



College Update
May 2, 2016

It's Finally May!

Hope you've had an opportunity to enjoy the sale at the campus bookstores. We are clearing out the remaining "old" merchandise to make way for new items. We are excited about our developing partnership with BBA Solutions, a company based in Little Rock, AR (<http://bbasolutions.com/>). BBA runs the bookstore at Laramie County Community College (LCCC) in Cheyenne, WY and is aggressively moving into our area of the country. Very soon, there will be books in our bookstores; thank you for your patience during both the past and future transitions.

The results are in! The Trinidad State Junior College Educational Foundation cleared over \$18,000 at the annual Fun-and-Friendraiser event held in February. These proceeds are being invested in an endowment to support a future faculty position in Gunsmithing. With monies already collected through *Friends of TSJC Gunsmithing* and the Foundation Annual Fund Drive, we are nearing the \$25,000 mark. In August, we will be coordinating with the A.R. Mitchell Museum in Trinidad to host a show entitled, "The Art of the Gun", which includes a special dinner guest speaker – Mr. Bill Poole, Education and Training Coordinator for the National Rifle Association. Please watch for more information on this event, which will also support our endowment efforts.

Over the last two weeks, students participated in Student Government Association (SGA) elections. In addition to choosing leadership positions for next year, they also considered a technology fee of \$1 per credit hour. The students have spoken and we will **not** be implementing this new fee during the next fiscal year. Of the 91 ballots cast for both campuses, a total of 35 "yes" and 39 "no" votes were received. We may request reconsideration next year, but prior to that, we would need to better engage the student leadership on our campuses.

As you know, we finalized the necessary classified layoff plan for Trinidad State last week and, as promised, we officially shared the news with you last Friday. Transitions such as these are never easy, but these steps are being taken to strengthen our institution. As you always do, please take care of one another and remember, character is tested during trying times. We have certainly had our fair share, but please don't lose faith. Better days are coming, without a doubt.

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