



College Update
April 25, 2016

Happy Monday!

In an effort to gather external feedback for the next strategic planning process, the Trinidad State Advisory Council is being supplemented by two new Community Councils. Each twelve-member community group will have an opportunity to provide input on our performance, along with ideas for future growth. The first meeting for the Trinidad Community Council is this week on Tuesday and the Valley Community Council will have its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, May 17th. In June, a few representatives from these groups will meet together for collaborative discussions. We are fortunate to have such strong community support for both of our campuses and these conversations will certainly enrich our planning process.

On Friday, we will hold a commencement ceremony for the Rocky Mountain Lineman School in Colorado Springs. This unique fifteen-week program touts incredible job opportunities for graduates. Friday also marks the first-ever Trinidad State "A Day". No classes will be held that day so faculty and staff can focus on both "A"dvising and "A"ssessment. As you know, Friday is also the official beginning to our two-week sprint to the end of the semester!

The annual Mountain Plains Adult Education Association (MPAEA) conference is being held in Boise, ID this week. Please join me in congratulating our own Anna Mae Rael-Lindsay for her recognition as one of nine MPAEA Award of Excellence winners. Anna Mae represents Colorado and was chosen, in part, for her tireless work promoting the use of multiple pathways to recognize success for adult basic education students. We are very proud of Anna Mae!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Leadership Survey conducted over the last few weeks; we received a total of 135 feedback forms from you. My plan is to condense this information into individual reports for Kerry Gabrielson, Lynette Bates, and Bryan Bryant, which will supplement their evaluation processes later in May. Please join me in thanking Lorrie Velasquez, Rachael Doyle and Donna Haddow for assisting in the collection of these surveys.

Bookstore news is forthcoming – we're just waiting for contracts to be officially signed before announcing our *new partner*. In the meantime, enjoy the **FIRE SALE** – apparel up to 50% off!

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