



Harry Ruffel - Looking Back on a Great Career

A self-described 'Army Brat,' Harry-James Ruffel was born in Fort Knox, Kentucky. His family would follow his father's military career, and by the time Harry was 12 years old he'd already spent half his childhood living in Germany.

"After my dad retired as an Army Major in 1967, our family would eventually settle in Long Island," Harry explained. "During high school I made the decision to apply to Trinidad State. Growing up around the military and many types of firearms, I always had an interest in shooting. And after learning about Gunsmithing at Trinidad State, I knew where I wanted to be." [Read More](#)

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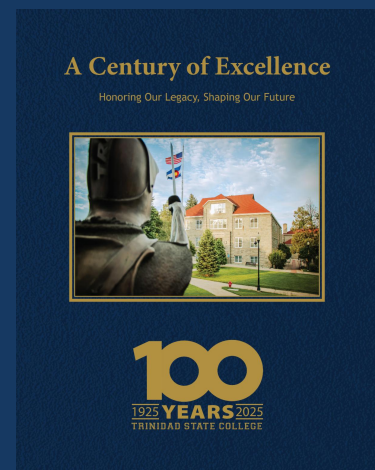
Commemorative Book to Celebrate Trinidad State's 100th Anniversary

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. From these humble beginnings, Trinidad State has become a premier educational option in southern Colorado.

To celebrate this milestone, we're creating a stunning commemorative book that captures a century's worth of history and progress. [Read More](#)

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occasional gift.”

-Jeff, '76, & Judy, '77, Mangino



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Trinidad State 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](#)



A non-profit corporation founded in 1968, the Trinidad State College Foundation promotes the growth and development of Trinidad State 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 College Foundation!



1960 Presidential Election Reaches Trinidad

The 1960 U.S. presidential election between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon unfolded during the Cold War and the early days of the space race. In 1957, the Soviet Union had launched Sputnik, the world's first artificial satellite, signaling its technological prowess and sparking fears that the U.S. was falling behind. During their campaigns, both candidates emphasized the importance of leadership in facing Soviet competition.

As each candidate worked to earn the trust of voters, delegates from around the country stepped forward to participate in our democratic process. One such delegate was Phillip Massari from Trinidad, Colorado. [Read More](#)



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As we approach year-end, now is a perfect time to support students at Trinidad State. Each year, we raise funds to support scholarships, academic programs, and pressing campus needs. The Annual Fund is the cornerstone of our commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities. [Read More](#)

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THE CHRONICLE-NEWS

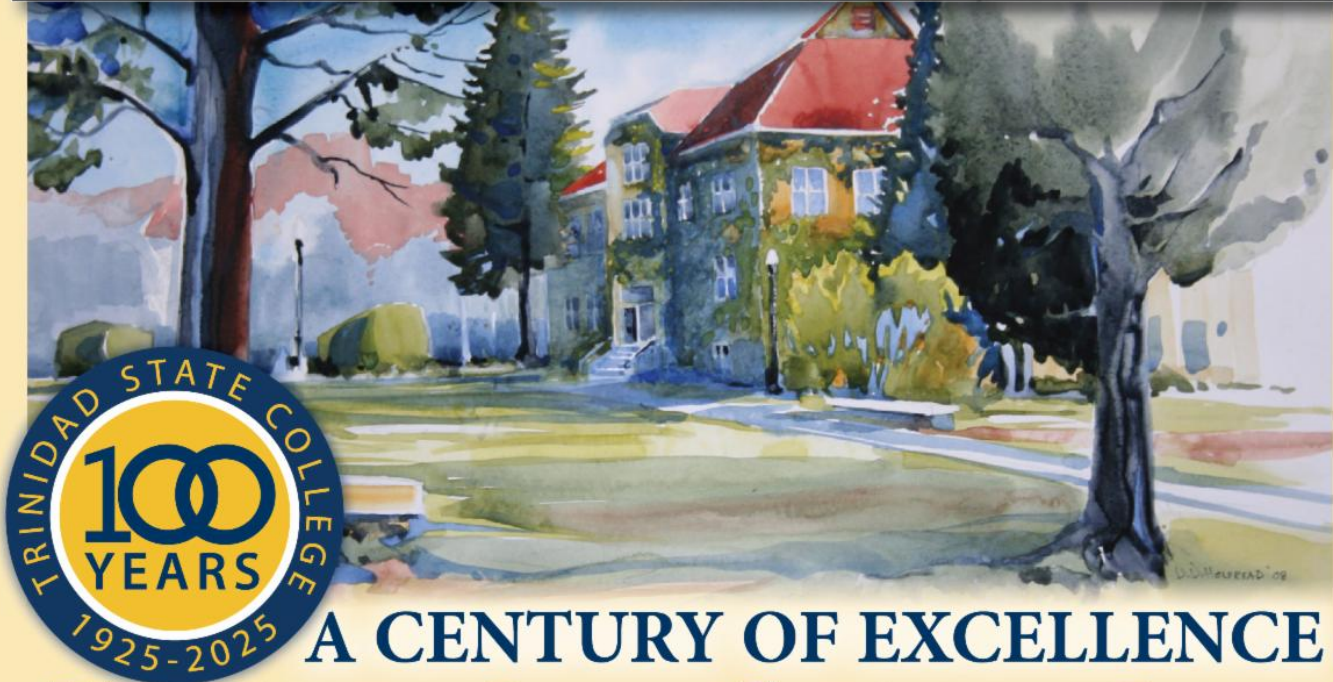
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Honoring our Legacy, Shaping our Future

100th Anniversary Events – Save The Dates

Celebrate a Century of Excellence with Us! Founded in 1925, Trinidad State College proudly marks its 100th anniversary in 2025. Join us as we celebrate this extraordinary milestone with three special events that highlight our remarkable journey. The dates for these celebrations are listed in the article – save the dates and be part of the festivities!

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Calling All Alumni and Friends of Trinidad State College!

In 2025, Trinidad State College will reach an incredible milestone – its 100th Anniversary! We're on a mission to gather your unique memories, special stories, treasured photographs, and videos from your time at TSC. [Read More](#)



Holiday Wishes from the TSC Foundation Board

As we approach the holiday season, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your support of Trinidad State. Your generosity provides direct supports to our students as they work to create a brighter future for themselves, their families, and our communities. Our students work hard. You are helping them realize their dreams. [Read More](#)

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