

WEEKLY UPDATE



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Happy Monday!

Our evaluation process is an important tool for self-improvement. To better assess the executive leadership team, we are implementing a college-wide survey with a separate link for each of our four Vice Presidents. Soon, you will receive an electronic invitation from me to participate in this endeavor through Survey Monkey. Please take a few minutes share your perspective with me. Your feedback will be invaluable as we continue building our leadership team. Thank you, Patrick Forney, for assisting me with the logistical implementation of this project.

Just after Spring Break, Deb Pritchard was tapped to fill a vacant full-time Head Cook position within our Food Service operations. It was just in January that she returned to us on a part-time basis after being away for fourteen years. Her transition from part-time to full-time employment has been seamless and we are pleased that Deb has rejoined us. Welcome back, Deb!

At our last Cabinet meeting, Dr. Nino Kalatozi demonstrated a new, [interactive tool](https://www.southeast.edu/institutional-research/peer-comparison-interactives/) available to us courtesy of our colleagues at Southeast Community College. The information displayed by this tool comes from our Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) submissions and includes comparisons to the Nebraska community colleges, our Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) peers, and our IPEDS peers. Insights into enrollment, completions, personnel and finances are shown through a customizable display. Check it out here (<https://www.southeast.edu/institutional-research/peer-comparison-interactives/>).

Last Thursday, we hosted a special zoom meeting for our Sidney and Alliance personnel. Thank you to everyone who tuned in for this conversation. Given our work-from-home environment and our inability to travel, it was nice to be able to connect virtually. This Wednesday, we will offer a similar session for faculty members. Originally planned for Thursday of this week, this meeting was shifted due to an unintended conflict with the upcoming Curriculum Committee meeting. While not necessarily ideal, this zoom format allows us to continue working together. It is also great practice for our upcoming virtual Higher Learning Commission visit, currently scheduled for April 27-28.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or insights to share, please let me know.

Hope you have a great week!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

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