

Monday Message

March 4, 2024



Dear all,

What a week in Boise! I had the honor and privilege of sharing information about LC State with both the House and Senate Education Committees, as well as the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC). If you ever wonder whether or not, and/or how ardently I advocate for us and all the good we achieve for our students and state, take a peek at the testimony recordings which can be downloaded here: [JFAC](#), [Senate Ed](#), [House Ed](#). We have a compelling education story to tell and I am not shy about doing so!

Beyond these meetings, I met with 40 legislators in either scheduled one-on-one meetings or hallway exchanges; all of whom indicated they appreciated the work we do and outcomes we achieve. And, the positives don't stop there... College Advancement helped us host an alumni gathering at Cottonwood Grille and a Dialog Dinner with folks who are unabashedly supportive of LC State. I want to give a shoutout and thanks to LC State alum and golden glove baseball player Mr. Kevin Hawk who hosted the Dialog Dinner. We and they, along with Provost Fred Chilson, Associate Dean Krista Harwick, Interim Chair Michelle Pearson-Smith and Associate Professor Chelsea Cronin, also hosted an alumni event, meeting with nursing and other alumni at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

While all the above was taking place, the State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting (hosted at Boise State University on Tuesday and Wednesday) included history-in-the-making for LC State. Provost Chilson and Associate Dean Harwick presented our first ever full master's degree program – Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Leadership in Healthcare. The degree proposal received unanimous support from the SBOE. This is HUGE!!! Together we made history and have changed future trajectory options for LC State.

It was and is GREAT to be a Warrior!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

Keep up on events and activities through the new [Campus Calendar](#).

- **March 5, 8-9 – Home Athletic Events** – The Warrior dance team will compete virtually against Hope International University on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at the P1FCU Activity Center. The men's tennis team hosts the University of Montana on Friday at noon and Idaho State University on Saturday at 1 p.m. For more info visit www.lcwarriors.com.
- **March 5 – Tuesday @ Two** – President Pemberton will host Tuesday @ Two on the dates and locations listed below. Stop by and join the conversation.
 - March 5, Mechanical Technical Building, Room 203
 - April 2, College Place first floor lounge area
 - April 30, Schweitzer Career & Technical Education Center, Room 302
- **March 7-April 10 – Student Employment & Career Readiness Center Events:**

- **March 7 – Micron Info Session** – Students are invited to explore career opportunities with Micron with sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the Schweitzer Career & Technical Education Center.
- **April 10 – National Student Employee Appreciation Celebration** – Join us in recognizing the contributions of our student workforce during the designated week by the National Student Employment Association. The Student Employment & Career Readiness Center will host a celebration event to honor our student employees across campus. It will be collecting "kudos" from supervisors to display on its celebratory wall, and each office will be invited to host a table to network and promote the on-campus job opportunities. Additionally, employers will have the opportunity to network with students and discuss potential work opportunities for the fall semester.
- **March 14 – Ask & Answer** – Ask & Answer with President Pemberton will be held in the SUB cafeteria over the noon lunch hour on Thursday, March 14. All are invited.
- **March 15 – Hike with Your Profs!** – Join Outdoor Adventures and LC State professors for an afternoon hike in the LC Valley on Friday, March 15, at 2-5 p.m. The hike will be an easy-moderate loop. All experience levels are welcome. The details and sign-up sheet are now live on LC's [Outdoor Adventures webpage](#), and here is the direct link to the [sign-up form](#).
- **March 15 – Employee Recognition Nominations Due** – Nominations for staff and faculty awards are due March 15 and should be emailed to the Academic Affairs office at academicaffairs@lcsc.edu. Award recipients, retirees and emeritus will be recognized at the Employee Recognition event on April 5 at 2-4 p.m. at the Williams Conference Center. For more information about the award categories and event visit www.lcsc.edu/academic-affairs/awards.

Announcements

- **Chief Technology Officer/IT Director:** Tony Regan will give a brief introduction and take questions afterwards as part of the interview process for the position of Chief Technology Officer/IT Director. The event will take place at 1-2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, in SAC 115.
- **Cybersecurity Training:** The Idaho 2024 annual Cybersecurity Training campaign will be available to all employees March 1-31. It takes approximately 18 minutes to complete. Training modules are located in Luma and can be accessed in the Employee Learning and Development profile beginning March 1. The steps to find the training are listed below. For questions, please contact the Idaho Office of Information Technology Services at cybertraining@its.idaho.gov.
 - Log in to your Luma profile
 - Go to the waffle at the top left-hand corner. Click on "Infor Global HR"
 - Expand "My Learning and Development" from the menu options
 - Select "Development Profile"
 - In "Newly Assigned Activities," select "2024 Annual Cybertraining"
 - Ensure pop-ups are unblocked
 - Complete training
- **Humanities Division Chair:** Dr. Amanda Van Lanen will give a presentation and take questions afterwards as part of the interview process for the position of chair of the Humanities Division. The event will take place at noon-1 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, in SAC 115.
- **Luma Time Coding Change:** For employees who manually enter account codes (to the right-hand side of entering hours) on their time sheet, typically irregular help and student workers, there is a change now necessary in Luma partway through the fiscal year. Employees who previously entered "10000" for Fund, will now need to enter "65000". The payroll department will provide a notice twice per year when this change is required (typically July and then

January/February).

- **Month-end Close:** The Controller's office will be posting an intranet announcement each month to notify divisions/departments when the month end has "closed," therefore confirming that payroll and any journal entries are reflected in the closed month's financial transactions/budget. Once divisions/departments see this announcement, they can use their budgeting tools to check their account balances and expenses/revenues for the closed month. Please note that the month end typically closes by the second Friday of each month after the final payroll and P-Card postings.
- **New Hires:**
 - James Piscitello has been named general manager for Sodexo/Dining Services. Jim earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Idaho and has spent 25 years working in hospitality management. Jim's first day will be Monday, March 11.
 - Dr. Veronica Hopwood has been named director of Educational Opportunity Grants in Student Affairs. Specifically, she will oversee the Educational Talent Search and CAMP grants. Dr. Hopwood earned her Ph.D. in Prevention Sciences from Washington State University and has most recently worked as a wellness coordinator at Pullman Regional Hospital. Dr. Hopwood's first day will be Monday, March 18.
- **Systems Outage:** On Wednesday, March 13, the LC State SAN (storage for college servers and systems) will be taken offline and updated to address a critical vulnerability. The outage will last from 4-8 a.m. All locally hosted systems will be unavailable during that time including, but not limited to, Colleague, WarriorWeb, Recruit, EZProxy, Perceptive Content, campus card system, Printshop Pro, F9, Salto, MIP, Courseleaf, AceWeb/Ware, WarriorPrint and the Library sign-on system. The college wireless systems will also be affected, but wired networks will work without interruption. Online services such as Microsoft OneDrive, college email, Microsoft Office, and Teams will be accessible.
- **WarriorWear:** It's time for summer and fall adoptions for course materials. FacultyPortal is now live for faculty to upload adoptions for summer and fall semesters. If you need a refresher on how to utilize FacultyPortal, here is a [training video](#). If you're having trouble logging in or experiencing any other issues, please reach out to the store manager, Brandi, at bwilliams@textbookbrokers.com.
- **Warrior Wellness:** Follow along as nine LC State teams take part in the [Idita-Walk Challenge](#), taking on the Iditarod dog teams in a challenge to the finish! Each LC State team will take part in different wellness challenges throughout the week to beat the sled dogs to Nome! You can follow along here.
- **Where are the Warriors?** Every week, LC State recruiters are traveling to high schools, junior colleges, fairs, corrections facilities, etc., spreading the word about all LC State has to offer. Here's a quick look at [Where the Warriors are this Week](#).
- **Song for the Week:** "[You're Still the One](#)" by Shania Twain

