



College proposes smoking-ban

By Jessica McMeans, staff writer

Smokers beware: the college is proposing a ban on smoking for all campuses.

The proposal will go before the MSJC Board of Trustees with a recommendation for approval. Although a date has not yet been set, the proposal recommends the policy go into effect in the fall 2013 semester.

The proposal was approved in 2012 by the College Council, a shared-governance body made up of faculty, students, administrators and classified staff.

The suggested district-wide ban on tobacco products will eliminate all designated smoking areas, as well as smoking in the parking lots. If students are caught using tobacco on campus, it will be cited as a violation of student code of conduct.

The college would like to prohibit smoking on all MSJC campuses in order to create a healthier educational environment. The Board of Trustees has considered modifying the existing policy for more than a year.

"The current college policy allows for smoking in designated areas on

campus," said Karin Marriott, director of marketing and public information at MSJC. "However, many people violated that policy and ignored signs posted on the campuses that specifically indicated 'No Smoking' areas."

Persuading students and faculty members to adopt the tobacco free campus legislation may not be so easy.

In a survey given last year, the majority of students were in favor of smoking with 43.2 percent indicating a preference for smoking in designated areas only. Ironically, 78 percent of students and employees who took the survey were not smokers.

If this policy is enacted, MSJC will join the ranks of more than 800 colleges and universities nationwide to adopt the tobacco-free campus model. Several neighboring schools have already made the transition, such as Palomar College, which instated a non-smoking policy in July of 2011.

What do you think about the proposed smoking ban? Send your opinions to msjctalon@gmail.com for a chance to be featured in our next issue.



Destiny Melton shoots to score in the 2nd round Playoff game against Irvine Valley College.

Lady Eagles place second in state

By Zac Force, staff writer | Photo by DeeAnn Bradley

The Lady Eagles basketball team placed second in state after their loss to Mt. San Antonio 54-41 on March 17.

Even though the Eagles have a strong offense, the Mounties were too much for them, only allowing them to score 41 points.

The MSJC women's basketball team has been on a tear all season as they reached the state championship. This was the most impressive season in school history for the women's basketball team. They have already broken multiple school records, including a sea-

son high in wins, and their first appearance in the state finals.

The Lady Eagles ended the season in the top ten for every category in the conference, including holding the number one spot for points per game with 72.0. This elite Eagle's offense was spearheaded by Tina Fantroy, a guard, who ranked number three in the state for points per game with 21.7. Her sister Faith, a point-guard, ranked second in the state with 7.4 assists per game.

The Lady Eagles finished the season with a 30-3 overall record.

PTK students earn spots on All-California Academic Team

By Sandi M. Colby | Photos by Freddie Garcia



Shayla Esarey (L) and Sarah Stebbings (R).

Four MSJC students made history when they were placed on the First Team of the All-California Academic Teams.

The students on this year's team are Clarice Gerbl, Sarah Stebbings, Shayla Esarey, and Nik Warren.

The students were recognized March 6 at the Phi Theta Kappa awards luncheon, hosted by the Community College League of California. This prestigious event is held annually to award scholarships to the top community college scholars in the state.

Esarey, a political science major, was selected as a gold scholar and awarded \$1,500. Gerbl, a general science major, was selected as a silver scholar and awarded \$1,250.

All four students are also eligible to be honored as the "New Century Scholar," who will represent California at the national level on the All-USA Community College Academic Team. Last year

Amy Bartel, an Anthropology major, was selected.

"All four of these students ranked into the First Team, which is the highest ranking you can receive," said Dr. Nick Reeves, PTK faculty advisor and associate professor of biology on the Menifee campus. "It's something we should all be proud of."

The process to earn a spot on the All-California Team is not easy. Students must fill out a lengthy application which requires them to write multiple essays and collect several letters of recommendation from faculty and community members. The applications are submitted to the Honors Enrichment Program Scholarship Subcommittee who reviews them. The committee evaluates the applications based on academic success, on-campus and community involvement, and leadership skills.

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Clarice Gerbl (L) and Nik Warren (R).

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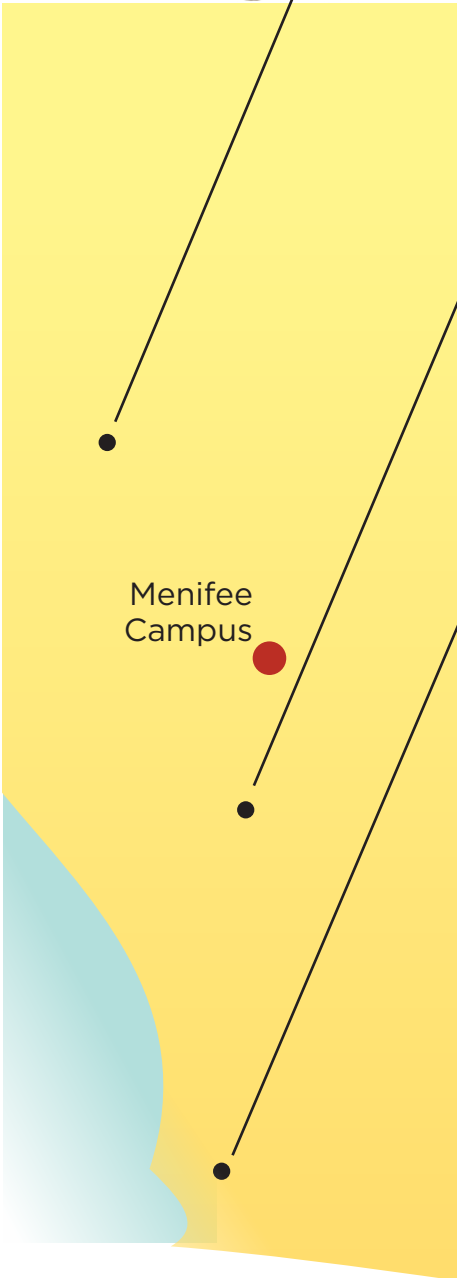
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Your guide
to getting
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for spring
break

By Lizette Munoz, staff writer
Photo by Shaun Lebby



Riverside

Riverside is only a few freeway exits away and has a variety of opportunities for spring breakers in terms of entertainment and food.

The **Gourmet Detective** is a 1920's themed murder mystery dinner. Located at the Avila Terrace Theater on 3663 Main Street, this crazy dinner comes with a show that immerses you in the old detective mystery. This season's scandalous story, "Darling You Slay Me," costs around \$69, which is a little pricey, but offers a unique experience that is well worth the cost.

At the **Van Buren Drive-in Theater** you can experience a movie like greasers used to in the 1950's. Cheaper than most city theaters, the drive-in is only \$7 and allows you to sit nice and cozy in your car. The drive-in features new

movies like "21 and Over," so you surely won't be disappointed.

If you have a need for action there is an awesome indoor trampoline park called **Sky Zone**, located at Flat Rock Drive. This place is a sea of trampolines that allows you to literally bounce off the walls. You can play a game of extreme dodge ball or just jump around. The price ranges from \$8 for 30 minutes to \$19 for 90 minutes.

If you're hungry after all your adventures around town, head on over to **Ancho's Southwest Bar & Grill** to grab a bite to eat. They offer the best Mexican food outside of Mexico within the \$10-20 price range. In addition to chips and salsa, you are also given complementary fresh tortillas.

Temecula/Murrieta

Temecula and Murrieta are neighboring cities that offer things close enough for spring breakers to do between homework assignments. For you early birds, wake up and get some exercise at the **Tenaja Falls** hiking trails in Murrieta. Later in the evening head over to **The Dial**, located on Jefferson and Date Street, to see bands touring

North America, as well as view artwork done by locals. If you're in Temecula, try some authentic Filipino food at **Goldilocks**, located at the Target shopping center off of Rancho. After lunch check out **Vital**, an indoor rock climbing gym. It's located off of Technology Drive and offers a friendly workout environment and espresso bar.

San Diego

San Diego has it all: Balboa Park, the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, countless beaches, and more. Aside from the huge attractions there are also several other fun, unknown alternatives.

For the adventurer in you there is the **Cabrillo National Monument Park**. There you will find private tide pools and beautiful scenery of ocean cliffs. Daily permits can be purchased at the gate for \$5 per person. A picnic area is also available so you can relax with a date or friends without the huge crowds you would encounter at large beaches.

Old Town San Diego is also a great alternative to the big San Diego attractions. On Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. there is the **Old Town Saturday Market**, a huge artisan fair. **Cousin's Old Town Candy Shop** is a must for any sweets lover. They have 16 different flavors of home-style fudge and fresh salt-water taffy that is pulled and packaged right in front of you. Whether you are there for the great food or vendor shopping, you are sure to have a great time.

For dinner, **Casa de Reyes Mexican Restaurant** has carnitas and chile verde

within \$10-15 that are to die for. The restaurant is entirely outdoors, which is perfect for soaking up that San Diego springtime weather. For those who are of drinking age, Casa de Reyes also offers a large variety of specialty tequila and margaritas to choose from.

As for entertainment, check out **The American Comedy Company** located at 818 6th Ave. for some great stand-up comedy. Performers such as Jen Kirkman from Chelsea Lately are featured, and ticket costs range from \$10-30. The venue also offers a full restaurant menu to dine on while indulging in some laughs.

Little Italy, a strip of restaurants and mom-and-pop stores, is an excellent destination for food in San Diego. Aside from their farmers market held every Saturday, there is also a massive amount of Italian restaurants. **Filipi's Pizza Grotto** has a combination plate that includes lasagna, ravioli, and spaghetti for two. Their meatballs are the size of softballs, but it tastes so good you won't want to share.

Remember that you don't have to go very far to experience good food and entertainment during spring break!



1. MSJC alumni Ron Murray starts the night off singing opera.
2. Alumni and Friends Association Awards on display.
3. MSJC President Dr. Roger Schultz hosts the 5th annual Jubilee Gala.
4. English professor Richard Sisk receives the award for Faculty of the Year.
5. 50th Anniversary Project students and their instructors make an appearance for the premiere of their documentary.
6. MSJC alumni Jehnean Washington performs for a full house.

GOLDEN JUBILEE GALA

Foundation celebrates MSJC's **50th Anniversary**

By Shawnees Peacock, assistant editor | Photos by Freddie Garcia

Alumni, faculty, and community members were dressed to impress and ready to fundraise at this year's 5th Annual Foundation Gala on Feb. 9 at the Pechanga Resort and Casino in Temecula.

Approximately 400 attendees enjoyed an evening of entertainment provided by highly respected MSJC alumni, a mouth-watering meal, and a silent auction all in the name of raising money to support the student body through various scholarships and grants.

"The Gala is really about pulling the community together," said Candy Anady, MSJC Foundation board member and chair of the Foundation's Special Events Committee. "It's all about the students and ultimately a belief in education."

This event showcased how much the college supports both past and present students. Five alumni were invited to sing in support of the college, and current students in the 50th Anniversary Project premiered their documentary.

"This year's Gala was different because it highlighted the significant contribution MSJC, its faculty, students and staff have made over the last 50 years to the communities MSJC serves and our commitment to support student success well into the future," said Karin Marriott, director of marketing at MSJC.

The theme of this year's Gala was Golden Jubilee, a poignant term consid-

ering the college is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

The college marked this milestone by showing a short documentary created by a team of MSJC students. The film captured the essence of the college, reflecting upon its history and looking towards its future. It showed viewers how the school succeeded in making a name for itself in a community that lacked resources and support at the time.

"We were especially proud of the students and faculty who spent so many months researching MSJC's history and producing a wonderful documentary about the college's 50 years," said Marriott. "The documentary will be a valuable and sentimental resource now and into the future."

"It was really rewarding to be involved in this multidisciplinary project," said Jerome Billins, a video production professor.

Instructor Tom Merrit described the process of this student production as a "two-way street between the mentor and student in which we pushed each other creatively. [Billins] and myself acted as guides to the students through this real world assignment," he said.

English and film major Danielle Perez wrote the script for the documentary.

"The members of my team were very talented, so it was a great learning experience," she said. "After creating this film, I walked away with pride for my

"The Gala is almost like preparing for the Super Bowl."

**-Dr. Roger Schultz,
MSJC President**

school."

Although this event focused on students, MSJC President Dr. Roger Schultz was undoubtedly the man of the evening. After being president of the college for nearly five years and an administrator at MSJC for the past 12 years, some major changes have occurred and the prospects for the college are coming to fruition.

"[The Gala] is almost like preparing for the Super Bowl," he remarked. "It's a way to recognize the businesses, faculty and community in a classy way."

This year's Gala demonstrated how influential MSJC has become in the community over the last 50 years. Its architectural expansions, which are still in the works for the Menifee and San Jacinto campuses, are a testament of how quickly the school is growing.

"The college is known for its innovation and quality," said Schultz. "It's a product of the students, but I hope that it can be recognized beyond the region for its excellence in the future."

RELAY FOR LIFE RAISES CANCER AWARENESS

By Regina Young, staff writer

MSJC's Relay For Life team is in full effect to raise cancer awareness and raise \$10,000. With over \$1,500 already in their account, the Purple Trumps Kancer-Battle Defense Officers (PTK-BDO) is an on-campus team that will be participating in Murrieta's Relay for Life Race on May 18.

All 54 student, faculty and staff members on the PTK-BDO team will take turns walking around the track while participating in themed laps and enjoying food, music, and entertainment. The 24-hour long event will take place at the One Town Center in Murrieta. This nationwide event allows participants to fundraise for a good cause while embarking on an overnight community walk.

"It has been great to see how people from different backgrounds pull together for something as important as this," said Clarice Gerbl, an official co-chair on the PTK Relay Planning Committee for the team.

Nik Warren, who is spearheading the MSJC group as well as running the event, is also ecstatic about the amount of involvement put forth from the team. "I am very impressed with how the entire campus has embraced Relay and the fight against cancer."

In order to honor Cancer Awareness Month, the LRC's on both the Menifee and San Jacinto campuses were flooded with purple decorations in February for the "PTK-BDO Paints MSJC Purple" event. The Relay team also held an informational booth on both campuses with resources and prizes to encourage students to sign up.

To find out more about the Relay for Life program or the American Cancer Society organization, visit their websites for pictures and videos of past events.

To donate to the MSJC team or to register yourself as a member, visit:

www.tinyurl.com/ACS-PTKBDO



Students win math club competition

By Reta Bidi, staff writer
Photo by Nik Warren



1st place winners Carranza (L) and Rubio (R).

Engineering majors Marco Rubio and Alberto Carranza won first place in a Mu Alpha Theta and STEM club math competition held on March 8 on the Menifee Valley Campus.

"I was extremely surprised about the competition," said Rubio, who tied for first out of the 16 students who participated. He and his teammate each received a Starbucks gift basket full of coffee and gift cards.

The competition lasted an

hour and consisted of general math and word problems. Competitors had to be enrolled in Math 96 or higher in order to enter the competition.

Mu Alpha Theta Advisor Janice Levasseur, and STEM Adviser Alex Cuatoc corrected the tests.

"The feedback was great so we are planning on hosting another co-sponsored math competition in the fall," said Levasseur.

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Bio Professor brings science to life

By Sandi M. Colby, staff writer
Photo by Freddie Garcia

When people ask which biology class to take at MSJC's Menifee Valley Campus, a class that is usually recommended is the one taught by Dr. Nick Reeves.

Reeves is an associate professor of biology and has been teaching at the college since the fall semester of 2007. He is active on campus and is a well-respected mentor to many students. Last spring he was honored as Faculty of the Year for 2011-2012.

Dr. Roy Mason, chairman of the Natural Science Department at MSJC, described Reeves as being an enthusiastic and effective professor.

"He brings a youthful vitality and energy to his teaching that, unfortunately, is not always present in our profession," he said.

Reeves said he is happy to be able to give students a rich lab experience and hopes to help students turn that education into a career. He currently teaches majors level biology and is working on creating a new biotechnology program for the college.

In addition to teaching, Reeves is involved with several clubs and programs on campus. He is one of the faculty advisers for Phi Theta Kappa and a member of the Honors Enrichment Program Honors Committee and Scholarship Subcommittee.

"He is an outstanding advisor [who] is incredibly supportive of our academic endeavors, tireless in his dedication to our causes, and unfailingly patient with our efforts to strive for greatness," said Nik Warren, scholarship officer for PTK.

Reeves is also an adviser for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) club on the Menifee Valley campus.

"Nick seems to be in-tune with the intellectual, social and emotional concerns



Dr. Reeves (R) and Bio Engineering major Robert Haywood (L) test out the Spiker Box to make a cockroach leg dance during a STEM Club meeting.

of his students," said Mason. "Nick represents the next generation of college and university professors."

Reeves wasn't always this motivated. He described himself as "not being the most outstanding student in high school," and said that he wasn't even sure he was going to attend college.

"Neither of my parents have a college degree," said Reeves. "It would be a new thing for our family."

He credits his mother for encouraging him to go to college. She told him he could at least try, and if it didn't work out, there's no loss.

During his senior year he applied and was accepted to Western Washington University. For his first quarter there, Reeves took a variety of classes but struggled to adjust. After a rough start, he realized he needed to really apply himself if he wanted to take control of his own destiny.

"Later that year I took a biology class," said Reeves, "The revelation of DNA and genetics [...] really propelled me into the biology major."

The lab he worked in at WWU conducted some of the first studies of parasitic wasps at the genetic level.

After graduation from WWU, Reeves's

interest in genetics, developmental biology, and neuroscience led him to the University of California, San Diego. At UCSD he checked out several different research labs before settling on one that was working with the newly revealed fruit fly genome.

Inspired by both his mentors at WWU and his enjoyment of the informal teaching he did at UCSD, Reeves decided to pursue his Ph.D. to become a college professor.

His first teaching position was part-time at the Claremont Colleges. He taught an introduction to biology class and helped students with their lab work.

After that initial semester, he went to do research at the Salk Institute in La Jolla to fulfill the Claremont Colleges requirement to design his own teaching program. While he was there doing work on fruit fly stem cell research, he realized that he wanted to teach more than do research. It was around that time he heard of a teaching job open at MSJC.

Reeves said he enjoys MSJC because he can focus on teaching in the community college setting, which gives him more one-on-one time with the students. "I feel so lucky to have gotten the position at MSJC," he said.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Menifee (MVC) & San Jacinto (SJC)

April 4, 12:30-2:30 p.m. @ MVC Rm. 927

Amnesty International Movie: "Teaching Evolution"

April 4, 5-8 p.m. @ MVC Rm. 805

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April 5, 6, 12, & 13, 7:30 p.m. & April 7 & 14, 2:30 p.m. @ SJC

Theater Dept: "Avenue-Q"

April 12, 6-10 p.m. @ MVC Rm. 600

Spring Film Festival: "Brokeback Mountain" (2005)

April 16, 12-2 p.m. @ SJC

Earth Day: SGA Goes Green, BBQ and Club Rush

April 18, 12-2p.m. @ MVC

Earth Day: SGA Goes Green, BBQ and Club Rush

April 25, 12:30-2:30 p.m. @ MVC Rm. 927

Amnesty International Movie: "Gun Fight"

April 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. @ MVC Rm. 927

Scholars in Action Academic Decathlon

April 30, 12 - 2 p.m. @ SJC

Educational Outreach with Congressman Raul Ruiz, M.D.

May 7, 12-2 p.m. @ SJC

SGA Presents: Dunk the Professors - BBQ and Club Rush

May 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m. @ MVC Rm. 927

Amnesty International Movie: "Popular Music as Activism: 1960 to Present"

May 9, 12-2 p.m. @ MVC

SGA Presents: Dunk the Professors - BBQ and Club Rush

May 17, 6-10 p.m. @ MVC Rm. 600

Spring Film Festival: "The Life of Pi" (2012)

May 31, 6-9 p.m. @ Ramona Bowl

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Bomb threat demands MSJC become more vigilant

By Emily McKellar, editor-in-chief

“I remember looking around and trying to find a hiding spot because I didn’t know if I would need one.”

-Clarice Gerbl, student

Who to call during an emergency

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What did the suspect look like: Height, weight, clothing, hair color?
Were there any weapons used: What type?
Is the suspect still there; if not, which direction did he/she go?
Did the suspect drive a car: What type, color?
Remember, filing a false emergency report is illegal.

Within only a couple weeks of the spring semester students received unsettling news about a bomb threat made on the San Jacinto campus.

On Feb. 1 it was reported that an unarmed man walked into the childcare center and repeatedly threatened to blow up the building and all of the children inside. Campus officers and the San Jacinto police department detained and arrested the man shortly after the incident. He was later identified as a 41-year-old man from Los Angeles.

Students were alerted about the incident via email and Facebook, and those who were directly involved shared their stories.

General science major Clarice Gerbl was heading into her 9:30 a.m. class when she was told to get away from the 1200 building and go to the library. Students and faculty in the effected area had been evacuated there after police were notified about the threat.

Once in the library, Gerbl wasn’t sure what to do. She perceived that she was in much greater danger than she really was because she didn’t know what was going on.

“I remember looking around and trying to find a hiding spot because I didn’t know if I would need one,” she said.

Hours after the incident, Gerbl and others took to the MSJC Facebook page to comment on the lack of communication between officers and evacuees.

“It would have been really reassuring to say ‘There’s been a threat, and the sheriffs are here handling it. You are safe.’ But we didn’t get that,” Gerbl wrote. “That would have given me and a lot of students I talked to peace of mind.”

MSJC Marketing Director Karin Marriott explained that the situation was handled according to safety protocol.

“It was done in order to keep students and staff safe and allow investigators to properly search the facilities,” she said.

Interim MSJC Chief of Police Dave Fontneau, who led the evacuation, said the comments left on Facebook were the first he’s heard of students complaining.

“We told [evacuees] exactly what to

do and where to go,” he said. “We’re only going to tell students what they need to know so as not to cause panic, but what we tell them depends on the type of emergency.”

The college has plans for potential disasters and emergencies that are regularly updated by a safety committee. The committee, which is composed of faculty members on the Menifee Valley and San Jacinto campuses, also makes suggestion on how to keep MSJC safe and prepared for all types of situations.

After the bomb threat incident, the SJC and MVC childcare centers received new locks and alarm systems. Campus police now take shifts guarding the centers from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the school week. Speed-dials were also programmed into the telephones of all front-facing offices so that faculty can contact dispatchers with just one click of a button.

“We can’t prepare for everything, but we want to be ready for those kinds of events in order to minimize the loss caused by potential hazards and threats,” said Ed Saucedo, a campus safety officer and member of the safety committee.

The safety committee urges students and faculty to become more vigilant while on campus, and not be afraid to ask for help.

“A lot of people in society have adopted the mentality of ‘I don’t want to get involved because I don’t want to get hurt,’” said Dawn Bridge, a member of the committee. “But someone has to get involved or we’ll all end up as potential victims.”

Updated evacuation maps have been posted in all buildings on each campus, and other safety plans are available online.

“People need to be more aware and report anything suspicious,” said Saucedo. “It’s better to call the police than not call. That way we can record the incident and figure out where the potential threat is.”

Before this incident, the last bomb threat MSJC received was in 2007. The individual was arrested and the college has an active restraining order against him.

To learn more about what to do in an emergency, visit www.msjc.edu/Safety.



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FOR A SANDWICH?

By Dennis Rowley, contributing writer

Student wins nationwide Panera Bread Contest

Nursing major Leigh Ann Gosney and her White Cheddar, Turkey, and Apple Sandwich.

How much would you pay for a sandwich? Panera Bread paid an MSJC student \$10,000 to make one.

Nursing major Leigh Ann Gosney, 29, won Panera Bread's "Sandwich Showdown" contest last November with her white cheddar, turkey and apple sandwich. Her winning entry is now featured on Panera menus nationwide.

"When I saw that I'd won, I screamed and started crying," said Gosney, who lives in Nuevo and loves to cook. "I was shocked that I had won \$10,000 for just making up a sandwich idea!"

Gosney's recipe was inspired by her husband who suggested she put apples on a turkey sandwich. She added baby spinach and caramelized onions, and whipped up a gourmet-style basil pesto sauce to use as a condiment. Then she put it all on Asiago cheese bread, grilled it in a Panini press, and voila!

"My husband took a bite and asked, 'are you going to finish that?'" said Gosney. "He's one of my worst critics, so I knew it must be good."

A panel of Panera Bread judges narrowed the 35,000 entries down to 20 by rating them in taste appeal, creativity, and the ability to recreate the sandwich in their restaurants.

Then they left it up to voters to deter-

mine the winning sandwich.

Gosney reached out to her friends and family on Facebook and at work for votes. When she won, she felt humbled that people were willing to believe in her recipe without even tasting the sandwich first.

"I'm now super excited for all my friends and family to be able to try the sandwich," she said. "When it comes out on the menu nationwide in April, I have a feeling that I will feel more like a celebrity."

Gosney received her prize money along with a \$500 Panera Bread gift card and a year's worth of bagels on Christmas Eve.

"At first I just put [the money] in the bank," she said. "My husband and I were really, really poor when we first got married, so to have a savings account is really great for us."

"Sandwich Showdown" was the first national competition offered by Panera Bread, a chain of bakery-cafes that serves soups, salads and sandwiches. Gosney first ate at the restaurant seven years ago.

"I love how they make their bread and pastries fresh every morning. They use good, fresh ingredients," she said. "I just thought it would be so awesome to make a sandwich that would be on Panera's menu."

RECIPE

Asiago Cheese Bread
Roasted Turkey
White Cheddar Cheese
Caramelized Onions
Fuji Apple
Baby Spinach
Basil Pesto Sauce

Basil pesto sauce with fresh basil leaves, garlic and olive oil:
2 cups basil leaves
2 cloves garlic
2/3 cup olive oil
1/4 cup pine nuts:
optional
Kosher salt, coarse black pepper to taste

Combine basil, garlic and pine nuts in food processor until coarsely chopped. Add 1/2 cup of olive oil and mix until well incorporated. If using immediately, add the rest of the olive oil and salt and pepper until smooth.

Serve sandwich grilled.

CLUB BLURBS

BLACK STUDENT UNION

"We the Black Student Union of MSJC would also like to be known as an Organization that is a resource for people to contribute in humanitarian and academic assistance to "Who so Ever" willing and wanting to receive it.

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Brandon Bernard
President of the MSJC Black Student Union

For further information please visit the SGA office located in the SJC campus cafeteria and leave your name, student ID number, and email. Thanks!

COMMUNICATIONS CLUB

With the new semester in motion, The Communication Studies Club hopes to recruit some new members! We meet every Tuesday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in room 488. During club meetings we discuss communication topics, help each other with upcoming speeches, and plan future club events.

If you're looking to meet some new friends, augment your academic resume, or simply get more involved here on campus, join us!

Jillian Laird
Secretary of the Communication Studies Club

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STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION



WIN A FREE LUNCH with:



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Raul Ruiz, M.D.

REQUIREMENTS: Must be a Mt. San Jacinto College Student and available for lunch on:
April 30th, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

PROMPT: How will meeting Congressman Raul Ruiz, M.D. benefit your educational goals and given the opportunity what would you ask him? If chosen as a winner of this essay contest what activity would you more readily want to participate in and create for Mt. San Jacinto College or the community at large?

Responses must not exceed 700 words

SUBMISSION: Essays should be submitted as an attachment to the following email:

essayforlunch@gmail.com in .pdf, .doc, .docx, or .rtf format.

The subject line of the email should include the applicant's first and last name as well as "MSJC Ruiz Lunch Challenge." The email attachment must also include this same information.

DEADLINE is April 11th, by noon and the winner will be announced and contacted by email on April 21, 2013 before 11:59 p.m.



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Student wins diversity art contest

By Erica Johnson and Lizette Munoz
Photo by Freddie Garcia



Winning entry "I See Diversity" by Tommy McCardle on display during the MLK Breakfast in January.

Tommy McCardle's artwork took first place at the 7th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast in January.

His piece entitled "I See Diversity" depicted a handshake reflected in an eye.

"It symbolizes that I see two people of different backgrounds peacefully agreeing with each other," said McCardle, a multimedia and computer information systems major.


The theme of this year's contest was "the recognition of our diversity and unity." McCardle tried to incorporate this as well as King's vision.

"My interpretation of Dr. King's vision was for everybody to get along, and to contribute to a society's goal of peace," he said.

McCardle received \$200 to be used at the MSJC Bookstore for supplies and books.

Other students who won were Aaron Taylor, 2nd place; Rebecca Delgado, 3rd place; and Aidee Ogden, 4th place.





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"When I first read the email that said I had been placed on the first ranking team it made me reflect on all of the struggles, hardships and all-nighters I've endured to get here and truly embrace them," said Stebbings, a neuroscience major.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and the Coca-Cola Foundation sponsor the state level All-California Team. They selected the students who received gold, silver, or bronze medallions and scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500. In May, they will select a "New Century Scholar" who will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship.

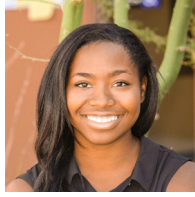
From there, 20 of the 50 Coca-Cola All-State "New Century Scholars" will be selected for the All-USA Community College Academic Team. The All-USA team is presented by USA TODAY and Phi Theta Kappa, and sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group. All-USA team members will receive special medallions, \$2,500 scholarships, and will be featured in an article in USA TODAY.

"In the last five years, or so, I've never seen a school with three First Teams," said Erik Ozolins, honors enrichment program coordinator and associate professor and chair of the Anthropology department on the Menifee campus. "To have four First Teams is amazing."

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