



College Update  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Happy Monday!

It's hard to believe October has arrived! As you've no doubt heard by now, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) is conducting a **Listening Tour** this month to inform future decisions regarding the next System President. The tour officially arrives in Trinidad this week on Tuesday morning at 9:30 in the Pioneer Room, with a streaming option for those who cannot attend in person. Please participate and let your voices be heard!

Last week, the Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium held its biannual, in-person Board meeting in Steamboat Springs. Trinidad State was invited to participate in a panel presentation regarding the interconnectedness of community colleges with the ten rural workforce sub-regions. It was a privilege for me to represent us in this discussion, along with President Curt Freed from Morgan Community College and Acting Steamboat Springs Campus Dean J.C. Norling from Colorado Mountain College. I am proud of our collaborations with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, especially those with our local workforce centers.

This Thursday, we will host representatives from the Educational Advisory Board (EAB) in our ongoing efforts to bring *Navigate* to our campuses. Team leaders from Trinidad State have been crafting a **WHY statement** for this project, which was recently finalized. Thanks to Kerry Gabrielson, David Hardman, Juliana Chaparro, Lori Rae Hamilton and Linda Perry for their work on this project.

***Trinidad State faculty and staff are committed to the Students First core value by empowering and transforming the student experience to achieve collegiate and life goals.***

Please join me in welcoming Jennifer Allen to the Trinidad State Junior College Educational Foundation Office. Jennifer reports directly to Toni DeAngelis as her assistant and replaces Tonna Winford, who recently left this position. Welcome, Jennifer!

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