



College Update
January 13, 2014

Happy First Day of Classes!

Just a reminder that we are still collecting input for strategic planning. Last Thursday, the link was shared (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TSJCStrategicPlanning>) and 31 replies were gathered that day alone. Thank you for the great response! The deadline for participation is Friday, so if you haven't done so already, please take a few minutes to fill out the portions of this survey that you care about!

In 2006, the TSJC Educational Foundation started an Annual Fund appeal to support student scholarships. The goal that first year was \$10,000. Since then, the Annual Fund effort has grown tremendously thanks to the incredible support of faculty, staff, alumni and friends. To date, we are at an all-time high of \$39,141 – surpassing our goal of \$35,000. We are encouraging everyone to continue the efforts to make this a *banner* year for the Foundation and our students. Please contact Toni DeAngelis, Executive Director of the TSJC Educational Foundation, for more information on the many ways you can help.

Several of us are travelling to the SHOT (Shooting, Hunting, Outdoor Trade) Show in Las Vegas, NV this week. The role of TSJC, for which we receive a complimentary booth, is to ensure that all firearms on display have been properly deactivated. The Gunsmithing advisory committee, which boasts membership from all across the country, will hold its annual meeting at this event and the five National Rifle Association affiliated schools will also meet together with several NRA representatives. Finally, our fledgling trapshooting team will be soliciting donations from participants to help cover future competition expenses. I'm looking forward to making new connections with many of the long-term supporters of our Gunsmithing program.

This week, TSJC is hosting two separate concurrent enrollment events for high school counselors. On Thursday, we will be at the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) office in the Valley and on Friday, we will take over the Pioneer Room on the Trinidad campus. Last semester, we served well over 300 concurrent enrollment students at dozens of locations – 173 at Alamosa HS alone.

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

Hope you have a great week!

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

Carmen M. Simone,
President