6:30 pm  6:30 p.m. was approved as the start time for Board of Trustees meetings.

Student Report   TCSA initiatives for 2014 will include Town Hall Meetings on Concealed Carry and Expungement, and participation in registering for the Affordable Care Act.

The 2013 Illinois Green Business Association Green Champion Award was presented to Adrian Fisher and intern Chris Christou for their work with businesses on utilizing better green practices.

“Triton has an incredible administration, staff, and students,” remarked Ms. Fisher. “So many people are so supportive of sustainability efforts.”

Deb Baker was recognized with a DVR Partnership Award for her work with Leyden High Schools. The initiative involves current health career students serving as student ambassadors to high school students. The program is so successful, there is talk of expansion.

Introduced by EMT Coordinator Bill Justiz, Scott Nielsen, fall 2012; and Roger Steele, spring 2013, were recognized as recipients of the Daniel Johnson EMT Award.

Both students excelled academically and served as leaders and role models in their classes, and were applauded by the audience and their fathers.

Triton’s Marketing Department, represented by Director of Marketing Sam Tolia, won the Silver Medallion Award from NCMPR, the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations, for last year’s “Face to Face” Annual Report.

Board Policy Change   Student Affairs Board Policy 5203 Repeating a Course, was amended to adjust to the new ERP system. See the new policy language here.
Accreditation News  President Patricia Granados thanked the entire campus community and community members who actively participated in the Self-Study process and during the accreditation visit. “Triton College has so many things to be proud of, I am confident we will shine through,” commented Dr. Granados. “Our work is not done as we celebrate our strengths and collectively work on what needs to be accomplished.” A report from the Higher Learning Commission is expected before the holiday break.

President’s Reception
Last week’s Foundation President’s Reception was lauded as a wonderful time in support of our students and the Foundation. Foundation Board of Directors President Tom Olson was thanked for his fine work on this event that honored Mary Jo Schuler.

Pictured: Cook County Commissioner Pete Silvestri, President Granados, Mary Jo Schuler, Chairman Stephens, Tom Olson.

Presentation of Proposed Tax Levy  The Board of Trustees accepted the proposed 2013 tax levy that represents a 0% increase over the 2012 extended aggregate tax levy. This follows the March 2013 abatement of $2,424,506 that was given back to the taxpayers. “The Board would rather be honest and give it back,” stated Chairman Mark Stephens. “If we ever do go out for a bond issue, I am confident that there is no one more worthy of taxpayers’ trust than this community college district.”

Enrollment  Chairman Stephens encouraged employees to continue to work to turn enrollment around, pledging to commit resources to areas that make sense, such as research and financial aid.

Athletic Facilities Improvements
The college is exploring and developing a broad plan for improving campus athletic facilities. Plans could include improvements to football, soccer, and baseball fields and tennis courts, as well as the plans already in place for the swimming pool, other indoor spaces, and may involve partnerships with other local schools. Follow the news on swimming pool construction [here](#).

Action Exhibits and Purchasing Schedules Approved: All of the exhibits presented to the Board were approved, including employee health benefit plan renewals, purchase of equipment to create additional SMART classrooms, and college-related travel. See the [Board of Trustees website](#) for information on all of the items that went to the Board of Trustees in November.