



College Update  
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Welcome to Spring 2014!

After a long and restful break, it's time to begin anew ...

Seven employees have joined TSJC since mid-August. They are: Raquel Barata (Math Lab Coordinator – Valley), Matthew Young (Assistant Residence Hall Manager – Trinidad), Benjamin Webster (Science Lab Technician – Valley), Jennifer Swanson (STEM Academic Coach – Trinidad), Nicholas Galasso (Custodian – Trinidad), Joyce Chavez (Custodian – Trinidad), and Danison Croghan (Gun Range Director – Trinidad). In addition, four people have recently taken on new assignments: Andrew Martinez (Student Success Specialist – Valley), Marsha Girdlestone (Student Success Specialist – Trinidad), Mark Van Dreason (Recruiter – Trinidad) and Alana Best (Financial Services Coordinator – Trinidad). Welcome and congratulations!

As you know, in-service begins in earnest this week. We've planned special activities at the Trinidad campus on Tuesday, followed by similar presentations at the Valley campus on Wednesday. The latest additions to the schedule this year are luncheons for those who have recently joined us as new employees on each campus. My goal is to gain insight into what has worked well (or not so well) during the transitions of these individuals to TSJC to provide better experiences to those who may follow in the future.

We are hoping for a very busy enrollment period this week. As you may have seen, our Trinidad and Valley campus headcounts were 439 and 336 students, respectively, as of December 18, 2013. We have a long ways to go to match the 1,793 students we had last spring, but our year-to-year comparison shows that we are actually up slightly on both campuses right now. We're especially appreciative of your efforts to help our students complete the registration process this week, but wow, they sure do seem to wait until the last minute.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you have a great week, and welcome back!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,  
President