



College Update
March 23, 2015

Happy Monday!

Whether you spent last week at the College or in some exotic location, I hope you had a chance to enjoy Spring Break. We now have just *seven short weeks* until graduation, so we are definitely on the downhill side of the academic year. Thanks for all your hard work on behalf of our students!

The Clays Shooting Team is in San Antonio this week at the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Clay Target Championships. Last year, 632 students represented 75 schools at the competition, which runs from March 24 – 29 this year. There is no doubt that volunteer coach Joe Diliberto and our team will represent Trinidad State well.

This week, System President McCallin will be in Trinidad for an informal visit. While she is here, she hopes to have an opportunity for conversations with our faculty, staff and students. She is scheduled to be in the Pioneer Room from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday. If you have a chance, it would be great if you could attend. You are welcome to ask questions and offer opinions. You might also consider thanking her for her support of rural community colleges in Colorado. We are extremely fortunate to have such a strong advocate.

A few weeks ago, we received an official retirement letter from Raymond Barela. Ray served for several years as a custodian on the Trinidad campus. His effective retirement date is April 1st, which is next Wednesday. In the meantime, he has enjoying some well-earned vacation time before he finishes with us. We have hired a short-term, hourly employee to fill the void; we wish Ray well in his retirement.

We also received news a few days ago that Krystle Cantu, who advises students at the Valley campus, will be leaving us on April 1st. The impact Krystle has had on our students is tremendous and she will be sorely missed. As is our common practice, we will assess this vacancy to determine the best course of action; if you have thoughts, please share them with Victor Salazar, Robert Martinez and Kerry Gabrielson. Congratulations, Krystle, and good luck!

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