



College Update
February 23, 2015

Happy Monday!

On Wednesday, the Valley campus TRiO program will be hosting the third annual TSJC-ASU Transfer Fair in the Learning Center. In addition to great information for our students, representatives will also be available to discuss the ASU Higher Education Administration and Leadership (HEAL) graduate program with our faculty and staff. By all accounts, the recent scholarship workshop held on the Trinidad campus was highly successful, with over 80 students served. There is no doubt that our support staff on both campuses is highly engaged and dedicated to our "Students First" mantra.

With growing competition from online retailers, our bookstores are planning to take a step into the future. We are seeking a national vendor to assist us with operations in hopes that new options, such as online purchasing and book rental, can become a reality for our students. Several institutions – LCC, OJC and TSJC – are partnering on this venture, which may include onsite "spirit shops" for non-textbook merchandise. Our goal is to solidify plans soon for a potential Fall 2015 launch. Bryan Bryant is leading our efforts, with assistance from Sandra Rodman and Lori Teem.

Last week, the internal search for an Athletic Director at TSJC came to a successful conclusion. Beginning on July 1st, Mike Salbato will take on administrative responsibility for athletics. His current role within athletics has prepared him well for the challenges of this new position. Mike, Kerry and I would also like to thank Rich Holden for his years of service and his continuing support throughout this transition. His dedication to the College is noteworthy and his guidance will be invaluable. Please join me in congratulating Mike Salbato!

Last Monday, a meeting of the TSJC Advisory Council took place. We shared our most recent institutional information with the membership present and, in addition, they had a chance to ask questions and share their perspectives with us. As always, these discussions provided an invaluable link to the communities we serve on both sides of La Veta Pass.

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