

Trinidad State College Report of Activities April 2024



Rhonda M. Epper, Ph.D., President

Transform the student experience.



Congratulations to Trinidad State College **Rising Star Awardees Zoey Stewart and Dulce Trujillo** (not pictured) and **Phi Theta Kappa Awardee, Marissa Valenzuela** honored at the lovely luncheon reception at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Student excellence awards were given throughout the community college system. Chancellor Joe Garcia, TSC President Rhonda Epper, and Biology Professor Cliff Weining also pictured celebrated with our students.



Phi Theta Kappa, Trinidad Campus, inducted 27 new members this spring.



Students and staff sent off the Robotics Team with signs and cheers ... Good luck team!



Apr 16, 2024 – The **Trinidad State Robotics team** had another great showing at this year's Colorado Space Grant Consortium's Robotics Challenge at the Great Sand Dunes National Park.

The team's small robot, TAD, won best robot in the 1.5 kg category and the big robot, TOAD, won the advanced autonomy award (smartest robot). Both robots finished all 6 courses in the first 30 minutes. They then demonstrated their extra credit challenges in taking a core sample and mapping. The team also made their own diabolical course to play in. To watch robotics event videos, [click here](#).

The Team Advisors are Cindy Clements, Karen Howl, Hayden Alworth and Earl Nesbitt. The team members are Makai Chambers, Gavin Clark, Zane Evangelista, Anna Jasinsky, Micah Knight, Jordan Malone, Cayden Newport, Myka Salbato, Cade Vigil, Bryan Williams and Sydney Worley

Trinidad State Men's Basketball had another fantastic season, finishing with a 25-8 overall record and claiming their third straight region crown. Four of the Trojans earned post-season honors through Region 9.

Lateef Patrick and Keliese Frye each earned All-Region honors with Patrick being named as the Player-of-the-Year in the region. Patrick averaged over 17 points a game this year as a freshman. Frye also averaged double-digit scoring and over six rebounds per game in his sophomore season.

Patrick and Frye were joined by Amir Reaves and Devin Davenport as members of the 2024 Region 9 All-Tournament team. TSC rolled though the tournament with wins over Laramie County, Gillette and Western Nebraska.



Champions! TSC Volleyball claims the Region 9 Beach Volleyball title with a 4-1 win over Central Wyoming

TSC Softball wrapped up first place in the regular season standings and home field for the duration of the playoffs. TSC will host the Plainswomen on May 4 for the first round in a best-of-three series.



This one-night-only production featured the talents within our Trinidad State College community – mostly student talent – which was great! All were welcome with talents including music, acting, comedy or whatever participants chose to share. The Spring Variety Show was produced by students in the Tech Theatre department, and was held Thursday evening, April 4th.

Transform our own workforce experience.



Congratulations to **TSC Employees of the Year** Christina Sisneros, Financial Aid Director, Santina Frank, Nursing Faculty, Karl Schafer, Line Technology Adjunct, and Dan Jolly (not pictured), Structural Trades II.

The **Southwest Academy of Management** is dedicated to crafting the whole professor through teaching, research, and service. Trinidad State professor, **Emily Hammer, Ph.D.**, serves as Treasurer and recently attended their annual conference. Focus areas include effective teaching, research interests, linkages between academia and industry, career development, understanding diverse needs, and pursuing positive changes, and innovative ideas.



Posts alumni, Jasper Butero, Jr. “An average of over 27 wins a year while guiding so many outstanding young women who have and will carry that tradition with them in society, **job very well done Coach. VERY TROJAN PROUD**”

National Athletic Training Month is held every March in order to spread awareness about the important work of athletic trainers. TSC is extremely fortunate to have **Jose Mariscal** on staff as our Head Athletic Trainer. Jose does an amazing job keeping our student athletes healthy and ready to compete - Thanks Jose for all that you do!



D2L ORIENTATION SERIES

April 16, 2024 @ 10:30am Berg, 108 The Little Theatre

Presented by Erlene Hernandez, ILC, Coordinator & Emily Hammer, Ph.D.

- ✓ Series 1 of 3
- ✓ Welcome widget/Announcements
- ✓ D2L Teacher Profile Widgets
- ✓ Overview & Content
- ✓ Syllabus Important Details
- ✓ Gradebook Setup
- ✓ Best Practices & more

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New & Current
FACULTY & STAFF WELCOME

Title V held a training for instructors on D2L presented by Erlene Hernandez, ILC Coordinator and faculty member Emily Hammer, Ph.D. This was the first in a series of trainings that will be held for instructors.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.



The Struggle for the Health and Legal Protection of Farm Workers
El Cortito

MAURICE "MO" JOURDANE

Celebrando la Semana Nacional de Concientización Sobre los Trabajadores Agrícolas 2024

¡Eventos GRATIS para el público!

29 de marzo al 12 de abril
Colecta de camisetas de manga larga y guantes (¿Dónde entregar las donaciones? En las oficinas de C.A.S.A., CARE Center, CARE! (Adams State University) y Trinidad State College. También puede entregar sus donaciones en los eventos del 8 y 10 de abril (letras en Richardson Hall, Auditorium y Trinidad campus).

8 abril
Película: *A Million Miles Away*
Basada en el reportaje ganador del Premio Nobel, hijo de inmigrantes mexicanos, quien se convirtió en astrónomo de la NASA.
Richardson Hall Auditorium
5:15 p.m. Aperitivos/Bebidas, Venta de libro y camisetas
6:00 p.m. Película

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¿Qué significa justicia social para ti?
Foro organizado en una sala abstrata.
SIS Auditorium
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

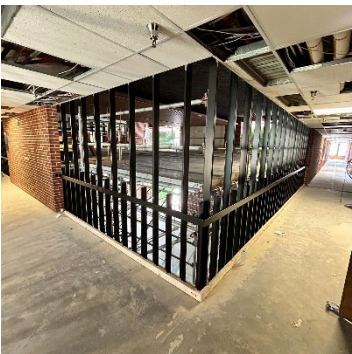
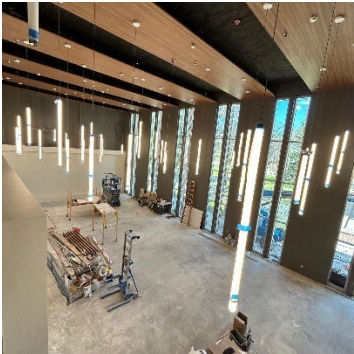
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Trinidad State College presenta:
"Victoria Contra El Brazo del Diabolo" con Honorable Maurice "Mo" & Olivia Flores Jourdane
Trinidad State College Auditorium
12 - 1 p.m.

Adams State University presenta:
"Victoria Contra El Brazo del Diabolo" con Honorable Maurice "Mo" & Olivia Flores Jourdane
Richardson Hall Auditorium
5:15 p.m. Aperitivos/Bebidas, Venta de libro y camisetas
5:45 p.m. Presentación de baile: *Sombras de la Tierra*
6:15 p.m. Conversación con Mo & Olivia
7:15 p.m. Firma de autógrafos por Mo y venta de camisetas

Adams State University
C.A.S.A. Center (CARE) Spanish Program, Student Affairs Administration
Trinidad State College
TRC Office of Title V

News from Title V: We held a lunch-n-learn celebrating National Farmworkers Awareness Week. Featured speakers were Maurice "Mo" Jourdane and Olivia Flores Jourdane. The two of them spoke about their advocacy and civil rights legal work with Cesar Chavez and Delores Huerta. This was a joint effort with Adams State University and multiple other events happened throughout the week. Both campuses collected over 40 long sleeve t-shirts and over 50 pairs of work gloves to donate to Valley farmworkers. *Photo above with Tori Martinez, Title V Director, Freddy Burciaga, VP of Student Affairs, Olivia Flores Jourdane and seated, Mo Jourdane.*

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



Excitement is growing. **Freudenthal Library renovation progress.**





Thank you, CCCS, for bringing the Statewide Strategic Planning Listening Tour to Trinidad State College. Community, staff, and students shared their perspectives with the CCCS team and with partnered Keystone Policy Center. TSC is updating our own college level strategic plan for 2025-2030 and has leveraged these listening sessions for our plan. Both the CCCS and TSC plans will be finalized later this year.



Trinidad State College Valley Campus #2 on the list of the Top 24 Nursing Schools in Colorado rated by RegisterdNursing.org. “Our evaluation process considers various factors, including past and present first-time NCLEX-RN pass rates, weighted by year. Our methodology ensures that we assess how effectively a program supports students in their journey toward licensure and beyond. Congratulations to your entire team for this outstanding achievement!”



All smiles today in the cafeteria. Thank you to Sodexo staff who work so hard for our students! 😊

