



MJC Reflection

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The summer is so quickly passing by; it is hard to believe that the MJC Foundation Summer Sonata is tomorrow evening. I have enjoyed two weeks of vacation including a week on the Central Coast with my sons. Our summer highlight was Cameron's commencement, he received his BS and MS in computer science from Cal Poly. I also had the incredible pleasure of standing with our MJC Ag Department as they were recognized as the 2014 Outstanding Post Secondary Ag Program by the California Agricultural Teachers' Association at the annual conference.

The YCCD Board of Trustees recently approved the following administrative changes for MJC and it is a pleasure to welcome these familiar individuals into their new roles.

- Jennifer Hamilton, Interim Dean of Business, Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Nick Stavrianoudakis, Interim Athletic Director
- Patrick Bettencourt, Interim Dean of Physical, Recreational, and Health Education
- Cecilia Vera, Director of Health Services
- Raquel Tiscareno, Food Service Manager
- Arbella Solhkah, Bookstore Manager

Thank you to everyone who participated in the hiring process for these administrative positions and for the many faculty positions filled over the last several months. I appreciate your willingness to be part of the hiring process. There were excellent, large candidate pools which led to some very difficult hiring committee recommendations. It has taken a concerted effort to fill the many vacancies and the YCCD human resources team has been a tremendous support through the process. In the last couple of weeks we have received notice of even more retirements and resignations – some in critical positions required for special program certification. So, the hiring process continues as we strive to have all the necessary positions filled before the semester begins. My thanks in advance to those of you who will serve on these additional hiring committees.

When you get to the Stanislaus County Fair, be sure to stop by the MJC booth and say "hi." The new Pirate photo backdrop has been a big hit so far and provided a more interactive experience for booth visitors. And finally, MJC recently received notice of LEED Certification awarded the Science Community Center. This certification demonstrates the compatibility of energy efficiency and beauty.

*One scent can be unexpected, momentary
and fleeting, yet conjure up a childhood
summer beside a lake in the mountains.*

Diane Ackerman

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