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It was wonderful to have Chancellor Yong's family introduced at the YCCD Board of Trustees meeting last evening. They completed their move just in time for the start of school today. It was also special to have faculty members and accounting students present in support of Dr. Nancy Sill who was approved by the Board as the new dean of business, behavioral, and social sciences.

Accreditation 2017 MJC accreditation liaison officer and VPSS, Dr. James Todd, and I had a conference call with our visiting team Chair, Dr. Lori Adrian on Tuesday. Dr. Adrian and her team assistant, Dr. Vince Rodriguez, will make a pre-visit trip to Modesto in early September to review the team room, logistics, lodging, and other details for the October 2-5 external evaluation team visit. With the completion of our Institutional Self Evaluation Report, we have shifted our focus to the details of the visit. There is still much to prepare and I appreciate all that our team is doing to ensure a pleasant and smooth experience for our visiting team colleagues.

RFTC Accreditation In addition to the college accreditation, the Regional Fire Training Center and our Fire Science program are undergoing program accreditation. Earlier today Dr. Al Alt and I joined Director Ron Cripe and Dean Pedro Mendez for the welcome and introduction meeting with chair of the Fire Science accreditation body. The fire science accreditation process is quite similar to those of our allied health programs and involves a close inspection of all aspects of the program including curriculum, facilities, staffing, instructor qualifications, and student outcomes. Our regional partners play a key role in the success of our fire science programs and I appreciate the leadership provided by Modesto Fire Captain, Matt Curless.

Enrollment With the fall start just two weeks away, our current enrollment is 5,421 FTES. This is 10 FTES above the same point last year. The instructional deans are closely monitoring the schedule and making adjustments to meet student needs where possible. Thank you to our faculty who have taken additional load, adjusted their schedules, and accommodated student requests! Your efforts in support of student completion are most appreciated.

On a personal note, I'm excited to share that I am officially the "mother of the groom". After 30 years of marriage and what was always a house full of boys, I am thrilled that in January, Kayla will join the Stearns family.

***Love is when the other person's happiness
is more important than your own.***

H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Warm regards,

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