



College Update
April 6, 2015

Happy Monday!

Today, Student Affairs will be conducting brief informational sessions on our Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) efforts. Please plan to join us at 11:00 am in the Berg Little Theater (Trinidad campus) and in the Auditorium (Valley campus) to learn more about this initiative. Following these sessions, we will host picnic lunches for you. Please take a few minutes to relax and enjoy a little food and great company. We appreciate you and your dedication to TSJC!

Quite a few weeks ago, Deb Haverfield – Emergency Medical Services (EMS) faculty member at the Valley campus – submitted her intent to retire at the end of this term. Deb spent over two decades building a successful EMS program, so this decision was not easy for her. Because of her commitment, she has requested to remain in place as the program director following her retirement, which will certainly ease the transition for us all. Thank you, Deb, and congratulations on a wonderful career at TSJC.

The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) is hosting its annual *Rising Star* awards on Tuesday. Two of our students – Danielle Armstrong and Shane Boice – will be honored during the luncheon event. On Wednesday, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) will hold its monthly meeting, with tuition-setting and fees approvals slated for action. Danielle will also be sharing her Washington, DC experiences with the Board. Open Forum sessions for April are scheduled for Thursday – 1:15 pm (Valley campus) and 4:00 pm (Trinidad campus). The late start and new location in the Valley are due to accommodations for *Red Carpet*, which is a critical recruitment event for us. Hope to see you later this week.

As you may have noted, one year has now passed since that fateful day last April when we said good-bye to twenty colleagues. There will not be a repeat performance of that action this year, thanks in part to diligent monitoring of budgets and careful decision-making as attrition has occurred. While we are not yet out of the woods, we can certainly see daylight. Thank you for your sacrifices, your hard work, and your undying belief in TSJC.

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