College Update
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Happy Monday!

This week marks the first meeting for the American Council on Education (ACE) Institute for New Presidents. Colorado Community College System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin, suggested my participation during a conversation last spring. Many topics related to the issues that we are facing in higher education will be discussed in face-to-face and electronic formats over the next nine months. This first session is in Chicago. While my time at our college will be limited this week, please remember that my level of commitment is not. My cell phone will accompany me.

This year marks the 92nd annual San Luis Valley Ski Hi Stampede and the college convertible will proudly represent TSJC in the parade on Saturday morning in Monte Vista. Due to my flight schedule, my participation is not possible, but Dr. Paula Davis has volunteered. She’ll certainly ride in style! Thanks to everyone on the Valley campus for helping to make this possible, especially to Margaret Sanderson for organizing the parade bags, which will be handed out to the crowd.

Please remember that we plan to launch the new TSJC website on Monday, August 5th. You can see a sneak peak at: http://testweb.trinidadstate.edu. It would be helpful to us if you could go to the A – Z listing and click on your area. If the information is missing or incorrect, we would appreciate having updates from you. We would like this site to be as complete as possible when we go live. In order to be in compliance with the Higher Learning Commission and the Department of Education, we must be cautious in how we list information. To that end, our marketing personnel are working closely with Academic Affairs before posting material.

Due to my travel plans, the next College Update will not be posted until August 5th. Until then, enjoy the few days of summer that remain. As you know, August 12th marks the beginning of In-Service Week and our students will return shortly thereafter.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you have a great couple of weeks!

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