



The Bark | September 12, 2022

The VPSL Column

Guest columnist: Jessica Carron, Director of the Student Rights and Responsibilities

Dear Students,

Week three of the semester is upon us, and you are probably in motion with many things in your day-to-day life as an L&C student, and this issue is a good time to think about your *time management*. You probably have papers, labs, readings, and maybe even talk of midterms and quizzes in your classes. Sports, clubs, work, and other activities are in full swing. Plus there are new friends, weekend plans, and a whole city down the hill to explore! It's a lot, in a good way, but it's still a lot.

I encourage you to make use of some kind of time management system that works for you, so that you can balance academics, co-curriculars, social time, and down time. And sleeping and eating! If you need help setting up a system for tracking it all, talk to a college advisor or your faculty advisor, your RA or Area Director, ask a staff member in Student Life for time management advice, or that super-organized friend. Now is the moment to find a way to do all of the things you want to do this semester, and some planning will help make it a reality.

This week, Jessica Carron, Director of the Student Rights and Responsibilities office, is our guest columnist. From time to time, various folks from the Division of Student Life will share a little bit about their work and how they help to support student development and campus life here at L&C. As members of our academic community, there is a special reminder below to read about being a **good neighbor** throughout our L&C community. Please be mindful of how/when you gather, including any behaviors that might impact the residents who live close to our college. Thank you in advance for being respectful, aware of, and caring for the surrounding community.

Enjoy Jess's column, check out the results from [athletic events](#) over the weekend (men's soccer is back!), and please come see me at my [office and campus hours](#).

Please take care of yourself and each other.
Warmly,
Evette

Evette Castillo Clark, EdD
Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students



Dear Lewis & Clark Students,

My name is Jessica Carron, and I oversee the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. As we launch into a new year, my hope is that we can continue to grow and learn as a community by being more knowledgeable about policies and how our day-to-day actions may have an impact on those around us. As such, I may periodically pop into The Bark to provide you updates around policies, community concerns, and opportunities to support our community accountability efforts.

For today, I have two topics I wanted to bring awareness to:

1. **Concerns from our neighbors:** The neighborhood around Lewis & Clark has raised concerns about student activities around the entry gates and onto the streets west of campus. We are working with these neighbors to ensure students who may be causing disruption are properly addressed. Please be aware that the college's Code of Conduct applies to students at all times, whether on or off-campus. Additionally, I hope we can all reflect on the fact that our neighbors, while not a direct part of our college, are a part of our community. Please treat them with the same respect and care that you would expect in return.
2. **Adjudication clarification for COVID-19 and other policies:** This summer, our office received an inquiry about how we plan to enforce COVID-19 and other policies. There were some concerns raised about the COVID-19 Pledge and that students may be automatically removed from campus for violating COVID-19 policies. While the college takes the health and safety of our community seriously, particularly in light of COVID-19, please be aware that all students have the right to due process through the Code of Conduct. That means you have a right to a fair hearing and a thoughtful outcome that takes into account the context of the violation, the severity of the violation, and your history of behavior. We do not remove students from campus without due process, unless we are taking interim actions to ensure the safety and well-being of the Lewis & Clark community. Even with these rare interim actions, you would still be guaranteed the right to a hearing. To know what is expected of you, please review the [COVID-19 Mitigation Policy](#).

For more information about expectations the college has for you, please review the Student [Code of Conduct](#) and the [College Policies](#). If you would like clarification on or would like to provide feedback on the Code of Conduct or the College Policies, please reach out to srr@lclark.edu.

We are wishing you a great beginning of the semester!

Jessica Carron
Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities