



# MJC Reflection

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As we wind down our final week of instruction and head into finals, there are many program updates and happenings to share.

**Valley CAN** – MJC Automotive Technology plays a critical role in the Tune In & Tune Up events across the valley. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, more than 400 autos were serviced in Turlock at the Stanislaus County Fairground. Professor Gerald Wray dedicates his time to recruit student volunteers, set-up, and supervise the events. The students gain hands on experience in serving the community and the MJC Automotive Program receives support for their participation.

**Sub Experience** – Professor Jeff Weaver and students in the MJC Machine Tool Technology program are lending their expertise and skill in precision part manufacturing to the Undersea Voyager Project. Designed to utilize manned submersibles to take a close look at the first 100 – 1,000 feet of seawater, the [Undersea Voyager Project](#) strives to advance scientific knowledge and understanding of the oceans current condition, mankind's influence upon it, and communicate the findings to a global audience.

**Educator of the Year** – Claudia Ramirez, Career Development and Transfer Center Specialist was honored as an Educator of the Year by the Association of Mexican American Educators and will be recognized at an upcoming banquet. Claudia chaired the recent Hispanic Education Conference at MJC earlier in the month that was a huge success.

**Fellowship** – Professor Don Borges was selected for the 2013 USDA E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship. Don will be part of a dynamic network of leaders from academia and government that will work over the summer to advance the excellence of education at Hispanic Serving Institutions.

**Silver Knight** – Donna Yarnal, MJC Counseling Administrative Secretary, was honored as one of Downey High School's 2013 Silver Knights. Donna was selected because of her diligence in passing along timely information about the various programs and scholarships available to graduating Downey students who plan to attend MJC.

**Cram Night** – Last evening there was a large turnout of students in business, philosophy, math, and history. They took advantage of the opportunity to meet with faculty who volunteered their time to help students prepare for exams next week. All enjoyed the snacks and coffee provided by ASMJC.



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**Tidbits** - Scholarships totaling more than \$80,000 were presented to outstanding agricultural students at the Last Ag Breakfast on Thursday morning. I'm so impressed with the incredible community support for MJC ag students and programs, it is fabulous! The early morning crowd enjoyed a fabulous omelet breakfast prepared by the ag department.

A completion ceremony, including all the bells and whistles, was held for the spring 2013 academy of the MJC Regional Fire Training Center. The highlight for the crowd was the arrival of the fire trucks with lights flashing signaling the start of the live skills demonstration. Director John Sola addressed his final academy wishing them well and expressing heartfelt appreciation for his wife.

*An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.*

Martin Luther King, Jr.