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New Pass Area Business Hub Project Underway

MSJC is excited to announce that planning is underway for a new Pass Area business resource center in collaboration with the City of Beaumont and Riverside County. The county has approved \$1.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support the development of this center, which aims to foster economic growth in the region.

MSJC will provide higher education, which, coupled with county workforce development and city resources, will provide residents with education, counseling, and guidance on entrepreneurship and innovation. This initiative will support local economic development and empower residents with the tools and knowledge needed to succeed in their business endeavors.

This collaborative effort underscores a shared commitment to enhancing the economic landscape of the Pass Area. By leveraging the strengths of higher education and local government resources, the new business resource center will become a vital hub for aspiring entrepreneurs and innovators, driving sustainable growth and prosperity in the community.



Since 1963, MSJC has been transforming lives through educational opportunities.

Join us for the Gala Celebration on November 8, 2024, at the Temecula Valley Campus.

Funds raised will support MSJC's University Center with a proposed expansion of Cal State San Marcos and other 4-year university partners to advance social mobility and student success.

For more details and RSVP, contact Rebecca Orlauski at (951) 719-3171 or rorlauski@msjc.edu.

ARE YOU AN ALUM, PARENT, **OR SUPPORTER?**





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Graduates: 2,183Degrees: 2,848

"As we step out into the world, let us do so with heads held high, knowing that the legacy of transformation we leave behind will continue to inspire and uplift others for generations to come. I leave you with these final words: Remember you can do anything and everything – except give up."

~ Jilema Silver, Class of 2024



MSJC Foundation

There are many ways to help keep the MSJC Legacy of Transformation going. Learn about the many ways to support MSJC and its students.



Contact Rebecca Orlauski, Director of the Foundation and Donor Initiatives (951) 487-3171 <u>rorlauski@msjc.edu</u>.

MSJC Celebrates "A Legacy of Transformation" at the 2024 Commencement

This year, 2,183 students earned 2,848 degrees and certificates at the two commencement ceremonies held at Pechanga Resort Casino, marking the highest number of students to date participating in commencement. The ceremonies honored the college district's 60th anniversary with the theme "A Legacy of Transformation."

Among the remarkable stories shared at the ceremony was that of Caris Sandino, from Beaumont, who was honored as one of the two MSJC graduates to receive the esteemed Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Scholarship.

Caris, who immigrated to the U.S. from Nicaragua as a child, credited her transformative experience in the MSJC Honors Enrichment Program for her personal and academic growth. "I am really happy with my experience at MSJC," Caris said. "It helped me grow personally and academically as well."

Her dedication to supporting undocumented students led her to found the Eagles DREAMers Club at MSJC. Caris will continue her educational journey at the University of California, Berkeley, majoring in business administration.

Community College League of California Elects Dr. Roger Schultz as President of the Chief Executives Officers

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Roger Schultz, MSJC's President/Superintendent, has assumed the role of President of the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges Board of the Community College League of California. His term as President is effective June 21, 2024, for the 2024-2025 academic year. In his new role, Dr. Schultz will lead California Community Colleges in taking positions on critical education policy issues and will be entrusted with the significant responsibility of analyzing and making recommendations on legislation and the State Budget.

Congratulations to Dr. Schultz! We look forward to his leadership in advancing the mission and goals of the entire California Community Colleges system.









In the Spotlight

Meet Gilbert Garcia, a member of the class of 2024, who shares his incredible journey at MSJC!

After nearly two decades of absence, Gilbert was nervous about resuming his education at MSJC. However, with the unwavering support from our Veterans Resource Center, he found the encouragement he needed. He plans to transfer to Cal State San Marcos for his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology.

Pass Area 8th-Grade Girls Explore STEM Careers at MSJC

MSJC welcomed hundreds of eighth graders from Banning and Beaumont middle schools to the San Jacinto Campus for an early introduction to STEM careers. The students had the opportunity to learn from women in science, technology, engineering, and math fields during an engaging STEM conference.

For over two decades, the Redlands branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has hosted this inspiring event to actively engage, influence, and motivate eighth-grade girls to excel in school and pursue careers in STEM fields. (For information about AAUW, contact Info@AAUWRedlands.org).

The exciting day-long event began with a keynote address by Amber Jazairi, a documentary filmmaker and motivational speaker, who encouraged participants to set goals, find ways to achieve them and work hard.

MSJC is excited to welcome these and other STEM students to the new STEM building on the San Jacinto Campus this fall.

Measure AA Update



Thank you to our community!



In November 2014, voters in the 1,700-square-mile MSJC district approved a bond measure of \$295 million to build and upgrade facilities to train residents for jobs and help students achieve their academic goals. Two of the most significant projects, STEM buildings at the San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses, will soon allow MSJC students to learn in improved environments throughout the district.



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- In-person classes at the San Jacinto, Menifee Valley, and Temecula Valley campuses



Fall Semester Begins Aug. 12





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