



College Update
September 7, 2015

Happy Labor Day!

The results of the College Council nomination process are in. Over 65 of your colleagues were nominated; truly an outstanding number. Those who received the most support were tapped for participation and include: Juliana Chaparro, Nicholas Goodsell, Shannon Shiveley, Roberta Taylor-Hill, Ruth Blasi, Josh Jones, David Barrack, John Gilmore, Angie Medina and Diamond Mobbley. Please join me in thanking these individuals for their willingness to serve. The first meeting of College Council this year will be on Monday, September 14th at 3:30 pm.

One of the perks of being a TSJC Employee-of-the-Year is the opportunity to ride in the Labor Day parade in Trinidad. The blue convertible has been deemed roadworthy enough for yet another trip down Main Street. Of our honorees from last year – Judy Maclaren, Darci Duran, and Josh Jones – only Judy is riding this year. The Employee-of-the-Year selection process for 2015-2016 will begin shortly, so please stay tuned. **You** could be tapped to ride in the convertible next year. In all seriousness, though, this recognition is particularly meaningful because it comes from your colleagues and we have many, many deserving individuals.

Presidents Council meets this week, as does the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE). After these meetings, we will hold our traditional Open Forum sessions, where you have the opportunity to hear updates, ask questions, and visit with your colleagues. Please mark your calendars: Thursday, September 10th at noon (Valley) and Thursday, September 10th at 4:00 pm (Trinidad). Hope to see you there – we'll have cookies!

On Friday, the Strategic Planning and Monitoring Committee will be meeting to discuss the latest version of the new Implementation Plan. Much of the initial work on this plan was completed over the summer months. This draft was written in early August, and a few additions have already been suggested, so there will certainly be some modifications. Once approved by the Strategic Planning and Monitoring Committee, this work will be reviewed and finalized by College Council. If you have suggestions for us, please feel free to forward them.

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