



College Update
October 12, 2015

Happy Monday!

With the unavoidable consequences of low enrollment behind us, it is important for us to look ahead to tomorrow and the years to come, which will surely be brighter and happier days. We have come so far in such a relatively short time – there is much reason to be proud of Trinidad State. Please know that we plan to implement several enrollment-building initiatives over the next few months. If you have additional ideas, please share them with us. Thank you for *always* putting students first.

October is the perfect time to celebrate our students. The Foundation Board knows that and, thanks in large part to the efforts of Linda Perry, they have organized two “Donors, Supporters and Scholars” events for us. The first is tomorrow, October 13th, at the Valley campus at noon. The second is just a few weeks later on October 29th in the late afternoon in Trinidad. Please join me in thanking the Foundation Board for celebrating both our students and the individuals who support them, financially and otherwise.

We are anticipating two visits this week from Emergency Response Crisis Management (ERCM) Consultants. This group toured the Trinidad campus last year and will be conducting a similar visit to the Valley campus on Tuesday afternoon. To facilitate communication, we also plan to bring local emergency responders into the meeting. Then on Wednesday, the same consultants will pay another visit to the Mullen building on the Trinidad campus. It seems that Gunsmithing may require special attention when it comes to security and we are pleased to have this expert assistance!

Several members of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) will be visiting the Trinidad campus this week as part of their annual tour of rural colleges. They will spend Wednesday in Lamar (LCC) and La Junta (OJC) and then tour Trinidad (TSJC) and Pueblo (PCC) on Thursday. All six rural presidents have decided to participate in these tours, continuing our sustainability conversations together. As rural institutions, we face similar challenges, including enrollment declines, and these discussions are meant to provide an avenue for creative problem-solving and collaboration.

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