



# MJC Reflection

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Even ten days after the Chancellor's Office announcement that MJC was selected as one of the fifteen colleges for the baccalaureate degree pilot, the excitement is still high, and there are lots of unanswered questions! On Wednesday, we participated in the first conference call of the pilot colleges during which we learned that the Board of Governors had requested additional information and data for their mid-March meeting. The CCCCO has engaged the assistance of the US Bureau of Labor Statistics to assist in gathering the data and the colleges are gathering letters of support in response to the BOG request. We will have a conference call each week as we work together to make the new four-year degrees a reality. New information will be posted on the MJC website as it becomes available, so you can check [here](#) to keep up with the latest developments. You can also join the 54 prospective students on the [contact list](#) if you'd prefer to have the information sent to you via email.

**Math Jam** – Ten faculty, 19 tutors, and 165 students combined to make the January 5-8 Math Jam session a huge success. Professor Sarah Curl noted, "It was inspiring to me to observe the enthusiasm exhibited by everyone involved in this very special program." The program is intended to kick-start student success by giving students a just in time opportunity to raise their level of preparation and confidence for their math course. The highly successful Math Jam program was developed through the STEM grant and expanded to include preparation for MATH 20, 70, 89/90, 121, 122, 134, and 171.

**Measure E** – The *old science building* on East Campus is moving quickly toward completion. The renovation was extensive, going well beyond taking it down to bare walls and actually changing the footprint of the second story. The renovation project was dubbed North Hall as a working title, reflecting the name of one of the earliest instructional buildings at MJC. The Facilities Council is working with the faculty that will move into the building on a new name for consideration by the YCCD Board of Trustees. Today's [Bee](#) features an update on Measure E; the online version includes a photo of the lobby of the SCC and the print version has an exterior shot of today's *North Hall*.

**Making news-** MJC adjunct instructor of fire science and Captain at Modesto Station 3, Matthew Curless, was recently featured in the Modesto Bee. You can read his story, including his commitment to MJC students, [here](#).

**Enrollment Management** – I was invited by Dean of BBSS, Dr. Jennifer Hamilton, to deliver a presentation on enrollment management at today's division meeting. Instead of a presentation, what unfolded was a broad conversation about the changing environment of the community college and MJC in particular. I appreciate the thoughtful and rich dialogue that this group, diverse in thought and subject expertise,

shared with me. It was so valuable to talk about the tough issues around enrollment, FTES, success, and the expectations of the millennial student. Once again, I walked away incredibly thankful for the amazing professionals that engage our students each day.

I remind myself every morning: Nothing I say this day  
Will teach me anything. So if I'm going to learn,  
I must do it by listening.

Larry King

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