



# MJC Reflection

April 5, 2013

We are just a month away from graduation and the campus is beautiful. The camellias surrounding Morris Memorial are loaded with blooms and the trees are budding. The blooming cherry received from our Japanese Sister City, planted in the fall near the Student Services Building, is especially lovely today.

**Accreditation**—MJC continues to move forward in addressing the recommendation from the accrediting commission. The new college governance councils are engaged in finalizing their recommendations for updating the *Engaging All Voices* decision-making document for the college. The recommendations will include enhanced descriptions of the council charges and responsibilities, suggested changes for council composition, and narrative descriptions of processes. College Council will consider the recommendations as a first reading at the final meeting of the year on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Measure E** – This week was all about the details! Many meetings were dedicated to the minutiae required to ensure that moves of services and staff do not disrupt instruction. I am increasingly impressed by the collaboration across the district and departments that occurs to make the transitions transparent to the greater college community. There is an outstanding team of individuals supporting the planning and execution of the major and minor Measure E projects.

**Serving Students** - The MJC Foundation and United Way of Stanislaus County kicked off a new campaign this week. The annual campaign includes a new Student Emergency Fund donation option for employees. The Student Emergency Fund is a unique MJC program that will provide immediate assistance to students facing unexpected financial challenges that disrupt pursuit of their educational goals. I am excited to be part of this new resource for students. If we keep one just student enrolled through this program, we have changed a life.

On a lighter note, I enjoyed the similarity of the two quotes below and hope you do as well.

*The human mind is our fundamental resource.*

John F. Kennedy

*I can do something else besides stuff a ball through a hoop. My biggest resource is my mind.*

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar