



College Update
June 25th, 2018

Happy End of June!

Hard to believe, but summer is flying by. Our numbers for Summer 2018 look great. So far, we are up 2.5% in annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment compared to last summer. After this week, we anticipate another cohort to enroll through the Trinidad Correctional Facility – we are just waiting for the new fiscal year to begin. This will add even more good news to our story.

Within the last few weeks, we hired two individuals to support our Student Services area. Sharon Windhorst recently began as our Valley Campus Testing Coordinator, with additional advising duties. Sharon joins us from BBA Solutions, the organization that runs our bookstores. In addition, Janine Pachelli has accepted a role with us as our Admissions Coordinator. She will transition from part-time responsibilities to full-time work with this change. We are at varying stages in several other searches – thank you to our search committees for working hard to find great colleagues for us!

In mid-June, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) met in Denver to consider budget requests for the colleges. Lorrie Velasquez and Shannon Shiveley assisted me with our presentation and budget approval happened without concerns. While we were there, we also witnessed the joint meeting of SBCCOE with the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE). The focus of the hearing was the recent legislation authorizing the expansion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing to community colleges in Colorado. As you know, Trinidad State is one of seven institutions hoping to offer this program.

Congratulations to Lori Rae Hamilton, who serves as one of our Deans of Instruction and the Director of Nursing for Trinidad State, on her recent appointment to the State Board of Nursing. Her term runs through July 1, 2022 and we are incredibly proud of the confidence placed in her by Governor Hickenlooper. Way to go, Lori Rae!

My production of the *College Update* will continue intermittently for the next few months. As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you are enjoying summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President