo** – Join our new students at Harris Field for an all-campus photo at 11 a.m. Be sure to wear Warrior colors!
- **Aug. 18-19 – Warrior Volleyball** – The Warriors will play Walla Walla University at 1 p.m. on Aug. 18, and Montana Western University at noon on Aug. 19. Both matches will be held at the P1FCU Activity Center. To learn more visit www.lcwarriors.com.
- **Aug. 21 – Classes Begin & Welcome Week** – Classes begin and [Warrior Welcome Week](#) kicks off on Monday, Aug. 21. Have a great semester everyone!
- **Sept. 15 – Active Shooter Exercise** – City of Lewiston and Nez Perce County emergency management personnel will be hosting an active shooter exercise at LC State on Friday morning, Sept. 15. The exercise aims to simulate the emergency response to an active shooter incident on campus, ensuring a coordinated, timely, and effective response and recovery in the event of a major incident. The training exercise is a collaborative effort involving numerous public agencies. More details will be shared when available.

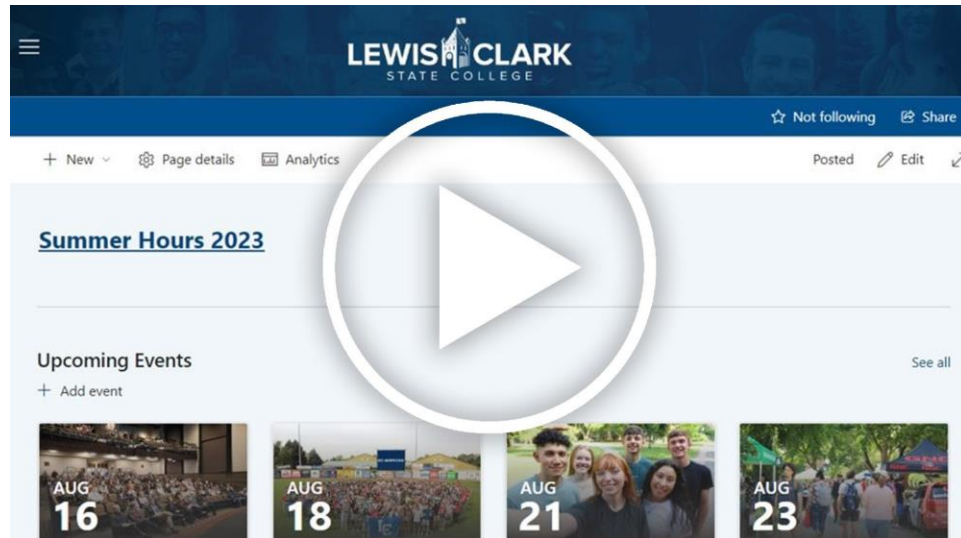
Announcements

- **Can You Do...?** This is the final installment of the Summer 2023 “Can You Do...?” exercises. Watch for more during the fall semester.

Today’s “Can You Do...?” asks another question about the Satisfactory Academic Progress policies as they relate to student eligibility for federal financial aid. Follow the link to [this week’s exercise](#).

Be sure to reply by noon tomorrow, Aug. 15! If you have responded to at least one of the “Can You Do...?” exercises with a correct answer, your name will be entered into a drawing for the opportunity to equip your office with one of two iPads or a new MacBook or laptop! The drawing will occur during the All-Campus Meeting on Wednesday!

- **FY2024 Budgets:** Here is what to expect regarding FY24 budgets.
 - July – FY2024 Gen Ed (Fund 10) and CTE (Fund 12) ongoing base budgets will be loaded in Colleague
 - August – Gen Ed (Fund 10) outstanding encumbrances from FY2023 will be loaded in Colleague for FY2024
 - August – 1x RRF funded requests will be loaded in Colleague for FY2024
 - August – Local account FY2024 beginning fund balances available in Colleague
 - August/September – Gen Ed (Fund 10) carryforward/deficit balances will be loaded in Colleague for FY2024
 - August/September – FY2024 departmental F9 reports updated and posted
- **HR Updates:**
 - **Employee Compliance Training:** During the week of July 31, all benefit-eligible faculty and staff received a personalized email from [VectorSolutions](#) containing the compliance tutorials they must complete by Oct. 31. Please check your Clutter or Junk email if you did not receive this email in your inbox. As a reminder, usernames consist of your first initial, middle initial, and last name (Ex: vjswift). You will not be required to enter a password. If you have questions, please contact Human Resource Services at 208-792-2269.
 - **Mini Open Enrollment:** An open enrollment period will be held Aug. 14-21 through Luma for anyone who would like to make changes to their medical or dental coverage. No action is required. New coverage will be effective Sept. 1, and dropped coverage will end Aug. 31. You will not receive new ID cards if you are only changing the dependents covered. During the “mini open enrollment” you will be able to:
 - Add medical or dental coverage; you may not enroll for both.
 - Remove medical or dental coverage; you may not disenroll for both.
 - Change the mix of dependents covered on your medical and/or dental. The individuals enrolled in medical and dental no longer must be the same.
- **Intranet:** LC State has transitioned to a new intranet solution using Microsoft Teams. The old intranet will soon be taken offline, so please discontinue use of it. Instead, all of campus is invited and encouraged to share information, have conversations, and stay informed through the new intranet on Teams. Conversations can be from casual to emergency related and everything in between. For instructions on how to add and use the “LC State Intranet” on Teams, [watch this video](#). For any questions please contact Web Coordinator [Hailey Denton](#).



- **Parking on Aug. 16:** Wednesday, Aug. 16, is move-in day for new residence hall students. To help students and their families park closer to Talkington Hall, Clark Hall, and College Place to unload, LC State faculty and staff are asked to avoid parking near these buildings on this day.
- **Parking Permits:** 2023-2024 parking permits are available and ready for [purchase online](#). Please allow up to 48 hours after your purchase to pick up your permit at the Public Safety office, MLH 110, anytime between 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Ticketing will begin Monday, Aug. 28.
 - Annual permit: \$75
 - Semester permit: \$50
 - 30-day pass: \$25
- **Sodexo Marketplace:** This fall, the SUB Marketplace will be switching to an “All You Care to Eat” at lunch (as done for breakfast and dinner). A la carte options will no longer be available. Customers can either use a meal swipe or pay the door price. Some a la carte options will be available in Jitterz. Also, to-go containers will no longer be available in the Marketplace. Customers wanting to take their food to go can purchase a green to-go container for a one-time fee of \$5. They can then exchange that container for a clean, empty one the next time they come in to eat.
- **Song for the Week:** [“Born To Be Wild”](#) by Steppenwolf

