



College Update  
January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Happy First Day of Classes!

As shared during in-service last week, the [2018-2023 Strategic Plan](#) for Trinidad State has been finalized. This framework will guide us over the next five years and will shape our annual implementation plans. Many thanks to the members of the strategic planning committee for their hard work on this project over the last two years.

Angie Medina has agreed to replace Ben Webster as the advisor for our Valley campus affiliate of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society, known as the Beta Kappa Mu chapter, which was established in 2001. Angie joins Cliff Wiening, who serves in a similar capacity for the Trinidad campus chapter of PTK, named Gamma Xi. Trinidad State holds the distinction of hosting the longest-existing chapter of PTK in Colorado – Gamma Xi was first chartered in 1938. Please join me in thanking Ben, Angie and Cliff for their continuing commitment to our students.

Following review and approval by our program officer at the US Department of Education, David Dominguez has been officially named Director for Upward Bound Math Science. As you'll recall, this TRiO grant was awarded to Trinidad State last fall. Just as our other TRiO grant directors – Shannon Shiveley and Juliana Chaparro – do, David will report directly to VP Kerry Gabrielson. He begins his duties this week and will be located in the Freudenthal Library. The focus of this new grant will be participation with regional secondary students, accomplished, in part, through the continuation of SOCO BEST Robotics, now in its fourth year.

As announced by VP Lynette Bates last week, the Higher Learning Commission has confirmed our next Assurance Review date. ***The required submission must be completed by July 20, 2020.*** Once locked, this information will be analyzed by a team of peer reviewers electronically – remember; no site visit is required for the Open Pathway four-year review process.

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