



College Update
August 14, 2017

Welcome to In-Service Week!

This is bound to be a busy week of preparations for our students. During our in-service sessions on Tuesday (morning, Trinidad – afternoon, Alamosa), there will be routine announcements and special introductions. We are thrilled that five new full-time faculty members will be joining us this year, including Dr. Jean Alger (English), Dr. Lisa Donovan (English), Bill Hatcher (Geography and Anthropology), LiAnn Richardson (English and Business), and Dr. Wendy Laughlin (Nursing). Please check the in-service schedule for a complete listing of activities.

This year, we plan to host two evening presentations during in-service week that are open to the public. These sessions will be held on Monday evening (in Trinidad) and Tuesday evening (in Alamosa). We will announce our new faculty, provide an update on programming, and discuss future plans for the College. As always, you are welcome to attend.

Last week at the Board meeting, Dr. McCallin announced the award recently received by Trinidad State Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lynette Bates. You may recall that she was selected by the National Council of Instructional Administrators as the Emerging Chief Academic Officer of the Year. At that same meeting, Jim Rizzuto presented me with the Colorado Traveling Trophy for our outstanding performance in head-to-head athletic competitions last year. *I could not have been more proud.*

As we prepare for the implementation of the Education Advisory Board (EAB) Navigate software tool, we have been asked to form four Build Teams to guide us. We have requested that the following individuals lead our teams: David Hardman (Onboarding), Juliana Chaparro (Advising), Lori Rae Hamilton (Academics) and Linda Perry (Communications). Please join me in thanking David, Juliana, Lori Rae and Linda for their willingness to participate at this level. As many of us recently observed, this tool should transform how we interact with students.

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