



MJC Reflection

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I want to thank you for the beautiful condolences and expressions of sympathy regarding the loss of my mother. I have been encouraged and touched by your kind words and gestures. It was so strange to be away from campus during the first week of instruction, but there were many indicators that my thought processes were not 100% and I needed time with my family. I appreciate your understanding and thoughtfulness so very much.

Accreditation – Vice President of Instruction Susan Kincade and I addressed the Commission on January 10th. Our presentation was very brief and focused allowing the Commissioners time to ask a couple follow-up questions. The Commissioners granted us their full attention even though it was late on the second day of a three day meeting. The results of the meeting and action on accreditation reports will be made available soon.

Measure E –Tuesday I walked the floors of the Science Community Center and was impressed with the progress since my original tour in July. Installation of classroom and office furniture is being completed and plans made for the first summer classes to begin in the new facility in late May. The Science Community Center brings incredible opportunity for science experiences to the MJC region. I can't wait to experience the planetarium!

Transfer – On Thursday, January 17th The Modesto Bee highlighted the MJC and CSUS guaranteed transfer program. You can read more about the increased transfer applications and the experience of MJC students [here](#). MJC Career Development and Transfer Center Coordinator Leticia Cavazos is commended for her leadership and dedication to assisting students seeking transfer.

Tidbits - Over the winter break, a failed fire monitoring system was discovered on West Campus. Despite the holiday, campus security, maintenance and operations, ag, and administrative services worked to implement visual monitoring until a permanent solution could be enacted. I wanted to share this example of collaboration and selfless solution finding. Each day a situation (or two) arises that requires creative thinking, resourcefulness, or just plain hard work to resolve. I appreciate the teamwork and positive attitude that make MJC and YCCD such a great place to work.

*Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress;
working together is success.*

Henry Ford