MJC School of Agriculture E-News

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- Sept. 6th: Labor Day
- Sept. 18th: Camp Sylvester
- Oct. 1st & 7th: Ag Senior Day
- Nov. 10th: Drive-thru Harvest Party

Welcome Back School of Agriculture!

Dean Borges Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you—or welcome you back—to Fall 2021 semester.

Everyone at MJC School of Agriculture wants you to feel welcomed, included, and connected on campus. Special events throughout the semester and into the spring (and beyond) will help you break the ice with each other, make friends, and find what you need on campus.

We're in this together, all of us need to take care of ourselves and each other. We will wear our masks indoors to stay safe, make sure we are vaccinated, and stay home if anyone feels sick. Take a look at the IU COVID-19 website to find out the latest updates about staying safe and moving forward.

Whether you are an incoming freshman or a super sophomore all of you have been through a great deal during this global health crisis. Your presence on campus and virtually signals your grit and determination. I want to congratulate you for your perseverance, and I join all of my faculty and staff colleagues in saying we will do whatever we can to support you.

New Faces at MJC

Meet Mr. Patterson:

I join the MJC team, having 16 plus years of collective experiences teaching high school ag mechanics and fabrication, serving as an adjunct welding instructor at MJC for the past 6 years, and have industry fabrication and machining experience. I'm excited to join this dynamic MJC instructor team and I look forward to working with each of you.

Contact: pattersonr@mjc.edu

Meet Mr. Truax:

Hello! My name is Mr. Truax and I am joining you as the new animal science instructor while overseeing the sheep and poultry units. I'm a Turlock native, MJC alum, and very excited to work with you!

Contact: truaxt@mjc.edu

Get Involved!

Membership drive starts September 7th. More information coming soon.

We encourage all students to get involved in Young Farmers and our program area groups to meet new friends, learn about the agriculture industry and careers, represent MJC's School of Agriculture.

Counseling appointments and walk-ins

Counselor appointments and walk-in times can be booked online now from the MJC Counseling webpage. Click the button below to visit the counseling website

Counseling Website

Ms. Bailey's Schedule:

Monday - Thursday 8 AM - 2 PM

- Virtual Walk-ins (for quick questions) and Virtual Appointments (for an Educational Plan) can be reserved using the link above or call 575-6080.

Mr. Solis's Schedule:

Wednesday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM

- Walk-ins (for quick questions) can be booked on-line using link above
- Appointments (for an Educational Plan) email Tim at **solist@mjc.edu**.

MJC Student Selected as District 6 Dairy Princess

Congratulations Selina Lopes

MJC Agriculture Business student, Selina Lopes, has been crowned the 2021-22 District 6 Dairy Princess for the California Milk Advisory Board. The virtual contest took place on Thursday, June 17, 2021 where retiring Dairy Princess and MJC alumna Alyce Silva turned over the title to Selina. Also crowned were Lauryn Knott as Alternate and Rikki Silveria as Second Alternate, both MJC students as well.

Selina will represent District 6 that includes Alameda, mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties. Congrats, Selina!

Vet Tech Surgery Clinics

The Modesto Junior College School of Agriculture's Veterinary Technology Program hosted a spay and neuter clinic on July 12-13th, 2021. Sponsored by the ASTRO Foundation, MJC faculty, staff, students, and a volunteer veterinarian performed over 60 procedures during the two days of surgery.

MJC students met before the clinic to go through eight training sessions as preparation for the clinic where they focused on monitoring animals during surgery, pharmaceutical dosage for animals, packing surgery equipment, how to properly maintain surgery instruments, and more. During the clinic, the students worked alongside MJC Vet Tech staff to gain real world experience prepping and sterilizing animals for surgery, intubation and extubation of animals, and how to give fluids. Post-surgery operations including monitoring animal vitals, microchipping,

trimming nails. Throughout the whole process, students were taught proper handling and restraining techniques to use in their future careers.

To become a veterinary technician, students must pass both the Veterinary Technician National Examination and complete over 4,400 hours of clinical work within the vet tech field. Student volunteers could use the hours from the spay and neuter clinic towards their externship hours. For more information on the MJC Vet Tech program, visit www.MJC.edu/ag.

MJC @ Modesto Nuts

On July 29th MJC Interns and Young Farmer Officers attended the Modesto Nuts game hosted by Stanislaus Country Farm Bureau. It was a fun experience getting to watch a baseball game while being able to get closer with the other officers on the team. It was exciting to be apart of Farm Bureau's event. We look forward to attending this event and others in the future.

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