

# Career Education Update



*Provost's Corner by Joyce Johnson*

## **MSJC Launches Innovation and Invention Program**

Welcome to the Fall 2022 edition of our MSJC Career Education Newsletter.

I'm Joyce Johnson, the Provost of Instruction at MSJC. I oversee our Temecula Valley Campus and the college's Career Education programs that help our students get ready for high-wage, high-skill jobs in the Inland Empire.

The Career Education department has been busy planning and preparing for the 2022 – 2023 academic year.

I'm thrilled to share that our i3 Learning Community workshop series has officially launched. We kicked off the first of eight workshops on Friday, October 7 at the Animated MakerSpace at our San Jacinto Campus. The MakerSpace opened earlier this year, but this is by far the largest group to utilize the space. I can't describe how excited I am that we can provide our students with a space where they can tap into their creativity in a way that will positively impact their future careers.

I'm also excited to announce that our Administration of Justice Department is now offering a Crime Scene Investigation Certificate. The certificate is intended to prepare students for entry-level positions in the professional fields of crime scene investigation and forensic science.

I encourage you to read more of the inspiring Career Education stories on the three additional pages of this newsletter.

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## MSJC's i3 Learning Community: Invention and Inclusive Innovation

MSJC launched a pilot project on Oct. 7 that blends entrepreneurship, diversity and the college's innovative Animatronic Makerspace into a workshop series.

The Invention and Inclusive Innovation (i3) project will inspire students by helping them unlock new talent that transfers into real-world skills for their future careers.

The free eight-week workshop series is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays through Nov. 25 in the new Animatronic Makerspace at the San Jacinto Campus.

Students will work with their peers in small teams and receive personalized coaching from diverse faculty. Throughout the series, participants will be tasked with researching real-world problems, creating products that address the problems and, finally, deciding how to sell the products.

Students who take part in the workshop series will be introduced to a variety of software and machinery such as 3D printing, robotics, laser cutting, milling, tailoring and more.

Dr. Alexander Sterling, an English instructor at MSJC, is leading the project along with three additional MSJC instructors from several disciplines.

Sterling hopes the program will prepare students with transferable skills to support them in the future.

"No matter what you aim to do, we want to equip you with the skills needed to succeed," Sterling said.

Students from all majors and disciplines are invited to participate in the i3 pilot project. No prior experience is necessary. Those who are interested in participating are encouraged to fill out this Google [form](#).

For additional information about the i3 Initiative, contact [careereducation@msjc.edu](mailto:careereducation@msjc.edu) or (951) 639-5352.



## An Automotive Technology Career Fueled by Hobby

They say do what you love, and you will never work a day in your life. That is proving to be true for Mt San Jacinto College student Alexander Vest.

The San Jacinto resident is an Automotive Technology student at MSJC and is expected to graduate in 2023.

Vest is now a certified Master Automobile Technician. He works full-time at his father's auto repair shop, Diversified Automotive, in Murrieta while continuing to work towards his associate degree.

"My passion started in high school when my dad purchased a 2003 Hyundai Tiburon that was in need of a new motor," Vest said.

He took on the challenge of repairing the car, which sparked an interest in automotive repairs. Working on vehicles quickly became his weekend hobby as he found himself fixing family and friends' cars at his home.

When he enrolled at MSJC, he wasn't anticipating taking any Automotive Technology course. It wasn't until his second year that he became involved in the program.

This summer he passed all eight National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence exams, earning his Master Automobile Technician certification.

"I'm very lucky that I was able to turn my hobby into a full-time job," Vest said.

Once he graduates from MSJC, Vest said he would be interested in taking some business courses so he can learn more about management with the goal of eventually taking over the family's auto repair business.

## Welcome New Members to Career Education

The department would also like to congratulate and welcome the following new faculty and staff members:

New Career Education Faculty:

- Bob Bozonelos – Associate Instructor, Audio Production
- Daniel Babin – Instructor, Culinary Arts/Food Technology
- Samantha Sangsanoi – Instructor, Nursing
- Shawnte Tamasoalii – Associate Instructor, Teacher Education and Developmental Studies
- Stephen Hamrick – Instructor, Engineering

New Career Education Administrators and Classified Professionals:

- Daisy Wettstein, Special Program Assistant II, CalWORKS
- Patrick Dooley, Makerspace Specialist, San Jacinto Animakerspace

### Meet Corinna York



Corinna York is the new Director of Regional Employer Engagement for the Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium, hosted at Mt. San Jacinto College. She has a bachelor's degree in Human Services and a master's in Business Administration.

In her previous role, she was a Student Success Specialist for the SSSP and Student Equity and Achievement Program at Imperial Valley College. During her tenure at the University of Phoenix (UOPX), she held the Community Education Liaison and Workforce Solution Advisor's role. Previously, at Columbia College, she served as an Adjunct Business Professor Teaching Business Management Classes.

“I firmly believe that the more effectively we engage with our business community, the better opportunities our students will have. I look forward to working together to develop education solutions that best serve our students and our community,” York said.