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Early morning greeting from foggy San Francisco! The MJC Respiratory Care team, Senate President Curtis Martin, and I are here for the second Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Summit. It is such a privilege to be among the 15 pilot colleges and to collaborate with our colleagues from across the state that are engaged in the work of developing and now delivering baccalaureate programs in our local communities. I'm looking forward to learning today from those colleges who launched their cohorts. The information and experience sharing among the pilot colleges has been one of the highlights of this exciting, challenging, and stretching endeavor.

Accreditation 2017 On behalf of the writing team, I'm extending huge appreciation and sincerest thanks for the valuable feedback on the narrative drafts. The volume of input has far exceeded expectations and is incredibly helpful in shaping the draft into a very high quality narrative. Faculty accreditation chair, Dr. Nancy Sill stepped into the role in December and is doing an amazing job. I so appreciate her leadership, inquisitive mind, and drive for excellence. Dr. James Todd stepped into serve as our Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) in February and he has also immersed himself in becoming a knowledgeable and active leader of our institutional self-evaluation report process. Our Standard Tri-Chairs and Accreditation Council are meeting twice each month to continue their leadership and guidance of the accreditation process. There are many hands and great minds actively involved in this critical piece of our institutional work that leads to continued affirmation of our accredited status.

SCOE Science Olympiad On March 4, 2017, 39 teams gathered at the Science Community Center for the Stanislaus County Office of Education Regional Science Olympiad. The organizers exclaimed it was an awesome day of science! They acknowledged they could not have done this event without the support, dedication, expertise, and assistance of so many MJC staff and volunteers. The GVM and Planetarium were open all day and widely attended by participants and supporters.

Warm regards,

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