



College Update
August 7, 2017

Happy Monday!

Weekly distribution of the *College Update* is set to begin now that August has arrived. It seems fitting to begin this new academic year with a quick overview of summer. In addition to several announced shifts within the administrative ranks, three faculty members have recently made personal decisions to leave the College. We bid farewell to Amanda Clerkin (Nursing), Gillian Hart (Biology) and Chuck Graham (Heavy Equipment). Due to difficult timing, only one of these positions has been replaced as of now. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Wendy Laughlin, who holds a Doctorate in Nursing Practice, to Trinidad State. We are attempting to identify several other instructors to cover the remaining classes for our students on a short-term basis.

Over the summer, the College hosted six Enrollment Days – three on each campus – to better engage incoming students. To our delight, fall enrollment is trending up, likely due to this effort. Please join me in thanking David Hardman for his vision. We know that without our team of recruiters, advisors and student support personnel assisting behind the scenes, this success would not have been possible – ***thank you, all!***

Last Tuesday, over forty individuals from Trinidad State participated in an introductory session focused on the implementation of the Education Advisory Board (EAB) Navigate software tool. We were joined by two experts from the Washington, DC area and Julie Ouska, the System Vice President for Information Technology. Over the next year, we will be working together to streamline and improve our processes to assure the best possible experience for our students.

This week, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) will meet at Front Range Community College in Westminster. That same day – Wednesday – will be the final day at Trinidad State for Vice President Bryan Bryant. Please join me in thanking him for his service to the College and the System. Red Rocks Community College is very fortunate, indeed!

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