AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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30th Annual AAEC Brings Students Together

MJC African American Education Conference

The purpose of the African American Education Conference is to enrich and empower current and future Modesto Junior College students to be successful in pursuing higher education.

The conference includes awards, keynote speakers, workshops on the topics of education, careers, leadership and lunch.

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Above: Interim VPSS Flerida Arias poses with ASMJC volunteers.

Interim VPSS Shares Inspiring Words

MJC Interim Vice President of Student Services Flerida Arias took to the stage to give a welcome to the students and community members in attendance at this year's AAEC. Vice President Arias shared words of empowerment and wisdom that had many cheering. After her welcome she spent the day talking with faculty, staff and students. Vice President Arias is the first Latina Vice President in MJC history and just the fourth person of color to serve as vice president.

LaKiesha McDonald Stars In Duel AAEC Roles

MJC Program Specialist LaKiesha McDonald took to the stage at this year's AAEC as the event MC. This was LaKeisha's second year serving as event MC. In addition to her MC duties, she took to the stage as workshop presenter as well. Her workshop "Say it LOUD", had students mesmerized, engaged and awoke. Students spoke all day on the impact LaKeisha had. Many stayed to take photos with her. One student said simply, "she (LaKiesha) is amazing."

"The work you do matters, you matter, this event matters"

- Flerida Arias
Interim Vice President of Student Services

2019 Top High Schools Attendance

1. ***Davis High-9***
2. ***Modesto High-8***
3. ***Enochs High-5***

2018 Top High Schools Attendance

1. ***Gregori High-30***
2. ***Beyer High-15***
3. ***Davis High-13***

2017 Top High Schools Attendance

1. ***Modesto High-30***
2. ***Patterson High-12***
3. ***Ceres High-9***

Demitrius Snaer
MJC Health Teacher/
MJC Track Coach

Demitrius Snaer has been a state and national champion sprinter in track and field from high school to college.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Broadcast Journalism and a Masters of Science in Kinesiology.

Currently, he is a professor and track and field coach at MJC.

As a teenager, Demitrius lived in New Orleans, Louisiana and moved later to Manteca, CA.

He has experienced obstacles which others may have found very challenging to over-come.

Demitrius spends time in the community speaking to groups and motivating youth.

Demitrius is married with two children.

KEYNOTE SPEECH ENTERTAINS AND MOVES CROWD

MJC Professor and Track & Field Coach Demitrius Snaer entertained students and guests with stories of Snoop Dog and Martha Stewart and inspired with stories of his upbringing in New Orleans and Manteca. Demitrius spoke of how he enjoys working with youth and what his coach did to help him when he was younger. “I would call my coach to tell him how I won a meet or championship and he would tell me, “that’s great, but how close are you to graduating.” Today, my athletes call me and say what I used to say to my coach and now I say, “great but when are you graduating”.

"Don't let your fear of failing get in the way of your dreams, goals and success."

- Harloveleen Hundal
ASMJC President

AAEC ATTENDANCE

2019-60 (85% African American)

2018-79 (81% African American)

2017-109 (44% African American)

2016-125 (30% African American)

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31st Annual AAEC

February 29, 2020

Conference Committee

John Griffin, Co-Chair

Michael Jackson, Co-Chair

Alejandra Espinoza

Dr. Jacquelyn Forte

Glen Stovall

LaKiesha McDonald

Gwen Savage

Rebecca Tilger

Rosalinda Vierra

Tasha Williams

Destinee Evans

Dejeune Shelton

Vanesse Metcalf

Madie Herrera