



College Update
September 16, 2013

Happy Monday!

Did you know this week is **National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week**? TSJC is one of over 300 HSIs in the country, with a mission of improving access to education for all students and advancing equity for traditionally underserved populations.

Last week, it was my privilege to personally congratulate two of our faculty members on being named "Faculty of the Year". This honor is especially meaningful because it comes directly from their colleagues. Please join me in recognizing Jim Brunelli, Automotive Technology, and Melissa Kleinschmit, Biology, on this special accomplishment. As is our tradition, each of these individuals will be honored again during our spring commencement exercises.

Just as a reminder, there is a Cabinet meeting this week on Wednesday. The fundraising and solicitation procedure (#5.17) proposed last spring and reviewed this summer will be considered for final adoption during this meeting. In addition, the draft abbreviated strategic plan for 2013-2014, which was shared previously, will be reviewed.

As of last week, there were 1,771 students attending TSJC for the fall term, an increase of 159 students over Fall 2012. The full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment generated by these students was 643.0, an increase of 5.5% over last year. Only four of the 13 Colorado Community College System institutions have increased FTE enrollments this fall: Morgan CC (up 5.5%), Northeastern JC (up 0.6%), Otero JC (up 10.9%) and Trinidad State JC (up 5.5%). We remain the largest of the six rural institutions by FTE counts, although by headcount, Morgan CC is slightly ahead of us this year.

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 black ink that reads "Carmen M. Simone".

Carmen M. Simone,
President