



College Update
September 12, 2016

Happy Monday!

Last week, nomination forms for our annual *Employee-of-the-Year* process were placed in your mailboxes. Please consider nominating colleagues for this recognition by submitting a brief supporting sentence or two about them to us. Forms are due next week, so don't delay. If you need another copy, either Linda Perry or Donna Haddow can forward one to you.

The 2016-2017 College Council has been set. Ashlie Cogburn, Todd Cotton, Tammie Mack, Linda Perry, Roberta Taylor-Hill and Jack Wiley received multiple nominations from fellow staff members and have each agreed to provide representation. Unfortunately, several nominated faculty members declined participation due to scheduling conflicts and other time commitments. Faculty members who were both nominated and available for meetings include David Barrack, Gillian Hart, Diamond Mobbely and Eric O'Brien, who have also each agreed to serve. The first College Council meeting of this academic year will be held this afternoon, when we will begin by reviewing the progress made to-date on the Trinidad State Procedures Manual.

Tuesday brings the first Presidents Council meeting of the year in Denver, followed by the September State Board of Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) meeting in Colorado Springs on Wednesday. The typical follow-up Open Forum sessions have been shifted slightly this year. They will be held in the late afternoon (4:00 pm) on each campus – Thursday, Valley campus and Friday, Trinidad campus. Please come hear what is happening at the System level and share your perspective on the latest at Trinidad State. ***We'll have cookies!***

A few weeks ago, we heard positive feedback from the Foundation Board regarding the Learn Local scholarships. They have committed to fund these scholarships this fall for our students, with a budget of up to \$25,000. We are thrilled to receive this continued commitment from the Foundation and plan to share data regarding this initiative with the Board (and you) soon. Please join me in thanking the Foundation for their *wonderful* generosity!

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 cursive script that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President