



College Update
December 11th, 2017

Happy Finals Week!

We are at various stages of interviewing for three positions at Trinidad State. As you know, we are hiring two full-time faculty members – math (Valley) and biology (Trinidad). In addition, we are working to identify a Director for the recently awarded Upward Bound – Math Science grant, which is one of the Federal TRiO programs. Our committees are hard at work and we hope to have announcements in the coming weeks.

The Trinidad State Advisory Council will be meeting later this week in Walsenburg. We are pleased to welcome Trinidad City Manager Greg Sund to the group. His official appointment by the State Board occurred last month and his term runs through August 2019. Welcome, Greg!

On Tuesday, the Presidents Council will be meeting in Denver with System President Dr. Nancy McCallin in preparation for the State Board meeting on the following day. Part of our agenda includes a discussion of the 2016-2017 Fact Book, which includes data for all thirteen colleges.

During the Board meeting on Wednesday, Trinidad State will recognize Judy MacLaren. Judy has served the college for many years and is an outstanding faculty member. She recently retired from her work as our Upward Bound – Math Science Director and plans to return to the classroom full-time this spring. Her collaborative work with the Trinidad School District this fall was especially noteworthy and we are grateful for her dedication to her students.

Last week, we recognized five retirees and nearly two dozen individuals, including Judy, who have served Trinidad State for more than twenty years. As we look forward to 2018 together, please know how grateful we are for *your* service. You bring Trinidad State to life every day for our students. ***Thank you!***

This is the final *College Update* for 2017. The next edition will arrive on January 8, 2018. Until then and as always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

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

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

Carmen M. Simone,
President