



Farewell Message to the Trinidad State Community

As my time at Trinidad State College comes to an end, I've been thinking about what I most want to say to the community that means so much to me. Above all, I want to say thank you. Serving as President of Trinidad State College has been one of the greatest honors of my professional life. Beyond the title and responsibilities, what I will carry with me is something much deeper: the people, the relationships, and the shared belief that education can change lives—often in ways we never fully see in the moment. [Read More](#)



Your Loved Ones Come First

Many people who care deeply about Trinidad State students eventually look for a way to make sure their values live on. One common way they do this is through a gift in their will.

Supporters often tell us they want to take care of the people they love first—and then, if possible, also include causes that matter to them. A gift in your will allows you to do exactly that. [Read More](#)

The Commemorative 100th Anniversary Book

Trinidad State's Commemorative 100th Anniversary Book is now available. Filled with stories, pictures, and memories, it celebrates our rich history.

Don't miss this special opportunity to celebrate Trinidad State's 100th anniversary!

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College Highlights During Epper Tenure

Trinidad State would like to share a timeline of its highlights and accomplishments during the tenure of Dr. Rhonda Epper, President. She oversaw a period of significant advancement for the College. [Read More](#)



James Bjerklie Remembers Trinidad State with Gift in His Will

Trinidad State was humbled to recently learn about a generous legacy gift from Jim Bjerklie, who passed away in April, 2025. Jim chose to make his gift in his will.

Born in Gilby, North Dakota, Jim was one of nine children. Jim was an Army veteran with the 11th Airborne Division during the Korean war, although he was not deployed. After his service, Jim attended Trinidad

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State where he obtained degrees in Gunsmithing and Automotive Body Work. [Read More](#)



Diane and Carl Baylor Establish New Nursing Scholarship

Trinidad State is pleased to announce a new scholarship created by Diane (Leone) '85 and Carl '85 Baylor. The Diane & Carl Baylor Endowed Scholarship will support students pursuing either their Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate or an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN). [Read More](#)



Valley Campus Renovation Update

The renovation of the Valley Campus is well underway, with the project moving from Schematic to full Construction Design Development.

The design and architecture of the renovation and new addition is truly stunning, with exciting new spaces for students to study, learn, and create. Highlights include a new Nursing and Health Sciences Center,



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-Ernie & Kristen (Tortorelli) Trujillo, '88

SOCIETY OF 1925

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](#)



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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](#)

Advanced Manufacturing Center, Community Makerspace, Welcome/Student Success Center, Assembly Room, and Learning Commons. [Read More](#)



Keep up with the latest happenings of the Trinidad State College Foundation!



Turning Financial Barriers into Student Success

Many students begin their college journey full of excitement, only to discover that the cost of education is a significant hurdle. Tuition, textbooks, and living expenses can turn hope into stress. But thanks to the generosity of our alumni and donors, the Foundation can help ensure that finances are not the reason a student has to step back or give up. [Read More](#)



Where There's a Will, There's a Way

Many people intend to create a will someday—but life has a way of getting busy. As a result, a surprising number of people never put one in place.

Often, this isn't because they don't care. It's because they assume a will is only necessary for people with large estates. In reality, a will isn't about how much you have—it's about making sure what you have goes where you intend. [Read More](#)

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