



College Update  
February 9, 2015

Happy Monday!

Presidents' Council will be held on Tuesday in Denver, during which time a luncheon to honor several worthy individuals from our Colleges will be held. For TSJC, Josh Jones and Darci Duran will be recognized. Then on Wednesday, the State Board will hold its February meeting. Recommendations from the Adjunct Taskforce will be presented and a draft of the System Strategic Plan will also be shared. Following that meeting, a luncheon to honor the thirteen Faculty-of-the-Year awardees will be held. You may recall that Judy MacLaren was selected by us last fall for this recognition. Judy has decided to remain in Trinidad with her students on Wednesday, which speaks to her dedication. Congratulations again to Josh, Darci and Judy!

Open forum sessions will be held this week on Thursday. For the Valley campus, a potluck has been scheduled to begin at 11:45 a.m. in the Auditorium. In Trinidad, we will serve coffee and cookies in the Pioneer Room at 4:00 p.m. It would be great to see you at one of the sessions.

The Trinidad State Junior College Educational Foundation held its Annual Meeting last week. The nearly thirty-five member constituency heard reports from Miriam Zappanti, outgoing Foundation President, Toni DeAngelis, Executive Director of the Foundation, and me. In addition, the group elected representatives to serve on the Foundation Board for the coming year. The current Board is: Leslie Gerbracht (president), Laura DeBella (vice president), Mary Lou Tallon (secretary/treasurer), Ed Trommeter and Kathleen Griego. The TSJC Educational Foundation was established in 1968 to support the growth and development of Trinidad State Junior College; we are fortunate to have such great support.

Last week, we received a heartfelt resignation from Darci Duran. Darci has been tapped by CCCOnline to serve all thirteen System colleges as an Instructional Design Team Manager. She has been instrumental in bringing distance learning methodologies to us and she leaves behind a *wonderful* legacy. As is our customary practice, we will be reviewing this position to determine the best pathway forward for TSJC. Darci, you are going to be fantastic in Denver!

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