



College Update
August 31, 2015

Happy Monday!

The first-ever meeting of the Management Council – an internal group that includes the leadership team and the Dean / Director-level direct reports of these team members – will take place on Thursday afternoon. The purpose of this gathering is to enhance communication across the institution and provide leadership development and networking opportunities to the participants. This effort supports the third core value of Trinidad State – *Communication*.

With the retirement of Nancy Minow, the Valley campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK, an honor society for two-year colleges) found itself in need of an advisor. As a new faculty member, Ben Webster agreed to serve students in this capacity. In addition, Cliff Wiening has agreed to replace Alicia Massarotti as the PTK advisor for the Trinidad campus. My goal is that Ben and Cliff will partner with one another, bringing an institutional vision to PTK. Our two chapters should work on projects together throughout the year to build a stronger pipeline of students interested in participating. To reach students, the faculty connections to both Career & Technical and Arts & Sciences that are brought by Ben and Cliff are invaluable. Please join me in thanking Alicia for her past service and in wishing Cliff and Ben well on this new adventure.

This week on Wednesday evening, the Booster Club is hosting a dinner on the Trinidad campus to recognize the support of Trojan Athletics provided by many, many community members. A portion of the monies collected by the Booster Club is matched by the Educational Foundation and is given to coaches to aid in recruiting and team support. Last week, the Booster Club also voted to offer additional financial resources to the College for an online streaming service for our home athletic contests. Please join me in thanking the Booster Club for their support!

Last week, the Trinidad State Advisory Council held its quarterly meeting. Rich Compton (chair), Rosalie Martinez (vice chair), Vibeke Adkisson (member), Kathy Rogers (outgoing member), Charlotte Kilpatrick (member), and Heather Brooks (incoming member) were in attendance. The highlight of the evening was a brief recognition ceremony for Kathy Rogers.

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