



College Update
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It's July already?!

As you know, this month is the beginning of our new fiscal year. The staff who support the financial aspects of our institution have been hard at work for many weeks preparing for this crossover. Please take a moment to thank them for their efforts and wish them a Happy New "Fiscal" Year.

This week on Tuesday morning, Congressman Cory Gardner will pay a visit to our Trinidad campus. Several community meetings have been planned in the Leone Lounge. Later in the afternoon, Lynnette Bates, Dean for Career and Technical Education, will provide him with a tour of our Gunsmithing facilities. She gave me a similar tour on my first day several weeks ago, so I know he is in for a treat!

On Thursday, it will be my privilege to represent Trinidad State at the Fourth of July parade in Alamosa. My role will be to serve as part of a panel charged with determining winning entries. This three-judge panel will also include Konnie Martin, the new Chief Executive Officer for San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center (SLVRMC), and Heather Brooks, the new City Manager for Alamosa. This should be a great experience for all three of us.

The President's Staff group (Paula Davis, Kerry Gabrielson, Mike Jolly, Greg Boyce, Toni DeAngelis, Donna Haddow and me) has begun a review of the 2012-2013 Abbreviated Strategic Plan in anticipation of the development of a new plan for the coming academic year. The senior leadership team, under the guidance of Dr. Bohlen, should be commended on accomplishing many of the activities listed in the previous plan, which you can read online (http://www.trinidadstate.edu/images/stories/pdf/about/general/strategic_plan/Abbreviated_Strategic_Plan.pdf). As you may know, we are also undertaking a comprehensive, long-term strategic planning effort this year. While we do so, it remains important to have a one year roadmap in place to guide us for the short-term. If you have suggestions for items we should consider in either plan, please forward them to us.

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

Hope you have a great week; enjoy the Fourth!

Carmen M. Simone,
President