Monday Message

April 1, 2024

Dear all,

This message focuses on key student support issues that will require all of us, as always, to go the extra mile. Read on...

The first opportunity for LC State's current students to register for fall, priority registration, begins Monday, April 8, and continues through Thursday, April 11. <u>Registration information</u> is available online. Please reach out to advisees, and help them review their degree completion plans and progress, and map out their next schedule of courses. Registration for new entering students will begin on Friday, April 12; and transfer students are being referred to instructional divisions so we can help guide them through upper division course needs and scheduling. As we progress through these next weeks, getting our students registered and committed remains a priority.

This is especially important because of the ongoing national delays and uncertainty surrounding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Despite the tumultuous circumstances (e.g., delays, errors, software patches and updates, etc.) on the part of the U.S. Department of Education in rolling out this year's FAFSA, LC State staff continue to press forward as much as possible to guide students and their families through the process. Offers for non-FAFSA-related LC State financial aid (e.g., merit scholarships and out-of-state tuition waivers) have already been made. The current projection associated with finalizing FAFSA-related federal aid offer letters issued by LC State is the end of April. Please continue to assure concerned students (and their families) that we are moving forward as quickly as possible to present them with complete aid packages for next year.

As you are aware, a majority of LC State students are Pell eligible (meaning they have high financial need), they are often also working (71% self-report working, many full time), and nearly half (48%) report being parents or caregivers while going to school. These students, our students, are reliant on financial aid support. The ongoing FAFSA kerfuffle is not just unsettling, but may very well impact students' decisions to attend and/or continue in school. We need to assure them and demonstrate in our actions and interaction, that we are here for them, and will continue to work tirelessly to help them move forward as they pursue their education goals.

Thank you for all you have, are, and will continue doing to support students.

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D. President

Events

Keep up on events and activities through the new Campus Calendar.

- April 2 Tuesday @ Two President Pemberton will host Tuesday @ Two on the dates and locations listed below. Stop by and join the conversation.
 - April 2, College Place first floor lounge area
 - o April 30, Schweitzer Career & Technical Education Center, Room 302
- April 5 Employee Recognition Event Mark your calendars for Friday, April 5, at 2 p.m. for the Employee Recognition Event to be held in the Williams Conference Center. The event will include a full ceremony and feature an ice cream sundae bar and other desserts. Come and

support your colleagues!

- April 5 Stegner Lecture Beth Alvarado will be the speaker at LC State's 42nd annual Stegner Lecture on April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Center for Arts & History, located at 415 Main St. in Lewiston. The event is free and open to the public. Learn more.
- April 5-7 Home Athletic Events Warrior baseball will host a four-game series against the College of Idaho on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more info visit <u>www.lcwarriors.com</u>.
 - Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night: Friday, April 5, at 6 p.m. is Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night! One free Warrior Dog voucher will be given at the main gate (must show Warrior ID) to full-time and part-time employees, and there will be chances to win Happy Day gift cards throughout the game.
- April 9-10 Warrior Giving Day LC State will hold <u>Warrior Giving Day</u> on April 9-10 and feature 1,893 minutes of giving, commemorating the institution's founding year of 1893. Faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends are invited to participate in the fundraiser and to encourage others to get involved. Details to come.
 - Wake Up with the Warriors: Join the Warrior Athletic Association, athletics staff, coaches, and students-athletes for breakfast on April 10 at 7 a.m. The WAA will honor Dick and the late Barbara Riggs with the Lifetime Warrior Award.
 Visit www.lcwarriors.com/waa to register for the event or email sfmalinich@lcsc.edu.
- April 10 National Student Employee Appreciation Celebration Join the Student Employment & Career Readiness Center in recognizing the contributions of our student workforce during the designated week by the National Student Employment Association. The Student Employment & Career Readiness Center will host a celebration event to honor our student employees across campus. It will be collecting "kudos" from supervisors to display on its celebratory wall, and each office will be invited to host a table to network and promote the oncampus job opportunities. Additionally, employers will have the opportunity to network with students and discuss potential work opportunities for the fall semester.
- April 11 Third Annual Wellness & Health Screening Health Fair The Nursing & Health Sciences Division, in collaboration with the Physical, Life, Movement & Sport Sciences Division, will hold the health fair on Thursday, April 11, at 10 a.m.-1 p.m. outside the main entrance to the SUB. Vendors from both the community and LC State student groups will be in attendance. This event is free and open to both the public and students.

Announcements

- Earth Day Recycling: KinderCollege is teaming up with Pacific Steel & Recycling and will be an aluminum can drop zone from March 25-April 19 to celebrate Earth Day, April 22. Please start collecting your cans and bring them by KinderCollege throughout the month.
- Volunteer for Art Under the Elms: Art Under the Elms will be held April 19-21 and volunteers are needed to help with information booth staffing, selling t-shirts, taking film festival tickets, serving as ushers, and serving as crowd management/navigation. With supervisor approval, LC State employees can volunteer for up to two hours during designated work hours, or a supervisor can approve comp time if shifts are worked after hours. <u>Sign up now</u> or for more information email <u>aue@lcsc.edu</u>

- Website Profile: All employees are tasked with creating and maintaining their own profile listing on LC State's website (<u>www.lcsc.edu</u>). Please review the <u>website directory</u> to ensure that your profile (e.g., title, office location, phone number, etc.) is accurate and includes a current and professional portrait photo. For questions about how to create/update your profile please email <u>Hailey Denton</u>. To schedule a professional photo on campus please email <u>Kevin Grote</u>. An accurate website directory is not only a service to students and the general public but is also important in the event of an emergency.
- Week of the Young Child: President Pemberton has declared April 6-12 to be the Week of the Young Child at Lewis-Clark State College. <u>Read the full proclamation here</u>. KinderCollege is teaming up with the Early Childhood Development program to promote and celebrate Week of the Young Child. Each day has a different theme with Wednesday being "Work Together Wednesday." Faculty and staff are invited to join in at the KinderCollege Garden on the east side of Expedition Hall at 4 p.m. on April 10 to clean up the space and prepare for this year's garden.
- Song for the Week: "<u>Where You Lead</u>" by Carole King

