



College Update
August 12, 2013

It's In-Service Week!

For those who have been away for the summer, welcome back! It's also my pleasure and privilege to officially welcome several "new" people to our campuses this fall. Specific updates related to this and other topics will be provided Monday morning for the Trinidad campus and Thursday morning for the Valley campus. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

We received word late last week that year-three funding for our HSI-STEM grant (the "institutional" STEM grant) has been officially restored. Last June, we were notified that we would only receive \$1 of funding due to a lack of differentiation between this grant and the joint STEM grant with Otero Junior College. Shannon Shively, Title V Director, quickly responded with grant revisions and budget modifications, leading to this most recent news. A new Grant Award Notification (GAN) is being generated for TSJC, indicating a total award of \$771,375. Big difference, and a big thank you to Shannon!

Dr. Nancy McCallin, System President, has invited the rural college presidents to a meeting on Monday afternoon – today – in Denver. She recognizes that the challenges we face and the roles we play in our communities may differ from those of the urban institutions. This should be a very interesting discussion. This will be followed on Tuesday by a Presidents meeting and a Board meeting on Wednesday, all at the Lowry offices in Denver.

Speaking of the Board meeting, TSJC is awaiting Board consideration and approval of the STEM lab renovations on the Trinidad campus. Similar work on the Valley campus is already underway. Both projects are scheduled for completion this fall, provided we receive the necessary approval to proceed. Details of our Board submission are available online (http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/SBCCOE/Agenda/2013/08August/2_WS_IJ_CA_VIG_TSJCSSTEM_LabRenovation.pdf). In addition, we submitted the newly written program plan for the Valley campus project for Board review. It is also posted on the Colorado Community College System website (<http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/SBCCOE/Agenda/2013/08August/TSJC%20-%20Valley%20Campus%20Program%20Plan.pdf>).

As always, 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