



College Update
February 17, 2014

Happy Presidents' Day!

This is shaping up to be a very busy week. The strategic planning committee is holding an all-day retreat on Tuesday to discuss our SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis and begin charting future strategies. The cabinet is meeting on Wednesday, with, among other items, the final consideration of mission, vision and core values for TSJC on the agenda. And Friday brings our annual Altitude Conference, where we will focus on assessment.

Our commencement speakers have been set for both campuses. Successful businessman and TSJC alum, Mr. Jay Cimino, will speak at the Trinidad campus ceremony on May 9th. Later that day, the Valley campus will host Dr. Harold Deselms, who served as the sixth president of our institution (1991 to 2001). His presidency saw many transitions, including the merger of the San Luis Valley Area Vocational School with Trinidad State to create the Valley campus, which occurred in 1994 – twenty years ago. We are fortunate to have two such powerful speakers joining us to wish our graduates well.

The Trinidad State Junior College Educational Foundation is holding its Annual Meeting this week on Wednesday evening. Included on the agenda is the election of officers for the Foundation Board and several financial and operational reports. The TSJC Educational Foundation is a wonderful resource for the College and we are truly blessed to enjoy such great support. The leadership of the Foundation Executive Director, Toni DeAngelis, is instrumental in these important relationships.

Last Friday, our basketball teams played their final home games of the season. A special recognition ceremony was held for our sophomore players prior to each contest. The games were arguably the best of the season, with the women earning an overtime victory and the men winning by just one point. Congratulations to our coaches and to both Trojan teams!

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 black ink that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President