



College Update  
October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Happy Monday!

As you know, the presidential search process is well underway at Trinidad State. Our website details the anticipated [timeline](#), along with some additional information. Thank you to the newly appointed members of the committee. Your service will be invaluable as this process unfolds.

The Colorado Community College System implemented a new Equity and Inclusion Council last year, led by System Vice President Landon Pirius. While three of our sister institutions have a Chief Diversity Officer who participates, the remainder of us are represented by members who have widely varying roles and perspectives. It has been my privilege to participate in these sessions on your behalf until now. My departure creates an opportunity, so if you are interested in this role, please let us know. We would be happy to forward recommendations to the System Office.

Congratulations to faculty member John (Jack) Gilmore on his recent recognition by the Trinidad Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. A few weeks ago, this organization chose him as the recipient of their prestigious Education award. After nearly three decades with Trinidad State, Jack has truly earned this honor. He continues to educate our students with passion, humor and empathy. ***Thank you, Jack, and congratulations!***

If you happen to drive by the Mining Technology Building on Interstate 25, be watching for signs of change over the next few months. We recently signed paperwork to lease this facility to the organizing group for ArtoCade, the annual art car parade in Trinidad. We are thrilled to be collaborating – or should I say “car”laborating – with this forward-looking, fun-loving team. They have already refinished the floors in the facility and plan to open an Art Car Museum there before the end of the year.

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