



College Update  
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Happy Monday!

As shared by Keith Gipson several days ago, we are in the process of relocating the classroom portion of the Heavy Equipment program from the Mining Technology building to the Mullen building. This shift is happening for several reasons, the most critical of which is student-oriented. Following this move, Heavy Equipment students will have the opportunity to better interact with other students and staff members. As you may know, the Diesel program, which remains fully functional in the Valley, is currently under revision in Trinidad and the Line Technician program, which had also been located in Mining Technology, has been consolidated to Colorado Springs. Thank you to everyone involved in making this a smooth transition.

Three federal grant projects have been active lately. First, the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program grant, entitled "Working Together" was funded. Through a series of partnerships, it supports parents and children in Alamosa, Saguache and Costilla counties. TSJC will provide GED training, testing, and short-term certificate programs to participants. Second, we recently submitted an Upward Bound, Classic grant. This submittal focused on the Las Animas, Huerfano and Colfax county region, complementing the work already done by Adams State in the Valley. Third, we are preparing to write an Upward Bound, Math Science grant, which is likely due in early 2017. Shannon Shiveley has agreed to work closely with Kerry Gabrielson and Judy Maclaren to produce the best possible proposal for consideration. We hope to learn the outcomes of both these grants over the next six months.

Last week, we learned that Bob Luginbill (Sodexo) will be leaving Trinidad State for a similar position in New Mexico. Holly Clark will serve as interim manager in the cafeteria while Sodexo conducts a search to identify a replacement.

This week, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) will be meeting in Denver. One of the items on the consent agenda is the nomination of Jennifer Sanchez-MacDonald to the Trinidad State Advisory Council. Jennifer would replace Charlotte Kilpatrick, who has served us well the past eight years, but is term limited. If approved, Jennifer would begin her first term this month.

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 cursive script that reads "Carmen M. Simone".

Carmen M. Simone,  
President