

• CELEBRATING 100 YEARS. •



the community's college

CENTENNIAL FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION

MJC East Campus Quad | September 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm

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MJC South Hall 1962

ON THIS DAY IN 1921

On Monday, September 19, 1921, fifty pioneering souls began their junior college coursework at Modesto High School. Just four months earlier, W. E. Faught, Superintendent of Stanislaus County Schools, met with a group of enterprising citizens at the Modesto Rotary Club and formed a community committee to explore a junior college in Modesto. These founders of **Modesto Junior College** saw the importance of an affordable, high quality alternative to the four-year university and as a result, MJC, **the community's college**, was born.

Though at least one dozen other junior college departments existed within high school districts in California in 1921, MJC was established as the first "junior college district" in California. Modesto Junior College sent California's first "transfer student" to Stanford University in 1922. And, the first building dedicated to a community college in California was erected on the MJC campus in 1923.

Over the past 100 years, several hundred thousand people have enrolled in MJC courses. Tens of thousands have earned a degree or certificate from the institution. Many alumni have served in and operated a wide range of business, government, non-profit and faith-based institutions. Indeed, MJC's reach in the region is profound.

"Celebrating MJC's 100th-year milestone on the heels of a pandemic allows our campus community a unique opportunity join together in honoring the history from which we have evolved, grow from what we have been through and develop in the knowledge of who we are now- we are the community's college, we are MJC." - Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay shared, MJC President

- More than 20,000 students attend MJC annually
- MJC is a proud Hispanic Serving Institution
- 54% of the student body is of Latinx background
- 36% of MJC students are adult learners, over 25 years of age.
- MJC offers 87 associate degrees and 1 baccalaureate degree
- 50 Certificates of Achievement in 9 "schools"
- Career and technical skills programs support the region's workforce
- The largest community college athletics program in N. California
- Dual Enrollment connects high school students with college before graduation
- Award-winning Agriculture program
- Highly acclaimed Allied Health programs





MJC Graduating Class 1923

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- **FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**
MJC Fire Academy Students
- **NATIONAL ANTHEM**
MJC Community Orchestra featuring Robert Stone on Trumpet- J.S. Smith
- **OPENING REMARKS**
Dr. George Boodrookas
- **WELCOME**
*Dr. Henry C.V. Yong, YCCD Chancellor
Leslie Beggs, YCCD Board Member- Area 6*
- **WE ARE MJC— WE INSPIRE OUR COMMUNITY TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS**
Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay, MJC President
- **RETRIEVAL OF THE MJC TIME CAPSULE**
*MJC Mascots, Petey & Penelope
Pirates of the Caribbean— K. Badelt, Arr. Moore
Performed by MJC Community Orchestra*
- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY SING-A-LONG**
led by Maria Marquez, ASMJC President
- **STUDENT BODY CENTENNIAL ADDRESS**
Maria Marquez, ASMJC President
- **PRESENTATION OF CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**
Congressman Josh Harder (Staff)
- **PIRATES OF PENZANCE MEDLEY**
*Words & Music: Gilbert & Sullivan,
Arr: Johnie Dean, Performed by MJC Concert Choir*
- **MY MJC STORY**
Emmanuel Escamilla, MJC Alum
- **FINISH LINE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**
Dr. George Boodrookas & Finish Line Scholars
- **UNVEILING OF QUAD RENOVATION PLANS**
Dr. George Boodrookas
- **DISPLAY OF TIME CAPSULE**
Alejandra Espinoza

MJC COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTOR Anne Martin

VIOLINS Alison Peltier, Juan Gutierrez,
Silva Kachadorian, Taylor Rodenburg,
Sharon Erickson, Bob Richardson

VIOLAS Andrea Converse, Christine Beckstrom

CELLOS Ryan Gurule, Megan Torkelson

BASS Elaine Arnold

TRUMPET Robert Stone

PERCUSSION Carina Ibarra

MJC CONCERT CHOIR

MUSIC DIRECTOR Cathryn Tortell

PIANO Wesley Richmond

MJC CONCERT CHOIR Eden Arnold, Taylor Blee, Parker Bower, Merrissa Brambila, Corinne Cortez, Eddie Diaz, David Espinoza, Kathleen Hales, Matthew Hanham, Raymond Holtzclaw, Carissa Lucio, Joshua Muscio, Brenda Pineda, McKenna Potter, Charlize Price, David Rogers, Wendy Scott, Katherine Smith, Louise Tran

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Henry C.V. Yong, Ed.D., Ed.S.
Chancellor, YCCD

Santanu Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D.
President, Modesto Junior College

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Dr. Talitha Agan
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Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay
Dr. George Boodrookas
Donald Borges
Aluriel Ceballos
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