



MJC Reflection

November 2, 2012

Accreditation – Our follow-up visit began and ended on a positive note. The visiting team met with faculty, staff, and administrators in short meetings that got straight down to business. Preparation for the visit paid off as the team questions were answered in the process to validate the MJC Follow-Up Report. The team report will be considered by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges at their January meeting and MJC will receive an action letter near the first week of February. In the meantime, we will continue implementation and practice of the processes developed in response to the recommendations and take a few moments to reflect on what the college accomplished over the last nine months.

MJC in the news – Last week at the National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis several MJC students participated in various activities and events as members of their local FFA chapter. Of special note, MJC Agriculture Business student, Lindsey Anderson was elected as the Western Region Vice President, one of only six national officers. Kurt Parsons, Plant Science, was selected as the American Star in Agricultural Placement, an award for the most outstanding agriculture work experience project in the nation. Congratulations to Lindsey and Kurt on their achievements!

Speech and Debate – The MJC Speech and Debate Team excelled in their second tournament of the season. MJC took second in the Community College sweepstakes at the event that included 24 two and four year colleges and universities. The team also took second place in the debate sweepstakes as a result of beating CSU Northridge, CSU Long Beach, San Francisco State, University of the Pacific, and UC Berkeley. The team competes again this weekend at University of the Pacific.

Staying Safe – Jim Jenkins, motorcycle safety trainer, was recognized as one of the outstanding instructors in the state. The California Motor Cyclist Safety Program hosts an annual Professional Development Workshop where the California Highway Patrol awards great performance. In 2012, Jim was the only repeat winner in Northern California.

I think it's important to vote.

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