

Monday Message

July 27, 2026



Dear all,

The good things just keep happening!

LC State celebrated its Fifth Annual Student Democracy Day last week, which coincided with regional America 250 events. Participants toured Lewiston City Hall, visited with Mayor Dan Johnson, toured the Lewiston Tribune, had lunch at the Lewiston Library, and ended the day with a behind-the-scenes look at Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories' manufacturing process. Special thanks to Drs. Kylee Britzman and Leif Hoffmann for their organizational leadership. Thank you also to Mayor Johnson, the Tribune, Lewiston Library, and SEL for making the field-based tours meaningful and engaging. Town and gown connections and partnerships are truly part of what makes LC special.

In keeping with the America 250 theme, I encourage folks to stop in at the Center for Arts & History (CAH). The [Moments That Made Us](#) exhibit, running through Sept. 12 with an Aug. 1 opening event at noon-2 p.m., is organized around five themes. The themes are: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; consent of the governed; created equal; free and independent states; and we mutually pledge to each other. The exhibit is a wonderful exploration of how our nation's ideals are interpreted and lived.

Happy last weeks of summer, Warriors!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.

President

Announcements

Accessible Web Documents:

LC State's web coordination office reports 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

Insurance Plan:

The new insurance plan year started July 1, and all employees should have received their new medical insurance cards in the mail with an updated group and member ID number. You will need to update your doctor's office, pharmacy, and eye doctor with your new card information. You will need to create a new account at www.regence.com to access the member portal. This does not impact your dental coverage.

Jitterz Opens this Week:

LC State's Jitterz Coffee Shop will be open this week, Tuesday-Friday, July 28-31, from 7-11 a.m. for the Idaho Education Association Conference. Stop by for your favorite drink and say hello to Mariah! She misses all her LC State friends.

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

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

Purchasing Bank of America Works Update:

Beginning Aug. 12, Bank of America is changing how LC State accesses Works as part of a broader platform update. Works' functionality itself is not changing — only the login process. Going forward, LC State employees will log into Bank of America's Global Card Access (GCA) first, then click into Works without needing separate credentials. Please visit the [Purchasing website](#) for details. Contact purch@lcsc.edu with any questions.

Zoom Single Sign-On:

LC State is transitioning Zoom to Single Sign-On (SSO), effective Tuesday, Aug. 4. This means users will sign into Zoom using their LC State email and password instead of maintaining a separate Zoom account. As part of this change, departmental Zoom accounts will no longer be supported, and any remaining departmental accounts should be transitioned to named-user accounts before that date. Starting Aug. 4, you will no longer be able to sign into departmental Zoom accounts, and any users who were not renewed for the upcoming fiscal year will also be removed at that time. If you have questions or need help transitioning, please contact the ITS [Help Desk](#).

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](#)

Song for the Week: "[Love Will Keep Us Together](#)" by Captain & Tennille

