



MJC Reflection

June 20, 2013

Summer session and summer programs are in full swing with noon activities taking place each day on the East Campus lawn. The gentle weather has provided a perfect environment for outdoor events and dining under the trees. At lunch today, I have the opportunity to address the second round of Math Jam students and I'm looking forward to sharing the story of how math led me to my role of president of MJC!

Measure E – There are many projects in process this summer and great progress is being made on each. The East Campus library renovation now has accent color on the interior walls and a sample of the exterior finish has been added to the southern wall of the original library structure. The Career Development and Transfer Center is under wraps, but I've been assured that it will be completed and ready for occupancy in the early part of September. The nursing classroom and lab at Columbia College is on schedule for completion prior to the start of fall on August 26. The renovated learning space is home to the MJC registered nursing students that engage in lecture courses via video conference with Glacier Hall on West Campus.

Community Education – MJC Community Education Camps for Kids offers fun, safe, summer experiences meeting a variety of interests. Themes include Super Summer Scientist, Gameshow Faceoff, Motion Explosion, Creation Station Imagination, and Pixar Performance Camp. Summer swim lessons are also going strong and two additional sessions are available in July and August.

Tidbits – When I return July 1 after a week of vacation there will be two very notable vacancies at MJC. Barbara (Barbie) Page, Event and Publicity Coordinator is leaving the president's office for her next great adventure. Barbie looks forward to returning to her love of painting, but will be sorely missed by MJC. Dr. Antoinette Herrera, Director of Health Services, has been selected as the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health at Evergreen Valley College. Congratulations Antoinette, we are extremely proud of you, but you will be greatly missed. MJC loses two vibrant women who have made very positive contributions to the institution. They leave behind a permanent imprint of their commitment to students.

*All changes are more or less tinged with melancholy,
for what we are leaving behind is part of ourselves.*

Amelia Barr