



College Update
September 4, 2017

Happy Labor Day!

Just before the weekend, we learned that we received one of the coveted Upward Bound – Math Science (UBMS) grants! This is a testimonial to the passionate efforts of Judy Maclaren over the years and a great outcome as she transitions to full-time teaching this spring. Not only will this funding allow us to continue her work, it will also assist us in maintaining our forward momentum with the SOCO BEST initiative to support Robotics for local middle and high school students, which is an important pipeline for our own college-level Robotics team. Please join me in congratulating Shannon Shiveley and Kerry Gabrielson for bringing this award home.

Ashlie Cogburn has agreed to transition to a new role at Trinidad State as our Student Engagement Coordinator. Her responsibilities will include working closely with the Student Government Associations for *both* campuses, working with student leadership to organize and facilitate campus activities, and participating in our prevention and intervention efforts. She will spend time on both campuses, effective immediately, and will be reporting to David Hardman, TSJC Director of Student Life, Outreach and Recruiting, as part of his team. Congratulations, Ashlie – we are excited to see you grow with us!

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has determined that the progress report on Program Review submitted over the summer is satisfactory. Congratulations, faculty! Although no further reports are required, they urge us *“to continue to monitor the progress of its program review procedures and to ascertain that the results are used for the purposes of quality improvement.”* Great news! Our next Assurance Review will be in 2019 and our next reaffirmation of accreditation is scheduled for 2025-2026.

This week on Wednesday, System President Dr. Nancy McCallin (my boss) will be visiting the Valley campus. She will be available from 3:30 to 4:30 to meet with students, faculty and staff. We are planning to serve cookies on both campuses, with a polycom connection for the discussion. Please join us for an informal conversation with a great leader!

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

Hope you have a great, *short* week!

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

Carmen M. Simone,
President