

**Career Services & Experiential Learning Department Newsletter****Welcome to  
Spring 2026!**

*Left to Right: Janice Mrkonjic, Nesha Hill, Terrance Green, Jasmine Port, and Corinna York at the IEDRC Regional Meeting.*

**Career Connections, Real-World Readiness,  
and Apprenticeship Opportunities**

As we reflect on Fall 2025 and Spring into 2026, Career Services and Experiential Learning extend heartfelt appreciation to our employer and community partners for their continued collaboration and commitment to student success. Your partnership has strengthened our ability to connect students to meaningful internships, apprenticeships, and employment opportunities that align with their academic pathways and career goals.

Together, we are building sustainable workforce pipelines and expanding access to experiential learning opportunities that prepare students to transition confidently from education to industry. Thank you for your investment in our students and for partnering with CSEL to create lasting impact.

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# Career Connections, Real-World Readiness, and Apprenticeship Opportunities

This spring, Career Services and Experiential Learning extends sincere appreciation to our employer and community partners for investing in our students' workforce readiness. Your collaboration continues to create meaningful opportunities that bridge classroom learning with real-world experience.

Through events such as Assessing Your Career Readiness and Workforce Wednesday, students strengthened essential employability skills, gained industry insight, and expanded their professional networks. We were especially proud to support our graduating nursing students with focused resume and interview preparation sessions, equipping them with the confidence and tools needed to secure employment as they transition into their careers.

**Thank you for partnering with us to build pathways that empower our students to succeed.**

## What We Offer:

- Career coaching and job search support
- Resume and LinkedIn reviews
- Professional development workshops
- Employer interview rooms
- Industry networking and recruitment events
- Hands-on training and research spaces
- Access to virtual and in-person career services

## Transforming Tuesdays & Thursdays

Come join us for these exciting employment-prep workshops! Polish your resume for your future career, gain confidence while interviewing, networking, and personal branding, or learn how to create a successful cover letter.

## Our Workshops

- Resume and Cover Letter
- Mastering the Interview
- Networking Workshop
- LinkedIn and Personal Branding Workshop
- Employment-Prep Workshops

Contact Rodnesha Hill at [rohill@msjc.edu](mailto:rohill@msjc.edu).



## Nesha is here to help!



[Register for workshops here](#)



# Upcoming Career Events - Spring 2026



## MSJC Administrative Justice & First Responders Advisory Meeting

March 10, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Menifee Valley Campus | 28237 La Piedra Road, Menifee, CA

Join industry experts in Administration of Justice and First Responders to discuss workforce alignment, skill development, program improvement, and collaborative opportunities that support student success and career pathways.



## Women's Day Event in Collaboration with Student Government Association

March 12, 2026

11:00 AM - 1:00 AM | Menifee Valley Campus | Rm. 927

Join industry experts in Administration of Justice and First Responders to discuss workforce alignment, skill development, program improvement, and collaborative opportunities that support student success and career pathways.



## Spring 2026 Job and Resource Fair

April 9, 2026 | 10:00AM - 1:00PM | Menifee Valley Campus

282837 La Piedra Road, Menifee CA 92584

The Spring 2026 Job and Resource Fair connected students with employer and community partners for networking, internships, and employment opportunities. The event strengthened workforce pathways and reinforced our commitment to preparing students for career success. We appreciate our partners for investing in our students' futures.

## Career Events - Spring 2026



### Employer Appreciation Luncheon February 2026

The 2nd Annual Employer Appreciation Luncheon, hosted by Career Services & Experiential Learning in partnership with the Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium, celebrates the employers and partners who support student success and workforce development. Held at Oak Mountain Winery, the event honors industry leaders who create meaningful internship, apprenticeship, and employment opportunities for MSJC students.



### Welcome CSEL Celebration! April 22, 2026 | 9 AM - 12 PM Menifee Valley Campus | Bldg 700

The Welcome CSEL Celebration invites students, faculty, and community members to formally introduce and celebrate the Career Services & Experiential Learning Department. This event brings the campus together to highlight workforce readiness initiatives, strengthen partnerships, and expand access to career and experiential learning opportunities.

# Upcoming Career Events - Spring 2026



## Early Childhood Professional Event Series in Collaboration with the TEDS Department

April 8, 2026 through April 29, 2026 | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Online Learning | Zoom

The Early Childhood Professional Event Series, in collaboration with the TEDS Department, will provide students with weekly sessions highlighting diverse career pathways within the field. Each session will connect students with faculty and industry employers, offering insight into professional roles, workforce expectations, and opportunities for career growth.



## Career Readiness: Employability Skills Workshops in Partnership with the Umoja Department

March 2026 | Various Dates & Times

Umoja Village | MVC & SJC

Join us for an interactive workshop designed to prepare you for the workforce. Strengthen your resume and cover letter writing skills, refine your interview techniques, and gain practical strategies to confidently present your experience and qualifications to employers.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Health and Wellness Job Fair

May 6, 2026 | 11:00AM - 1:30PM | Menifee Valley Campus

Registration opens March 2026!

Join us for the upcoming Health and Wellness Job Fair and connect with employers who are actively recruiting in healthcare and related fields. Register today to explore career opportunities, network with industry professionals, and take the next step toward securing internships and employment in the health and wellness sector..

# Career Services & Classroom Support

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Mt. San Jacinto College | Experiential Learning

## Handshake



Get started at [msjc.joinhandshake.com/login](https://msjc.joinhandshake.com/login)

## Handshake is here!

Students can now access job postings, internships, and events in one central place.

**Website: [msjc.joinhandshake.com](https://msjc.joinhandshake.com)**

### Available Support Services

Schedule 1:1 appointments or request class presentations on:

- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- LinkedIn & Personal Branding
- Interviewing Skills
- Job Search Strategies

## Spring 2026 Job Fair and Resource Fair

**April 9, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Join us this April on campus to connect with employers hiring for apprenticeships, internships, and job opportunities. Build your network and apply—all in one place!

**Watch your email for updates and registration instructions.**

### Handshake Highlights & Tips

- Keep your Handshake profile updated and visible to employers
- Apply early and tailor each resume
- Attend job fairs and employer sessions prepared
- Dress professionally for potential job opportunities
- Use Handshake resources to build your confidence and skills!



## Handshake



# Automotive Apprenticeship

## Drive Your Future Forward with Our Automotive Apprenticeship Program!

Are you passionate about cars, engines, and hands-on learning? Our Automotive Apprenticeship Program is your fast lane to a rewarding career in the automotive industry!



This program offers students the unique opportunity to earn while they learn, combining classroom instruction with real-world, paid work experience at local automotive shops and dealerships. You'll gain the technical skills, certifications, and industry connections needed to launch a successful career as an automotive technician.

### Why choose the Automotive Apprenticeship Program?

- Hands-on experience with modern automotive technology
- Industry-aligned curriculum taught by experienced instructors
- Direct pathway to employment with local partners

Whether you're just starting out or looking to upskill, this program is designed to put you in the driver's seat of your future.

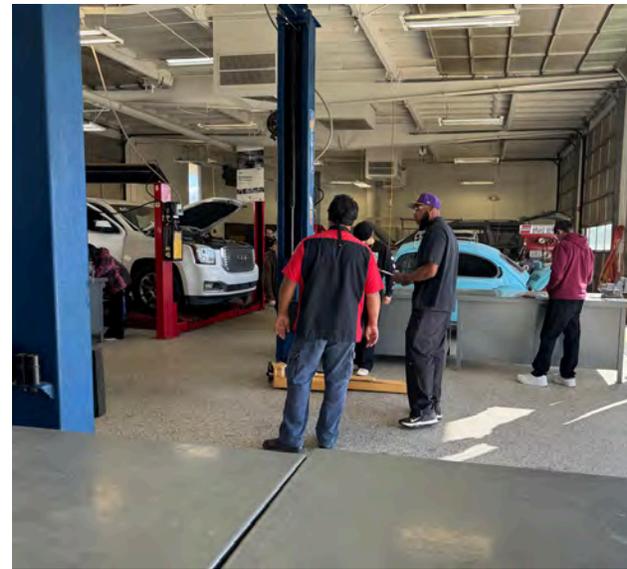
### Want to Learn More?

If you're interested in joining the Automotive Apprenticeship Program or have questions about our other apprenticeship opportunities, **contact the Career Services Office, MVC Building 900, Room 929, Email [CSEL@msjc.edu](mailto:CSEL@msjc.edu) or visit our [Apprenticeship Program](#) page on the MSJC Career Education website.**

Let's build your future—together!

### IT Apprenticeship Program Update

**Please note:** The Information Technology Apprenticeship Program will be on hold for the Spring 2026 semester as we work to enhance the curriculum and expand employer partnerships. We appreciate your patience and look forward to welcoming our next cohort of students in Fall 2026 with a stronger, more dynamic program.



# Automotive Apprenticeship Student Testimonial

## Samuel Garcia

Samuel Garcia is one of the many students gaining valuable industry experience through Mt. San Jacinto College's Automotive Apprenticeship Program. By combining classroom learning with hands-on training in real automotive workplaces, the program helps students develop both the technical knowledge and professional skills needed to succeed in today's workforce.

Through mentorship, practical training, and career preparation, students like Samuel are able to turn their passion for automotive technology into real career opportunities.



*“During my time in the apprenticeship program at MSJC, I gained valuable hands-on experience and professional development that prepared me for a successful career in the automotive industry.*

*The program played a significant role in my growth by covering real world applications and consistently providing job opportunities, allowing me to focus fully on learning and building real-world experience.*

*Through this apprenticeship, I was able to expand my technical knowledge while actively placing myself within the industry. Working alongside master mechanics helped me apply classroom concepts in practical settings and better understand workplace standards and expectations. Beyond technical skills, the program also supported my professional growth by helping me develop essential soft skills including interviewing techniques and resume writing.*

*Overall, the apprenticeship program was an instrumental part of my education and career preparation. It not only strengthened my mechanical knowledge but also gave me the experience, and professional skills needed to take meaningful steps into the workforce. I am grateful for the opportunities and support of the program provided throughout my time in school.”*

Programs like the Automotive Apprenticeship demonstrate the power of experiential learning at MSJC. By connecting students with industry professionals and real job opportunities, the program helps bridge the gap between education and employment. Samuel's experience highlights how apprenticeships can build confidence, strengthen technical skills, and prepare students to step directly into meaningful careers in the automotive industry.

# Automotive Technology Apprenticeship Program

## Employer Partnerships



Automotive Instructor Robert Pensiero driving the custom MSJC Prius built by the AUME department. This vehicle is used to show the internal workings of a hybrid vehicle for instruction and diagnostics.

## Partner with MSJC!

Struggling to recruit and hire skilled employees? Apprenticeships may be the solution!

Apprenticeships are structured on-the-job training programs. They are agreements between employers and skilled workers to “earn while learning.” They include related coursework, typically certificate, diploma, or degree programs at Mt. San Jacinto College.

Current MSJC students make great apprenticeship candidates because they have demonstrated interest in their fields and the drive to succeed.

## What Your Business Needs to Know About Apprenticeships:

- Apprenticeships are pipelines of ready-to-work talent.
- Require a minimum of one year of OTJ training or 2,000 hours.
- No employer fees attached to register.
- Automatic acceptance into the program.
- Free college to upskill current employees.
- Potential tax credit for employers who hire apprentices.



## An apprenticeship, not an internship.

- Internships are short-term
  - May be paid or unpaid, and MIGHT lead to a job.
- Apprenticeships ALWAYS include paid work
  - PLUS related coursework
  - AND last at least one year
  - Produces a highly-skilled workforce.

## For more information

Visit our website:  
[www.msjc.edu/apprenticeships](http://www.msjc.edu/apprenticeships)  
Contact Terrance Green:  
[Tgreen@msjc.edu](mailto:Tgreen@msjc.edu)  
(951)639-5437

Interest Form



# Important Reminders and Thank You!

## Check your email weekly!

Career Services sends event invites, employer spotlights, and job opportunities directly to your inbox. Don't miss out!



Assessing Your Career Readiness Event: HCN Bank, Cope Health Solutions, Vector Marketing, Team Logic IT, Cal Coast Credit Union, & Center for Autism & Related Disorders



Assessing Your Career Readiness Event in Collaboration with ENG-C-1000: Cal Coast Credit Union and Eastern Municipal Water District.

## Faculty: Let's Partner!

Want to bring a guest speaker, host a career panel, or integrate career readiness into your class? Let us know, custom classroom support is available!



Nicholas C. Garcia, DNP, RN., Faculty

## Thank You, Faculty!

We extend our sincere appreciation to our faculty champions in Nursing, English, the BTE pathway, STEM pathway, and TEDS for your continued partnership with the Career Services and Experiential Learning department.

Your collaboration strengthens classroom-to-career connections and creates meaningful opportunities for students to engage in internships, experiential learning, and workforce preparation. Thank you for your commitment to student success and for integrating career readiness into the academic experience.



Stay tuned to learn more about  
Apprenticeship Programs!

## Connect with Us

Website: [www.msjc.edu/careerservices](http://www.msjc.edu/careerservices)

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LinkedIn: [MSJC Career Education](https://www.linkedin.com/company/msjc-career-education)



## Locations

Menifee Valley Campus - Room 707

Temecula Valley Campus - Virtual Only

San Jacinto Campus - Virtual Only