



College Update
May 8, 2017

Happy Finals Week!

Thanks to Coach Torrez, the Trojans baseball team, a few hard-working faculty members and several community supporters, the softball field at Southside Park was cleared of snow, repaired, and painstakingly prepared this week, just in time for action on Saturday. Congratulations to Coach Swazo and the entire Trojans softball team, who then went on to win **first place** in the Region IX Tournament in Trinidad that day. Play continues this week for both teams -- **Go Trojans!**

Last month, community member Jim Blecha agreed to serve on the Trinidad Community Council (TCC) and was subsequently appointed to a four year term serving on the Advisory Council by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE). During his first TCC meeting, he and other attending members were treated to both information and demonstrations of the Massage Therapy program by faculty member Kay Evans. Thank you, Jim, for your commitment to the College and the communities we serve and thank you, Kay, for sharing your expertise with us.

Presidents Council meets in Denver on Tuesday, followed by the May SBCCOE session the next day. During the Wednesday meeting, Trinidad State will receive recognition for our revitalized Continuing Education program. Donna Haddow will be honored for her significant efforts in rebuilding this program for the College. Her work with community education, the summer NRA program, the Southern Rockies Heritage School, and continuing education has been truly outstanding.

Several of our current faculty members will be graduating with our students from Trinidad State later this week. For the last several years, faculty members with industry expertise but no college degree have been strongly encouraged to earn that Associate's Degree. With financial assistance from the Foundation, a handful have completed the necessary work to graduate. They are great role models for our students and we could not be more proud of them. Please join me in congratulating Lourdes Fleming, Chuck Graham, Tanner Kingery, Eric O'Brien, Yvette O'Brien, Robert Pickett, Ben Webster and Norm Williams on this significant accomplishment.

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