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Thankfully, the water issue has been resolved and I can take warm showers! Oh, what joy I have found in this relief from water that was just too cold. There is still not hot water, but I am thankful and celebrating the move to toasty warm!

**Viewpoint** – Last evening I had the privilege of a “ride out” with Modesto Police Department. What an amazing team of professionals we have working 24/7 to ensure the safety of our community. The evening started with a briefing that included DNA collection training. I then received an all-city tour with the watch command lieutenant including a stop to assist a community services officer. When all was calm and the commute over, I was transferred to traffic patrol. It was amazing to have a glimpse into the work world of the police department and even to observe a situation where the officers backed up the Sheriff’s Office on a call. The polite efficiency, attention to detail, and clear communication demonstrated in every aspect of the operations was impressive; however, what was most striking is the sense of connectedness between the officers. There is no doubt that they respect one another, but it is also clear that they like one another, and trust their colleagues with their life.

**Visual Arts in LA** – Professors Richard Serros, Tom Duchscher, and Rob Stevenson took 25 MJC Visual Arts Club students on a Los Angeles museum tour. The trip included visits to UCLA and The Art Center College of Design which inspired a number of students to apply for transfer to continue their art education. Students were able to explore museums and enjoy presentations by faculty on Asian art and modern sculpture.

**Congratulations Dr. Boodrookas** – For twenty-four years George Boodrookas has served Modesto Junior College in a variety of administrative roles. He currently serves as the Modesto Junior College Foundation Executive Director and on Wednesday completed all the requirements of CSU Stanislaus for the doctoral degree in educational leadership. Congratulations Dr. Boodrookas, MJC is proud of your accomplishment!

*You are always a student, never a master, You have to keep moving forward.*

Conrad Hall

*We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.*

Walt Disney