



College Update
September 18th, 2017

Happy Monday!

Please join me in welcoming Amanda Gossel to Trinidad State. She begins today as our newest recruiter, working closely with David Hardman and Mike Sisneros. Amanda has a background as a secondary teacher in Parker, CO. Most recently, she worked at a local bank in Walsenburg. She is excited to return to education and we are thrilled to have her join our team!

Enrollment for Fall 2017 is nearing completion and, without a doubt, we are trending upward. As of Friday, we had registered 1,652 students for an annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of 555, compared to 550 from last fall. We are still waiting to finalize the information from at least one of our local high schools, which should add to the gains we have already garnered. ***This is very positive news for the College!***

The System Foundation officially closed its scholarship campaign with a celebration in Denver at the Governor's Mansion last week. A variety of donors and supporters were in attendance, joined by select College and System personnel. The TSJC Educational Foundation was represented by Executive Director Toni DeAngelis, Foundation Board Chair Kathleen Griego, and Laura DeBella, one of our foundation members. System President Dr. Nancy McCallin announced the final results of the campaign – over \$26 million raised – to an audible gasp from the audience. We handily surpassed the original \$10 million goal.

With our September Board meeting now officially in the books, we are ready to host the first round of Open Forum sessions this week. Please come to hear more about what was discussed at the state level and participate in conversations about local happenings at our campuses. The Valley session will be on Monday afternoon at 4:00 pm, followed by the Trinidad session on Tuesday afternoon, also at 4:00 pm. As usual, there will be cookies and several prizes from our infamous old bookstore inventory!

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