

Monday Message

April 26, 2021



President's Message

Dear all,

Happy Spring Break! The timing seems weird I know, but we made it. We delivered a largely live and in-person education experience. We adhered to protocols guided by science and safety. We engaged surveillance testing, advocated for vaccination, and partnering with Public Health made vaccine clinics highly accessible. We kept COVID-19 case numbers minimized; and took good care of the few isolation instances we needed to accommodate. We creatively devised virtual and protocol-compliant campus events and activities – including opportunities for ALL of LC State's sport teams to compete (most of which took place during this spring semester!). We reorganized spaces and room capacities. We made use of new technologies, simultaneously taking on the roles of learners and teachers. We did more with less. We endured and we persevered.

While I know taking a break really doesn't happen for many, if not most, of us – the campus is still staffed and operating, and final projects, exams and study sessions continue to percolate along, some remotely and some in-person, as we move toward finals week – I hope you will carve out at least a bit of time, if not to rest, to bask in the successes our collective efforts made possible. Despite the pandemic. Despite the disruption, uncertainty, unease, stress, anxiety and even fear at times, we steadfastly served our education mission. As a result, May 14th three commencement ceremonies will take place on Harris field (rain or shine – be sure to wear shoes you can walk on the field with!). Faculty will process, and hundreds of LC State graduates will be celebrated with family and loved ones able to share in the joy.

What we together accomplished and made possible is nothing short of extraordinary. I thank you and I applaud you. Well done, Warriors. Well done!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **April 27 – Tuesdays at Two** – President Pemberton's Tuesdays at Two will continue through Zoom (<https://lscs.zoom.us/j/861031866>). All are welcome to join the conversation.
- **May 14 – Commencement** – LC State's 2021 [Commencement](#) ceremonies will be held on **Friday, May 14, at Harris Field Rain or Shine!** For more information read these letters sent to graduates: [Letter 1](#) | [Letter 2](#)

Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit www.lscs.edu/coronavirus. The page will continue to be updated with resources and FAQs. In accordance with its [Operational Levels](#), LC State's current risk level is: Minimal.

- **Cases Update:** Currently there is **one** active case and **no** students in isolation in campus housing. The college has had **28** confirmed cases this spring. For the latest numbers visit the coronavirus webpage.
- **Vaccine Availability:** Public Health - Idaho North Central District has opened vaccine availability to ages 16 and over. To schedule an appointment visit www.idahoprepmo.com or call 208-799-3100. [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ \(PDF\)](#) now available.
- **Test Reimbursement:** If you have received a partial reimbursement from your insurance company for the COVID-19 test(s) you had at LC State, please contact your insurance company to determine if you should return those funds. Note: LC State is covering the cost of your test(s) with federal COVID-19 relief funds.
- **LC State protocols will remain in place at least through mid-May.**
- **Advance Registration Winner:** Congratulations to the Social Sciences Division for registering the highest percentage of students during Advance Registration. One student from that division will receive a \$250 bookstore gift card. Movement & Sport Sciences finished second, and Natural Sciences & Mathematics was third. Thank you to all of our divisions for helping us have a very successful Advance Registration!
- **SBOE Special Meeting:** The State Board of Education April 14 special meeting can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/GrGLsxtZKq>. During this meeting the Board directed Idaho's public college and university presidents to prepare tuition and fee requests for academic year 2021-22 with no tuition increases for resident undergraduate students.
- **Center for Arts & History Director:** Emily Johnsen has accepted the position as director of the Center for Arts & History. She will begin on June 1. For more than a decade, Johnsen has worked as an arts administrator focusing on exhibition planning, arts programming, marketing and communications, and publications. She holds a B.A. in the History of Art and Architecture from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) and an M.A. in Visual Arts Administration from New York University.
- **Volunteer for Commencement:** Volunteers are needed for LC State's three [commencement](#) ceremonies on May 14 at Harris Field. Those interested are asked to obtain supervisor approval and then reach out to Caroline Hatfield in the Office of the Provost at cshatfield@lcsc.edu or 208-792-2213.
- **HR Updates:** For Warrior Wellness and Professional Development opportunities [view this week's flyer](#).
 - Open Enrollment starts today and ends May 14. Please view the short [Open Enrollment video](#) on the Office of Group Insurance website for more information.
 - Mark your calendars for Employee Appreciation Day events on the afternoon of May 5. More information to follow.
- **Professional Clothing Closet:** In last week's message the Student Employment – Career Center called for donations to refill its professional's clothing closet. Success! So many donations came in that more space had to be found. A big thank you to athletics for donating a large rack, hangers, and size markers to make it all work. Thank you, LC Family, for helping expand the Professional's Clothing Closet! Before and after photo below:

