As the year quickly draws to an end, there is good news to share.

**Accreditation** – The confidential team evaluation report was received and reviewed for errors of fact. The document is accurate and fully aligns with the exit report provided at the close of the site visit on November 14th. The report will become public after the Commission takes action at the January 8-10, 2014, meeting.

**Congratulations** – Professor Elzbieta Jarrett was honored with the Excellence in Teaching Award by the California Mathematics Council – Community Colleges (CMC^3). Dr. Jarrett was nominated by her colleagues in the math department where she has served MJC students for 21 years.

Thank you for a very productive fall semester. Dr. James Todd provided a recap to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, December 11th, that painted a vivid picture of all that had been accomplished. Your commitment to excellence and institutional effectiveness is making a positive difference for our students.

*While I relish our warm months, winter forms our character and brings out our best.*

Tom Allen

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