



# MJC Reflection

August 15, 2013

The morning started early with the annual Classified Appreciation Breakfast. MJC administrators and faculty teamed up to serve the staff custom omelets and a few scrambles! It was a beautiful morning to honor and thank the amazing CSEA professionals of YCCD. Congratulations to Ty Helton, Kevin Saunders, Surinder Bhalaru, and Scotty Gonser, the 2013 Distinguished Classified Staff Award recipients. It was a joy to hear stories of their outstanding service.

**Welcome** – Linda Hoile joined MJC as the Marketing and Public Relations Officer this afternoon. Linda is sure to be familiar to many of you as she is returning to MJC. I hope you will stop by the President's Office and join in welcoming Linda back!

**Accreditation** - There has been considerable press coverage of the US Department of Education letter to ACCJC regarding the accreditation of City College of San Francisco this week. You can read the USDE letter and related documents [here](#). Several have asked how this will affect MJC. There is no change to our Follow-Up Report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. The report is being refined and evidence reviewed to comply with the October 15 due date. A draft will be shared next Wednesday, August 25, at noon at the brown bag event in the Staff Dining Room. All are invited to review and provide input on the report and enjoy an ice cream sundae for dessert.

**Institute Day** – A wide variety of professional development activities are available next week in preparation for fall semester. Workshops and training activities begin Tuesday and continue through Institute Day on Friday. You can review the full range of options [here](#).

**Tidbits** – The outpouring of community support following the TV report of the stolen equine equipment has been tremendous. My deepest thanks to those who have assisted through the donation of tack, helmets, and generous checks. The Ag and Environmental Science Division is very grateful for your donations in support of students.

*Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like  
wrapping a present and not giving it.*

William Arthur Ward