



College Update
April 4th, 2018

Happy Wednesday!?

The road to the Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting begins soon for Kerry Gabrielson, Lynette Bates, Desi Maxwell and me, so this update for the week of April 9th is arriving a bit early. The next regularly scheduled *College Update* is planned for delivery on April 16th.

Today, we are hosting an on-site Veterans Affairs audit through our Financial Aid office. Please join me in thanking Misti Stelljes for her ongoing efforts to support our veteran students. Last week, we participated in a National Junior College Athletic Association Scholarship / Letter of Intent audit of the baseball program at Trinidad State. Thanks to quick work by Mike Salbato, Christy Holden and Coach Torrez, we turned the required information around within 24 hours.

Recently, Trinidad State held two beautiful induction ceremonies for our Phi Theta Kappa honor society chapters. The Gamma Xi chapter in Trinidad welcomed over two dozen new members last Tuesday evening. On Monday evening, the Beta Kappa Mu chapter in Alamosa welcomed over a dozen. Thank you, Cliff Wienen and Angie Medina, for your enthusiasm and your leadership. Because of you, our students have more opportunities than ever!

Our search for a full-time Academic Coordinator to support the new Upward Bound Math Science grant was unsuccessful. We have decided to proceed with several hourly employees, who will assist with outreach, recruiting and curriculum development over the next month or so. There is much work to do, and Director David Dominguez is committed to moving ahead.

Next week, the April meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) will take place on Wednesday, with a special lunchtime recognition of one of our Adjunct Instructors of the Year – Dale Barron. On the preceding day, our two Rising Star students – Jessica Suazo and Job Alexander – will be recognized during a luncheon at the Presidents Council meeting at Arapahoe Community College. My journey home from HLC in Chicago was purposefully adjusted to accommodate these meetings and celebrations in Denver.

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