



College Update
May 4, 2015

Finally, Finals Week!

This is certainly a time of year filled with celebrations. To mark the success of our graduates, we have already held the Rocky Mountain Line School ceremony (April 24, 4:00 pm) and we have several more celebrations planned: Valley Campus Nursing Pinning (May 7, 6:00 pm), Colorado Law Enforcement Training Academy (May 8, 10:00 am), Trinidad Campus Commencement (May 8, 10:00 am), Valley Campus Commencement (May 8, 6:00 pm) and Trinidad Campus Nursing Pinning (May 9, 10:00 am). Yes, we are almost finished!

As you may have noticed, we have decided to invest a small bit of money into replacing the light pole banners that grace both of our campuses. The current "Discover Yourself at Trinidad State" banners have become quite old and worn, so we have designed new "Students First" banners to replace them. Several of them have already begun arriving on the Trinidad campus – just in time for graduation – and installation will take place at the Valley campus soon. If we don't take pride in our campuses, who will?!

A *draft* procedure outlining a proposed, new process for the calculation and payment of overload compensation has been presented to the College Council. We are gathering faculty input and feedback on the proposal, with hopes of finalizing a common procedure early this fall. If you have opinions to share, please feel free to forward them to me or to Kathy Carpenter, Faculty Senate Chair, or to one of the Deans or Associate Deans. Our goal is to have a clearly defined, approved process in place for the next round of overload payments.

Did you know that nearly 81% of the students at Trinidad State come from within our service area? The complete breakdown includes students from the eight counties we serve in Colorado (77%) and students from northern New Mexico (4%). The remaining 19% of our students come from other parts of Colorado and New Mexico and from throughout the world.

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