

Monday Message

April 14, 2025



Dear all,

As you may be aware, Dr. Luther Maddy, dean of the School of Professional & Graduate Studies, will be retiring at the conclusion of this fiscal year. After consultation with the Academic Affairs Council, Provost Chilson has proposed, and I have approved the interim leadership appointments illustrated through this [organizational chart](#).

Additionally, LC State's seven-year accreditation review by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) site visit is scheduled for this fall. In light of this important review process, maintaining continuity and stability in our academic leadership is essential. To that end, the Provost and the Academic Affairs Council are confident that this interim structure will ensure consistent leadership and minimize disruption as we transition into the coming academic year.

P.S. Do take time to read through the announcements and events information below. We have a lot to be thankful for and a full calendar of terrific events and activities planned for the next days and weeks. In particular, be sure to help out and stop by [Art Under the Elms](#) this weekend. *A shout out and thank you to Ms. Kristi Brown, director for the Center for Arts and History (CAH) for the timely launch of "The Road to Lewiston: A Journey Through the NAIA World Series & LC State's Legacy" [baseball exhibit](#), and the many, many, many volunteers who, working together, will make this weekend a terrific success!*

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Announcements

- **CAH Volunteers:** Due to a staffing shortage, the Center for Arts & History (CAH) is looking for volunteers from campus and/or the community to help staff the Center. Coverage is needed from Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. No experience required. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Kristi Brown at cah@lcsc.edu for more information.
- **CTE National Signing Day:** It was another successful CTE National Signing Day at LC State! [Read the release](#). Thank you to LC State's School of Career & Technical Education for making these students feel so welcome and for already connecting them with key industry partners!
- **Fall Registration:** Thanks to everyone who helped students prepare for Priority Registration Week! Every effort counts – from advising students into their fall classes, holding advising and registration events, to reminding students to register. However, our work is not over yet! While a large percentage of our current, degree-seeking students registered from April 7-10, there are still over 700 students who have not completed their registration. We need to keep the momentum going. Please reach out to those who have not yet registered for fall classes and assist them in securing their spots. Detailed "Not Registered" lists will be posted for division chairs and admins by the end of this week. In the meantime, open registration for direct-to-division transfer and returning students began on Friday. Now is the time to actively engage with these students to ensure they are registered for fall 2025.
- **Fitness Center:** The Fitness Center will be closed April 14-20 for machine upgrades, painting, and projects related to the HVAC system that is being worked on above the facility.

- **Hiyúmenwees:** A new study space for all students has been opened in Reid Centennial Hall (RCH), Room 22. Connecting to LC State's long history with the Nez Perce Tribe, the space has been named Hiyúmenwees, which means "a bear's den" in Nez Perce. Piamkinwaas, which had a similar purpose, was taken offline in September 2024 to allow for required fire suppression and infrastructure updates. This facility is now being prepared to help address increased student housing demand (over the past three years LC State housing demand has exceeded capacity and necessitated the purchase of hotel rooms at a cost of nearly \$200,000 in fall 2024 alone). Administrators report that Hiyúmenwees, which is overseen by Native American & Veteran Student Services and Outreach, is already seeing steady use as it is centrally located on campus and in close proximity to the many student services in RCH. Campus is encouraged to stop by and check it out.
- **Kudos & Thanks:**
 - **Congratulations** to all who participated in Warrior Giving Day. Athletics raised over \$100K for various programs, scholarships and operational needs (special thanks to the athletics staff, coaches and WAA who helped make Wake up with the Warriors another terrific success!). Student Affairs and academic units raised \$35,122 which was 15% more than last year's non-athletic totals! Well done and thank you! Thank you to our supporters, students, staff, and faculty who donated and advocated. Special thanks to Allison Silvestri, assistant director of development and alumni engagement who took the organizational/operational lead, supported by Jennie Jones Hall, director of college advancement, and Brandon Vial, development operations manager. A special shout-out to coach Sydnee Soderberg for creating great video content in support of WGD.
 - Thank you also to Vicki Cooper, administrative coordinator for academic affairs, aided by Kyle Schwartz, Nallely Siebly, Logan Fowler, Brandon Ohmie, Hannah Ruth Pettyjohn, Lawrence Sanders, Sodexo, Events & Conferences, and Jennie Jones Hall, whose quality work created a memorable celebration to honor our faculty and staff awardees at the April 3 recognition event.
 - A big thank you to all those involved in hosting the spring Wellness & Health Screening Fair last week. It was a beautiful day and a great turnout!
 - Many thanks to April Niemela and Jamie Newell (TEAM), Harold Crook (HUM), Dana Parsons (Student Affairs), and all the rest of their partners and helpers for organizing the annual "Future Educators Conference" in CDA this past Friday. It was a successful and well-attended event representing a tremendous collaborative effort to grow and promote our Secondary Ed programs.
- **Open Enrollment:** Open enrollment for medical, dental, and FSA benefits for employees will take place April 28-May 16. This is your annual opportunity to review and, if needed, make changes to your benefits. LC State's Human Resource Services office hasn't received any specific updates regarding plan or premium changes yet. However, it will include details in the Monday Message as soon as they become available.
- **Steam Heat:** With temperatures warming, Physical Plant is turning off steam heat today. The central steam boilers provide heat to Reid Centennial Hall, Administration Building, SUB/CSL, Music Building, Talkington Hall, and Meriwether Lewis Hall. Those using rooms in these buildings may experience cooler temperatures in the mornings and warmer temperatures in the afternoon. Please plan accordingly. The HVAC shop is working to prepare AC systems and window AC units for the summer months as well. Contact Physical Plant at extension 2247 with any questions or concerns. Please share this information with faculty, staff, and students who work in and have classes in these buildings.
- **Teams Phone Transition:** Due to a delay with its Teams Phone provider, LC State's transition timeline has been pushed back from the original goal of spring break to early June. A final date will be confirmed soon. In the meantime, please make sure to remove the 1-800 numbers from all webpages and printed materials as these numbers will not work after our transition to Teams Phone. The IT department appreciates the 186 participants who joined the Teams Phone Training sessions with Jared from CompuNet in March. If you missed training, or want to review the Teams Phone settings and functions, IT has posted a recording on the [IT department intranet SharePoint](#) along with other informational resources for Teams Phone. Also, please remember to assess your [headset needs](#). If you want to try Teams Phone with your current device prior to

making a headset or handset selection, IT encourages you to do so. Headset/handset/[busy light](#) orders can be submitted to IT via the order form previously supplied to departments.

- **Volunteer for Art Under the Elms:** Art Under the Elms will be held April 18-20 and volunteers are needed to help with information booth staffing, selling t-shirts, taking film festival tickets, and serving as ushers and crowd management/navigation. With supervisor approval, LC State employees can [sign up to volunteer](#) for up to two hours during designated work hours, or a supervisor can approve comp time if shifts are worked after hours. For more information email aue@lcsc.edu.
 - **Volunteer for the World Series:** The 2025 Avista NAIA World Series is May 23-31 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. If none of the slots available on the link work with your schedule but you would still like to help, please reach out to Samantha at sfmalinich@lcsc.edu or Kristina at kkkeener@lcsc.edu for other options leading up to series week.
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Events

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

- **April 15 – Student Employee Appreciation Celebration** – Join the Student Employment & Career Readiness Center in the Student Union Building Piano Lounge for a fun, drop-in style event to celebrate and recognize our incredible student employees! Over 250 kudos shout-outs will be on display, showcasing the hard work and dedication of our students! Come by and help us show our appreciation anytime between 2-4 p.m.
 - **April 15 – Nichols Monument Celebration** – In 2000, the Nichols family, a family with very deep roots in the LC Valley including multiple generations of graduates from LC State, made 305 acres of property available to the Lewiston School District, City of Lewiston, and Lewis-Clark State College. Today, this property is the location of Lewiston High School, Lewiston Community Park, and the Schweitzer Career & Technical Education Center. To celebrate and memorialize this history and generosity, LC State has been proud to partner with the school and city to create the Nichols Monument, located at the corner of Cecil Andrus Way and Bengal Way. This monument will be unveiled on Tuesday, April 15, at 3 p.m. at a celebration open to the public. We invite the LC State community to attend as an expression of the institution's gratitude.
 - **April 18-20 – Art Under the Elms** – The 39th annual Art Under the Elms, a three-day arts festival presented by the Center for Arts & History, is Friday-Sunday on the LC State campus. This [signature event](#) showcases around 75 artisan vendors, hands-on activities for children in the Children's Art Tent, a variety of food vendors, pop-up art exhibits and outdoor art installations, a line-up of live music, dance, and theater performances, poetry and prose readings and film screenings. To learn more visit www.lcsc.edu/cah/art-under-the-elms.
 - **April 16-20 – Parking Impact:** The Library/Sacajawea Hall parking lot will be closed Wednesday evening through Sunday afternoon for vendor loading and unloading and emergency services parking.
 - **April 19 – HILL Open House:** During Art Under the Elms, Nursing & Health Sciences will host an open house to showcase the Healthcare Immersive Learning Lab (HILL) and the Simulation Center. The division invites you to visit the state-of-the-art, innovative labs that provide experiential and interactive learning opportunities for healthcare education students. See the virtual cadaver tables and engage in virtual reality patient care scenarios on Saturday, April 19, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in Sacajawea Hall.
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 - [LC State finalizes grant for HILL equipment](#)
 - [Navarro Wins Second Straight as LC State Men’s Golf Ties for First at SOU Spring Classic](#)
 - [NAIA Launches “The Right Way to Play” Campaign](#)
 - [Parsells Climbs NAIA 800m Ranks, Warrior Men See Season Bests Across the Board](#)
 - [Eight Different LC State Women Record Personal Bests at Jeff Rahn Classic](#)
 - [LC State Pitching Limits College of Idaho to Clinch Series Win](#)
 - [39th annual Art Under the Elms is April 18-20](#)
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Song for the Week: [“Dream Weaver”](#) by Gary Wright

