



# MJC Reflection

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The cool, rain-washed air is so refreshing and unexpected today. My morning began with a cold shower, thanks to a water heater issue, that distracted me from my regular routine of checking the weather report resulting in me being dressed for warm sunny skies. I'm making the most of the opportunity to celebrate what feels like a true spring day!

**Measure E** – Yesterday afternoon I had the privilege of joining the Science, Math, and Engineering Division for a sneak-peek of the planetarium in the Community Science Center. Wow! Amazing, multi-sensory experience, without limits. It will take years before the full capabilities of the presentations systems are fully realized as there are presentations in a variety of science disciplines, including anatomy of a cell, and customized presentations that can be created. A Modesto Christmas star show is already being designed and will no doubt become a local tradition.

On Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. we will gather in the Science Community Center for the ribbon cutting celebration. You are invited to join the celebration and have a first look at this educational science space. A variety of short tours will be available after the ceremony and light refreshments will be served. I hope you will make time to see the beautiful, functional, and exciting result of this project funded by Measure E. The thoughtful and creative planning evident in the building detail artfully designed to support science exploration is inspiring.

The renovation of the East Campus Library continues at a brisk pace and is on target for a late fall completion. The interior spaces are taking shape and color has been added to the walls. The renovation of the West Campus Library, funded by the MJC Title V STEM grant, is underway with a short-time frame for completion of student collaboration rooms in time for our fall semester start. Also, the construction barriers were erected in the Student Center surrounding the future site of the Career and Transfer Center. It is challenging and thrilling to have so many projects underway at one time.

Now that the science department has officially taken residence in the Science Community Center, the time has come for a complete overhaul of the old Science Building on East Campus. This building will be renovated and renamed as it is transformed into the new location for computer science, computer graphics, anthropology, geography, administration of justice, and the Jeremy Michael Kelley Linux Lab. Additionally, the newly remodeled space will include labs with the latest technology to support applied social science. This work in progress has the working title, North Hall, until such time that a new name is adopted.



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*No amount of experimentation can ever prove me right; a single experiment can prove me wrong.*

Albert Einstein

*Men love to wonder, and that is the seed of science.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Winston Churchill

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