



College Update  
April 13, 2015

Happy Monday!

We owe a debt of gratitude to Melissa Kleinschmit and Desi Maxwell, Assessment Coordinators for our campuses. They have been instrumental in keeping forward momentum for us, supported by the fine work of the Assessment and Improvement of Student Learning Committee (AISLC). ***Please remember that Friday is Assessment Catch-Up Day!***

Last Thursday, TSJC hosted Red Carpet Day at the Valley campus. We had a terrific turnout and the participants seemed to enjoy the day. Our next big recruiting event is Spring Fest, which is on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Trinidad campus. Recruiters Mike Sisneros and Mark VanDreason have spent countless hours in preparation for these events. Please join me in thanking them for their efforts. Of course, they would both be very quick to point out that without a team of people working together, successful events like these would not happen. So, thanks to *everyone* involved in the planning, preparation and execution of both Red Carpet and Spring Fest.

In compliance with federal regulations, over forty individuals at the College have recently been designated Campus Security Authorities (CSAs). These people are on the front line with students and they have a special reporting responsibility. About 60% of those designated have now completed the required annual training, with the remainder scheduled to be finished by the end of this week. Please join me in thanking the CSA team for their dedication to the institution and to our students.

As you know, we will undergo a Higher Learning Commission (HLC) site visit this year, which is scheduled on December 7-8, 2015. With the changes from PEAQ to Open Pathways, we are now required to prepare an Assurance Argument to demonstrate how we meet the five accreditation criteria. Debbie Ulibarri is leading us in this process, with technical assistance from Elise Russell. Much of the necessary framework has been created thanks to the past efforts of several committees. The ***Rock the Mission*** initiative was developed to demonstrate that we live our mission everyday in all that we do. If you haven't been engaged in this process yet, please send Debbie a quick note to find out how you can become more involved.

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 black ink that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,  
President