



College Update  
January 26, 2015

Happy Monday!

Final preparation for the schedule of presentations is underway for the annual ALTITUDE (Assessing Learning, Thinking, and Instruction at TSJC Using Displays and Examples) Conference, which will be held on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. All faculty members are *strongly encouraged* to participate. If you have questions, please contact either your campus Associate Dean or Assessment Coordinator.

Three decisions related to athletics will be implemented in the coming months. At the conclusion of this season, and with a heavy heart, we plan to close the Men's Golf program. Although it is always difficult to take such action, this should allow us to better fund our remaining seven athletic programs in the future. Along those lines, we will be conducting a national search to fill the vacant Volleyball coach position. As we do so, we will also be posting an internal search for an Athletic Director. All of these changes will allow Rich Holden, who currently wears three hats, to focus his attention on our Women's Basketball program. His efforts as Athletic Director have taken our programs to high levels of success and we owe him a debt of gratitude. As Rich passes the torch to his successor next year, he will remain available to offer guidance and advice. With his support, our quest for athletic excellence will not miss a beat.

This Friday, Bryan Bryant and I will be in Denver presenting background information to the Capital Development Committee on our funding request for the proposed Trades and Industry building in the Valley. As you may recall, we are deep on the priority list, with nearly \$300 million in projects ahead of us. While we do not anticipate receiving any funding this year, we are excited for the opportunity to discuss the project and hope to build a base of legislative support for upcoming sessions.

Finally, I'd like to include a very special thank you to Louie Mantelli, Karen Power and Karen Harrell. When faced with difficult travel issues last week, they smoothed the road for me. What a great reminder that when we work together, we can overcome anything. Thank you!

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'.

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President