



College Update  
May 9, 2016

Finally, Finals Week ...

This is set to be a busy week! Along with two commencement ceremonies on Friday and two separate practice sessions for our soon-to-be graduates, we will also hold two nurse pinnings and a graduation for the law enforcement program. Several activities – such as our recent lineman graduation, two Phi Theta Kappa inductions, and the Valley leadership awards and graduation dinner – have already taken place. In addition to all of this, the State Board is meeting in Denver on Wednesday, with a preceding System Presidents Council meeting on Tuesday. I'd say “when it rains, it pours”, but I don't want to jinx the outdoor ceremony on Friday morning!

Last week, Gary Ashida, who has been serving as a Special Assistant to the President, officially completed his time with Trinidad State. As many of you know, Gary has been assisting us for just over two years now analyzing and streamlining our financials and providing specialized training to Bryan Bryant. Following this, Bryan has been promoted from his role as Executive Director for Administrative Services to ***Vice President for Business and Finance***. His focus will narrow and a few reporting line shifts will occur early this summer to support his role as our Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Please join me in congratulating Vice President Bryant!

Our attempt to identify a new Head Coach for Women's Soccer officially ended in a failed search last week. As a result, we have named Hawken Hanna as the interim Head Coach. Hawken will take over immediately, focusing on his new responsibilities. We are fortunate to have such a quality person available to assist us in this transition for Women's Soccer at Trinidad State. His former position as a recruiter will undergo routine review in the coming weeks.

Please mark your calendars for two special community presentations this month. We will share a historical perspective of the College, with an emphasis on the accomplishments of the past year. The talks are entitled “*Trinidad State in Review*” and you are invited to attend. This has been an exceptional year for the College and we are looking forward to celebrating our successes with those who best support us – the community members of southern Colorado. The Valley presentation is scheduled on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium, while the Trinidad presentation is on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Pioneer Room. Hope to see you there!

As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you have a great week; enjoy our many celebrations!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,  
President