



# MJC Reflection

December 16, 2016

Happy finals week Friday! How beautiful our campuses look today after a refreshing rain. It is stunning to see how quickly the bright green growth emerges following showers. The promise of fresh snow is sure tempting as we head into our winter break.

**Board of Trustees** The first order of business at Wednesday evening's Board of Trustees meeting was the administration of the oath of office for our new and reelected Board members. Abe Rojas continues to serve as the elected representative for Area 3 and new members Darin Gharat from Area 5, Leslie Beggs from Area 6, and Jon Rodriguez from Area 7 were welcomed warmly by the YCCD community.

**Accreditation** MJC will launch the first round of review of our Standard narrative for our Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) when we return in January. The narrative is built upon the evidence identified by the Standard Committees beginning last spring. This evidence driven approach to the narrative is proving to be a very effective way to engage in the institutional evaluation process. As the Standards narrative is reviewed and revised, the quality focus essay will be developed and a map for the completion of the identified QFE projects will be determined.

**Welcome** On January 4, Sabrina Miranda will join the team in Morris Memorial as the new executive assistant to the president. Sabrina holds a bachelor's degree from CSU Stanislaus and brings her experience as a Superior Court Clerk to the position. I hope you'll stop in and get acquainted when you return to campus. Amy Bethel left a big hole when she retired and she reports that she is certainly enjoying this new phase in her life! I am so thankful for the assistance that Lisa Husman, Geri Vargas, Patricia Wallace, and Amanda Cannon have provided during the time of transition.

I wish you the happiest of holidays. May your break be one of peace and good cheer!

*A student never forgets an encouraging private word,  
when it is given with sincere respect and admiration.*

William Lyon Phelps

Warm regards,

**Jill Stearns, Ph.D.**  
*President*



435 College Avenue - Modesto, CA 95350 - 209.575.6067