



# MJC Reflection

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**Accreditation** – The college is enjoying a brief break from accreditation report writing, but efforts to reach and sustain the level of continuous quality improvement in the areas of integrated planning, program review, and student learning outcomes continues. This week provided several planning opportunities, including spring Institute Day, which will include a variety of activities centered on SLO assessment.

**Stanford Human Rights Educator Fellowship** – Political science professor, Steve Miller was honored with the Stanford Human Rights Educator Fellowship. The year-long fellowship will focus on developing ways to teach human rights in the community college political science classroom. Congratulations to Professor Miller and to psychology professor, Bobby Hutchison who received the fellowship last year.

**SCOE / MJC Early Intervention Partnership** – Five years ago SCOE's Early Intervention Program formed a partnership with MJC through which infant and toddler teacher, Carrie Lambertson utilizes the MJC child development facility for instruction, play groups, parent trainings and more in exchange for Carrie teaching a child development course for MJC. Recently Carrie and her students have been included in the grand opening of the Infant & Toddler Lab. On Wednesday, SCOE Superintendent of Schools Tom Changnon recognized the collaborative efforts of Pam Guerra-Schmidt, Director of Preschool Toddler Lab MJC, and Patrick Bettencourt, Dean of Allied Health and Family Consumers Sciences at the SCOE Board meeting.

**Honoring our veterans** – The MJC Symphonic and Community Concert Bands performed before during and after the Modesto Veterans Day ceremony and parade. Conducted by Director of Bands, Erik Maki, the band performed a variety of patriotic numbers including an audience sing-a-long of God Bless America. Becky Crow, Director of Campus Safety, organized the parade as part of her service to the American Legion. Many MJC staff helped to make the event a huge success and wonderful recognition of those who served so selflessly on behalf of each of us. Thank you to Erik Maki, Becky Crow, Lloyd Jackson, Yolanda Avila, Susan Kincade, Cheryl Mulder, Joe Rosas, Sandy Marks, and Bryan Justin Marks for your time in support of the community ceremony and parade.

**Breaking news** – Mark Anglin, Dean of Agriculture, just received notice that MJC is a 2013 Hispanic-Serving Agricultural College. This designation opens the door for additional opportunities to provide programs and services to students.

*Every veteran is a hero.*

Joe Walsh