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Happy New Year and happy spring semester! The start of the term has been exceptionally smooth; students have adjusted to the move of science to West Campus and have eagerly entered the newly renovated Library and Learning Center. Our week was marred by the tragic accident on Coldwell Avenue which has heightened awareness of pedestrian traffic around both campuses. It is always important to be cautious where students cross, and even more so at the start of each semester.

Accreditation – The Commission met on January 8-10, 2014, and took action on our Follow-Up Report. MJC will receive notice of action from ACCJC in approximately 30 days. Upon receipt of notice of action the confidential visiting team report is made public and will be posted to our website.

Congratulations – For the third year in a row, MJC Campus Safety has been recognized as one of the Top 500 Security Organizations in the United States by Security magazine. There are 24 colleges and universities named as top within the education-university sector and MJC ranked 19th. MJC is the only community college receiving recognition! Director of Campus Safety, Becky Crow, and her team exhibit excellence in service programs, reducing crime rates, and disaster preparedness. Congratulations to MJC Campus Safety!

In the news- The Science Community Center continues to be a feature highlight in local publications. Don’t miss the recent edition of Modesto Living which includes a variety of images and brief article on science opportunities at MJC. The Modesto Bee has done a fantastic job of helping us tell the story of the science education possibilities now available at the Science Community Center.

Ribbon cutting – I hope you will join us at the ribbon cutting for the newly renovated Library & Learning Center on East Campus planned for Thursday, January 30, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. Tours and light refreshments will follow the ribbon cutting.

Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. – Enjoy the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 20, and plan to join us for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration on Saturday, February 1, 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, featuring keynote speaker Diane Nash.

Fortune favors the prepared mind.

Louis Pasteur

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