



MSJC Temecula Valley Campus Gains Center Status

The California Community Colleges Board of Governors unanimously approved Center Status for MSJC’s Temecula Valley Campus, bringing \$2.2 million in additional annual funding to support the region’s growing educational needs.

The Temecula Valley Campus, acquired in 2017 and transformed into a state-of-the-art learning center by 2020, now serves nearly 4,000 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students annually. This funding will enhance student services, expand access to higher education, and reinforce MSJC’s role as a vital regional resource. Dr. Roger Schultz, MSJC Superintendent/President, credited Dr. Carlos Tovares, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, for his pivotal role in securing the designation.

MSJC’s Temecula Valley Campus supports student success through comprehensive programs, specialized initiatives like Phi Theta Kappa and Puente, and expanded education opportunities such as Adult Education and Community & Contract Education.

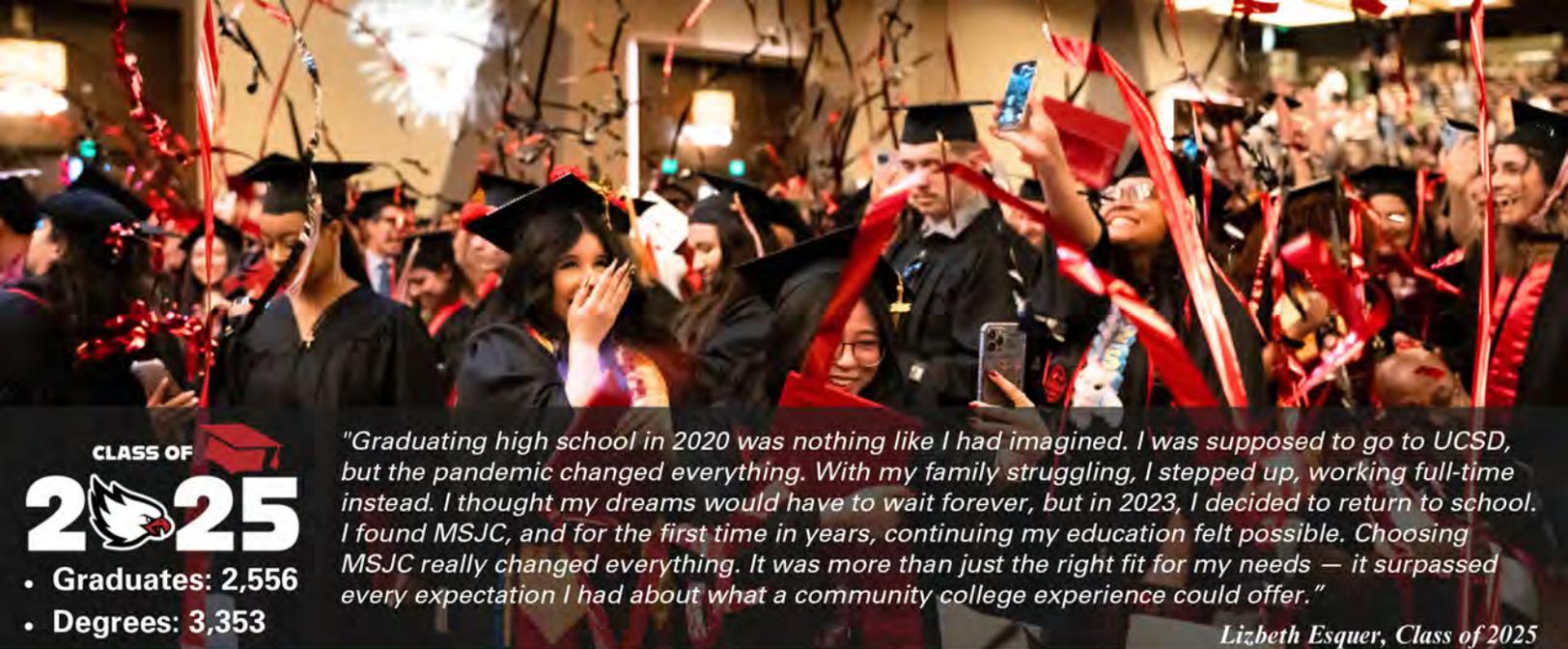
The Center Status designation strengthens MSJC’s long-term commitment to higher education accessibility, workforce development, and community partnerships in Southwest Riverside County.

MSJC Board of Trustees Elects New Leadership

The Mt. San Jacinto College Board of Trustees selected new leadership for 2025 as the board continues its commitment to serving MSJC students and the community.

Trustee Tom Ashley (Area 5) was elected Board President, while Trustee Vicki Carpenter (Area 3) was chosen as Clerk of the Board.





CLASS OF
2025

- Graduates: 2,556
- Degrees: 3,353

"Graduating high school in 2020 was nothing like I had imagined. I was supposed to go to UCSD, but the pandemic changed everything. With my family struggling, I stepped up, working full-time instead. I thought my dreams would have to wait forever, but in 2023, I decided to return to school. I found MSJC, and for the first time in years, continuing my education felt possible. Choosing MSJC really changed everything. It was more than just the right fit for my needs — it surpassed every expectation I had about what a community college experience could offer."

Lizbeth Esquer, Class of 2025



Rita Hernandez, Class of 2025

MSJC Celebrates Resilience and Achievement at 61st Commencement

At 90, Rita Hernandez made history as the oldest graduate in Mt. San Jacinto College. A first-time college student who began her journey during the COVID-19 pandemic, she joined three generations of her family in pursuing education at MSJC—proving it’s never too late to chase your dreams.

Rita was among 2,556 students honored at MSJC’s 61st Commencement Ceremony, held May 22 at Pechanga Resort Casino. This year marked the college’s largest-ever commencement, with 3,353 degrees and certificates awarded across three ceremonies. MSJC introduced real-time English and Spanish interpretation as part of its commitment as a Hispanic-Serving Institution to meet the needs of its diverse student body.

Among the remarkable graduates were Gerardo Sanchez, a father of five who returned to education through MSJC’s Adult Education Program, and Jaxon Tabesh, a 21-year-old honors student, musician, and student leader who earned five associate degrees.

Superintendent/President Dr. Roger Schultz praised the Class of 2025: “This is more than a celebration of earned degrees — it’s a celebration of action, breakthroughs, and the power of education to transform lives.”

MSJC Foundation

There are many ways to help keep the MSJC legacy going. Discover how you can support MSJC and its students. Contact Rebecca Orlauski, Director of the Foundation and Donor Initiatives, (951) 487-3171 or rorlauski@msjc.edu.

MSJC Superintendent/President Dr. Roger Schultz Affiliates with Excelencia in Education’s Presidents for Latinx Student Success Network

Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) Superintendent/President Dr. Roger Schultz has joined the Presidents for Latino Student Success (P4LSS) network, a national initiative by Excelencia in Education that supports higher education leaders in fostering environments where Latino and all students can thrive. By joining this network, Dr. Schultz commits to collaborating with other institutional leaders to share expertise, leverage resources, and strengthen efforts to accelerate Latino student success at MSJC and beyond. This partnership aligns with MSJC’s mission to provide equitable access to education and further its impact on student success.



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MSJC Earns Dual Recognition in 2025 Carnegie Classifications

Mt. San Jacinto College has been nationally recognized in the 2025 Carnegie Classifications for its strong institutional impact and student-centered mission, earning two prestigious distinctions that highlight its leadership in access, equity, and student success.

MSJC is among only 40 institutions nationwide—and just 21 in California—to receive both of the following designations:

- **Mixed Associate Large** Institutional Classification – recognizing MSJC for offering a broad range of associate degrees at scale.
- **Higher Access, Medium Earnings** Student Access and Earnings Classification – honoring MSJC's commitment to serving underrepresented students and supporting strong post-graduation earnings.

The revised Carnegie framework provides a comprehensive view of U.S. colleges by analyzing institutional offerings and long-term student outcomes.



MSJC Student Health Center Earns National Accreditation, Public Invited to Open Houses This Summer

Mt. San Jacinto College Student Health Center has earned a prestigious three-year Ambulatory Accreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)—making MSJC the only community college nationwide to receive this recognition. The award places MSJC among just 48 universities nationwide, and only 14 in California, honored for excellence in outpatient health care.

"This milestone reflects our commitment to delivering high-quality, student-centered care," said Dr. Lisa McAllister, Dean of Student Health Services.

To celebrate this achievement, MSJC invites the public to the upcoming open houses:

- **Temecula Valley Campus: Friday, June 27**
- **San Jacinto Campus: Friday, July 18**
- **Menifee Valley Campus: Friday, August 1**

Explore MSJC's services to support student wellness, from physical and mental health to immunizations and reproductive care, and learn more about what makes MSJC a national leader in student health.

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OR SUPPORTER?**
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Measure AA Update *Thank you to our community!*



In November 2014, voters in the 1,700-square-mile MSJC District approved a \$295 million bond measure to build and upgrade facilities to train residents for in-demand careers. Two of the most significant projects funded by this measure are the Science and Technology building at the San Jacinto campus and the Math and Science building at the Menifee Valley campus. The San Jacinto building was completed in Fall 2024, offering students modern laboratories and collaborative learning spaces.



Pass Area 8th-Grade Girls Explore STEM Careers

Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) hosted the 31st annual AAUW STEM Conference on January 9, 2025, welcoming over 80 eighth-grade girls from Banning and Hemet Unified School Districts to its new STEM building.

The event, aimed at inspiring young women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math, featured a keynote speech by author and education advocate Erica Alfaro, who shared her journey as the daughter of migrant farmworkers overcoming adversity to achieve her academic dreams.

Students participated in hands-on workshops led by women professionals in STEM fields, exploring forensic science, animatronic prototyping, physics, and financial literacy.

Organized by AAUW Redlands with MSJC's support, the event emphasized the importance of representation and perseverance, leaving students inspired and confident in their future possibilities.



MSJC Board of Trustees (left to right): Jhalister Corona, Area 4; Calvin Smith, Area 2; Vicki Carpenter, Area 3; Tom Ashley, Area 5; and Brian Sylva, Area 1.

MSJC Concludes ACCJC Accreditation Site Visit

We successfully completed our Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) accreditation site visit last February, marking a major milestone in our commitment to continuous improvement and student success.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the visiting team of peer reviewers who brought their expertise, insight, and time to support MSJC's mission.

Special thanks go to Vice President of Student Services Rebecca Teague for leading our accreditation efforts and to all faculty, staff, and administrators whose contributions made this process a success. The final accreditation report will be released in July, and we look forward to sharing the results with our college community.



MSJC Legislative Priorities and Advocacy

Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) continues to advocate for policies that support student success and workforce development at both the state and federal levels.

In Washington, D.C., an MSJC delegation, including Superintendent/President Dr. Roger Schultz, Trustees Jhalister Corona and Calvin Smith, and Director of Government Relations Karin Marriott, attended the 2025 National Legislative Summit (NLS) hosted by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). They met with Congressman Raul Ruiz, M.D., and Legislative Assistant Marshall Bessey from Rep. Ken Calvert's office

In Sacramento, the delegation included Dr. Roger Schultz, Trustee Jhalister Corona, Student Trustee Sam Cardenas, and Karin Marriott. They met with State Senators Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (R-Yucaipa), Kelly Seyarto (R-Murrieta), and Sabrina Cervantes (D-Corona), as well as Assemblymembers Bill Essayli (R-Corona), Jeff Gonzalez (R-Indio), and Kate Sanchez (R-Rancho Santa Margarita) at the California Community College League Legislative Conference.

During these meetings, the MSJC delegation emphasized the importance of securing legislative support for three key priorities:

- 1. Fully Funding Enrollments, Including Support for K-12 Dual Enrollment** – Ensuring adequate funding to support student growth and increase access to higher education through dual enrollment partnerships with K-12 districts.
- 2. Workforce Development Funding for Emerging Programs** – Advocating for investment in high-demand fields, including Regional Media, Regenerative Systems, Radiologic Technology, and Fire Technology, to prepare students for critical workforce needs.
- 3. Support for High-Priority Students** – Securing resources to enhance educational access and success for historically underserved student populations.

MSJC's advocacy efforts were met with strong support from lawmakers, particularly for dual enrollment pathways, workforce innovation, and increased higher education funding. "As a student, I see firsthand how these programs can change lives," said Student Trustee Sam Cardenas. "It's inspiring to know that our legislators are listening and recognizing the importance of investing in our future."

MSJC remains committed to working with federal and state legislators to advance policies that empower students, support faculty, and strengthen workforce opportunities in Southwest Riverside County. "These conversations are just the beginning," said Trustee Jhalister Corona. "We look forward to turning these priorities into action."



Coalition Advances Plans for Four-Year University in Southwest Riverside County

The Southwest Riverside County Higher Education Coalition is making strides to bring a four-year university to the region through the proposed University Center at MSJC's Temecula Valley Campus. The initiative aims to retain local talent, boost the regional economy, and reduce the "brain drain" affecting the area.

We invite the community to support this effort through funding, partnerships, or advocacy as we work to build a brighter future for our region. To learn more, visit MSJC.edu/UniversityCenter



MSJC Celebrates Grand Opening of New Science and Technology Building at San Jacinto Campus

Mt. San Jacinto College marked the grand opening of its new, state-of-the-art Science and Technology building on the San Jacinto Campus with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 26. The three-story, 48,701-square-foot facility features modern classrooms, cutting-edge labs, and dedicated spaces to support instruction in biology, physics, chemistry, anatomy, and more.

"This building is an investment in our community's future," said Superintendent/President Dr. Roger Schultz. "It will serve as a hub for innovation, collaboration, and opportunity."

Designed to elevate education and expand career pathways, the new facility reflects MSJC's commitment to student success and regional growth. Community members, students, and local leaders joined in celebrating the transformational impact this new space will have on education and the economy.



MSJC Hosts K-12 Annual Summit

MSJC's Career Education Department hosted its annual K-12 Summit at Wilson Creek Winery. Educators from 11 local school districts came together for a day of collaboration focused on student success.

The summit highlighted MSJC's ongoing commitment to preparing students for academic and career success through strong collaboration with regional K-12 partners.

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MSJC offers classes designed to fit your lifestyle and help you reach your goals:

- Hundreds of classes
- Online, in-person, and hybrid classes
- In-person classes at the San Jacinto, Menifee Valley, and Temecula Valley campuses



Fall Semester begins Aug. 11

Check out the Schedule of Classes at

MSJC.edu/ScheduleOfClasses

**San Jacinto Campus • Menifee Valley Campus • Temecula Valley Campus
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MSJC proudly serves the following cities, unincorporated communities, and Tribal Nations:

Aguanga, Anza, Banning, Beaumont, Cabazon, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Cherry Valley, Cahuilla Band of Indians, Gilman Hot Springs, Green Acres, Hemet, Homeland, Idyllwild, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Mountain Center, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Murrieta, Nuevo, Pechanga Band of Indians, Perris, Pine Cove, San Jacinto, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, Temecula, Valle Vista, Wildomar, and Winchester.

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