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The much anticipated day has arrived! Completion and graduation have been celebrated with a variety of events in multiple venues over the last two weeks. Nurses have been pinned, awards have been presented, scholarships awarded, appreciation expressed, and meals shared. But tonight is the night; our proud graduates will cross the stage, move their tassels, and join the ranks of those with college degrees.

**Measure E** – On Monday the science department begins the big move to West Campus and the new Science Community Center. A large team has been working non-stop to hammer out the logistics required for such a large endeavor. In addition, our college technology services division moves into the electronics building on East Campus next week. Tech services has been working from an off-site location due to the many construction projects occurring on campus. Next week the Transfer and Career Center project in the East Campus Student Center will get underway. The project leads expect that construction barriers will be up by mid-week.

I had the opportunity to see the progress within the library this morning. What a beautiful, inviting space this will be upon completion in the late fall. The library and learning resource center includes greatly enhanced network capacity and space designed for students who bring their own devices.

**Coaching coaches** – MJC football coaches Sam young and Drew Brown hosted a clinic for high school and youth football coaches last weekend. The 8th annual event brought 75 coaches to campus for the informative and successful event.

**Tidbits** – Last evening the Stanislaus Math Council honored math professor, David Boley, with a plaque of appreciation. For over twenty years, Professor Boley has served through writing and grading math competition exams for junior high and high school students across the county.

It promises to be a beautiful evening for our commencement celebration. I hope you will join me in congratulating our newest MJC alumni.

*The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.*

Oprah Winfrey
Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

Winston Churchill