Trinidad State Junior College
Report of Activities
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Transform the student experience.

- New student orientations on both campuses were well attended. The Valley Campus had the most students it has had in the past three years and had to use two rooms to accommodate everyone.

- Several Gunsmithing students were highlighted in a recent episode of NRA All Access on the Outdoor channel. Instructor, Ryan Newport, spoke about the goals of the program and the success rate of students in the program. [https://www.cccs.edu/blog/2015/08/17/trinidad-state-gunsmithing-program-gains-national-attention-on-outdoor-channel/](https://www.cccs.edu/blog/2015/08/17/trinidad-state-gunsmithing-program-gains-national-attention-on-outdoor-channel/)

Transform our own workforce experience.

- Mimi Lufkin, CEO of the National Association of Partners in Equity (NAPE) provided an in-service training for faculty and staff of both campuses. Ms. Lufkin’s presentation concerned the use of micro-messaging to make students feel accepted in your space. NAPE’s Vision: Every person is able to fulfill his or her potential through equal access to and equity in educational options that lead to the entire spectrum of career choices.

- During in-service, the TSJC Educational Foundation hosted a faculty and staff appreciation barbeque at the Yellow Pine Guest Ranch. For those who could not attend in order to provide service to students, box lunches were delivered to the employees. We offer a huge thanks to the Foundation for doing this!

- Sue Nesbitt, Psychology faculty in Trinidad, and Julie Kotalik, Massage faculty in the Valley, are spearheading a new morale-building effort on both campuses “Making a Difference”. The initial activity gives faculty, staff and students the opportunity to post thank you notes or messages on bulletin boards located on each campus to recognize the good work they see being done. The duo is working to determine what future activities will take place.
Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

- Trinidad State and the South Central Council of Governments in Trinidad teamed up to offer a free grant workshop in Trinidad recently. The workshop was very well attended and plans are in the works to create a grant writing series, which would be offered annually.

Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

- A ribbon cutting was held for the new wing at the Valley Campus. The expansion project will result in two much-needed classrooms and two labs.

- The Quality Initiative Report for Trinidad State was submitted to the Higher Learning Commission.

- A new initiative called Just a Minute made its debut in August. The monthly newsletter will be sent to faculty and staff on both campuses as well as the “movers and shakers” in the communities we serve.