



College Update  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Happy Monday!

As you most likely heard last week, Mr. Joe Garcia has been selected as the sole finalist for the position of System President. He will replace Dr. Nancy McCallin this summer, following her well-deserved retirement. Last Friday, Dr. McCallin was honored for her many years of service in two separate recognitions at the State Capitol – one in the Senate and the other in the House. It was truly a privilege for me to attend as a representative of our rural institutions.

Several weeks ago, Dr. Melissa Kleinschmit was accepted into the Higher Education Resource Services ([HERS](#)) Denver Summer Institute. This leadership training will be held at the University of Denver for two weeks in June. It is designed specifically for women in higher education, with the intention of allowing attendees to enhance and develop leadership skills. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Mel on her selection.

Last Thursday, the System Office released an official notification of intent to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at seven institutions, including Trinidad State. This degree is known as an RN to BSN completion degree. We will be exploring the feasibility of offering this option to students who have successfully completed the two-year Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and passed the national licensing examination – the NCLEX. This notification is the first step in a long journey to establishing this program at our school.

Last week, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) approved our request to continue offering housing options in Alamosa. Through a partnership with Adams State University (ASU), we have access to a limited number of rooms in Coronado Hall, with 19-meal plans. Over the past two years, we have utilized this relationship to support several of our Valley campus student-athletes. This is a win-win for everyone involved and just one small way for us to work collaboratively with ASU.

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