



# MJC Reflection

September 21, 2012

President Barack Obama proclaimed September 16 – 21, 2012, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week (HSI). As an HSI, Modesto Junior College plays a critical role in American higher education. President Obama noted that HSIs are helping move us closer to leading the world in college completion by 2020. Today the campus engages in a day dedicated to dialogue and deeper understanding of diversity. Internationally renowned filmmaker, author, poet, educator, therapist and master diversity trainer Lee Mun Wah presents *An Unfinished Conversation*. Everyone is invited to the film and discussion at 6:30 p.m., *If these Halls Could Talk*, led by Lee Mun Wah in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center, West Campus.

**Accreditation** – Current accreditation activities include revising, editing, and oral reading of the Follow-Up Report. Additionally, a new college mission statement and decision-making handbook are in the final stages of campus consideration.

**Coaching Award** – Congratulations to MJC swim coach, Kurt Olson, who has received the Kerry O'Brien Coaching Award from the United States Masters Swimming Organization. The award recognizes Coach Olson's work in building membership in the community and embodying the passion, dedication, and heart that Master Swimming coaches bring to the pool deck.

**Harvest Luncheon** – The Modesto Chamber of Commerce and Del Monte Foods hosted a fabulous luncheon celebrating the local harvest and raising funds for MJC agriculture scholarships. It was a pleasure to shake the hands of our 2012 award recipients, these students are an outstanding representation of our ag programs.

**Tidbits** – Two Sunday events drew lots of attention; the art reception for Dan Petersen and his show, *Work Since I've Worked*, and the international student picnic. Both events have brought forth lots of positive comments. Carolyn Hart was promoted to Grandma on Wednesday with the arrival of Colton at 8 lbs. 12 oz. Congratulations on your new role!

*No problem can be solved from the same level  
of consciousness that created it.*

-Albert Einstein