



College Update
November 13th, 2017

Happy Monday!

The federal financial aid recertification process, which began nearly a year ago, continues at Trinidad State. Over just the last few weeks, we discovered that the required gainful employment data on our website needed further updates and formatting. In addition, errors in the reporting of our cosmetology and barbering programs were also revealed, which are now being addressed. We remain hopeful that this process will be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Recently, System Foundation Executive Director Adam Cermak visited the Trinidad campus. As part of his visit, Adam shared that he successfully secured several new scholarships supporting agricultural programming from the Colorado Garden Foundation. Select students from Trinidad State, Otero Junior College and Lamar Community College are eligible for this support. It is always a pleasure to visit with Adam – his knowledge of philanthropy is invaluable to us.

Later this week, the annual Fall meeting of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) will take place in Arlington, VA, so my work as a member of the Commission on Communications and Marketing will take me away from Trinidad State for a few days. This is a wonderful opportunity to advocate on behalf of community colleges at a national level.

The Trinidad State Trojan Cross Country teams competed at the NJCAA Nationals in Iowa over the weekend. For the women, our team of seven runners placed eleventh nationally, with Toni Moore earning All-American honors for her 12th place finish individually. Our team of seven men placed sixteenth nationally, with Daniel Haymes and Derek Holdsworth also earning All-American honors, placing 11th and 21st, respectively. In addition, Coach Masterson was recently recognized by the US Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) as the Western Region Women's Coach of the Year. **Way to go, Trojans!**

As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know. Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving break, the next *College Update* will be issued on November 27th.

Hope you have a good week **and a great Thanksgiving break!**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
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