



MJC Reflection

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The early morning fog has given way to another beautiful winter day in the valley. The warm sunshine was a perfect backdrop for the blood drive on Wednesday, it made the wait in line a more pleasant experience. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout in support of this vital and lifesaving resource.

Accreditation – Hoping that no news is good news in this case! MJC will likely receive the action letter from the Commission next week.

Measure E –The library renovation project is in full swing with attention turned to details. It provides a vastly different perspective of the project scope when you engage in a detailed discussion regarding the keying of door locks throughout the project. This renovation will support current and future technology in support of student success. The planning of the student space and activity zones resulted in an impressive new layout.

In the News – On Sunday, January 27th The Modesto Bee highlighted valley voices leading conversations in Sacramento. The article includes photos and snippets about MJC student leaders Kevin Sabo, president of ASMJC, and James Varble, vice president of ASMJC. Both James and Kevin are serving as vice presidents of the Student Senate of California Community Colleges in addition to their roles at MJC. You can learn more about the advocacy of our student leaders [here](#).

Tidbits - It was a week filled with opportunity for collaboration. I am so pleased to be part of a community that values and practices working together across public and private sectors, through vertical integration, and is striving to address the big challenges in a positive and proactive fashion. I look forward to engaging in new partnerships and cooperative ventures that will increase higher education opportunity across our region.

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow.

Helen Keller