



College Update
April 23rd, 2018

Happy Monday!

As you may have noticed last week, we are currently advertising for a full-time faculty position in English for the Trinidad campus. Recent news from first-year faculty member Lisa Donovan led to this announcement. Please join me in wishing Lisa well in her future endeavors, as she finishes this spring term with us and then pursues other opportunities.

We are also searching for an Assistant Director / Testing Administrator at our Valley campus. This is a support role for the Learning Center, partially funded by the TRiO Student Support Services grant. This action will allow Yvette Lujan to complete her transition from Testing into the Financial Aid Office. This is particularly critical for us, as we received notification from Misti Stelljes that she plans to leave Trinidad State by the end of April. Good luck, Misti – thanks for your years of service – and thank you, Yvette, for stepping into this pivotal role.

For the past several days, we have been represented at the 100th Annual Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Catalyst International Convention in Kansas City, MO. PTK Advisor Cliff Wienen drove across Colorado and Kansas with two students to participate in the event. One of the students, Gavin Hernandez, was elected 2018-2019 Vice President for the Colorado-Wyoming (COWY) Region last month in Cheyenne. Congratulations to both of our PTK chapters on their success this year!

Last month, the Trinidad Community Council met and learned more about Upward Bound, Math-Science. Director David Dominguez gave a short presentation and then Council discussion centered on potential opportunities for the Trinidad campus to better serve the community. We were particularly intrigued by the perceived gap in training for those who drive horse trailers in southeastern Colorado. On Tuesday, the Valley Community Council will meet in the Diesel Technology shop to learn more from faculty member Eric O'Brien. His presentation will be followed by a discussion of growth opportunities for the Valley campus. We are indebted to our council members – both in Trinidad and the Valley – who not only share their perspectives, but also advocate positively for the College on a daily basis. ***Thank you!***

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