



College Update
March 13, 2017

Happy Monday!

Please join me in congratulating Josh Jones as he advances his career at the Department of Education in Denver. We couldn't be more proud of him. Thanks, Josh, for your positivity and your can-do attitude. Josh has been serving in a Structural Trades II position since November 2012. His supervisor, Al Malespini, and VP Lorrie Velasquez are working on a plan to ensure continuity with custodial and maintenance services at the Valley campus.

Also, join me in congratulating Nick Galasso, who has been promoted to General Labor I and Jimmy Zamora, who has been promoted to Custodian II. As part of their new assignments, Nick will be responsible for preventative maintenance for both campuses and Jimmy will assume warehouse and inventories for both campuses as well as serve in a lead custodian capacity.

An official shift in reporting line has happened for Athletics at TSJC. To afford more opportunity for communication with the general public and to raise the profile of our programs – both in Trinidad and in the Valley – Athletic Director Mike Salbato will now be reporting directly to me. His authority and responsibility level will naturally increase with this shift. Please join me in thanking Mike for his willingness to provide this leadership, while also continuing to work closely with Student Services for the benefit of our student-athletes.

As you know, our Open Forum sessions, which typically follow State Board meetings, focus on dissemination of information. In addition to these sessions, we will hold a special "Faculty Forum" this week on Thursday afternoon (1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in Davis 145 / Valley 111). This is planned as a casual, drop-in time for conversation with me in an informal setting. ***There is no set agenda and no topic is off-limits.*** Faculty Senate President Kathy Carpenter has done an outstanding job of gathering feedback from faculty, which she has shared with me both privately and publicly at College Council. Although this is a very busy time of year, it is important to me that faculty members have adequate communication opportunities, so please feel free to stop by, if time allows.

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