



College Update
February 26th, 2018

Happy Monday!

Later today, Misty Hull and Deborah Licht will be at the Trinidad campus for a Mental Health training session, which is part of a year-long, grant funded endeavor by the System office. The goal of this program is to help faculty and staff recognize and properly address mental health issues. A similar presentation took place earlier this semester at the Valley campus. This is important information for everyone, so College Council has been cancelled for today to provide more flexibility in schedules. In addition, Standard Response Protocol (SRP) training is also occurring this semester. Please join me in thanking Officer MacWaters and Officer Northrup for their diligent attention to safety and security at Trinidad State.

February is flying by and March is just around the corner. Given that, budget requests for the next fiscal year are due soon. Please work with your supervisors to forward your needs for the 2018-2019 academic year. The leadership team will consider this information as a new budget is assembled. Thank you to VP Lorrie Velasquez for spearheading this process.

The Trinidad State Advisory Council will be meeting at the Blanca / Fort Garland Community Center on Tuesday afternoon. Select members of each Community Council serve on this combined group and discussions center on the future of the College as a whole. Please join me in thanking Jim Blecha, Heather Brooks, Rich Compton, Kerry Hart, Chris Lopez, Jennifer Sanchez McDonald, and Greg Sund for their service to us on the Advisory Council.

Congratulations to Angie Medina, Trinidad State Associate Professor of Nursing, on her recent selection to receive the Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award through the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). Her efforts to support students will be highlighted in a special event on Sunday, April 29th in Dallas, TX during the AACC National Convention. Way to go, Angie!

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