



College Update
April 4, 2016

Happy April!

Congratulations to the Trinidad State Nursing Department for attaining initial accreditation through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The road to this successful outcome was long and difficult, but in the end, we persevered together. Many, many hours of hard work, weeks of worry, and months of waiting have finally paid off. I could not be more proud of our team – *we knew you could do it!*

The Promotions and Appeals Committee met recently to consider the promotion applications of three faculty members. Please join me in congratulating Marty Dineen, who will move from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, and both Jodi Garcia and Leslee Watson for their promotions to Full Professor. These new ranks will become effective during the 2016-2017 academic year.

Last week, Athletic Director Mike Salbato and Cross Country Coach Lauren Martin presented a short program to the Alamosa Rotary Club. Mike did a fantastic job introducing the membership to the traditions of Trojan Athletics and Lauren answered questions specifically related to our newest athletic program. We are excited to bring the Trojan mascot to the Valley, and by all accounts, the reception has been very warm. Thanks, Mike and Lauren, for sharing our story.

This is the time of year that we focus on personnel evaluations. Several weeks ago, you had an opportunity to provide feedback to me via the Presidential Feedback Survey conducted by the System Office. While this data has not yet been shared with me, it will be invaluable as I work to improve my performance as your president. In a similar fashion, we have prepared a feedback tool for the Leadership Team. Shortly, you will be provided with electronic survey links to submit your thoughts on the performance of Kerry Gabrielson, Lynette Bates and Bryan Bryant, each of whom holds a position that impacts the entire institution. The opinions you provide will be incorporated into my evaluations of these team members. Thank you, in advance, for participating in this important improvement process.

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