



College Update
August 17, 2015

Welcome to In-Service Week!

Several new people have joined “Team TSJC” this year and they will be more formally introduced by me on Tuesday. In the meantime, please help me welcome Frank Colangelo, Todd Cotton, Hawken Hanna, Melissa Hardman, William Long, and Jimmy Zamora to our family. In addition, please be aware that both Ben Webster and Cliff Wiening recently moved into faculty positions. Welcome and congratulations, all!

As you heard in July, Lynette Bates has officially taken on a new role as acting Vice President for Academic Affairs at Trinidad State. To support this change, the old “Administrative Council” group, which was led by me, will transition to “Academic Council” and it will be led by Lynette. The instructional Deans (Debbie, Jack and Keith), the Associate Deans (Shari and Bonnie) and the Nursing Director (Lori Rae) will be meeting with Lynette to discuss academic issues on a weekly basis. We are fortunate to have such an incredible team in Academic Affairs.

As of last Thursday, we had 953 students enrolled for fall classes. Last year at this time, we had a headcount of 983. By census date last year, we had 1,783 students. From that quick analysis, it sounds like we might be in for one BUSY week – *let’s hope so!* Thank you for all you do to assist our incoming students.

We will be joined by Mimi Lufkin, the chief executive officer for the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) later this week. She will speak to us regarding micro-messaging through the lens of their organizational vision.

NAPE’s Vision: Every person is able to fulfill his or her potential through equal access to and equity in educational options that lead to the entire spectrum of career choices.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the Trinidad State Educational Foundation is sponsoring a **Faculty and Staff Appreciation Barbeque** on Wednesday afternoon. Without all of you, we would not be able to serve students. Please join me in thanking the Foundation for their thoughtfulness and generosity!

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