



From the Executive Director...



My father, Vernon Jackson Hill, returned from the service in World War II, and like many Americans of the time, began college studies at a Junior College – East Mississippi Junior College. He went on to graduate along with many of the men from that area and time that were in the war. America was on the move. “The Greatest Generation” had a renewed vision of what the American Dream could be. They married, began families, worked hard, and saw the value in education.

Although my journey did not include attending a Junior College, I was very much aware of the importance of the Junior College movement, the affordability, and the special opportunity. Now years later, if I could go back, I would most likely begin my education at a community college.

As I see students in the CSU/UC system marching against fee hikes, I am encouraged by the millions of Californians, young and mature, that are taking advantage of the greatest community college system in the world. Despite our enormous economic challenges, it is indeed a privilege at this stage in life to be in service, and in particular, attracting financial resources for such a wonderful mission as a Community College.

With five years at Imperial Valley College in Southern California, and now nearly one year at Modesto Junior College, my heart has been warmed by the commitment of individuals, alumni, small businesses, big business, and so many wonderful connections to Community Colleges in California. From our honorable Governor, to our most famous MJC alumnus, George Lucas, to the ever consummate servant, MJC alumna Bette Belle Smith – community colleges have provided an invaluable impact upon society and life as we know it.

That’s why I am privileged to be involved. Our mission and focus have not changed, and will not change. The Foundation seeks your assistance in generating financial support for Modesto Junior College – our students, faculty, staff, and the many educational programs and activities connected with MJC. We are a “community” college for a reason though. You and I are a part of the community. Our taxes make MJC possible. Our educational efforts are for you, and they are by you. Together we make it happen and that is a wonderful thing.

As we approach the end of one calendar year and begin yet another, I want to thank you for your belief in MJC. Your financial support, your goodwill, your enthusiasm – all of that makes the difference and will continue to do so. Yes, we will always be changing and we will always be growing, but the basics of the College and the Foundation will never change.

Please remember us as we move forward into our 89th year of service! Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Eugene C. Hill
Modesto Junior College

Since 1921!
Generating Financial Support for MJC!



A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY TO YOU AND YOURS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!