

Quarterly insights and updates from the Trinidad State College Foundation



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A Lifetime's Appreciation— Chuck Stevens

When Chuck Stevens first considered college, he decided it wasn't right for him. "To be honest," he said, "I didn't feel I had what it took to be a successful student. I didn't think I could do it."

With the Vietnam War at its height, Chuck would turn his attention instead to serving his country. As with many Vietnam-era soldiers, it would prove to be a difficult experience—and Chuck would later struggle with the social climate after he returned. But once he was back home, he soon found himself reconsidering the idea of college.

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Practical Tips for your Age Group

60's and Up

Delaying Social Security retirement benefits can pay off big

40's to 50's

A midlife retirement check-in

20's to 30's

Starting early with retirement savings makes a huge difference

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A Family Legacy—David and Marlene Pratto

Bertha Bon Pratto was born into the mining community of Starkville, Colorado in 1908. Mining was the town's principal economic activity in those days, and through the years the small community would experience the industry's characteristic boom-and-bust cycles. It would also endure its associated risks. In 1910, an explosion at the Starkville mine would kill 56 miners.

Bertha Pratto would grow up and live a large portion of her life in the coal camps and farming communities of Starkville, Delagua, Trujillo Creek, Gulnare, and Aguilar.

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Jobs of the Future—TSC Drone Program



"TSJC was a gift that has continued to enhance our lives since we enrolled over 50 years ago! The Monthly Partner's Program is our way of giving back."

-Richard, '72,
& Kathy, '73, Holmes



SOCIETY OF 1925

Trinidad State College was established in 1925 as the first public two-year institution in Colorado, serving students across the Raton Basin and San Luis Valley. Today, the Society of 1925 honors those whose estate gifts will help future generations of students achieve their biggest dreams. [Learn More](#)

DONATE NOW

A non-profit corporation founded in 1968, the Trinidad State College Foundation promotes the growth and development of Trinidad State College by providing support for scholarships, academics, student

Once upon a time, the concept of an unmanned aircraft was the stuff of science fiction novels. Today, however, practical uses for drone aircraft are expanding rapidly, and Trinidad State is uniquely positioned to help lead the way.

In 2015, the Federal Aviation Administration awarded the San Luis Valley a *Certificate of Waiver or Authorization*, opening up its skies for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) use. This designation allowed commercially licensed drone operators and researchers to fly unmanned aircraft up to 15,000 feet in altitude, above the previous 400 feet.

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programs and other areas of need at the College. [Learn More](#)

Save the Date!

The Trinidad State Classes of 1970-73 are planning a reunion during the summer of 2022. The event will take place July 21st–24th. For more information, please contact James Lockett at jdlockett28@sbcglobal.net or 817-791-8487.



Keep up with the latest happenings of the Trinidad State College Foundation!



Trinidad State—A Life's Vocation

Trinidad State enjoys an amazing history in southern Colorado. Founded in 1925, by visionary thinkers who labored in the fields and in the mines, these people envisioned a different future for their children and grandchildren. One with less hardship and uncertainty.

With wisdom and foresight, these families came together to help form Colorado's first community college. They knew that education held the key. They recognized the impact a local college would create. [Read More](#)



Smart Ways to Help TSC Students

When considering a gift to Trinidad State, most people think of their checkbook first. Depending upon circumstances, however, a more tax-efficient option might be available. [Read More](#)

TSC Gunsmithing – Alumni Reunion



TSC Gunsmithing is hosting an Alumni Reunion in conjunction with the 2022 NSSF SHOT Show in Las Vegas. With the TSC gunsmithing program celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2022, we would like to take the opportunity for our past graduates and friends of the program to get together and network. If you are attending the SHOT Show or you are in the area, we would enjoy seeing you at this open house event. It will take place on Wednesday, January 19 from 6-9 p.m. at the Venetian Hotel.

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