



MJC Reflection

March 29, 2013

Happy Friday! Last weekend we enjoyed a brief visit with our sons, but the joy was dimmed when my mother in law was hospitalized. I am certain the ICU staff was glad when our noisy bunch left, but they were very kind and accommodating. I'm hopeful that she will be released soon and on the road to recovery.

Accreditation—Today a district wide group of nearly 60 volunteers will gather in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Center for a District Planning Session. The planning session will focus on the Yosemite Community College District mission statement including a comprehensive review. This will serve as the foundation for district strategic planning over the course of the next several years. I'm looking forward to conversation with our Columbia College and Central Services colleagues centered on mission.

Measure E – Planning this week was centered on the long anticipated move of our technical services staff back to East Campus. The tech team has been off campus in several different locations due to secondary effects of our major bond projects. They are now in process of the final move into the building that previously held the electronics program. It requires careful planning to move our computer lab servers without disruption to instruction and the team has done a great job of mapping out a move that is disruption free.

Recognition - Dr. David Baggett was honored on March 23, 2013, with the MJC 60th Annual Field Day dedication. Professor Baggett has served the students of Modesto Junior College for 19 years. Professor Don Borgess was honored as a Home Town Hero by the Hughson FFA at the FFA State Degree Ceremony on Tuesday, March 26, 2013. Congratulations!

Tidbits – Yesterday, the nursing program hosted our regional hospital consortium and partners for the annual advisory meeting. The hospital consortium chair pulled me aside to make certain I understood how unique our supportive partnerships in healthcare really are. He is responsible for an area that stretches from Bakersfield to northern Nevada, and says there is nothing like it across the region.

Campus Safety was awarded an alternative fuel grant by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District that will provide two new electric vehicles. The new vehicles will replace two units in the aging fleet providing reliable transportation for campus safety staff.

*Commitment unlocks the doors of imagination, allows vision,
and gives us the right stuff to turn our dreams into reality.*

James Womack