



College Update
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Happy Friday?!

Unfortunately, travel plans are taking me away for several days, so this edition of the *College Update* is arriving a bit early. The third and final session of the American Council on Education (ACE) Institute for New Presidents is being held in San Diego, CA this weekend. While I regret spending time and money on this right now, the commitment to participate was made last summer. This training culminates in the ACE Annual Meeting, being held March 8-11. My plan is to glean all I can from these experiences to help guide our institution into the future.

Next Tuesday, the System is holding our monthly Presidents Council meeting, followed by a special session exclusively for the rural presidents. The State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) meets on Wednesday, with a luncheon to honor the Colorado Phi Theta Kappa awardees also scheduled. Our honoree is Magella (Maggie) Honeyfield, a former student who has successfully transferred to the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

On Thursday, March 13th, we are holding two Open Forum sessions. The Trinidad campus meeting starts at 7:30 am in the Pioneer Room. We will hold a potluck at noon that same day on the Valley campus. These are opportunities to hear an update from the Board meeting, listen to my perspective, share your thoughts and concerns, and ask questions. I hope you can attend, but if you cannot, please know that I understand.

This Saturday marks the half-way point of the current legislative session. It seems that everyone is awaiting the upcoming revenue forecast, which is due out on March 18th. Once that figure is announced, bills with fiscal notes will begin to see their fate. This will also trigger work at the System level related to budget planning for the next fiscal year. Of course, this will be of particular interest to TSJC, as we are eager to learn more about our expected revenues for FY15. Many decisions hinge upon this information.

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

Hope you have a great weekend and an even better start to next week!

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

Carmen M. Simone,
President