



MJC Reflection

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Since my arrival at MJC, this is the first time that I have been anxious for the weekend. Tomorrow my oldest son, Cameron, returns to California after his internship in Seattle, WA. He will join his brother, Sam, at home for a week, then they will both return to Cal Poly. I'm looking forward to having them within weekend driving distance!

Accreditation – Progress continues on the Follow-Up Report. It is a pleasure to say that most of the recommendations have been fully met and that there is a plan in place that will bring MJC fully into compliance on the remaining three recommendations. The Follow-Up Report remains the top priority and the deadline is quickly approaching. I am encouraged by the momentum being gained around efforts to meet and exceed the Standards.

Welcome – Susan Kincade joined MJC as Vice President of Instruction on Tuesday and was immediately immersed in the Follow-Up Report and curriculum. It was noted during President's Cabinet on Thursday that this was the first time in recent memory that a full administrative team had been in place at MJC. I am so pleased to have three outstanding vice presidents guiding the work of the college.

Transfer Day/College Night – Congratulations to Counselor Leticia Cavazos and the team that organized a fantastic event for students. One event participant noted that it was the largest crowd in a long time, both in terms of students and schools in attendance. What a great opportunity you provided for our campus and community.

Tidbits – This week a student lost \$320 in cash one evening in a campus lab. Another student found the money and turned it in (*all of it*) to Campus Safety who was able to return it to the owner. Thank you Chad Davis for being an MJC Hero; your honesty and integrity are wonderful reflections of Modesto Junior College!

The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office.

Dwight D. Eisenhower