



College Update
September 9, 2013

Happy Monday!

You may recall that TSJC contracted to have an external environmental scan conducted last spring. We recently received the report, which is now posted on our website for public access (http://trinidadstate.edu/pdf/about/strategic_plan/ts_ExtEnv.pdf). The thirty-five page document outlines the social, economic, political and technological forces at play in our service region. This project marks the first step in the development of our next five-year strategic plan.

This week, much of my time will be spent in Denver. The rural presidents are gathering on Monday afternoon. We are participating in a legislative discussion on Tuesday morning, followed by a Presidents Council meeting in the afternoon. Finally, we have a Board meeting on Wednesday at Red Rocks Community College. TSJC will be presenting the outstanding program at this meeting, highlighting our Rocky Mountain Line Tech program. Complete agendas for the work session and regular meeting are provided online at the System website: http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/SBCCOE/Agenda/2013/09September/1_Agenda_WrkSession_Underscored.pdf http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/SBCCOE/Agenda/2013/09September/1a_Agenda_RegSession_Underscored.pdf

On Wednesday evening, the Booster Club will host a dinner in support of our athletic programs. As you know, our students have the opportunity to participate in athletics through our membership in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), whose mission is “*to promote and foster junior college athletics on inter-sectional and national levels so that results will be consistent with the total educational program of its members.*” Several of our teams will be playing in Alamosa this month, giving the Valley campus a chance to cheer on our student-athletes. Whether they are at home or on the road, our student-athletes are great representatives of the college. ***Go Trojans!***

Special thanks to Webmaster Mike Salbato for creating a space to post these College Updates on a regular basis (<http://trinidadstate.edu/administration>). Speaking of the TSJC website, we’ve received numerous positive comments regarding the recent redesign. The efforts of our marketing team are much appreciated.

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