



College Update
August 26, 2013

Happy Monday!

Several weeks ago, TSJC was asked by the Higher Learning Commission to submit an individual to become our System Coordinator. This person will be our primary contact with regard to the Assurance System in place for accreditation through Pathways. Paula Davis has agreed to accept this responsibility on our behalf. For more information on Open Pathways, please visit the following website: <http://www.ncahlc.org/Information-for-Institutions/pathways.html>

Last week, the Raton Basin Regional Economic Development group held informational meetings on the Stronger Economies Together (SET) initiative. Three counties – Huerfano and Las Animas, CO and Colfax, NM – have joined forces to address issues and have set several goals, including one to increase the educational level of the area population by 2.5 years by 2020. TSJC will undoubtedly play a role in this process. Please be aware that we also hold a Board seat on the Alamosa County Economic Development Council (ACEDC), complimenting the work being done with SET.

As you may have seen in the draft of our Abbreviated Strategic Plan sent last Monday, we plan to pursue specialized accreditation for our Automotive Service Technology program through the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). This effort should increase skills attainment and job placement potential for our students. Perkins funding has been helpful in this process, which also includes great opportunities for professional development for our faculty. This is yet another example of “continuous quality improvement” at TSJC.

Speaking of the aforementioned draft plan, please continue to forward comments and suggestions to senior leadership for consideration. Final review and adoption of this document is slated for late September. Thank you in advance for your insights.

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

Hope you have a great week; enjoy Labor Day weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President