

Monday Message

May 11, 2026



Dear all,

Congratulations on a wonderfully successful Research Symposium. The showcase of inquiry and project excellence was nothing less than outstanding. A huge thank you to Dr. Nancy Johnston and the Symposium committee (Drs. Adkins, Azam, Barnes, Harris, and Lemus, and Mss. Fairley, Meem, and White). Thanks also to all who participated in this marquee [Signature Event](#).

From Warrior Wheels to Culinary Wars, nursing onboarding projects, ongoing Drosophila study, firefighter fitness, a student marketplace app, faculty panel, and poster sessions; to enhanced communication through equine interaction, sports messaging and youth; to body camera use, integrated student art displays, and cyberattack response simulations; to cold plunge prototypes, and an industrial electronics petting zoo – last week was our education mission brought to life, as we mentor and support students becoming successful leaders, engaged citizens and truly lifelong learners!

Also a big thank you to the many sponsors and 100 participants – including Sen. Ben Toews and Rep. Jordan Redman – in our 22nd annual Swinging for Scholarships golf fundraiser in Coeur d’Alene on Saturday!



P.S. This week's events are truly action-packed, with numerous graduation celebrations culminating in our ASLCSC Graduation BBQ on the Library Lawn (Thursday, May 14, 5 p.m.) and our [commencement ceremonies](#) in the P1FCU Activity Center (Friday, May 15, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.). While golf is off to Illinois for the NAIA national championships, we will host the NAIA World Series Opening Rounds, presented by Avista, beginning today at Harris Field (the Warriors will play their first game at 6 p.m.). [Ticket information](#).

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Announcements

Avista NAIA World Series

- **Shirts:** This week is your last chance to purchase the 2026 Avista NAIA World Series souvenir shirt! Shirts are being sold in-person at the apparel shop at Harris Field during the baseball games. They range from \$25-\$30 based on size and a 20% discount will be applied to orders of 10 or more. Wear your World Series shirt every Friday in May to help promote the event.
- **Volunteer:** The 2026 Avista NAIA World Series is May 22-30 and volunteers are needed to take tickets, sell programs, and help in the concession stands. With supervisor approval, LC State employees can volunteer for up to eight hours, for a maximum of two shifts, during designated work hours, or a supervisor can approve comp time if shifts are worked after hours. For more information visit www.naiaworldseries.com/volunteer.

Canvas Outage:

On May 7, Canvas became unavailable to over 9,000 schools worldwide, including LC State. Instructure, the company that owns Canvas, confirmed a cybersecurity incident perpetrated by a criminal threat actor. During this time, Instructure quickly identified this unauthorized activity and immediately took steps to contain it, including temporarily taking Canvas offline into maintenance mode as a precaution to prevent further unauthorized access. LC State Information Technology (IT) and eLearning Services (eLS) continue to monitor the situation. Canvas remains fully operational. There is no disruption to coursework, finals, grading, or other instructional activities. For more information and updates visit www.lcsc.edu/canvas/security-incident.

CSO Social:

CSO will hold its annual end-of-year social on June 11. All CSO members are invited to attend, and CSO encourages supervisors to allow their employees to take this time to network and associate with their peers. Please [RSVP](#) by June 1.

Foundation:

To align with office and state policies, all faculty/staff payroll deductions to the LC State Foundation must meet a minimum of \$5 per pay period for a minimum of 5 pay periods. If your current deduction does not meet these requirements, you will receive an email from Brandon Vial in the Office of College Advancement with instructions on updating your deduction. You can also update your deduction at any time using the form on the Foundation website. Any deductions not meeting the policy will be terminated as of July 1, 2026. Please contact colleageadvancement@lcsc.edu with any questions. Thank you!

IT Reminder:

FY27 Adobe, Claude, Teams Phone and Zoom licensing confirmations are due by end-of-day May 31 within your respective vice president or direct report shared spreadsheet. Licensing will close for processing during the month of June.

Final Week of Open Enrollment!

If you want to make any changes to your medical/dental insurance, or sign up for the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) beginning July 1, you must submit your changes by 4 p.m. (PST) on Friday, May 15. Click here for [more information](#).

Warrior Wednesday

Warrior Wednesday is a Student Involvement initiative and one of ASLCSC's legacy projects. The goal is to promote school spirit and encourage the campus community to show their Warrior pride by wearing LC gear, especially on Warrior Wednesdays. So, let's wear Warrior **red** and **blue** on Wednesdays!

Events

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

May 11-14 – Athletics Home Events:

LC State hosts the [NAIA Baseball Opening Round](#), presented by Avista. The Warriors face Keiser University at 6 p.m. on Monday at Harris Field. To learn more visit www.lcwarriors.com.

May 15 – Commencement:

LC State will hold its two commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday, May 15. For details visit www.lcsc.edu/graduation. The P1FCU Activity Center parking lot, Reid Centennial parking lot, and the 6th Street South parking lot will be closed that day. Many other [graduation events](#) will take place around this time, including LC State's GED graduation ceremony on May 19 at 6 p.m. in the Silverthorne Theatre.

News & Features

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- [LC State to make history at May 15 commencement](#)
- [LC State Public Safety director selected for international award](#)
- [LC State student team wins international case study competition](#)
- [LC State holds commencement at Orofino prison, celebrates 40 graduates](#)

Song for the Week: "[Let's Get It Started](#)" by the Black Eyed Peas

