



College Update
June 10, 2013

Hello TSJC!

After several months of anticipation, it is wonderful to *finally* be here. It is such an honor and a privilege to be serving as your president. Thank you for your warm welcome and your patience throughout this transition.

A large portion of my time last week was spent with former Interim President Bohlen. He has been graciously introducing me to community members in both Trinidad and Alamosa. Throughout these conversations, it has become clear to me that Dr. Bohlen has had a tremendous impact on TSJC during the past year. He has my deep respect and admiration. Please join me in wishing him well as he re-retires at the end of this week.

Last Saturday, the TSJC Valley Campus hosted its GED ceremony. Several graduates received their diplomas and it was my pleasure to also present them with scholarships to TSJC. The keynote address was delivered by Juliana Chaparro, TRIO Activities and Transfer Coordinator at the Valley Campus. She shared her story with the graduates, which was both inspiring and motivating. Please join me in congratulating the staff of our Center for Adult Learning at the Valley Campus – Anna Mae, Gloria, Gary, Ann and Mary Anne. It was a beautiful celebration.

On Wednesday, several of us will be in Denver for the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) meeting, where we will be presenting our budget to the Board. If you would like to review the agenda for this meeting, it is available and posted on the web (<http://www.cccs.edu/SBCCOE/Schedule.html>).

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