

Quarterly insights and updates  
from the Trinidad State Junior  
College Educational Foundation



**AUGUST 2020**



## Foundation Commits \$200,000 to Massari Theatre Renovation

In February, 2020, TSJC received a \$200,000 award to help support a \$400,000 renovation project for the Massari Theatre. This generous award to the College is from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

“We are thrilled to be awarded this grant to improve our Massari Theatre,” said Dr. Rhonda Epper. “We will use this money wisely to bring this fine facility into the 21st century, with an eye toward supporting the growing arts community in Trinidad.”

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## Practical Tips for your Age Group

### **60's and Up**

Review the primary benefits  
a living trust can provide

### **40's to 50's**

Retirement tips from age  
45-54

### **20's to 30's**

Tips to juggle work and  
school for kids during  
**COVID-19, with links to free  
resources**

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## Philanthropy with Purpose

“When I first contacted TSJC regarding my interest in a Named Scholarship, it was to fulfill a promise I made to my wife,” Dennis Grabowski said. “She wanted me to help her give back—to support the next generation of nurses in appreciation of those who helped her during her battle with cancer.”

Vickie and Dennis Grabowski shared a beautiful and loving marriage for three decades. [Read More](#)



## Our Students, Our Future— A Message from *Kim Lucero*, *Board Chair*

In the most recent spring issue of *Pillar & Post*, I was asked to share my first update as incoming Board Chair for the TSJC Educational Foundation. Spring was an interesting time to assume this new responsibility—and we rightfully focused our messaging on Trinidad State’s response to the emerging Coronavirus situation. The health and well-being of our



Learn about TSJC's fall planning for COVID-19.

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## SOCIETY OF 1925

Trinidad State Junior College was established in 1925 as the first public two-year institution in Colorado, serving students across the Raton Basin and San Luis Valley. Today, the Society of 1925 honors those whose estate gifts will help future generations of students achieve their biggest dreams. [Learn more](#)

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**Student Emergency Fund  
GIVE NOW**

A non-profit corporation founded in 1968, the Trinidad State Educational Foundation promotes the growth and development of Trinidad State Junior College by providing support for scholarships, academics, student programs and other areas of need at the College. [Learn more](#)



Keep up with the latest happenings of the Trinidad State Junior College

community will always be our highest priority.

Educational Foundation!

In 1987, when I first arrived as a student at TSJC, I'm not sure I could have imagined ever serving as the Foundation's Board Chair. [Read More](#)

## Society of 1925— Our Enduring Legacy

In 1925, a small group of forward-thinking individuals came together to establish Colorado's first community college. Sharing faculty and space with Trinidad High School, our first freshman class held only 37 students. Today, Trinidad State enrolls 1800 students across two campuses and offers 49 degree programs. We stand tall as a premier educational option in southern Colorado.



The **Society of 1925** honors forward-thinking individuals who create a legacy gift for Trinidad State Junior College Educational Foundation. [Read More about the Society of 1925 and the impact of member Charlie Latuda '48.](#)

## The Future of Trinidad State—An Easy Way to Help

The Foundation is grateful to all who consider a future gift through their estate. One of the simplest options is with a beneficiary form. [Read More](#)



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