



College Update
July 13, 2015

Happy Fiscal New Year!

It has been a pleasure hand-delivering appointment letters over the past several weeks; we appreciate your patience with my delivery schedule. Last Friday, we finalized faculty contracts, which should be arriving shortly. Thank you for making TSJC such a special place – we are exceptional because of *YOU*. Let's make this next academic year the best one yet!

We are carefully monitoring enrollment trends for both summer and fall. While the numbers may be a bit lower than we'd like to see, be aware that we are trending similarly to our sister institutions. ***Please don't worry!*** Our recruiters (Mike Sisneros and Mark VanDreason) have done an outstanding job bringing applicants to us. You can help "seal the deal" as you always do by continuing to be welcoming for both our new and our returning students. Along those same lines, please join me in welcoming our newest recruiter to the College – Hawken Hanna joins us today as a part-time recruiter / assistant soccer coach. Welcome aboard, Hawken!

Please know that several of our colleagues have recently decided to take another pathway. Nate Cahoone (Biology Faculty) is relocating to the Denver area and plans to continue teaching as an adjunct instructor for us. Vilas Tonape (Art Faculty) has secured a position at Methodist University in North Carolina beginning this fall. Victor Salazar (Director for one of our two TRiO Student Support Services grants) has decided to open the next chapter in his life. Joyce Chavez (Custodial staff) has also submitted her resignation. While we will miss all of these people tremendously, we certainly wish them the best.

College Council will be getting a facelift this fall. To bring a wider perspective to the table and create a more representative voice for you, we will be holding elections this fall for several positions on the Council. Members of the Leadership team will be joined by four faculty representatives (two from each campus), two classified staff members (one from each campus), and four administrative / professional-technical representatives (two from each campus). Please consider this opportunity to influence the direction of the College and shape institutional procedures. More details will be forthcoming in August.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know. The next edition of the *College Update* is planned for August 17th. Until then, enjoy the remaining days of summer!

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

Carmen M. Simone,
President