



College Update
August 13th, 2018

It's Fall 2018 In-Service Week!

Are you ready? Our students will be returning to Trinidad State soon and we have just a few days left to prepare for them. Tuesday is the day for speeches and photos, Wednesday is full of faculty meetings, and orientations are scheduled for later in the week. It's time to greet a brand-new cohort of students and welcome our returners back.

Last Tuesday, System President Joe Garcia hosted his first Presidents Council meeting. Participants included all thirteen College Presidents and his System executive staff members. We had great conversations together. This session was followed by the August State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) meeting on Wednesday. The Board was engaged, enthusiastic and highly energized. Their interactions with President Garcia were so encouraging. The future is certainly bright for the Colorado Community College System!

We are welcoming *sixteen* new members to the Trinidad State family this year. You will meet them on Tuesday, either in person or digitally. In a nutshell, we are joined by *nine* new faculty members and *seven* new staff members, with another *four* people shifting positions at the College. We are excited to share details with you on Tuesday. Our diverse mix of seasoned and newly minted team members will set our students on a successful pathway.

Trinidad State is a strong and vibrant institution because of you. Each day, you live our *Students First* core value and you demonstrate our commitment to excellence. Our strength comes from your ideas and your willingness to share your perspectives. One way to do this is to click on the "Share Your Ideas" icon on our website. It is located on my [welcome page](#), along with a repository of past issues of both my *College Update* and *Just a Minute* publications. Thanks for your ideas – keep them coming.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you have a great In-Service week!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President