November 8, 2013

I’m preparing to greet guests in our ACE Pavilion in just a few minutes; this has been a week filled with opportunity to share our instructional programs and Measure E projects with campus visitors. The Ag and Environmental Science High School Senior Day will provide local and distant prospective students with a close-up look at MJC agricultural programs and facilities led by student Ag Ambassadors.

Legislator visits – State Senator Cathleen Galgiani toured Glacier Hall and Science Community Center on Tuesday afternoon. The Senator’s health care background provided a special appreciation for the respiratory care lab and human simulation lab. On Wednesday, Congressman Jeff Denham toured the Science Community Center. ASMJC President, Andrew Campbell, has worked for the Congressman and was able to join the tour and conversation. These visits provide wonderful opportunities to connect with our local representatives.

Progress – Vice President of Student Services, Brenda Thames, authored an article published in the November edition of Progress Magazine. Brenda is a member of the Leadership Modesto 2013/14 Cohort and stepped forward to write the first article documenting the group’s Leadership Modesto experience.

Congratulations – The MJC Dairy Judging Team claimed the Runner-Up Trophy at the 2013 World Dairy Expo Judging Contest in Madison, WI. The team earned Champion Practical Team and High Team for Oral Reasons under the leadership of Professor Bill Hobby. Team members Vincent Migliazzo and Justin Bopp were designated as All-Americans bringing home medals and plaques.

Accreditation – Follow-up visit is next week, Thursday, November 14, 2013.

Best Practices Model - Glacier Hall rooms 101 and 201 and the corresponding classrooms in Red Bud at Columbia College have been identified as best practice models by Cisco Systems for instruction using their TelePresence videoconferencing equipment. MJC will become a demonstration site and will be featured in marketing materials both for Cisco and for the firm that did the classroom installation. MJC nursing faculty and the support staff team excel at seamless integration of distance education technology into their teaching optimizing the experience for remote students.

Veterans

Venerable warriors who served with pride,  
Even to the point of death,  
They are the heroes we should recognize,  
Extolling their service, our debt.  
Remember their valor, their sacrifice,  
Afford them the honor they are due.  
Never forget the price that they paid,  
Securing peace and freedom for you.

Kim Merryman