

Career Education

— A Day in The Life —



Career Education staff, guests, and our esteemed wine professionals from South Coast Winery, Danza Del Sol, and Altisima Winery sharing a day of education and hospitality within the wine industry.

— Programs, updates, and upcoming events —

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A message from Joyce Johnson, Vice President of Career Education

As we embark on this 2024-2025 academic year, I am thrilled to share the incredible momentum within our Career Education division at Mt. San Jacinto College. Our commitment to preparing students for high-wage, high-skill jobs in the Inland Empire continues to drive innovation and excellence across our programs.

I'm particularly proud to highlight that MSJC's Nursing Program was recently recognized as the Best Community College Program in the Inland Empire for 2024. This prestigious recognition reflects our ongoing dedication to educational excellence and student success. But this is just one example of how we're meeting workforce demands - from our new Radiologic Technology program providing dynamic healthcare career pathways, to our groundbreaking partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration for drone technology training, we're consistently expanding opportunities for our students.

Our latest initiatives, like the Day in the Life series and specialized apprenticeship programs, demonstrate our responsive approach to workforce development. Through collaborations like the Vine to Wine Collective and our state-of-the-art Digital Broadcasting facilities, we're creating unique hands-on learning experiences that directly connect students with industry partners.

To our esteemed faculty members, your expertise and dedication in guiding the next generation of professionals is invaluable. Whether it's Chef Babin inspiring culinary artists or Dr. Boyd leading our Rad Tech program, your commitment to excellence shapes the future of our workforce.

To our ambitious students, you have access to an expanding array of career pathways - from healthcare and culinary arts to aviation and creative media. These programs are designed not just to educate, but to prepare you for immediate success in high-demand careers across Riverside County and beyond.

I invite you to explore all that Career Education at MSJC has to offer by visiting www.msjc.edu/CareerEducation. Together, we're not just training students; we're building the skilled workforce of tomorrow. Here's to your successful and fulfilling educational journey ahead!



Joyce Johnson
Vice President, Career Education,
Nursing & Allied Health

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A Day in the Life: From Vine to Wine

A closer look at the wine industry and hospitality in Temecula, CA

On Wednesday, October 16, 2024, Mt. San Jacinto College students and guests had the exclusive opportunity to participate in A Day in the Life: From Vine to Wine, an immersive workforce tour hosted by The Vine to Wine Collective. This new series, coordinated by MSJC's Career Services and Experiential Learning (CSEL) team, connects students with industry professionals while providing businesses access to workforce-ready candidates.

“At MSJC, we recognize that bridging education and industry is crucial for student success. Through our Career Services and Experiential Learning initiatives, we’re creating dynamic partnerships that not only enhance our students’ career readiness but also strengthen our local workforce development,” said Associate Dean Tonya Burke.



Vine To Wine Collective (Left to Right):
Walter Carter, Krystal Aponte, Dan Sletten, Luis Gonzalez, Tahra Barger



Left: Guests on board Grapeline Wine Tours transportation!
Right: Heading up the stairs to Danza Del Sol Winery.

Attendees learned about the crucial role transportation plays in the wine industry's success, from tourist experiences to logistics management.

The Vine to Wine Collective, consisting of MSJC, Grapeline Wine Tours, Temecula Life, South Coast Winery, Danza del Sol Winery, and Altisima Winery, collaborated to showcase the vibrant and varied career opportunities within the wine industry. As part of MSJC's comprehensive approach to wine industry education, CSEL also oversees a Wine Technology apprenticeship program that includes training in enology and viticulture.

“Vine to Wine is a collective brought together to showcase the different opportunities available within and around the wine industry,” says Walter Carter, Director of Hospitality at Danza Del Sol Winery and Masia de la Vinya Winery. “We’re hoping to get students, faculty, and anyone who is interested in the wine industry from viticulture and enology to sales and hospitality.”

The event brought together a diverse group of participants, including MSJC students and representatives from workforce agencies such as United Way and the Department of Rehabilitation. The day began with Grapeline Wine Tours, where attendees learned about the crucial role transportation plays in the wine industry's success, from tourist experiences to logistics management. The journey continued at South Coast Winery, where students gained hands-on insight into the winemaking process, experiencing the journey of grapes from vine to barrel.



Danza Del Sol (left to right): Event Manager Dawn, Event Captain Natalie, and Membership Director Sara



Danza Del Sol: Patricia O'Brien, Director of Operations, explaining her role and experiences at the winery.



Staff sift through grapes for quality assurance at South Coast Winery.



Dan and Taylor pour wine for guests at Altissima Winery.

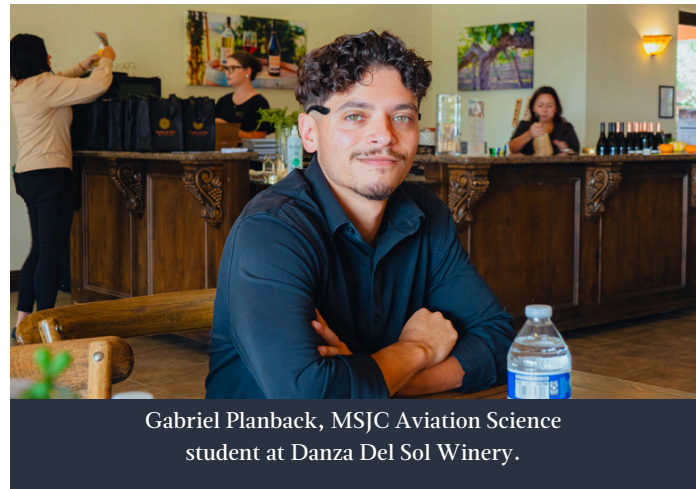
This immersive winery tour opened doors for attendees to explore diverse career paths in the wine industry, from vine to glass.

At Danza del Sol Winery, participants were guided through the various aspects of wine appreciation, learning how to assess the color, smell, and distinct characteristics of different wine varieties. The tour concluded at Altissima Winery in Temecula, where students were immersed in the world of high-end hospitality and event management.

Beyond the tours, attendees benefited from a creative networking atmosphere, engaging with seasoned professionals and diverse industry minds through interactive panels. These discussions offered invaluable advice on advancing careers within the wine industry, from viticulture to marketing and management roles.

“This tour had a lot of information about the winemaking process and jobs available in the area,” says Gabriel Planback, an Aviation Science student at MSJC. “I have a lot of work experience with hospitality in Florida and this helped give me insight to the industry’s variety here in wine country.”

The professionals and hosts from The Vine to Wine Collective shared their expertise and enthusiasm, making this event a memorable experience for everyone involved. Their dedication to fostering career growth within the wine industry truly elevated the day and inspired all who attended.



Gabriel Planback, MSJC Aviation Science student at Danza Del Sol Winery.



Warm embrace and reunion with MSJC's Nesha Hill and South Coast Winery's Blanca Grant.



Danza Del Sol Prize Winners (Left to Right): Workforce Professional Martha Leyva, Business Specialist Sania Kuriakos, MSJC Associate Dean Tonya Burke, and MSJC Student Nai Pascoal

“What I found really interesting about this tour was how unique each winery is,” says Sania Kuriakos, Business Specialist at the California Department of Rehabilitation. “The opportunities they have for job seekers and their openness to mentor and develop their personnel was spectacular.”

With its combination of experiential learning and insightful industry connections, A Day in the Life: From Vine to Wine was a resounding success. CSEL is excited to roll out its future Day in the Life series, which will explore careers in automotive, law enforcement, real estate and finance, public service, culinary arts, energy, construction, and utility industries.

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Radiologic Technology: Discover a Dynamic Career in Healthcare

Our Brand New Program in Nursing & Allied Health

Mt. San Jacinto College’s Radiologic Technology (Rad Tech) program, led by Program Director Dr. Brenda Boyd, offers students a unique pathway into healthcare with specialized skills in imaging technology. Dr. Boyd works closely with her students to ensure they learn the program’s curriculum and the exceptional opportunities Rad Tech provides, setting it apart from other nursing and allied health programs.

Dr. Boyd emphasizes how Rad Tech makes for a great option to those interested in healthcare.

“An x-ray tech moves all over the hospital, they’re always on the go,” says Dr. Boyd. “They’re in ER, the operating room... they could work in outpatient, they could work in inpatient, they could work as a mobile tech and move around they could work as a travel tech. They can even take their expertise and move into sales and marketing for the companies that make the x-ray equipment. So it’s a field that you can start in and grow in.”

Rad Tech provides the same nursing and allied health learning without the intensity often associated with other fields. In the program, students dive into the science and techniques of x-rays, scans, and other imaging technologies crucial for diagnostics and patient care.





“I think my favorite moment in the class has been how much we work as a team together,” says Rad Tech student Vanessa Prado. “I missed one of the school days because I was sick and everybody here helped me review what I missed in class. I feel like like we’re all here for a common goal and we’re all here to help each other.”

Rad Tech students gain hands-on experience both in class and at hospital sites, where they work alongside professionals to apply their learning in real-world settings. This practical training not only builds technical expertise but also helps students develop the interpersonal skills needed to work with patients effectively.

“If you’re looking to go into the medical field and you don’t wanna do four years of a program, you should join Rad Tech,” says Priscilla. “It’s only a two-year program and you’re getting hands-on experience and, once you graduate and pass your boards, you’re in your job field. I didn’t know what x-ray was when I first got invited to apply and I’ve started to fall in love with it more now that I’ve been in the program.”

If you’re interested in joining a field that combines technology, patient care, and a supportive career pathway, consider applying to the Radiologic Technology program at Mt. San Jacinto College. Whether you're new to healthcare or seeking a shift within the field, Radiologic Technology can open doors to a bright and impactful career.



Culinary Program: Crafting Culinary Skills and Creativity



At Mt. San Jacinto College, the Culinary Arts Program offers students hands-on experience in both cooking and baking, guided by the expertise of Chef Danny Babin. This past week, students dove into an array of exciting culinary challenges that allowed them to explore various cooking techniques, flavor profiles, and teamwork.

In the cooking classes, “Pork Week” took center stage with students creating delicious stuffed pork chops with potato rounds, followed by a Mexican cuisine day featuring carnitas tacos and a prickly pear mocktail.

“Time management is a valuable skill I’ve learned in this class,” says Maile Kamalii, a second-year culinary student in Chef Babin’s class. “You realize there’s a difference in cooking at home versus cooking at a restaurant.”

Students work in groups to tackle menu items, dividing tasks and coordinating efforts to ensure each dish is prepared on time and to high standards. In the kitchen, effective communication, time management, and thorough preparation are essential, and students quickly learn how to collaborate under pressure. By working together, they refine their approaches to each entrée, gaining valuable insights into efficient kitchen practices and techniques.

Meanwhile, in the baking classes, students enjoyed crafting almond biscotti, sugar cookies, and an assortment of tarts. They wrapped up the week with a lively cookie decorating contest, bringing a fun and competitive spirit to the kitchen.



Congratulations to the winners of our in-class cookie decorating competition!

This activity gave students the chance to refine their frosting and piping techniques, showcasing their creativity while sharing plenty of laughs. Through these hands-on projects, students not only developed precision and artistry but also deepened their appreciation for the intricate skills essential to baking.

A core part of the learning experience in this program is Chef Babin's feedback, where he tastes each team's creations and provides valuable critiques, from flavor balance to presentation tips.

"From the students, we're looking at timing and efficiency," says Chef Babin. "In the dish itself, we're looking that they executed the cook on the [meat] properly and their knife skills, balanced flavors, the right amount of portions, and—of course—that everything tastes good."

Students learn everything from industry-standard sanitation practices and nutrition fundamentals to effective business and employee management skills. They also build strong foundations in knife skills, culinary terminology, and understanding various cooking and baking techniques.

"We train the fundamentals all the way to some advanced culinary skills," says Chef Babin, "Anyone that loves food is welcome to join!"

For anyone interested in transforming a love for cooking into a career, MSJC's Culinary Arts Program offers the perfect blend of creativity, technical skill, and practical knowledge, preparing students to thrive in the vibrant culinary industry.





Connecting with the Community: MSJC's Success at the Temecula College Fair

The recent Temecula College and Vocational Fair at the Promenade Mall was an outstanding opportunity for Mt. San Jacinto College to connect with prospective students eager to explore MSJC's diverse program offerings. With over 200 colleges in attendance and a packed mall of enthusiastic visitors, the event was a bustling success, showcasing the strong demand for quality education in the region.

Our Student Outreach and Financial Aid teams represented MSJC with pride, engaging with attendees who came to the event specifically to learn about our programs. We were thrilled to see so many students expressing interest in our nursing and allied health programs, Culinary Arts, Creative Media, Automotive Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS), Technical Theater, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Our team was delighted to provide insights into each program and guide students on how to take the next steps toward enrollment and financial aid resources.

A big thank-you to our dedicated MSJC representatives who made this possible: Beth Bowles, Helena Cruz, Angela Drumm, April Wardwell, Marisa Jones, Karina Mejia, Natalie Chacon, and Jenny Hughes, along with student workers Kyle and Leo. Their friendly and informative approach left a positive impression on attendees, helping MSJC stand out as a top choice for local higher education.

We also extend our gratitude to the City of Temecula and Charles Walker, Workforce Administrator and event coordinator, for bringing this fantastic fair to life. MSJC looks forward to future opportunities to inspire and support students on their educational journeys.





Mt. San Jacinto College Selected for FAA Training Program

Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) proudly announces its selection by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the prestigious Unmanned Aircraft Systems-Collegiate Training Initiative program (UAS-CTI).

“MSJC is now one of only five colleges and universities in California with this distinction. This collaboration will ensure that MSJC graduates have the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a successful career in a UAS, drone-related field,” emphasizes Dr. Roy Mason, Department Chair of GIS.

The FAA's UAS-CTI program recognizes educational institutions that offer comprehensive UAS training, covering areas such as flight practice, maintenance, applications, and regulatory compliance. MSJC's partnership with the FAA in the UAS-CTI initiative not only expands opportunities for STEAM students but also underscores the college's commitment to diversity and inclusivity in preparing future professionals for the evolving workforce.

The Drone Applications certificate, offered by MSJC's Geospatial Information Science department and funded by the Strong Workforce Program, exemplifies the college's dedication to providing cutting-edge programs that address industry demands and empower students to excel in their careers.





Learn More about the DIGITAL BROADCASTING ROOM

Check out our latest Instagram Reel featuring Alan Marsala, Department Chair of the Creative Media Department, as he gives an inside look at the Digital Broadcasting Room on the Menifee Valley Campus!

In this fun and informative interview, student journalist Bella Morales talks with Alan about the resources available to students in the video production courses and how this state-of-the-art space supports hands-on learning in digital media. Whether you're passionate about video production or curious about what MSJC has to offer, this reel is a must-watch!

Click Here or Scan the QR Code to Watch!



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Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Temecula Valley Campus, Rm. 516

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