



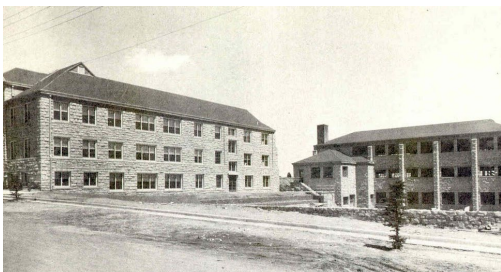
## Trinidad State College Report of Activities March 2025

Rhonda M. Epper, Ph.D., President

**Economic Mobility** – Increase relevant offerings that will result in successful learners earning a sustaining wage.



Emergent Campus quarterly spring stakeholder meeting. During the convening, partners checked in on grant progress, interfaced with industry leaders and student leaders, and discussed the integration of the new federal Department of Labor (DOL) grant into our existing regional efforts. The stakeholders aligned on key initiatives, shared insights, and strengthened partnerships.



Then, and then, and now. 🎉 Celebrating 100 Years of Excellence! 🎉 Our campuses and the City of Trinidad are all decked out for the 100th anniversary! The timeless Berg Building and the Scott Gym in the heart of campus.

**Education for All** – *Increase equitable, learner-centered environments that support all learners meeting their goals.*



Congratulations! to **Zane Royce Evangelista**, named a **2025 PTK New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar**. Selection was based on the score earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, for which nearly 2,100 applications were received this year. Nominations were evaluated on academic achievement, leadership, service, and significant endeavors. Evangelista received the highest score in Colorado! This program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, with additional support provided by the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa. As a New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar, Evangelista will receive a \$2,250 scholarship and will be recognized at **Phi Theta Kappa's Presidents Breakfast** held during the AACC Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

First Friday Open Mics at local coffee shop, Mutiny Café, are always entertaining and great for students, employees, and community to share their musical talent, poetry and written words. An ongoing event September through May.

On this beautiful spring day a few students in our night and weekend cohort of nursing students was taking pictures in front of the Berg building. They were all smiles in spite of saying what a hard semester it has been. They are excited for graduation.

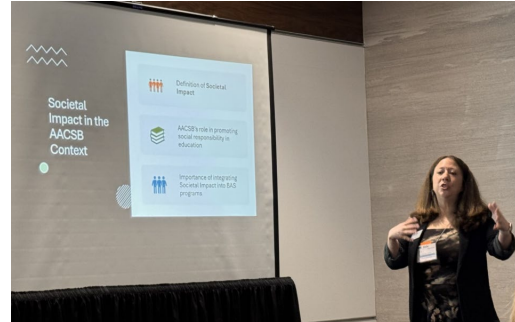
TSC Skate Night is always a hit, lights flashing, music playing, students laughing!



Congratulations to TSC Men's Basketball ! What an incredible achievement, Coach Folda and Assistant Coach Myers —a **four-peat Region 9 Championship** and a trip to Nationals—outstanding! Dr. Epper noted, “It’s inspiring to see how you and the team represent Trinidad State with such heart and determination.” First round tournament win at Nationals over Pensacola State, but the Trojans unfortunately fell in the second round to #7 ranked Trinity Valley Community College. #Trojan Proud.



**Empowered Talent** – *Increase our ability to attract, retain, and sustain the highest quality workforce to advance our mission.*



The Southwest Academy of Management is dedicated to crafting the whole professor through teaching, research, and service. Dr. Emily Hammer, Division Chair - Business, CIS, and Early Childhood Education - presented a working paper entitled "Using Societal Impact According to AACSB Standards to Implement a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree." This paper was presented at the Southwest Academy of Management in Tulsa, Oklahoma. At this conference Dr. Hammer also was recognized for a Service Award for being on the Board of Directors for 10 years as a Member at Large, Newsletter Editor and Treasurer.

**Partner of Choice** – *Increase capability, trust, and credibility with partners across all sectors to build shared prosperity.*



TSC Artist Lecture series is a monthly lecture that is in collaboration with the A.R. Mitchell Museum of Western Art and Kuehl Fine Art at the A.R. Mitchell Museum. Artists featured by Kuehl Fine Art give a presentation the night before the opening on the TSC campus. In March the featured artist was Jonathan McAfee a Colorado based painter known for his bold, expressive approach to portraiture. He discussed his artistic journey, influences, and artistic process with students and community.

Lunch -n- Learn speaker in March was Melody Delmar with the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (OMMIR). She shared with both the Valley Campus and the Trinidad Campus the mission and work of the OMMIR. They help connect families with resources, provide information on how to report a missing or murdered loved one, work to increase awareness regarding missing and murdered indigenous people, develop partnerships with Tribal Law Enforcement and collaborate with state and local partners to develop training.



The Makerspace at Trinidad State has completed the move to the Freudenthal Memorial Library on the Trinidad State campus. The space is active and in the picture is set up for a paper-making, book binding class. Additional continuing education classes currently scheduled include *Inkscape* Tutorial Workshop, *Blender & 3D Printing* from Digital Model to Physical Object, and Hat Making with Tom Hirt.

**Power of 13** – *Increase shared opportunities to grow enrollment, improve quality, and achieve cost efficiencies through consortial models and collaboration while leveraging each college’s unique strengths.*



Attorney General Phil Weiser and Virginia Carreno, Project Manager for COPERR (Colorado Partnership for Education and Rural Revitalization) Colorado Department of Law expressed their appreciation for all of the work of COPERR partners who met at Pueblo Community College in late February. “It was so wonderful to get together in person with so many of you and hear about some of the amazing work and accomplishments you’ve had for COPERR. I would also like to give another thank you to Amanda Corum, President Hazelbaker and the PCC team for hosting us in their beautiful space.” While President Hazelbaker missed the photo, you’ll see both Presidents Epper and Zant and all three college teams above.



It's great to host area students on campus. In March both LaJunta and Pueblo District 60 high school students came to explore their options at Trinidad State as they make decisions for their futures. They toured campus, had cafeteria lunch, and met with Biology and Theatre faculty members. Both schools tour multiple higher education institutions each year including our sister colleges -- Lamar, Otero, and Pueblo.