

Lewis-Clark State College

President's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE) supports access to postsecondary learning opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities through participation in academic coursework, career development, and campus activities; and
- WHEREAS,** Lewis-Clark State College provides high-quality educational experiences that prepare students for productive engagement in their communities and the workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** the SPARC program—Students and Professionals Accessing Resources in the Community—is an IPSE program that supports post-secondary participation at Lewis-Clark State College by offering students with intellectual and developmental disabilities a structured learning experience, employment preparation, and engagement with the Lewis-Clark State College campus and surrounding community; and
- WHEREAS,** SPARC is supported through ECLIPSE (Employment Capacity Leveraged through Inclusive Post-Secondary Education), a statewide initiative housed at the University of Idaho and funded by the United States Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration (Grant Number H421F240128), which strengthens collaboration among higher education, vocational rehabilitation, families, employers, community partners, and self-advocates; and
- WHEREAS,** SPARC students contribute to the academic, professional, and social life of the Lewis-Clark State College community through their involvement in coursework, on-campus employment, campus clubs and organizations, and community partnerships; and
- WHEREAS,** faculty, staff, students, peer mentors, and community partners play an essential role in supporting post-secondary learning experiences and student development through collaboration and guidance; and
- WHEREAS,** IPSE Day provides an opportunity to recognize student accomplishments, highlight post-secondary pathways, and acknowledge the value of programs that support student preparation for education, employment, and independent living.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Cynthia L. Pemberton, President of Lewis-Clark State College, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2026, as

“INCLUSIVE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (IPSE) DAY AT LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE”



Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President
Lewis-Clark State College