



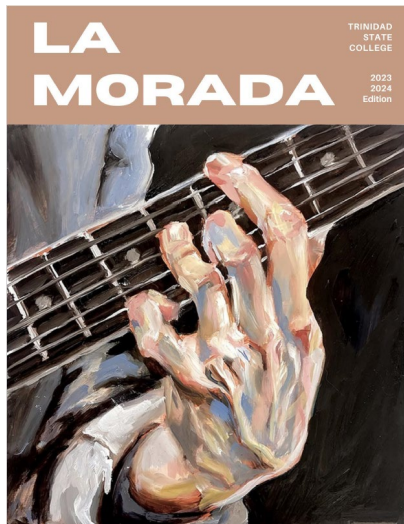
Trinidad State College

Report of Activities

October & November 2024

Rhonda M. Epper, Ph.D., President

Transform the student experience.



<https://trinidadstate.edu/arts/>

La Morada: A Celebration of Art and Literature

Dear Readers,

Welcome to this year's edition of *La Morada*, Trinidad State College's proud showcase of student art and literature. For years, TSC has upheld a long-standing tradition of supporting the arts, believing deeply in the power of creativity to inspire, connect, and transform. Our college has always been a place where students can explore their voices, experiment with mediums, and hone their craft, and this magazine is a testament to that mission.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Ily S. Reiling

Associate Professor of Fine Arts Trinidad State College



Rocky Mountain Line School

Friday, November 22, 2024

Congratulations Graduates!

- 15-week, 500-hour program, including 100 hours of climbing.
- Job Fair and Advisory Committee Meeting, Lunch for students and employers
- Line Tech Rodeo events, Graduation Ceremony for 27 graduates.



Calm Beneath Castles: An adventure ski movie, sponsored by Pandero Ski Corp. of Cuchara, was great fun and stunning photography for students and community alike at a showing in Massari Theatre.

Pizza with the President on the Valley Campus is a chance to get to know one another, ask questions, converse about future opportunities, and enjoy a little lunch too.

LUNCH & LEARN

FEATURING



SAND CREEK MASSACRE
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

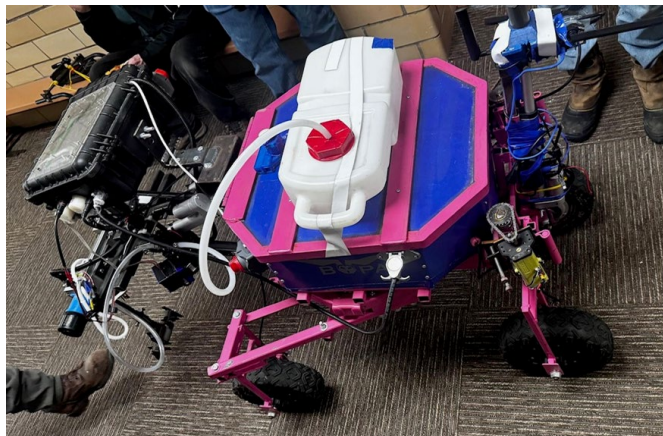
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National Park Service at the Sand
Creek National Historic Site



In honor of Native American Heritage Month, this lunch and learn presentation was rooted in history, thought provoking, poignant, while also disturbing as well as very valuable information for all attendees.

Monday, November 11th was an inspiring day for **Trinidad High STEM Students, Trinidad State College welding students and Trinidad State College robotics students!** Sarah Hinkley and her team from **Barn Owl Precision Agriculture** presented and answered questions about their farm robotics business, their manufacturing and programming processes, and showed off the latest version of their robots. A confluence of business, tech, manufacturing, and "cool factor".... check out this amazing Southern Colorado business! www.barnowlag.com



Transform our own workforce experience.



Valley Campus Cosmetology went all out in costumes for **Trunk or Treat**. Events were held on each campus and were great community fun.



Congratulations to our newly elected **Staff Alliance** leaders – Co-Chairs Nicia Crosson and Amaya Atencio and Secretary Gaylene Abeyta. Thank you for serving on this staff alliance shared governance opportunity.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

The Office of Student Well Being and the Athletic Department recently brought **Hilinski's Hope** to Trinidad State. We filled Massari Theater for the presentation which brings awareness to the mental health struggles student-athletes may experience and the importance of suicide prevention in our sports community. <https://www.hilinskishope.org/> A powerful presentation for student athletes.



Also, during mental health awareness month, Student Life and Title V, sponsored **Ted Talk speaker Jamie Cutino** who brought a message of perseverance, grit, belonging, and overcoming challenges to campus. Along with her talk, she offered a workshop to help students drill down to core questions and aspire to overcome challenges.

In October Trinidad State hosted a **special artist lecture featuring Paul Milosevich**, a renowned representational artist known for his captivating landscapes, portraits, and depictions of celebrity figures. Born in Trinidad, Colorado, to Croatian parents, Paul's artistic journey began in his hometown before taking him to Southern California and Texas. He now lives and works in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

During this lecture, Paul presented a deep dive into his creative process, his influences, and the experiences that have shaped his unique style. As a proud alumnus of Trinidad State College, where he studied under A.R. Mitchell, Paul returned to his alma mater to share his story, offering insights into his artistic journey and practices.



The San Luis Valley Career Fair in October was well attended by approximately 500 high school students. Trinidad State was well represented along with about three dozen San Luis Valley employers.

Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center – Good morning, Trinidad State Nursing Students! Today marks the beginning of a fantastic week and your first clinical rotation. Good luck and welcome to Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center.

EMERGENT CAMPUS NEWS

Emergent Campus Trinidad Updates

Emergent Campus Trinidad (ETC) offers a clear roadmap for replicating demonstrated impact on job placement, advancement, and broader economic development across Southern Colorado. We envision Trinidad as an innovation hub for businesses that can supercharge our regional economic story. ECT has already made amazing strides since kicking-off the project on July 12th.



On Thursday, September 26th **Emergent Campus Florence** hosted over sixty stakeholders from across the state to kick off our work for the Emergent Campus project. This meeting brought together Emergent Campus staff, a lengthy list of non-profits, business leaders, faculty from Trinidad State College and Pueblo Community College, three school districts, internship coordinators, and other stakeholders for the region stretching from Fremont to Las Animas County. Throughout the day we worked in whole group discussions and small group breakout sessions where we shared and aligned strategies, created a plan of action for next steps, and made in person connections with all the

stakeholders involved with the Emergent Campus expansion and the new **Emergent Campus Trinidad** location. We all left with a greater sense of pride, passion, inspiration, hope, and a collective vision for rural workforce development and sustainable community economies.



Emergent Campus Trinidad has officially hosted two **Tech Night Out** events. In mid-November, Michael Archuleta, CIO of Mt. San Rafael Hospital was the speaker at Tech Night Out. He shared his journey of hard work, dedication and getting things done! He is sitting at the intersection of cybersecurity and healthcare and his talk presented the current challenges and opportunities.

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



Trinidad State has re-envisioned their trail building program as a non-credit Continuing Education Program. Classes will begin in spring of 2025, and trail professionals will teach short-term, trails-related workshops in the region. The workshops will range from mechanized trail construction to trail planning to specialized skills like stonework.

Trinidad State launched their trail building program in 2021 to meet the growing need for skilled trail professionals and the program's success was defined by 80% professional placement of students. Despite short-term success, the model proved unsustainable, because of difficulty in finding a full-time trail expert to be an instructor as well as attracting students willing to take semester long classes. This new model will allow Trinidad State to bring in trail trainers from around the world for short-term skills-learning opportunities.



Trinidad State College is proud to have a **First-Generation Serving Institution Designation** from the Colorado Department of Higher Education.

Dear President Epper,

“The First-Generation Serving Campus Designation acknowledges the great work your institution has already accomplished in the area of access. We are excited to see how Trinidad State College will continue to expand high-impact practices to support first-generation students and create further opportunities for them to thrive, both academically and personally.”

Dr. Angie Paccione, Executive Director



Some great smiles during the big snowstorm November 7th and 8th. 30 to 40 inches in town!

