



College Update
November 17, 2014

Happy Monday!

Last week, we submitted a grant proposal to the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI), which is administered through the Colorado Department of Higher Education. The goal of this statewide initiative is “*to increase the availability and implementation of effective student support services and associated programming to ensure success for Colorado students*”. Our submission would strengthen the career services offered on both campuses through collaboration with the local Workforce Centers in both Trinidad and Alamosa, with partial financial support for the work of both Dan Wilson and Roberta Taylor-Hill. We hope to hear results by January.

Dave King, who is the lead instructor at the TSJC Rocky Mountain Line Tech School, has been invited to participate in a meeting with Black Hills Energy in Mitchell, SD later this week. Dave hopes to learn more about the training needs within this industry and his travel is being covered by our TAA grant. The Southern Colorado Line Tech program, which was placed on hiatus due to the sudden departure of a faculty member in August, could benefit from this material. This is an opportunity for us to take the lead in developing relevant training for an industry partner.

As you know, work began last week on the Valley expansion project, which will add two classrooms and two science labs to our current facilities. While this is happening, we are also promoting a phased approach to a new Valley campus. This week, four presentations will be made to support these efforts. Josh Jones has agreed to present to the Alamosa Rotary Club with me on Monday. On Wednesday, Greg Boyce, Toni DeAngelis and I will be meeting with the Alamosa City Council. A follow-up is planned for the Alamosa County Economic Development Council by me on Thursday. Finally, Jack Wiley has agreed to attend the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee (CPAC) meeting on Thursday to promote our vision.

Thank you all for supporting the TSJC Men’s Soccer team as they compete for a national title this week. There are only twelve teams still playing, and we hope to be the last team standing.
Go Trojans!

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