



College Update
December 5, 2016

Happy Monday!

We are thrilled to announce the successful outcome of our recent Controller search. Please join me in welcoming a familiar face, Alana Best, back to Trinidad State. After spending the summer and fall with a private firm, Alana has decided to return to the world of higher education. Today is officially her first day on the job and we couldn't be more pleased.

As this semester nears completion, we are preparing to celebrate together. On Thursday, we will have cake at the Trinidad campus in honor of several recent and soon-to-be retirees. Please join us for the recognition of Dennis Hollingsworth, Lou Mantelli, George Vigil and Peggy Weurding. Next week, the Valley campus will celebrate together with a potluck lunch on Thursday, with warm thoughts regarding the extended career of Rosalie Ortega. Thank you, everyone, for working with one another to make this College such a *wonderful* place to be.

A vacancy announcement for a new position within the athletic department will be released soon. After a brief risk assessment and considerable debate, we have determined that the time has come to hire an athletic trainer. Rather than try to create and support an academic program for transfer of athletic training students, which was also under consideration, we have decided to focus this individual on strictly managing the health-related needs of our student-athletes. We are grateful for the services provided by Brandon Baca over the years. Recently, due to growth in programming, his work has been supplemented by additional (and expensive) temporary, hourly assistance and ambulance service coverage for select games. We hope you will agree that providing consistent care for our student-athletes is paramount; this was the driving factor in our decision. Thank you, Brandon, for being such a great Booster Club Board member!

On Friday, the System Office is hosting an Enrollment Management Summit in Denver. They have invited the Presidents and Vice Presidents from all thirteen colleges, along with System executive staff, for presentations and a focused discussion on enrollment trends and tactics. It should be an informative day and we plan full representation.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you have a great last week of classes!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President