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The VPSL Column



Greetings LC students!

Welcome to Fall 2022 semester at Lewis & Clark! There is much excitement in the air as we begin a new academic year! Just four weeks ago, I set foot on campus as your new vice president for student life, and I am excited to be here to lead and oversee the many offices and services that are here to support your cocurricular experiences. I thank the many staff, faculty, and countless students who have been welcoming and helpful as I have been onboarding to a new place and community. I am thrilled to begin this academic year with new President Robin Holmes-Sullivan as well as other new faces and offices across the Division of Student Life.

The Division of Student Life is made up of an outstanding team of caring leaders who are committed to supporting your success. You can learn more about all of our offices on [our website](#). You will soon come to know the staff and student leaders as part of your network and for your success. Lean on us and take the opportunities to get involved in programs and events. We can't wait to get to know you!

You can expect this Bark Newsletter to come to you weekly, compliments of the Division of Student Life. The Bark updates you on important information about policies, expectations, resources, operations, and more. A few highlights for now:

- Stay up-to-date on **all things COVID** by visiting our [COVID-19 Ongoing Response website](#) at any time.
- This week's newsletter will serve as your annual notification to review the **Student Code of Conduct**. The code establishes the expectations of behavior that foster academic and communal integrity. It exists so that all students can be successful. As a member of the student community, please keep in mind the principles of mutual respect, civil discourse, responsible decision-making, and personal accountability.

- **Templeton Student Center** areas and offices open in phases this year. The new spaces are amazing! Please be mindful of the construction zones and pay attention to signage for updated operating hours especially for the dining venues. You can stay on top of construction projects around campus [here](#).

I want to also take the opportunity to share with all of you my leadership vision and the things that I value:

- ***Enhancing the Student Experience***. It is important for me to know how you experience Lewis & Clark and the ways that we can improve your environment (places, spaces, activities, school spirit, programs, communications, wellness, living, working, learning, dining, gathering, events, traditions, etc.).
- ***Greater Sense of Belonging and Inclusion***. The more that you feel like you belong and feel included, the deeper your investment and engagement in your community. This means I want to get to know the things that are important to you as a student and ensure we have the resources, programs, opportunities, community dialogues, and support structures so that LC feels like your home too, that you are cared for, and heard.
- ***Collaboration***. I enjoy and value working in teams, developing partnerships, and collaborative experiences. Working with others is motivating, and I have always believed the more brains, the better! I look forward to many new collaborations in my role, especially with students.

I'm on social media too: follow me on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates on events, campus opportunities, athletic games, fun pop-ups, or even contests or giveaways such as food, coffee/snacks or LC swag . . . more information will be out soon! And there will be other opportunities for us to meet, discuss, listen and learn through my office and campus hours. I'll be available monthly in East Hall as well as in other campus buildings. Locations, dates, and time will be available on social media soon, so please stay tuned.

Have a great start to the new academic year here at Lewis & Clark. Whether this is the beginning of your college career, second or third- ear, your graduating senior year, or you just transferred here, I wish you many good memories and experiences. Welcome (and welcome back) to Lewis & Clark!

Sincerely,

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