



College Update
December 8, 2014

Finally, Finals Week!

In light of the “man with a knife” event on the Trinidad campus last Monday, we have reengaged in conversations with Sheriff Casias and Officer Mattorano, who currently serves as the School Resource Officer for the Trinidad School District. Of concern was the lack of notification received by the College during the incident. Our goal is to cooperate with local dispatch to activate the *NotifyMe* messaging system on our behalf, so notifications will become automatic. We plan to explore similar options for the Valley campus. Thankfully, no one was injured last week, but the experience certainly gave us an opportunity to check our preparedness levels.

The College Presidents are assembling with System President Nancy McCallin this week on Tuesday in Denver, followed on Wednesday by the December meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE). On the work session agenda is a discussion of draft goals for the next System strategic plan and a feasibility study of the “Colorado Honors College” concept, which was prepared by Paulien and Associates, a leader in campus planning, and will be presented by System Provost Jerry Migler. Agendas and support materials are available at: <https://www.ccs.edu/blog/tag/december-2014/>

We’ve received word that Heidi Burke intends to retire at the conclusion of this semester. Heidi has served the Trinidad campus as a Nursing faculty member for several years, specializing in the instruction of our Certified Nursing Assistant curriculum. Please join me in thanking Heidi for her dedication to students. Congratulations, Heidi, we wish you well!

There are only two more College Council meetings this semester. Today, we will review a brochure created to announce the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan, which was recently approved by the Strategic Planning / Monitoring Committee. The insights provided by College Council will assist our final preparations for release of the plan. Additionally, College Council has revised fourteen procedures to date, with several more under consideration. There are a total of 77 documents housed within the TSJC Procedures Manual, many of which have not been reviewed in years. Although this process has been painstaking, we are making steady progress thanks to the dedication of many individuals.

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