



# MJC Reflection

January 4, 2013

I enjoyed returning to campus this week after an unusual holiday break. My mother-in-law ended up in the hospital on the floor above my mom! We did more visiting with family than we normally might have, but it was strange to spend so much time at the hospital. My youngest son turned 20 last week, so I am adjusting to no longer being the mother of a teenager and yesterday was our 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many indicators that time marches on and the start of spring term is just around the corner!

**Accreditation** – MJC received the preliminary confidential evaluation team report and is scheduled to present a five-minute update to the Commission on January 10<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to addressing the Commission with highlights of the Modesto Junior College Follow-Up Report. The results of the Commission meeting and action on accreditation reports will be available a few weeks after the meeting.

**Measure E** – The parking lot construction on West Campus is complete. This new lot provides additional spaces critical to support occupation of the Science Community Center. Entry and exit of the new lot and others along Blue Gum Avenue will be enhanced with the addition of a traffic light at Pritchard Avenue now approved by the City of Modesto. Design of the Blue Gum and Pritchard intersection project is currently underway. The East Campus library remodel continues so the library and learning resources will remain in their temporary locations across East Campus as we move into spring.

**Fire Academy Ceremony** – On Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> the friends and family of the 43<sup>rd</sup> class of the Regional Fire Training Center gathered to celebrate completion. The touching ceremony included pinning of badges on those individuals moving into their fire science career and video of the class experience. When we moved outside for the demonstration there were lots of excited little boys who jumped up and down to get the best view of the fire trucks! It was incredible to see the skill of these newly minted firefighters and the support of our local fire service partners.

**Tidbits** - There were two new arrivals just in time for the holidays. On December 15<sup>th</sup> Geri Wend, Administrative Secretary, Family and Consumer Sciences, welcomed new granddaughter Kylie Monroe and on December 18<sup>th</sup> Donna Blagg, Administrative Assistant, Allied Health, welcomed grandson Jesse Daniel. Congratulations and welcome to the new additions!

I did not commit myself to any resolutions this new year, but found a quote to inspire those of you who did.

*Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.*

Abraham Lincoln