

Monday Message

May 1, 2023



Dear all,

As promised, here are some highlights of a few individual and group achievements at LC State, this time with a heavy focus on natural science! Be proud of your accomplishments, your colleagues, and your college!

- LC State biology students **Brayden Graves, Kyra Lockett, Kenedi Freeman, and Abbey Marler** presented a poster on their research, “Deficiency of BIm DNA helicase during early embryonic cell cycles establishes detrimental outcomes in surviving progeny” at the 64th Annual Drosophila Research Conference in Chicago last month. Out of 222 undergraduate attendees, Graves was selected as one of eight undergraduate speakers to give a talk on this research during the “Spotlight on Undergraduate Research” workshop. Lockett was one of just 14 students to receive an award with other winners coming from much larger institutions such as Brown University, University of Michigan, University of North Carolina, and the University of California, Irvine.
- **Dr. Rachel Jameton**, professor of chemistry and newly named chair of the Physical, Life, Movement & Sport Sciences Division, was awarded a \$20,000 Out of School STEM Programming Grant for STEMGEM: an afterschool program and summer camp 2023 that focuses on mentoring between college and career scientists, and secondary school girls.
- **Dr. Nancy Johnston**, associate professor of chemistry, traveled with four undergraduate science majors to a national meeting in Chicago, American Geophysical Union, where they presented research on air pollution/emissions: “Characterization of Compost Emissions using Gas-Chromatography Methods; Five-Year Study of Volatile Organic Compounds in an Intermountain West Valley Region; and Monitoring of Multiple Air Pollutants in a Rural Northwest Valley: NASA AERONET, EPA Fine Particulate Matter and Local Sulfur Species.”
- **Dr. Lloyd Mataka**, associate professor of chemistry, published a new paper: Mataka, L. Saderholm, J. & Hodge T. (2022), “College STEM faculty teaching practices; the influence of a professional development with faculty learning communities.” *Electronic Journal of research in Science and Mathematics Education*, 26(3), 40-56. <https://ejrsme.icrsme.com/article/view/21826>
- **Dr. Heather Van Mullem**, professor of kinesiology and health, has a newly published book chapter: “Who’s got spirit?: Techniques for engaging students in a sport psychology class” in L. Forbes & D. Thomas (Eds.) “Professors at Play Playbook: Real-world techniques from a more playful higher education classroom” (pp. 219-221). Carnegie Mellon University: ETC Press.

Connecting Learning to Life through teacher-scholar excellence – Way to go, Warriors!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **May 4 – Geri Seale Retirement Open House** – The Business & Computer Science Division is hosting an open house reception for Geri Seale who is retiring after 36 years of service to Lewis-Clark State College. It will be on Thursday, May 4, from 2-4 p.m. in Thomas Jefferson Hall (TJH), Room 126. Refreshments will be provided and a special recognition/presentation will take place at 3:30 p.m. in TJH, Room 108.
- **May 4-5 – Research Symposium** – The campuswide Annual LC State [Research Symposium](#) will fully return this year with its 14th edition. Students will give oral presentations throughout the day on Thursday and Friday and deliver poster presentations Friday afternoon. During the lunch hour on Thursday, there will be an intermission between student presentations to focus on the endeavors of LC State faculty with the [Faculty Showcase Panel](#). During the lunch hour on Friday, [Dr. Samuel Levulis](#), a human factors psychologist, will give a keynote address detailing his journey through a research-focused Ph.D. program at Texas Tech University, his work for General Electric, and most recently his efforts with Microsoft. A more detailed schedule of the dates and times when various divisions will be presenting their research can be found [here](#). The campus and community are encouraged to join us at this free event. Please come celebrate the research endeavors of our students and faculty! Click here to [add it to your Google calendar](#).
- **May 12 – Commencement** – LC State will hold three commencement ceremonies at the P1FCU Activity Center on May 12. Related events are listed below. Learn more at www.lcsc.edu/graduation.
 - May 5
 - CDA Senior Research Symposium: 2-4 p.m. at DeArmond Building
 - CDA Graduation Reception: 4-6 p.m. at DeArmond Building
 - CDA Social Work Pinning Ceremony: 6 p.m. at North Idaho College
 - May 11
 - Radiographic Sciences Recognition Ceremony: 12-1:30 p.m. at Silverthorne Theatre
 - BSN Recognition Ceremony: 3-5 p.m. at Echo Hills Church, Lewiston
 - Social Work Pinning Ceremony: 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Silverthorne Theatre
 - ASLCSC BBQ: 5-7 p.m. at campus center lawn by gazebo
 - May 12
 - Commencement ceremony for School of Liberal Arts at 9 a.m.
 - Commencement ceremony for School of Professional Studies at 12 p.m.
 - Commencement ceremony for School of Career & Technical Education at 3 p.m.

Announcements

- **Asst. Controller:** Congratulations to Jack DeWenter who has been selected as the assistant controller. Jack is a graduate of the University of Washington with a bachelor's in economics with a focus in finance. He has an MBA in finance from Pepperdine University's Graziadio Business School and is currently pursuing a master's of accountancy through Boise State University online. He was previously a fiscal analyst at Washington State University. Jack's new position is part of a reorganization of several existing positions to help rebalance the workflow and streamline the banking and financial reporting process.
- **Avista NAIA World Series T-Shirts:** World Series souvenir t-shirts are now on sale! [Buy yours today](#) and wear it proudly on Fridays to support the Warriors and the tournament.
- **Book Adoptions:** LC State's new bookstore partner, Textbook Brokers, recently held a [Faculty Portal](#) training session for textbook/course material adoptions. For those who were unable to attend, you can view the training [online](#). If you have questions, please reach out directly to our

account manager Mark Mazurowski at mmazurowski@textbookbrokers.com. Fall course materials are due May 5, 2023.

- **Bookstore Sale:** The bookstore is currently running a 25% off sale. Some items, especially school supplies, are marked down 50% to 75% off.
- **Campus Steam:** Physical Plant will be turning off steam heating this week as the campus switches to cooling mode for summer.
- **Did You Know?** According to Policy 1.104 (Constitution of the Faculty of Lewis-Clark State College) in the College's Policy and Procedures manual (www.lcsc.edu/media/2268/1104-constitution-accessible.pdf), the Faculty Association is comprised of both faculty and associate faculty members. Review this page and then [take this week's quiz](#). If you're one of the first 10 to answer right, you'll win a prize (Swag prize location: Center for Teaching & Learning). **P.S. This is the final edition of Did You Know? Drawing and winners will be announced in the May 8 message.**
- **Fitness Center:** During finals week, the LC State Fitness Center hours of operation will be 6:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 4-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, May 8-11. It will be closed May 12-14.
- **Food Drive:** The Warrior Pantry is holding a food drive April 21-May 5. Items needed include soup, spices, cereal, Ramen, snacks, toilet paper, toothbrushes, and hygiene products. Dropoff boxes are located across campus including at the Warrior Pantry location in the Library.
- **HR Updates:**
 - **Open enrollment** for employee benefits begins today and runs through May 12. Visit www.ogi.idaho.gov for more information regarding health insurance changes or information about signing up for a flexible spending account.
 - **Summer hours** will be in effect May 15-Aug. 4. See intranet for details.
- **IT Updates:**
 - **Computer Resource Allocation Consideration:** As you plan to purchase computers for your department or division, either before the end of FY23 or at the beginning of FY24, please keep the following in mind. To best use LC State resources, as new computers are purchased, we are allotting only one computer per individual. If you purchase a new system, you must either turn in your existing computer(s) or, if appropriate, have the equipment assigned to another individual as their primary computer. LC State will not purchase or allocate two devices for a single individual. This applies to all computers, both desktops and mobile (such as laptops and Surface notebooks). This does not apply to devices classified as tablets or e-writers like iPads and reMarkables. Please contact Courtney Toth (cetoth@lcsc.edu) if you have any questions.
 - **Outdated Computer Equipment Turn-in:** An important part of the LC State IT Security initiatives is to ensure all equipment used for LC State work is up-to-date, supportable, and serviceable. Therefore, all computers that are older than 72 months will be required to be taken out of inventory and turned over for surplus. (Your recent inventory form contains the purchase date for each computer.) Please follow the Surplus Property Disposal process found [here](#) and ensure you complete the Property Disposal Form found [here](#) before sending the computers to IT for clearing of data prior to the removal of the equipment from campus.
- **Luma Training:** All LC State employees will be transferring to the new State of Idaho Luma system on June 19. Luma is a cloud-based system replacing the current state system that houses I-Time, Employee Self-Service, W-2s, Pay Stubs, etc.,. All employees are now able to access prerequisite training in Luma; the goal of the prerequisite training is to prepare and onboard all

State of Idaho employees to begin learning how to use Luma. Steps to set up your new account are outlined below. For questions and assistance email hr@lcsc.edu.

- **Step 1: Obtain a State ID and set up MFA DUO.**
 - Please use the available instructions on the SCO website (below) to obtain a state ID, set up multi-factor authentication (MFA), and access the Enterprise Dashboard (the Enterprise Dashboard is where everyone will register for and access training.).
 - [Instructions on the Enterprise Dashboard Registration, Access, and Password Management](#)
 - [Instructions on setting up DUO MFA](#)
- **Step 2: Access Luma Training to complete Prerequisite training materials.**
 - To access Luma training, from the Enterprise Dashboard, please select the Luma Training tile.
- **Step 3: Manually register for the course by typing “Pre” into the search bar :**
 - Please review the following in the Prerequisite Training Courses and “Mark Article Read” to complete the training:
 - Welcome to Luma
 - Navigating the Training and Development System (TDS)
 - Luma Basic Navigation
 - Luma Support
- **Public Safety Updates:**
 - **Keys:** To those who supervise irregular help (IH) employees, as IH positions finish up this spring, please remember to have the employee turn their keys in to the Department of Public Safety no later than their last day of work.
 - **Forms:** Before completing a Key Request and/or Vehicle Use Agreement form, please remember to download the most current form from the Department of Public Safety website: www.lcsc.edu/public-safety/forms.
- **Volunteering for the World Series:** The 2023 Avista NAIA World Series is May 26-June 2 and volunteers are needed to take tickets, sell programs, help in the concession stands, and serve as ushers. 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 <https://naiaworldseries.com/volunteer-intern>.
- **Water Updates:** While we are still learning details, it is very likely that the City of Lewiston failed reservoir water restrictions will impact the college. As we learn more, we will share more.
- **Song for the Week:** [“Here Comes The Sun”](#) by the Richie Havens

