



College Update
November 18, 2013

Happy Monday!

The ballots have been cast, the votes have been counted, and our campus representatives for the Exempt/Professional/Administrative Employee of the Year have been chosen. Mike Salbato, Webmaster and Assistant Athletic Director at the Trinidad campus, and Bonnie Ortega, Associate Dean at the Valley campus, have been chosen by their peers. Mike will travel to Denver this spring to represent TSJC at the System celebration. Congratulations to them both!

We have new signs in place to help our visitors and incoming students navigate the Trinidad campus. One is located outside the Davis building and three are around the Freudenthal Library. Soon, we will be installing updated signs inside these buildings, also in an effort to assist way finding. This project has been paid for through STEM (Davis) and Title V (Library) grants, at a total cost of \$19,000.

Over 60 high school students attended Tech Day on the Valley campus last Friday. They spent the morning in breakout sessions and gathered in the Learning Center for lunch. While the focus was on STEM, we also know that student visits to campus are a great recruiting opportunity. To that end, recruiter Mike Sisneros participated so he could answer questions and build enthusiasm for the College. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.

We recently received great news from the Department of Education. Our official 2010 3-year cohort student loan default rate was adjusted downward from 30.3% to 29.4%. This message came out just in time to share with the Board last week. Congratulations to our Financial Aid department!

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