



College Update  
June 17, 2013

Happy Monday!

Nineteen people from TSJC attended the CCCS Summer Student Services Conference last Friday in Pueblo. Among them was Roberta Taylor-Hill, who serves both campuses as our Career and Special Services Coordinator, working with special populations. Please join me in congratulating Roberta for her recognition as our Outstanding Student Services Employee this year. Her nomination materials included reasons why she was chosen: *Roberta is an optimist. She goes above and beyond in many ways, but for students there are small welcoming traits about Roberta that make her outstanding. Her office is warm and welcoming –the walls include inspirational sayings and positive messages that are reinforced with every student meeting. Roberta has a calmness about her that students at TSJC respond to. Students share with and trust Roberta.* Congratulations, Roberta!

Dr. Paula Davis, Vice President for Academic Affairs, is attending the 2013 National Benchmarking Conference at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, KS this week. As you know, we are continuing to explore the data elements necessary for informed institutional decision-making, so this material should prove to be invaluable. Please feel free to review the presentation schedule, located at: <http://www.jccc.edu/benchmark/>.

Toni DeAngeles, Executive Director of the Educational Foundation, Linda Perry, Assistant to the Foundation Director and Elise Russell, Assistant Director of Marketing, will accompany me to a special training provided by the Foundation for Colorado Community Colleges later this week in Manitou Springs. In addition, we will be joined by representatives from each of our sister institutions. The Suddes Group (<http://www.forimpact.org/about>) will offer us insights into philanthropy. We will specifically be exploring the impact of Trinidad State Junior College on our region, with a focus on presenting a clear message in our fundraising efforts.

As you know, the college budgets were considered last week at the State Board meeting in Denver. Our presentation went well – Dr. Bohlen did a wonderful job – and our budget is now official. Contracts and letters of appointment are being generated based on this information, which you should receive shortly. To assist us in processing, please sign, date and return your document to the Human Resources office by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

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

Hope you have a great week!

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President