



College Update
October 15th, 2018

Happy Monday!

Last week, members of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education held a two-day retreat with System President Joe Garcia in Keystone. The College Presidents were invited to participate for a portion of the conversation, which focused on top priorities from our perspective. An [agenda](#) for the retreat was made available to the public through the Colorado Community College System website.

As you may recall, Trinidad State recently hosted a routine, multi-location site visit by the Higher Learning Commission. The TSJC Rocky Mountain Line Technician program (RMLTP) in Colorado Springs was reviewed on September 26th. The following day, the review continued with a visit to the TSJC Law Enforcement Training Academy in Alamosa. Last Friday, we received our official results. The summary recommendation states, *“overall, the pattern of this institution’s operations at its additional locations appears to be adequate and no further review or monitoring by the Higher Learning Commission is necessary.”* The summary of findings was also positive, with only one suggestion noted. It stated, *“TSJC provides instructional oversight and ready access to most support services, the exception from the student perspective being access to financial aid services for the RMLTP students.”* Vice President Gabrielson plans to address this concern.

We are planning two Open Forums on campus this week. The Trinidad Campus session will be on Monday afternoon from 4 to 5 in the Pioneer Room, followed by the Valley Campus session on Tuesday afternoon from 12 to 1 in the Conference Room. If you have a few minutes, please stop by one of these two gatherings for some informal conversation.

Believe it or not, it is nearly time once again for our annual SoCo BEST Robotics competition. This year, Game Day is on Saturday, October 20th in Scott Gym. Come and cheer for the teams!

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