



MJC Reflection

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As the first week of spring 2015 draws to a close, I continue hear positive and enthusiastic comments about Institute Day. Dr. Darla Cooper certainly struck a chord with MJC in her keynote presentation. The six success factors; directed, focused, nurtured, engaged, connected, and valued, have been demonstrated across the campus in a wide variety of ways this week including being shared with the YCCD Board of Trustees on Wednesday evening. I have received several emails that describe ways that faculty, staff, and even administrators have been observed nurturing, engaging, connecting, and focusing students. The Scholar to Scholar sharing sessions were also a big hit with participants who were very impressed with what their colleagues were able to share in just 8 short minutes! Thank you to the Professional Development Coordinating Committee and all of the Institute Week presenters for your efforts to prepare and present an outstanding professional development opportunity.

Robert J. Cardoza Excellence Award – Professor of Auto Body and Collision Repair, Jeff Beebe, was honored by the MJC Foundation with the Robert J. Cardoza Excellence Award. Professor Beebe was selected for his commitment to educational leadership and excellence in teaching. He leads his students in numerous innovative projects related to automotive and other campus improvements. In case you missed it, [click here](#) to read a recent article in Auto Body News about the project to refinish the Tule elk and mountain lion sculptures mounted outside the entrances of the Science Community Center. Congratulations!

Livestock Judging – Professor Amanda Schnoor is congratulated for the excellent results of the Freshman Livestock Judging Team. The MJC team achieved 1st High Team overall, along with 1st High Team in the Beef and Sheep divisions at the Arizona National in Phoenix. Individual team members also received awards at the competition held over the winter break.

Leadership Modesto- Vice President of Instruction, Susan Kincade, penned an article on the Education Day experience of the 2014/15 class of Leadership Modesto. You can find the article in the January edition of [Progress](#) magazine and find more information about Leadership Modesto on the Modesto Chamber of Commerce [website](#).

The thing I loved the most – and still love the most about teaching – is that you can connect with an individual or a group, and see that individual or group exceed their limits.

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