



MJC Reflection

November 27, 2013

I am away from campus and fully involved in Thanksgiving feast preparations. With roughly 60 extended family members and friends expected tomorrow, we have already roasted two turkeys and I have six pie crusts ready for my sister to fill. I have been enjoying the week of sunshine on the Central Coast, it really makes running a joy in the afternoon.

Accreditation – Our site visit on Thursday, November 14 was very positive. The meetings with college leaders and documentation of our practices answered the questions posed by the visiting team. The Commission meets in January 2014 where they will consider our follow-up report and the visiting team report. MJC will receive notice in February of the Commission action.

Respiratory Care – Congratulations to the Respiratory Care Program and Allied Health Division for the successful renewal of accreditation by the Commission on Respiratory Care (CoARC). The AS degree program holds continuing accreditation through March 2020. CoARC commended the program for commitment to continuous quality improvement in education.

Congratulations – Professor Dave Shrock has been elected president of USA Track and Field's Pacific Association. The Pacific Association is the largest region with more than 6,000 members and hosts many national championships. Congratulations Pirate Football on your bowl win over Santa Rosa Junior College. I enjoyed a pre-game chat with SRJC president Frank Chong and look forward to seeing him at the spring conference to discuss the victory!

Last Friday, I was honored to participate in the Investiture of Dr. Joseph Sheley as the tenth president of CSU Stanislaus. The ceremony was a wonderful celebration of the university and community, a perfect start to a week of being thankful.

*The sun will not rise or set without my notice,
and my thanks.*

Winslow Homer

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