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At 9:30 a.m. on the 20th of April 1925, a bill was signed at the state capital granting charter for a new junior college in southern Colorado, whose purpose was to, “... give instruction covering the first two years of the usual college course(s) in order to be admitted to different professional schools of the University of Colorado.”



With the stroke of a pen, Trinidad State Junior College was born.



Trojan Mascot on Horseback | 1965

The bill to establish Trindad State was introduced by Samuel Freudenthal, a Colorado state senator from Las Animas County. Freudenthal worked tirelessly to source books for Trinidad’s libraries, before later campaigning actively for a junior college in Trinidad. In 1925, he successfully introduced and passed the bill that established

Trinidad State. Today, the Samuel Freudenthal Memorial Library on campus bears his name, honoring his incredible contributions to Trinidad and southern Colorado.

In 2025, Trinidad State will celebrate its 100th anniversary. While the school has grown and adapted through its ten decades, the deep commitment to serving students has never wavered.

Trinidad State will host multiple events this year to commemorate our landmark milestone, including a special Founder’s Day Celebration on April 11, 2025. More details to follow, but please mark your calendars.

We hope you can join the fun!



Professor Ron Rankin with science students in the 1990s

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