



College Update
June 6, 2016

Happy Monday!

It's the first official day of the new summer session and enrollment is looking fine. Headcount is up slightly (by 4 students) and our annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment is significantly higher (+8.3, or 12.7%). It is notable that much of this increase is occurring at the Valley campus.

On Wednesday, Vice President Bryant will join me in presenting our proposed budget to the State Board in Denver. For your reference, a copy of the TSJC document is attached, which includes several key initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year. While this budget was prepared based on flat enrollment, we have confidence that – based on both summer enrollment and on our added programming for the next academic year – we will be able to meet these targets. In addition, we have been working diligently to grow a small reserve to provide a cushion for difficult financial situations, which we hope will remain unused for years to come.

On Saturday, May 28th, Trinidad State officially submitted a grant application for the next STEM competition through the Title V program. We owe a debt of gratitude to both Kerry Gabrielson and Shannon Shiveley for their creativity and perseverance in preparing these materials and to Teri Erickson, an outside consultant, for her assistance in the required research and final review of this proposal. We are hoping that the submission, entitled “Success 4 STEM”, is successful; we’ll know the outcome in late August or early September.

Robert Martinez, Dean of Students, recently participated in a training session for the Recruiter module of Banner. As of Friday, May 27th, he reported the top ten active applications by program:

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| 10. Cosmetology – 44 | 5. AGS degree seeking – 72 |
| 9. Early Childhood Education – 58 | 4. AA degree seeking – 73 |
| 8. Criminal Justice – 58 | 3. Gunsmithing – 82 |
| 7. Line Technology – 66 | 2. Nursing – 149 |
| 6. AS degree seeking – 71 | 1. Undeclared – 243 |

This is powerful information, which we plan to leverage as we move into the Fall 2016 term.

The next **College Update** is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 27th. Until then, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you have a great June!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President