



The Pledge for Success

Transforming Learners. Transforming Communities. Transforming Lives.

YOUR DONATION REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE



After years of hard work, study, determination, financial struggles, sacrifice and even some time living homeless, Tichona White graduated from MSJC with an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) in May 2019.

But after graduation, the 28-year-old Hemet resident still needed to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) in order to become a licensed nurse. All of the costs associated with the exam added up to about \$450, which was overwhelming for the single mother of two.

“It was challenging just trying to make it through real life at the same time as school life,” the honors student said on graduation day.

Tichona posted items for sale on Craigslist to try to cover the exam costs. Then she received great news: The MSJC Foundation informed her they would cover the cost of her exam so she could realize her dream of becoming a licensed nurse.

“I was overwhelmed with emotions,” said Tichona, who had previously received scholarships through the MSJC Foundation from the Hemet Valley Hospital Auxiliary, Alma Brooks Nursing Memorial, and the Assistance League of Hemacinto.

“MSJC has helped me tremendously to succeed in completing my degree, but I did not expect them to go above and beyond for students who have already graduated. I was in shock because it reminded me that MSJC does not forget about their students. Even after graduating, they are helping me succeed.

“I am very proud to be a part of the MSJC family and I feel very honored that the Foundation thought of me when deciding to give out the donations. Thank you so much, everyone. I appreciate this more than I can ever explain in words.”

DID YOU KNOW?

80% of MSJC students qualify for some sort of financial aid.

70% receive the California College Promise Grant enrollment fee waiver.

A **third** of MSJC students are first-generation college students.

About **20%** of California community college students surveyed in 2019 were homeless.*



20% of MSJC students sit in classrooms hungry.

60% said they were housing insecure.*

Half said they were food insecure over the past **30** days.*

About **500** students benefit from the monthly Food 4 Thought food pantries hosted on MSJC campuses.

* According to a 2019 survey by The Hope Center for Community College and Justice

MSJC'S PLEDGE FOR SUCCESS

The MSJC Pledge for Success is a basic needs initiative that removes some of the barriers to student success inside and outside of the classroom by providing students funding, food, books and supplies, clothing and basic, essential hygienic items.

Among the programs it helps is the twice-monthly Food 4 Thought pop-up pantry that provides free food to MSJC students at the Menifee Valley and San Jacinto campuses. Students simply need to show their MSJC Student ID and they'll receive various food products that can feed them and their families.

The Pledge for Success initiative further supports students who struggle with food insecurity by providing vouchers that students can use to purchase meals in the cafeterias on the Menifee Valley and San Jacinto campuses.

The Pledge also provides students – some of whom are homeless – with kits filled with basic and essential hygienic products.



YOUR HELP WILL GO A LONG WAY

In addition to giving students basic necessities such as food and hygienic items, the MSJC Pledge for Success also aims to provide students with other items essential to their academic success such as books, clothing, miscellaneous supplies, and possible grants.

The cost of books and supplies can prove overwhelming to students who struggle financially, so the Pledge for Success provides vouchers they can use at the Eagle Bookstores.

Students on the right track academically to earn a certificate or a degree, or to transfer to a four-year university also often need to find employment in the region, but lack the appropriate clothing for a job interview. The Pledge for Success leads targeted drives such as the Career Closet campaign that welcomes donations of dress clothing so students can feel confident talking to employers at locations such as the annual MSJC Career & Job Fair.



MSJC FOUNDATION CAREER CLOSET

**GIVE A
SUIT**



or other gently used work clothing to students in need

**CHANGE
A LIFE**

to help them build confidence for a job interview



They'll **DEVELOP** interviewing skills, land jobs and develop career plans and

**PAY IT
FORWARD**



in the future



IMPROVE

their **LIVES** and the **COMMUNITY** around them and



SUPPORT

themselves and their loved ones and

DONATE TODAY

The MSJC Foundation's mission is to promote student success by enhancing the quality of higher education throughout the district by identifying and securing private support through community alliances. The Foundation was formed to receive gifts for the college from individuals, corporations and foundations to provide scholarships, mini grants and direct funding to enhance MSJC's services and programs.



Please contact MSJC Foundation Operations Supervisor **Rebecca Orlauski** to contribute to the **Pledge for Success** and make a real difference in students' lives today.

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