



College Update  
October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Happy Monday!

We were recently notified that our official three-year student loan default rate is 14.1%. This latest figure represents data for students who received loans in fiscal year 2014. According to the [US Department of Education](#), the national average for all institutions currently stands at 11.5%. For comparison, the cohort default rate at Trinidad State was 19.7% last year, so we are definitely moving in the right direction.

During the last College Council meeting, an updated Organizational Chart was reviewed, modified and adopted. Even though the document itself has been officially removed from the Procedures Handbook, the [chart](#) remains readily available to the public on our website.

Ballots for selection of Employees-of-the-Year to represent Trinidad State were delivered to campus mailboxes last week. We have terrific candidates this year, including Al Malespini, Annette Lujan, Bernadine DeGarbo, Dale Barron, Earl Nesbitt, Julie Kotalik, Karen Harrell, Kay Evans, Lynn Howard, Mathilda Westerman, Santina Frank, Shannon Shiveley, and Tanya Salas. Please return your selections this week by noon on Friday and, if you want to remain anonymous, please feel free to remove your name from your ballot. This year, we plan to recognize an adjunct instructor from each campus, as discussed in College Council, so please feel free to *vote for up to two individuals* in that category. ***Congratulations to all our nominees!***

Finally, as you may have noticed last week, we are advertising a new full-time position at the College with responsibilities in the Physical Plant. This individual will be based at the Valley campus, but will assist wherever and whenever needed, as determined by Director Al Malespini. Please be aware that we have also decided to outsource electrician services, hiring contractors on an as-needed basis. Given that, we will not fill the recently vacated Electrician II position.

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