

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

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COVID-19 – Key Updates

First, thank you again for the friendship and support you extend to Trinidad State. Although COVID-19 has been unsettling and caused many of us uncertainty about the near future, these challenges can also remind us of what is truly important—our friends and family, the relationships that matter the most. In that spirit, please know that we remain grateful for the confidence and trust you place in Trinidad State.

As we move forward, we wanted to share a few updates. [Read More](#)

Practical Tips for your Age Group

60's and Up

**Investing - Tips for
managing investment
volatility**

40's to 50's

**Financial Planning - An
annual Financial Planning
Checklist can help you stay
on track**

20's to 30's

**Budgeting - An approach to
consider when creating a
budget**

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A Chance to Give Back

Born in Trinidad as the son of a miner, Ron Lopez would spend his early years moving wherever his father's work would lead. Childhood would include time spent in Wyoming, Nevada and Utah, before eventually returning to Trinidad.

"When we moved back," Ron said, "I attended what was then, Centennial Junior High—before later graduating from Trinidad High School in 1964." [Read More](#)



A Message from *Kim Lucero, New Board Chair*

First off, please let me share how excited I am to serve as Chair for the TSJCEF Board of Directors. It is a special privilege to support Trinidad State in this capacity.

As you know, COVID-19 is creating new and unprecedented challenges for everyone. Despite these uncertainties, the Foundation's core mission to partner with the College

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](#)

**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](#)



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remains unchanged. This partnership is our touchstone, one that will guide us in the weeks and months ahead. [Read More](#)



A Look to the Future

The Covid-19 situation is spurring a lot of change—in the ways we work, connect with each other, even how we shop for our groceries. ‘Normal’ life has been disrupted. We’re all making accommodations, finding new ways to care for ourselves and for those we love.

For many people, this moment also presents an opportunity to double-check their estate plans. [Read More](#)



Why Community College or Trade School might be better than a 4-Year Degree

Author: Marsha Takeda-Morrison, *niche.com*

Years ago, as PTA president of my daughters’ elementary school, I was required to attend a district-wide meeting every month. It was time I gave up semi-reluctantly since I was already spending so many hours volunteering at the school, and for the most part, I dreaded these meetings that were a parade of statistics, blurry slides, and bleak budget forecasts. I often joked that I only went for the free coffee and doughnuts, which wasn’t too far from the truth. [Read More](#)

