



College Update
January 30, 2017

Happy Monday!

Last week, College Council adopted a set of revised institutional mission and vision statements, recently recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee. The statements, which are more succinct and focused, will be shared with the State Board next week.

Mission: Enriching our diverse communities through quality educational experiences and lifelong learning.

Vision: Educate for the future.

Several System personnel either have been or soon will be visiting the College. Adam Cermak (Executive Director of the System Foundation) was in Trinidad last Thursday to visit with both us and the Foundation Board. Greg Busch (Director of Emergency Management for the System) plans to be with us on Thursday, February 16th to tour both of our campuses and meet with the Safety Committee. Finally, Landon Pirius (the brand-new System Vice President for Organizational Effectiveness, Student Affairs, and Strategic Initiatives) will be arranging time to visit all of the System colleges during the next few months. We are very fortunate that our System colleagues are willing to commit time to visiting our campuses. Please help us make them feel welcome when they do so.

The weekly legislative phone calls with the System office have begun in earnest. Each Wednesday morning, the College Presidents and System Executive Staff discuss items of interest with System President Dr. McCallin and the lobbyists who work on our behalf. So far, potential bills have been slow to move forward, but we expect activity to pick up soon. Stay tuned ...

At the conclusion of this semester, longtime faculty member Kathy DeCristino, who has been the face of Cosmetology on the Trinidad Campus for many years, will retire. Kathy has impacted the lives of countless students, guiding them into successful careers. Please join me in wishing Kathy well – we will *all* miss her tremendously.

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