

College Update September 26, 2016

Happy Monday!

For two decades, Peggy Weurding has been serving the students of Trinidad State and, at the end of this week, she will officially retire. Please join me in thanking her for her tireless efforts. Peggy joins a strong and active group of retirees, many of whom continue to advocate for students. We plan to honor Peggy and all of our recent retirees in December at our second annual Retiree Recognition celebrations. Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Trinidad campus and Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Valley campus. Additional details will be sent as these events draw near. Congratulations, Peggy!

Please be aware that Kelly Hall has officially replaced Todd Cotton on College Council. Todd was pulled away due to other College commitments and Kelly was next on the list of highly recommended colleagues. She joins Ashlie Cogburn, Tammie Mack, Linda Perry, Roberta Taylor-Hill and Jack Wiley as staff representatives on the Council this year. Welcome, Kelly!

Employee-of-the-Year ballots will be arriving in your mailboxes soon. An impressive sixty-eight individuals received the nod from a colleague in this nomination process. Please take a few minutes to read comments made regarding the most nominated and give us your input on who should be selected to represent us. Here is the final slate of candidates: Shannon Shiveley, Amanda Vigil-Alcon, Ira Williamson (administrative staff); Josephine Chacon, Dennis Hollingsworth, Mathilda Westerman (classified staff); Adam Dunham, Angie Medina (faculty); Sara Kirk, LiAnn Richardson, Ann Stanford (adjunct instructor). *Congratulations, nominees!* 

Please welcome Brandon Vaughn to Trinidad State. Brandon joins us as the newest recruiter for the College, with additional duties as an assistant baseball coach. He graduated from TSJC in 2012 and transferred to the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, where he recently finished a BS in Sport and Exercise Science. Welcome home, Brandon!

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

Hope you have a great week!

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