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It has been more than a month since I last communicated via MJC Reflection and I feel both remiss and behind! One of my goals for 2015/16 was to increase my service and participation beyond the boundaries of the MJC campus. To that end, I have served on an external evaluation team, am leading a Resource Partnership Team under IEPI, and I will be representing California at the Complete College America Corequisite Academy in Indianapolis next month. Further, I have been reminded that no matter how good the intention, how important the project, or how interesting the professional development opportunity there are still only 24 hours in each day. I know many of you are facing the same challenge, and I appreciate your extraordinary efforts on behalf of our students!

My accreditation team service was a great way to initiate my thinking about our own comprehensive evaluation that will take place in fall 2017. We have officially launched our institutional self evaluation by establishing tri-chairs for each of the Standards and identifying the governance councils that will serve as the Standard teams. The self evaluation teams will not be limited to the council representatives – instead everyone is invited to participate and all the details will soon be available on the Accreditation webpage. MJC has welcomed many new people to campus who may not be familiar with peer accreditation, ACCJC, Standards, and the comprehensive evaluation process. We are planning a variety of venues in which accreditation nuts and bolts will be shared. The first venue will be Coffee and Conversation on November 9 & 10. Watch for details in your email and join VPI Brenda Thames and I for an introduction to accreditation and explore options for participation.

I am looking forward to the institutional self evaluation process. As a tri-chair for Standard IV: Leadership and Governance, I look forward to working with Debbi Partridge and yet to be finalized, fabulous, faculty leader as we evaluate our practices in relation to the quality practices that comprise the Standards. This review provides opportunity for use to refine our practices as part of the cycle of continuous quality improvement.

**Respiratory Care** The MJC baccalaureate degree in respiratory care and Director Bonnie Hunt were featured in two recent publications. You can read the [Hechinger Report here](#) and the abridged [ACCA article here](#).

**Outstanding Earth Science Teacher** Former MJC student, Field Studies volunteer and Great Valley Museum Traveling Teacher, Ryan Hollister, has just been named Outstanding Earth Science Teacher of the year in the Far Western Section of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers. Ryan started his geological career on one of our field trips was featured in the [Turlock Journal](#).

*It is not enough to be busy. So are the ants.*

*The question is: What are we busy about?*

Henry David Thoreau

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