



College Update
April 10, 2017

It's sure good to be *home* again!

Desi Maxwell joined us in Chicago for the Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting last week. If you haven't already, please talk with him about the experience. The conference had over 4,200 attendees, including Lynette, Kerry, Desi and me. We learned a great deal together, but the best part was seeing just how well Trinidad State meets the accreditation criteria, thanks to *your* hard work.

The Strategic Planning Committee officially adopted five strategic priorities and eleven goals for Trinidad State in late March. Please join me in thanking them for their insights and suggestions.

Strategic Priority I. Transforming Student Experiences

Goal A. Define Pathways

Goal B. Promote Success

Strategic Priority II. Engaging Faculty and Staff

Goal A. Invest in People

Goal B. Encourage Teamwork

Strategic Priority III. Cultivating our Relationships

Goal A. Broaden and Strengthen Partnerships

Goal B. Reinforce Communication

Strategic Priority IV. Enriching our Communities

Goal A. Assess Programming

Goal B. Expand Offerings

Strategic Priority V. Operating with Excellence

Goal A. Strengthen Infrastructure

Goal B. Streamline Processes

Goal C. Ensure Compliance

Please welcome Yvette Lujan to Trinidad State as an Enrollment Advisor and Testing Coordinator for the Valley campus. Her new position is funded by the MIECHV and COSI grants and her role incorporates testing, advising, financial aid assistance, and coverage at the workforce center. Yvette earned a BS in Business from Adams State University and has recent coursework in Early Childhood Education with Trinidad State. Welcome, Yvette!

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