



College Update
May 12, 2014

Happy Monday!

Last week was a much deserved time of celebration on our campuses. Our ceremonies were absolutely beautiful and our graduates are now taking the next steps in their lives. You may have noticed that we contracted with professional photographers this year. Because we had over 100 participants at each commencement, the cost to us was nothing for this service. Free to us could become priceless to the graduates who decide to purchase one of these special memories.

This week, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) meets on Wednesday in Denver. The agenda is posted online at the Colorado Community College System website (www.cccs.edu). On Tuesday, the thirteen presidents are meeting with System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin, in preparation for the Board meeting. We will also participate in a two-hour session focused on fundraising with Steve Elder, a partner from the Suddes group.

Last Wednesday, we submitted our application for a Title V grant. Our goals for this grant are to create Innovative Learning Centers for both campuses, which would include updated library facilities, educational technology training spaces and upgraded network infrastructure. The grant would also include professional development monies for *everyone* at TSJC. In late September, we'll know whether this application, which supports five positions, is successful. Thanks to the committee and to the leadership of Kerry Gabrielson and Shannon Shiveley, we have an excellent chance of receiving this funding.

We are carefully monitoring our summer enrollment numbers. At this point, we are about even with the figures from last year. Our final headcount was 435 students last summer, with an FTE of 91.8. Our goal is to surpass these values and, with the help of several Foundation scholarships, we have the tools necessary to accomplish this objective.

Please know that this is the last update until June. Until then, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you have a great summer!

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

Carmen M. Simone,
President