



MJC Reflection

August 1, 2013

I enjoyed a week of vacation during July in Grover Beach with my husband and sons. Keith found great joy in his boys going to work when he was headed to the golf course! I took full advantage of the opportunity to relax and came back feeling refreshed and ready to go.

Measure E – The construction activity at both the East and West Campus libraries continues with rapidly approaching completion dates. The West library project is expected to be complete and ready for the first day of fall semester. The East Campus library renovation will continue into the fall with a goal of opening spring semester in the remodeled space. The Career Development and Transfer Center is on track for an early September completion and move-in. The Science Community Center recently had the DNA sculpture installed in the main staircase and the interior construction of the Great Valley Museum is once again underway. The outdoor plaza between Glacier Hall and Science Community Center is complete and the construction fence has been removed creating a nice finished look for both buildings.

Fireside Lounge - The Fireside Lounge is now open for student recreational use! The lounge was beautifully renovated by ASMJC to provide an inviting space for students to study, converse, and enjoy between classes. Next time you are near the Student Center I hope you'll drop in and check out the changes.

Accreditation - The Follow-Up Report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges is nearly complete and will be ready for review and input on Institute Day, August 23, 2013. The report provides detailed description of the actions of the college to fully meet the recommendations including student learning outcomes, budget development processes, program review, integrated planning, Board Policy, and decision making.

Emergency Preparedness – Yesterday, the MJC emergency operations center team engaged in a tabletop training that simulated a propane tanker emergency adjacent to West Campus. The scenario was designed and led by Director of Campus Safety, Becky Crow as a hands-on training opportunity for the EOC participants. I am very pleased with the calm and organized manner in which the team handled the emergency scenario. This fall the college will conduct a functional exercise in coordination with Modesto Police Department to further increase our readiness to deal with a large scale campus emergency.

Tidbits – Campus Safety interrupted a crime in progress that resulted in the recovery of a great deal of stolen property. The MJC Foundation's Summer Sonata was a huge success and enjoyed by the many guests in attendance at the Gallo Center. Generous donations from NuCal Foods, Big Dutchmen, and the leadership of Tom Silva of JS West is bringing an Enriched Colony Housing System to MJC. Professor Marlies Boyd has been working with Mr. Silva, the donors, and the Pacific Egg & Poultry Association Board to ensure that college systems meet the requirements of Prop 2 effective in 2015.



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*A student never forgets an encouraging private word,
when it is given with sincere respect and admiration.*

William Lyon Phelps