

## **NEWSLETTER**

SAN JACINTO EDITION

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### Opening of the New STEM Building

We are thrilled to announce the opening of the new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) building at the San Jacinto Campus in fall 2024. This state-of-the-art, three-story STEM facility promises to significantly enhance students' educational experiences with modern classrooms, labs, and resources dedicated to various STEM disciplines.

The building, funded by Measure AA, encompasses 48,701 Assignable Square Feet (ASF), including 6,544 ASF for lecture rooms and 23,199 ASF for laboratory spaces. It will house general classrooms and specialized labs for biology, anatomy, physics, astronomy, microbiology, and chemistry. Additional resources include math labs, general study labs, and faculty offices to support teaching and research activities.

This new STEM building reflects MSJC's commitment to fostering academic excellence and preparing students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. It will serve as a hub for innovation and collaboration among students and faculty. We look forward to welcoming students, faculty, and the community to this cutting-edge facility in the fall.



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?





We'd love to hear your MSJC story!





#### **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 rorlauski@msjc.edu.

### 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."

A touching moment was shared by Jilema Silver of San Jacinto, who graduated alongside her son, Cameron Britt, 23. Jilema, who initially pursued a degree in business, found her passion for psychology through her work at MSJC's Veterans Resource Center. She will continue her education at California State University, San Bernardino.

Jilema served as the vice president of the Student Government Association and learned how important it was to speak up on matters. She served as a student speaker during the morning graduation ceremony and thanked her son for sharing in the journey, faculty for their support, and peers for becoming friends and companions.

"I love MSJC," Jilema said before the ceremony. "I love everything that it's done for me, [and] the professors and I just grew as a person."

#### 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 Niomi Sass, a member of the class of 2024, who shares her incredible journey at MSJC!

From auditioning for plays to having a solo dance piece, she strongly advocates for others to explore this avenue for a fulfilling college experience and achieve personal growth. Niomi was also President of The Masqueraders Performing Arts Club and The Queer Clubhouse.

### Explore Your Creativity Through the Performing Arts at MSJC

Our Performing Arts programs are designed for individuals who love conveying ideas through language, visual, digital, music, and performing arts.

One of the highlights of our programs is Velocity, a student-produced dance concert that showcases exceptional student work that is rigorously vetted alongside performances by MSJC dance faculty and special guest artists. This year's concert featured renowned guest artist Joey Lister, a dancer, teacher, and choreographer with Malashock Dance in San Diego, a soloist with San Diego Ballet, and the Artistic Director of CalliOpus Contemporary Dance in Temecula.

The dance pieces in Velocity explored various themes related to the human experience, engaging the audience in visceral and intellectual experiences. This event epitomizes the spirit of our Arts programs, where students learn to express abstract concepts in original and compelling ways, enriching their personal growth and the cultural landscape of our community.

#### **Measure AA Update**



Thank you to our community!



Learn More About Measure AA



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 shortly allow MSJC students to learn in improved environments throughout the district.



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

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



Fall Semester begins Aug. 12

Check out the >>> Schedule of Classes



#### **SAN JACINTO CAMPUS**