



Provost's Corner by Joyce Johnson

Career Education Celebrates Resilient Graduates

Welcome to the Summer 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.

Congratulations to the class of 2022! Many of our graduates spent their entire time at MSJC overcoming the adversities brought on by the pandemic. I am thrilled that we were able to recognize this resilient class with our first in-person commencement in over two years.

As the academic year comes to an end, I would like to mention some Career Education highlights that have taken place over the last several months –

- All our Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) students who graduated this year are fully certified and fully employed. The pass rate for both three-hour certification exams is 100%.
- MSJC's Demetrius Arciero, an Eagle MakerSpace regular, took home 1st place at the 2022 Big Idea Pitch Challenge. Arciero's winning idea was to develop a bio-brick made from food scraps and other recyclables. He is currently working towards a degree in plant science.
- Our Adult Education department recognized 36 GED earners in a ceremony at our Menifee Valley Campus. Many of the students plan to transition into career certificate or associate degree programs at the college.

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 Hosts Music Morsel Project for Elementary School Students

Bob Bozonelos, a professor in the Music department at Mt. San Jacinto College, partnered with Freedom Crest Elementary School in Menifee to create the Music Morsel project.

The project provided students with an opportunity to interact with digital audio equipment and software using the MSJC Mobile Career Center.

The project allowed students to recreate music from popular animated films. They took turns using the digital audio equipment by rotating between several different stations where they were able to set up microphones, record and edit sounds, and create a final mix with Bozonelos.

Students were able to learn how to make sounds for films with the help of industry-standard equipment and their imaginations.

“The objectives of this project are to show students straightforward concepts on how the pros make sounds for films and how technology can be used to restore the past,” Bozonelos said.

Bozonelos said that he hopes to make this project available to both middle and high school students in the future.

This project was funded by a grant from the University of California, Riverside’s Gluck Foundation, and the Strong Workforce initiative.



TEDS Program Introduces Swivel Robots to Aid Virtual Learning

This semester the Teacher Education and Developmental Studies (TEDS) program introduced swivel robots to their classrooms.

Swivel robots are small, sophisticated robotic cameras equipped with microphones that spin in response to the teacher's voice. They also have a speaker, so college students on the other end can speak to the teacher and children.

The TEDS students can join a Zoom meeting that is being broadcasted through the swivel robots for those who are unable to observe the class in person due to the pandemic restrictions.

The Swivel robots are also capable of recording presentations and serve as a self-observation tool for the student teachers. They are used to supplement fieldwork experience for the students who were unable to participate in face-to-face observations for their practicum hours due to the pandemic.

Dr. Susie Valdez, who was instrumental in obtaining the robots for the TEDS program, said “The interactions provide a positive learning experience for MSJC students and allows them to complete their Capstone hours required for their certificate/degree program.”

The robots will offer excellent self-observation feedback for our TEDS students for years to come.

Career Education Highlights



MSJC Recognizes Nursing Graduates During Nurse Pinning Ceremony

Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) recognized 10 students earning their Associate of Science in Nursing degrees on Wednesday, May 25, during the first in-person nurse pinning ceremony in two years.

The smaller than usual cohort is a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which led the graduates to become a tight-knit group.

Armando Edpao of Wildomar was one of the two student speakers nominated by his peers.

“If heroes work in hospitals, then let me tell you for certain, heroes are made here at MSJC’s Nursing Program,” Edpao said to the attendees.

MSJC’s Nursing Program was named No. 1 in the Best of the Inland Empire 2021. The current National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) pass rate of recent associate degree graduates at MSJC is 92.86%.

Career Education Student Accepted to NASA Scholars Program

MSJC’s Computer Information Systems (CIS) student, Christian Salazar, was accepted to the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars program.

NCAS is for 2-year community college students seeking a STEM degree by offering unique experiences and missions where participants learn how to develop their talents, interests, and passion to become future STEM professionals.

Salazar said, “I’m excited to interact with other students accepted into the program as well as NASA Personnel within the program!”

He is expected to graduate in Spring 2023 and hopes to transfer to a University of California system school.



MSJC Holds Graduation Celebration for CalWORKs Students

The Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) CalWORKs program hosted a graduation celebration for its 2022 graduates.

The graduation celebration was the first in more than two years. Throughout the evening, attendees heard from four speakers, each of whom detailed vulnerable moments in their lives that led them to where they are today.

Rebecca Garcia, one of the CalWORKs graduates, reflected on how she went from being a domestic violence survivor to now a college graduate. The Lake Elsinore resident said she is going to continue to pursue a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. “I am finally living my dream,” Garcia said.



Anisia Kiur

Anisia Kiur graduated from Mt. San Jacinto College's Nursing Program in December 2021.

The Kenyan-born mom of two recalls having a passion for education for as long as she can remember and would walk more than 5 miles a day to go to school in her native country.

She immigrated to California by herself and decided to follow her dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. Kiur credits MSJC for being her support system when she did not have family nearby.

“A huge thank you to MSJC,” she said. “As a single mom with no family nearby, MSJC, especially CalWORKs, gave me the support I needed to succeed.”

Kiur just passed the NCLEX-RN exam and plans to complete her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Grand Canyon University but notes she will not stop there. She also plans to pursue a Master of Science in Nursing.



Meet Citlali Gonzales

Citlali Gonzales is the new Associate Dean of Counseling.

She takes a student-centered approach to her work as a professional who is dedicated to service, justice, and compassion for others.

She is the first in her family to graduate college and is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Education in Community College Leadership at California State University, Fullerton.

Citlali brings 15 years of experience in the educational pipeline working to create change for students, families, and communities who have been underserved. She has 10 years of both high school and community college counseling experience that have given her the skillset to see, hear, and value the experiences of those around her.

Citlali is a leader who values team diversity, welcomes data-informed innovation, and approaches life with a growth mindset.

