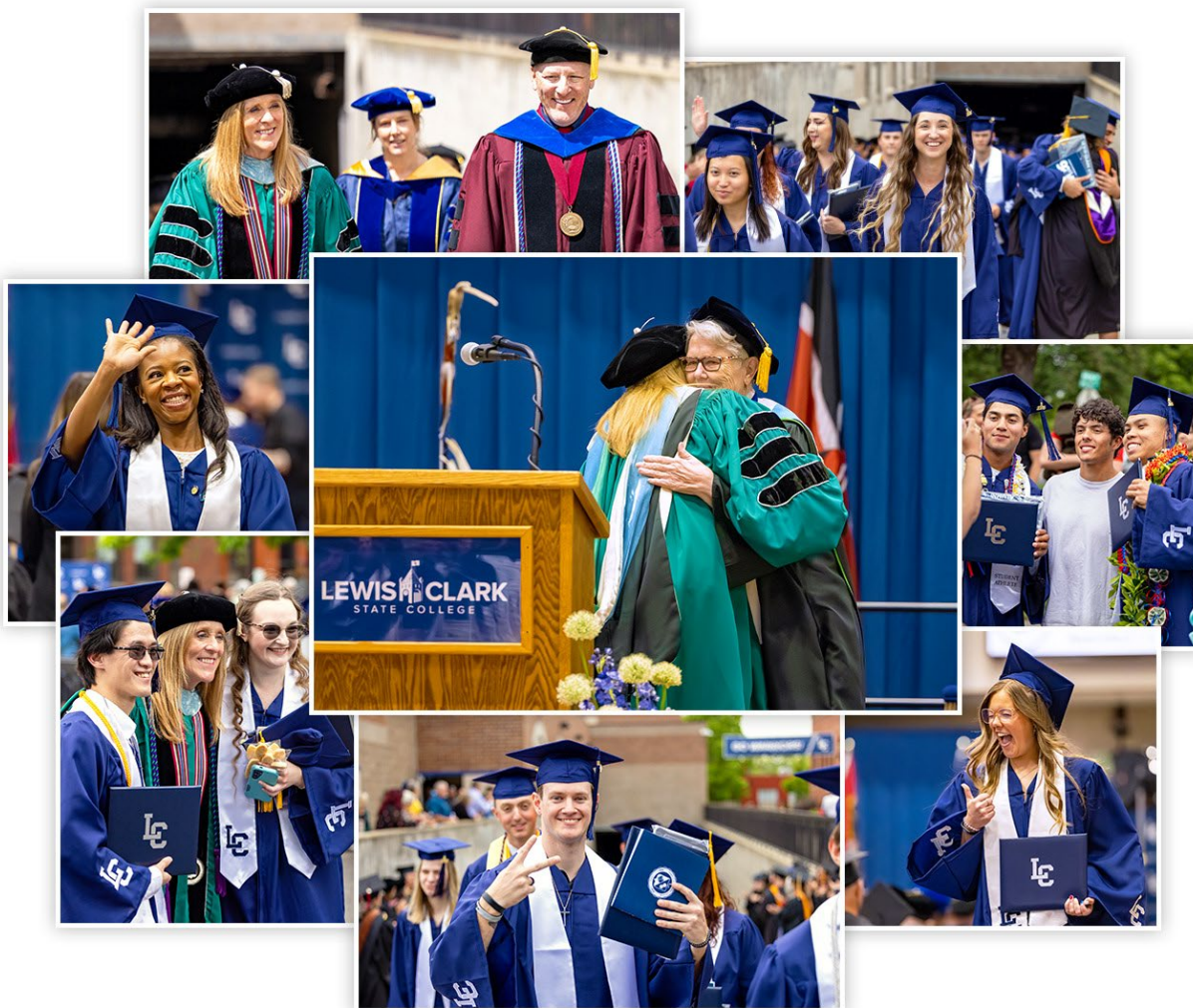


Monday Message

May 18, 2026



Dear all,



THANK YOU to all who celebrated with us and helped make our 2026 commencement ceremonies terrific successes. We awarded 966 certificates/degrees and made history granting our first master's degree – Master of Science in Nursing Leadership in

Healthcare! Congratulations, Warriors!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.

President

Announcements

Avista NAIA World Series Volunteers:

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.

CTE Dean:

Update from Dr. Fredrick M. Chilson, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs:

As we conduct a national search for dean of Career & Technical Education, the Provost's Office has established an interim three-person leadership structure for the School of CTE to ensure continuity and stability during this transition. Effective immediately, the School of CTE will be led by the following interim appointments:

- Mr. Charles Bell: Interim Assistant Dean for Faculty & Academic Affairs, responsible for instructional continuity, faculty relations, program integrity, and academic compliance across all CTE divisions.
- Dr. Doug Cruthirds: Interim Assistant Dean for Operations & External Relations, responsible for budget authority, facilities, HR coordination, K-12 pipeline, and serving as the single point of upward communication to the provost.
- Ms. Michelle Nelson: Assistant Dean for Program Development & Special Projects / Interim Director, Adult Learning Center, responsible for the Printshop, and Adult Learning Center operations. Principal investigator over Perkins V grants.

All three assistant deans report directly to the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and will participate in weekly joint meetings to ensure coordinated school leadership. This interim structure is designed for a three-to-six-month window running concurrently with a permanent dean search. Appointment details and effective dates will be communicated as they are finalized. Questions may be directed to the Office of the Provost.

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 collegeadvancement@lsc.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.

Events

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

May 22-30 – Avista NAIA World Series:

Congratulations to the LC State baseball team on winning the NAIA Baseball Opening Round, presented by Avista, to qualify for the [Avista NAIA World Series](#). The Warriors will face Tennessee Wesleyan on opening night, Friday, May 22, at 7 p.m. at Harris Field. Cheer them on as they pursue their 20th national championship! [Tickets](#) | [Schedule/Bracket](#) | [Volunteer](#).

Parking Lots Closed:

The parking lot in front of the P1FCU Activity Center will be closed starting Tuesday, May 19, and the 6th Street and Reid Centennial Hall parking lots will be closed starting Thursday, May 21, for the Series.

News & Features

Stay current on LC State news

- [LC State alumnus Tony Havens named 2026 Outstanding Teacher Educator](#)
- [First LC State master's graduate has plan to address nursing shortage](#)

- [LC State to make history at May 15 commencement](#)
- [LC State holds commencement at Orofino prison, celebrates 40 graduates](#)

Song for the Week: “[Time of your Life](#)” by Green Day, as chosen for commencement by ASLCSC President Rayne Martinez

