

Monday Message

July 20, 2026



Dear all,

We are in full summer at this point and I want to give a shoutout to Outdoor Adventures and our summer Float & Tote equipment rentals available at Hells Gate State Park. Susan Buxton, our Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation director, had this to say about the interagency collaboration: "The Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation is pleased to continue the float and tote rental program with LC State at Hells Gate State Park. This is a wonderful community partnership that provides opportunities to outdoor recreationists in the Lewiston area." We sincerely appreciate our Outdoor Adventures staff for making this recreational opportunity available.

I also want to congratulate our Admissions staff and all the division, departments and units who helped make last week's Destination LC a terrific success. We hosted 60-plus students along with their family members, providing an opportunity for them to finalize registration, ask financial aid questions, take campus and residence hall tours, explore student club and organization options, and visit with student support and academic divisions/departments. The afternoon featured fun in the sun at Hells Gate State Park with paddle boarding and kayaking; with a number of incoming students opting to stay overnight in the dorms.

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.

President

Announcements

Accessible Web Documents:

LC State's web coordination office is happy to report that, over the past year, it has remediated over 1,300 documents, making them now fully accessible on the LC State website. As a reminder, as new documents are added to the website for fall semester please ensure they are compliant with [accessibility requirements](#). For questions or assistance, email web@lcsc.edu.

Financial Aid Changes:

Federal financial aid regulations have changed how eligibility is determined for student loans and Pell Grants, starting with the 2026-2027 Award Year. Detailed information on

these changes can be found on the [Financial Aid Office website](#) or by calling 208-792-2224. The five changes are:

1. The proration of student loan eligibility for part-time students.
2. Federal Pell Grant eligibility if non-federal aid meets or exceeds a student's cost of attendance.
3. Reduced eligibility for Parent Loan borrowers.
4. Delayed disbursements to students until week three of the semester.
5. Change of Payment Deadline to Day 10 of the semester.

Fiscal Year Wall Calendars:

The Graphic Communications Printshop will again have 26-27 Fiscal Year Calendars available for purchase. The cost will be \$3.50 per calendar, and they will be ready at the end of July. Please send an IDP to the printshop for purchase. For questions call x2252.

FY27 Contracts:

"By now you have received and hopefully signed your FY27 contracts. As you likely recall, Idaho state employees are not receiving general pay raises. The legislatively approved agency maintenance budgets are flat for FY27. LC State's 2026-2027 tuition/fees increase was supported by the SBOE at ~4.4% (\$350.00/year). The increase in tuition/fees allows us to help address escalating benefit and inflationary infrastructure costs (e.g., healthcare premiums, utilities, etc.). We are proud to have been able to continue supporting faculty promotions and sabbaticals. We know that compensation is a key part of what it takes to feel valued, as does a strong sense of campus community, and we remain committed to doing all we can to create and sustain an environment where every employee can thrive. Please do not hesitate to [provide feedback](#), share your thoughts, ideas, comments, concerns and maybe even compliments. You and your voice matter. Thank you for what you do and what your good work makes possible. *Thank you for your tireless commitment to our teaching-focused, student-centered mission – helping students move forward in life as successful leaders, lifelong learners and engaged citizens.*" – President Pemberton

Microsoft Publisher Access:

In October 2026, Microsoft Publisher will reach its end of life. After that time, it will no longer be included in Microsoft 365 and existing on-premises suites will no longer be supported. Microsoft 365 subscribers will no longer be able to open or edit Publisher files in Publisher. Until then, support for Publisher will continue and users can expect the same experience as today. Microsoft has provided [guidance](#) for how to prepare before October 2026. Suggested alternatives: PowerPoint, Word, or [Canva](#).

New Software License Chargeback Form:

Need a license for IT-managed software Claude AI, Zoom, Teams Phone, or Adobe

products? Submit a request through the new [Software License Chargebacks](#) page, where Claude AI, Zoom, and Teams Phone will be charged back to your expense account, and Adobe quotes will be sent to you via Jaggaer cart. Visit the page for the request form and a full step-by-step guide.

Parking Permits for 2026-27 are available for [purchase online](#).

- Annual Permit: \$95
- Semester Permit: \$65
- Second Vehicle Permit: \$25
- Replacement Permit: \$25

SUB/CSL Power Outage & Temporary Office Relocation:

Due to an electrical panel upgrade, the SUB/CSL will be without power for 1-2 weeks as of July 13. Events and Campus Card Services, as well as the campus switchboard, have been relocated to RCH, Room 21, for the interim. All other offices in the SUB/CSL will be working from other temporary office locations and have access to email and phone during this time.

Warrior Blooms:

Would you like to share the beauty of a lovely bouquet with a campus colleague? Campus friends are invited to request complimentary bouquets made with blooms grown in the LC Learning Garden. Make your request by emailing sciences@lcsc.edu the following info: recipient name, recipient location for campus delivery, and a few short words you'd like written on the card. Bouquets will be delivered starting Aug. 1 and as blooms are available.

Welcome Fair:

Registration for Welcome Fair 2026 is now open. Welcome Fair will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 26, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and is one of the best opportunities to connect with new and returning students, share information about your organization or department, and kick off the academic year. [Register here](#) to reserve your spot.

Events

Keep up on events and activities through the [Campus Calendar](#) and the [Do More App](#)

Aug. 1 – "Savoring Our Stories" at CAH:

The Center for Arts & History invites the public to attend "Savoring Our Stories," an event held in conjunction with the center's current exhibit, "[Moments That Made Us](#)." The event, which runs from 12-2 p.m. at the center, will feature pie, conversation, and celebrating the stories that shape the community as the country celebrates its 250th

birthday. Attendees are invited to contribute a memory, message, or memento to a community time capsule to commemorate America 250. All are welcome to share their stories. "Moments That Made Us" explores the enduring ideals of the Declaration of Independence through the lens of Idaho's role in America's 250-year story, and Lewiston's connection to the broader American story. The exhibit runs through Sept. 12.

Aug. 19 – All-Campus Meeting:

Join us on Wednesday, Aug. 19, for the Fall All-Campus Meeting in the Silverthorne Theatre from 1:30-3 p.m.

- The **Faculty Association Meeting** will take place immediately following the All-Campus Meeting in the Silverthorne Theatre from 3-4 p.m.
- [RSVP](#) to the **Fall Semester Kick-off Reception** at the President's Residence from 4-6 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and live music as we kick off the new academic year.

News & Features

Stay current on [LC State news](#)

- [Center for Arts & History exhibit explores America's 250 years and the 'Moments That Made Us'](#)
- [LC State leads Idaho to highest NCLEX first-time pass rate in the West](#)
- [Alumnus helps patients live life to the fullest, exemplifying LC State's healthcare education role](#)
- [LC State program recognized for reading education teacher preparation](#)
- [LC State MSN program earns accreditation, launches direct entry option](#)

Song for the Week: "[Summer Breeze](#)" by Seals and Crofts

