MJC Reflection

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My knee is skinned, but oh the joy of a second place finish in the much heralded annual YCCD Spirit Awards Volleyball Tournament! Chief Crow and the amazing Campus Safety 5-0 crew were kind enough to let me join their past championship team. Congratulations to the 2013 champs, the Chili Peppers and to the Mutineers who brought good clean trash talk to the campus! Congratulations to the Spirit Award winners, MJC appreciates all you do for YCCD.

Viewpoint – My glimpse into the world of law enforcement continued last evening when I rode out with Stanislaus County Sheriff. It was fascinating to compare my recent experience with Modesto Police Department with the operations of the Sheriff Office. The similarities stand out the most, especially the camaraderie, respect, and trust among officers. I appreciate the patient and upbeat sergeant who answered my many questions and let me put my rusty Spanish to the test.

Congratulations – MJC placed third in the national ASABE quarter scale tractor design competition against 28 university teams. As the sole community college in the field of 29, I'm especially proud of the fine finish by the MJC team.

Tidbits – Tomorrow Univision will interview MJC students that participated in the 2013 Go Kart Lithium Battery conversion project featured at the Graffiti Car Show on West Campus this weekend . The segment will also include a showcase of the Spring 2012 Electric Vehicle Truck conversion at the MJC Automotive Technology Department.

Congratulations to MJC Pirate athletics. The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA), in association with the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA), has announced Modesto Junior College has placed 11th out of 105 Community Colleges in the final standings of the 2012-13 NATYCAA Cup.

In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.

Eleanor Roosevelt