



MSJC Eagles Rise

2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

MSJC by the Numbers

2018-2019 Academic Year

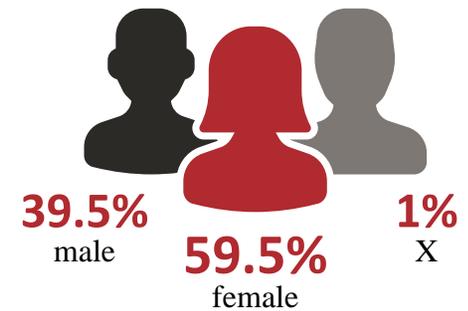
College Statistics

- **Enrollment:** 27,000+
- **Full-Time Students:** 35%
- **Part-Time Students:** 65%
- **Graduates:** 1,723
- **Degrees:** 2,976 *
- **Certificates:** 362 *
- **Students Who Transfer to a 4-year University:** 2,000
- **Associate Degrees Offered:** 89
- **Certificate Programs Offered:** 32
- **Economic Impact:** \$500 million annually
- **Size of District:** 1,700 square miles

* Some students earned more than one degree, certificate or combination of both

Student Demographics

Gender Breakdown



796
number of
student-veterans



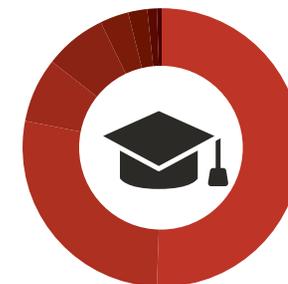
342
number of
athletes

Ethnicity Breakdown



50.9% Hispanic
27.6% White
7.5% Multiple Races
7.2% African American
3.4% Filipino
2.2% Asian
1% Unknown
0.5% Native American

Age Breakdown



7.3% Under 18
28.1% 18-19
36.5% 20-24
14.6% 25-29
7.6% 30-34
5.1% 35-39
5.5% 40-49
2.5% 50-59
0.8% 60-69
0.2% 70+

About MSJC

The Mt. San Jacinto Community College District was formed in 1960 by a vote of the citizens in Banning, Beaumont, Hemet and San Jacinto. The first students attended MSJC in Fall 1963. The San Jacinto Campus opened on former farmland in 1965. The Temecula, Lake Elsinore, Perris and adjacent areas voted in 1975 to join the district, increasing the college's area to the present 1,700 square miles. MSJC serves students on four sites in Menifee, San Jacinto, Temecula and the San Geronio Pass. A Temecula Valley Campus is scheduled to open in Fall 2020.



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Mission Statement

Mt. San Jacinto College offers quality, accessible, equitable and innovative educational programs and services to students aspiring to achieve their academic, career and personal development goals.

We provide students a safe environment in which to pursue basic skills, career and general education pathways. Our programs lead to transfer, associate degrees and certificates, which meet workforce development needs in our diverse communities.

Our commitment to learning and achievement empowers students to enrich our communities and participate meaningfully in today's complex world.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on January 19, 2017

2019 Annual Report Message from the

College Superintendent/President & Foundation Board President

The Mt. San Jacinto Community College District and MSJC Foundation continue to take great strides in making the college more accessible than ever for our students and prospective students.

In June, the MSJC Board of Trustees proudly announced that first-time, full-time students would be able to attend MSJC tuition free beginning in Fall 2019. Hundreds of new students meeting all of the criteria of the MSJC Promise program took advantage of the exciting opportunity to join us at MSJC and pursue their academic goals to improve their lives.

Providing that free tuition for new college students is a wonderful accomplishment for us as we seek new avenues through which we can help our region's residents seek a higher educational opportunity and achieve academic success. We know how important a quality college education is to improving one's quality of life and career success.

We as a district and foundation also know that tuition is but one financial barrier that prevents students from succeeding. That's why we will continue to collaborate with our alumni, community members, businesses and other organizations to create new MSJC Foundation programs and mechanisms that can provide our students with grants, vouchers and other help with textbooks and supplies, food, clothing and essential hygienic items.

We hope you'll join us in supporting these worthy causes to benefit students in need.

MSJC enjoyed much success in 2018-2019, culminating in our two May 23 Commencement ceremonies that celebrated a record-breaking amount of graduates and degrees/certificates at the Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula.

As we move forward, we will continue to share great accomplishments with our community, including the transformation of our new building in Temecula into the first permanent campus of higher education for that area of our district.

We've accomplished much over the past year – as you'll read in this annual report – and have plans for many more accomplishments. We hope you'll join us in celebrating them and help us in exceeding them, whether through personal donations, volunteer hours or advocacy on our behalf.

We appreciate anything you can provide to help us accomplish our vision of *Transforming Learners. Transforming Communities. Transforming Lives.*

Together, we can continue to help countless students Transform Their Lives.

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College Achievements



College Launches Tuition-Free MSJC Promise Program

Mt. San Jacinto College launched the MSJC Promise program that provides free tuition to first-time, full-time students.

“We know that tuition can be a major financial barrier that prevents people from attending college,” said **Dr. Roger W. Schultz**, Superintendent/President. “The MSJC Promise will remove that obstacle for incoming students who qualify. We urge students to take advantage of this great program to earn a high-quality college education tuition free at MSJC.”

Those interested in the MSJC Promise program and enrolling at MSJC can learn more at www.msjc.edu/free.

MSJC Featured on Best Online Colleges List

The Community for Accredited Online Schools recognized MSJC as one of the best online colleges in California.

MSJC ranked No. 8 on the list the San Francisco-based organization released in Fall 2018. The group provides resources for parents and students looking to make their college choices.





Registered Nursing Program Ranked No. 7 in California

Mt. San Jacinto College's Registered Nursing program ranked No. 7 out of 160 programs in California for best-value RN programs, according to Nursing Explorer. The nursing education and career resource center considers a college's National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rate and the net price of attendance for a student who receives the average amount of financial aid.



Tops for the 10th Time

MSJC was named the No. 1 college for the 10th year in The Press-Enterprise's Best of the Inland Empire Awards. MSJC ranked above all other colleges and universities in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.



MSJC, Murrieta Valley Unified Partner to Offer Classes

Mt. San Jacinto College and Murrieta Valley Unified School District have partnered for the college to use eight classrooms at Murrieta Valley High School to offer MVUSD high school students college courses over the next three years.

Career and Job Fair Held at Menifee Valley Campus

Nearly 100 employers and more than two dozen colleges and universities attended Mt. San Jacinto College's Career and Job Fair on April 12, at its Menifee Valley Campus. The event featured employers from various industries such as banking, casinos, childcare, county/city, education, food industry, fitness, healthcare, insurance, law enforcement, logistics, retail, radio, solar, utilities and wineries.



State Provides \$500,000 Grant for Online Certificate Programs

Mt. San Jacinto College has received a \$500,000 state grant to help the college develop and improve online Career Education programs that lead to short-term, industry-valued certificates in Computer Information Systems.

MSJC Teams With Universities to Transfer Nursing Graduates

During the 2018-2019 academic year, MSJC signed two agreements to help the college's nursing graduates transfer to four-year universities.

MSJC, Loma Linda University (LLU) School of Nursing, LLU Medical Center-Murrieta, and the City of Menifee in October 2018 announced a partnership that led the LLU School of Nursing to sign its first transfer agreement with a public college.

MSJC in March 2019 signed an articulation agreement with Ohio University's College of Health Sciences and Professions – the university's first such agreement in Southern California.



MSJC Rolls Out Mobile Career Center

The MSJC Mobile Career Center, launched in February 2019, is equipped with state-of-the-art technology that allows the college to provide career and employment outreach services to all of our Riverside County communities.

Featuring 14 computer stations and an interview station, the Mobile Career Center visits schools and job fairs, participates in community parades, and provides workforce training, job search and employment soft skills preparation, and resume writing.

College officials also collaborate with local agencies to attend various regional conferences, meetings and trade shows.



Eagle MakerSpace at MVC Enjoys Early Success

The Eagle MakerSpace, which opened at the Menifee Valley Campus in Fall 2018, is a student community center that features 18 3D printers, biotech cell culture lab, a laser engraver, laser scanner and hand tools.

Created with Strong Workforce Funding, the MakerSpace has become very popular among students, staff and faculty, MakerSpace Specialist **Hal Edghill** said.

“We’ve developed a nice community in here,” Edghill said of the Eagle MakerSpace. “Students interact, they assist each other, they volunteer. It’s just become a great space of organic interaction.”



Student Success



Four Eagles Named to 2019 PTK All-California Community College Academic Team

The Community College League of California in March 2019 honored students who made annual Phi Theta Kappa All-California Team at an awards ceremony held in Sacramento.

Four MSJC students were awarded rankings on the list, which is comprised of three teams. **Sara Runion** was named to the second team. **Omar Boudiaf**, **Chigozirim Chinedu** and **Justin Perkins** made the third team.

The American Association of Community Colleges recognizes Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for community colleges.



Former MSJC Student Earns National Honor

Former MSJC honors student **Jessica McMeans** of Romoland was named one of only four 2018 Portz Scholars by the National Collegiate Honors Council. McMeans won for her paper “The Birth of Venus: Reconsidering the Origins and Meanings of the Venus Figurines.”

McMeans transferred from MSJC in 2018 to UC Riverside to study anthropology. She is the first MSJC student to be named a Portz Scholar.



Student Government Association President Stays Involved

Business administration major **Aaron Perez** made the most of his time at MSJC by signing up for several clubs, providing more than 200 sessions as a tutor over two semesters, and serving as the Student Government Association (SGA) President.

The Temecula resident became a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Music Production Club, and founded the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Club in Temecula.

After graduating in May, Perez headed off to Cal State Fullerton to major in business administration. He hopes to land an internship in Major League Baseball (MLB) and eventually work on a high-ranking position in the league, perhaps even owning a professional team.



San Jacinto Mother of Two Overcomes Homelessness, Returns to Graduate

Shelby Walker, her husband and their two children were homeless just a few years ago.

The San Jacinto resident was tired of relying on government aid and realized something needed to change.

“So I decided to come back to school and I’m now graduating from MSJC after only two years and was accepted to everywhere I applied,” said Walker, a Communications major who next plans to get her bachelor’s and master’s degrees and hopes to teach someday. “Words cannot express how I’m feeling. I am so excited and cannot wait to move my tassel when I cross that stage.”

On May 23, Walker joined the largest graduating class in Mt. San Jacinto College history. She was one of four graduates who served as student speakers at the two commencement ceremonies held at Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula.



Record Graduation Celebrated

Mt. San Jacinto College celebrated its largest graduating class in May 2019, awarding a record-breaking 3,338 degrees and certificates to 1,723 graduates. That's nearly 800 more degrees and certificates than in 2018. The graduates earned a total of 2,976 associate degrees and 362 career certificates, as some students earn more than one degree, certificate or a combination.

The number of graduates bested the previous year's total by about 200. The large increases are attributed to a concerted MSJC outreach effort to alert students when they're eligible to graduate.

This was the first year the college hosted two ceremonies in order to accommodate the growing number of graduates and their guests. It was the second year Pechanga hosted commencement.



1,723
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362
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MSJC Celebrates 46 Nurse Graduates during Pinning Ceremony

Forty-six Mt. San Jacinto College students earning their Associate of Science in Nursing degrees were recognized on May 20 during a nurse pinning ceremony in a gymnasium full of family and friends on the San Jacinto Campus.

Getting a job in the field of study is one of the reasons MSJC's Allied Health & Nursing Program earned a Silver Star award from the California Community College Chancellor's Office.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) Graduates Recognized

Mt. San Jacinto College celebrated eight graduates who completed the Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) Program this year, earning their associate degrees. The graduates were recognized during a Pinning Ceremony on May 22.





First Construction Class Completion

More than 20 students celebrated the completion of Mt. San Jacinto College's first Introduction to Construction class in a ceremony on Saturday, May 4. The City of Temecula and the Carpenters Union sponsored the 11-week course.



EOPS Students Celebrate

MSJC Extended Opportunities Programs & Services (EOPS) held a Recognition Ceremony on April 26 for students who completed the program this year. EOPS is designed to recruit and retain students who are economically, socially and educationally disadvantaged by providing them with the tools and resources to help them achieve their educational goals.



100 Students Earn GED

More than 100 students earned their General Education Diploma (GED) through the MSJC Adult Education Program this year and about 30 of them celebrated the accomplishment in a recognition ceremony on Thursday, May 16, at the college's Menifee Valley Campus.



Student Veterans Honored

The Veteran Resource Centers celebrated their 82 student-veterans' graduation with a "Mission Accomplished" celebratory dinner on May 16, at the Menifee Valley Campus. About three dozen of the student-veterans attended the event. About half of the student-veteran graduates served in the Marine Corps. Another 19 served in the Army and 16 served in the Navy. MSJC earned both the "Military Friendly" and "Military Friendly Spouse School" designations in Spring 2019.

Athletics



Top 5 MSJC Sports Stories of 2018-19



Women's Volleyball

The MSJC Volleyball team won a program-record 22 matches in Fall 2018 and finished second in the conference. They also reached the CCCAA playoffs for just the second time in program history and earned the team's first-ever postseason victory when they beat Santa Monica in the opening round of the Southern California Regional. **Lauryn Patterson, Ruby Ruiz and Cynthia Arango** were named First Team All-Conference. Six volleyball players earned scholarships to go on to the four-year level in 2019.



Women's Basketball

The MSJC Women's Basketball team won their second straight Pacific Coast Athletic Conference championship this past season while advancing to the CCCAA Southern California Regional Finals with a record of 24-7. **Alyssa Walton** was named the PCAC Player of the Year and earned Second Team All-State honors. The team has a record of 189-32 over the past seven seasons.



Men's Basketball

David Thompson of the Men's Basketball team was named Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year and First Team All-State. He also signed a scholarship to play at Santa Clara University. The men's team finished the season 22-6 and reached the playoffs for the 11th straight season.



Football

The MSJC Football team went 7-3 in 2018, finishing third in the American Mountain Conference. Quarterback **Brett Virgil** was named both First Team All-Conference and All Region IV.



Baseball

Baseball Coach **Steve Alonzo** retired from his coaching position after 32 years in charge of the club. Alonzo was honored on April 26, 2019, prior to the team's final home game by Dean of Kinesiology and Athletics **Patrick Springer** and Vice President of Student Services **Dr. John Colson**. Alonzo retires with 590 wins in his career at MSJC.

Student Life



Food 4 Thought Helps Students

About one in five students sit in their classrooms hungry, so MSJC created the Food 4 Thought Pop-Up Pantry to tackle food insecurity. The food pantry appears twice monthly at the Menifee Valley and San Jacinto campuses, providing free food and other items to hundreds of students each time. The MSJC Foundation and the college have teamed to create the Pledge for Success program to provide additional assistance to students in need, including additional food options.



Halloween Face Painting

Students from the Theatrical Makeup class painted faces of children from the MSJC Child Development and Education Center.



Dia de los Muertos

A Dia de los Muertos event celebrated the Day of the Dead on Nov. 1 at the Menifee Valley Campus.



MSJC Holds Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, MSJC hosted Denim Day & the Clothesline Project on April 24 and 25 at the Menifee Valley and San Jacinto campuses. The MSJC Diversity Committee organized the two-pronged event that encouraged students, faculty and staff to wear denim and to paint a T-shirt sharing an important message to support sexual assault survivors. The Menifee Valley Campus then hosted a Sexual Assault Awareness Rally & Take Back the Night Vigil on the evening of April 25.



Rows of Backpacks Highlight Suicide Prevention Awareness

The Active Minds club on April 23 hosted a Send Silence Packing event at the Menifee Valley Campus.

Send Silence Packing is a nationally recognized traveling exhibition of donated backpacks representing college students lost to suicide each year. The program is designed to raise awareness about the incidence and impact of suicide, connect students to needed mental health resources, and inspire action for suicide prevention.

Students Live ‘Homeless for a Night’

About two dozen MSJC Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society students slept in their cars to live “Homeless for a Night” at the Menifee Valley Campus in November 2018.



During the event, they heard presentations from the city of Menifee’s Homelessness Task Force and from the Social Work Action Group, which helps homeless people get off the streets. They also watched “The Home Stretch,” a documentary film on homeless Chicago students.



MSJC Hosted Veterans Day Events

Veterans Day events featured a campus barbeque and a community-supported Veterans Resource Fair. MSJC honored those who have served at the public celebration. Speakers included **Anita Jennifer Jones** and Marine Corps veteran **Sarah Rudder**, five-time gold medalist at the Invictus Games.

MSJC Shows Support for DACA Students

For Undocumented Student Action Week, students, staff, faculty and visitors were invited to write encouraging messages on paper butterflies at the Meniffee Valley and San Jacinto campuses.





Student-Veteran Scholarships Benefit from Motorcycle Run

MSJC held its Motorcycle Run for Veterans breakfast and 91-mile scenic ride that began Oct. 27 at the Menifee Valley Campus and ended at the San Jacinto Campus. The proceeds benefit student-veteran scholarships. The 2018 event was held in memory of Dean **Tom Spillman**.





‘Parade’ Garners 4 Inland Theatre League Awards

The musical “Parade” earned four Inland Theatre League Awards at an April ceremony at the Corona Civic Center. **Allen Everman**, **Desmond Clark** and **Kelsie Piini** received awards for their acting. **Shezwae Powell**, the Department Chair of Theater Arts, earned a directing award.

Pianist Daniel del Pino featured in MSJC Orchestra

The MSJC Orchestra presented its Spring Concert featuring guest artist Daniel del Pino, a pianist who has performed worldwide, including at Carnegie Hall. The concert also featured works by **MSJC composers** and was conducted by **Dr. Vanessa Sheldon**.



Student Artwork Featured in 'FLY!' Exhibit

MSJC hosted "FLY!" – its annual student art show – in late April 2019 at the Art Gallery on the San Jacinto Campus. An awards reception honored several students and their artwork.



Advanced Photography Pieces Highlighted in Gallery Show

The MSJC Photography Department presented a free gallery exhibit showcasing Advanced Student Photography in May 2019 at the Menifee Valley Campus.



Community



MLK Remembered

About 150 people attended the 13th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast at Mt. San Jacinto College to observe and honor the reverend's birthday. The event in the college's Milo Johnson Library on the San Jacinto Campus focused on "Resistance to Racism and Intolerance."



Jackson Bird

A nationally-recognized Trans advocate and TED resident, **Jackson Bird**, spoke at the Menifee Valley Campus on Nov. 5. Bird, a well-known YouTuber, has been recognized as a 2018 GLAAD Rising Star Digital Innovator and is perhaps best known for his Ted Talk, "How to talk (and listen) to transgender people."



Black History Month

About 100 students and community members attended Mt. San Jacinto College's Black History Month event on Feb. 28 on the San Jacinto Campus, featuring African dancing and drumming.



Letting Others In

The San Jacinto Campus hosted "Letting Others In: A Celebration of LGBTQ+ Art and Culture" on Oct. 10 and the Menifee Valley Campus hosted a "Coming Out Forum" on Oct. 8 to raise awareness for and support the LGBTQ+ community.



Student-Athletes Shine at MSJC Special Olympics Event

MSJC hosted the 2019 Special Olympics BYBS School Games on April 16, at its San Jacinto Campus.

More than 330 Special Olympics athletes from elementary, middle and high schools in the Banning, Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint, Beaumont and San Jacinto (BYBS) unified school districts competed.

They participated in 14 track and field events, including standing long jump, relays, tennis ball throw, and 50M wheelchair race, and Unified Team Bocce, at MSJC's Carl Quandt Stadium.



STEM Conference Inspires Eighth-Graders at SJC

The 19th annual STEM Conference held in January at MSJC helped inspire eighth-grade girls to seek STEM careers. The annual American Association of University Women San Gorgonio Pass Group, Redlands Branch STEM Conference was held at the San Jacinto Campus. **Amber Price**, MFA documentary filmmaker and motivational speaker, served as the keynote.

Child Development Celebrates Day of the Young Child

The MSJC Child Development and Education Center hosted a Day of the Young Child Celebration April 6 in the quad area at the San Jacinto Campus.

The annual free event celebrates young children (up to age 8), their families, early childhood educators and the community.

“The purpose is to bring attention to the community about the needs of young children and families,” said **Nancy Alvarado**, MSJC Child Development and Education Center Site Supervisor. “It is also to recognize the early childhood programs and services available to meet the needs of the whole family.”

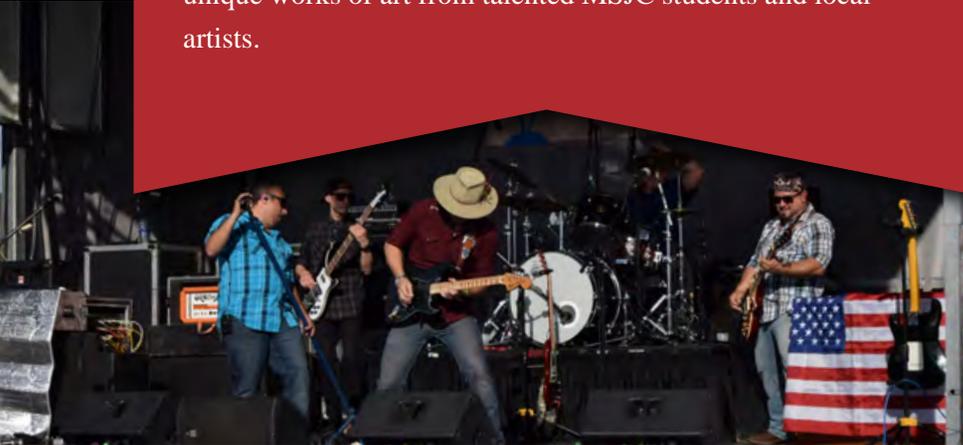
Hundreds Attend Health Occupations Discovery Camp

More than 200 high school students worked with 60 MSJC nursing students in hands-on workshops that showcased careers in nursing and allied health at the third annual Health Occupations Discovery Camp on Jan. 9 and 10 at the Menifee Valley Campus. The event was organized by MSJC Nursing and Allied Health and the Inland Health Professions Coalition-Reach Out.



Menifee Music & Arts Festival

The Menifee Music & Arts Festival rocked on March 30 at the Menifee Valley Campus. The free event featured headliner **Thompson Square**, many local music acts, and beautiful and unique works of art from talented MSJC students and local artists.



Future of Work

MSJC's future Temecula Valley Campus hosted the Future of Work summit from the Economic Development Coalition Southwest California. The summit focused on the first phase of the coalition's Regional Strategic Plan with guest speaker

Nancy Giordano — Strategic Futurist and Founder/CEO of Play Big Inc. The plan addresses the region's workforce and how the region will meet the demands of our future.



CARE Holiday

More than 27 single mothers and single fathers from low-income families received gifts for their children during a holiday celebration on Dec. 15. The MSJC Cooperative Agencies Recourses for Education (CARE) program hosted the event.

Staff & Faculty Highlights



Faculty Association Awards 2019 Honor to Dr. Barraza

The Faculty Association of California Community College in February awarded **Dr. Bertha Barraza** the 2019 Full-Time Faculty of the Year Award. The award is presented to an outstanding full-time faculty member whose leadership at the campus or district level benefits faculty. Dr. Barraza actively promotes policy and advocates for programs and services that are in the best interests of students and faculty at Mt. San Jacinto College. She was recognized at the Advocacy & Policy Conference on March 3 in Sacramento.

New York City Art Exhibit Spotlights Professor Knuth

MSJC Art Professor and SJC Art Gallery Curator **John Knuth** held his first solo exhibit in New York City in June 2019. “The Origin of the New World” exhibit at Hollis Taggart featured Knuth’s fly paintings created from fly regurgitation.

“The fly paintings are a microcosm of the real world,” Knuth said. “If you take a million people and confine them to a tight space, something magical and transcendent happens. That’s New York City. That’s also what’s happening on the canvas.”

Each time a fly lands, they spit out an enzyme that allows them to liquefy their food so it can be consumed. To create his paintings, Knuth constructs cages lined with canvas and then releases hundreds of houseflies. Fed a mixture of acrylic paint and sugar water, the flies produce hundreds of thousands of colored specks on the canvas.

In addition to the paintings, Knuth also debuted a three-dimensional globe format for his fly works that he created during the three-week show.



“With the globes, I wanted to bring a new format to the approach and dialogue with which I’m engaging,” he said. “In this case, it’s very literal. We are irreparably changing the earth. With every shining, gleaming new structure we erect, we are changing the climate, the environment, the landscape.”

Knuth’s artwork has been featured in exhibits worldwide.



Temecula Valley Wine Society Presents Scholarships to Professors

Professors **Karen Cranney** and **Greg Pennyroyal** on Jan. 14 accepted two scholarships from the Temecula Valley Wine Society worth \$3,000 for students in MSJC’s Wine Industry and Hospitality program.

‘Myths & Mythology’ Lecture Series Features MSJC Faculty

MSJC professors teamed with the Western Science Center in Hemet for the Spring 2019 Lecture Series.

History Professor **Herbert Alarcon** focused on “Greco-Roman Mythology: Two Sides of the Same Coin.”

History Professor **Morgan Hoodenpyle** discussed “Film Mythology.”

History Instructor **Christina Yamanaka** lectured on “From Early Origins to the Rise of the Modern State: The Role of Shinto in Japanese Society.”

And Anthropology Professor **John Torres** spoke about “The Navajo Hero Twins: Fighting Monsters Then and Now.”

MSJC Honors Employees at Recognition Event

MSJC honored dozens of employees for their years of service and celebrated its latest retirees at the Employee Recognition and Awards Reception in May.

In addition, the college gave out special recognition awards:

- Associate Faculty of the Year for SJC/SGP **Mick Gronek**
- Associate Faculty of the Year for MVC/THEC - **Cara Tan**
- Full-time Faculty of the Year for SJC/SGP **Ron Newman**
- Full-time Faculty MVC/THEC - **Miranda Angeles**
- Classified Professional of the Year for SJC/SGP **Paula Moua**
- Classified Professional of the Year for MVC/THEC - **Christopher Kiser**
- Colleague of the Year - **Carrie Tate-Meyer**
- Administrator of the Year - **Mary Lou Dillard**



Measure AA Projects

Measure AA, the \$295 million facilities construction bond voters in the Mt. San Jacinto Community College District supported in 2014, has enabled MSJC to make much-needed upgrades to aging facilities and add important building projects to its campuses.

Among the new projects that came to fruition over the past year are the Science Village at the Menifee Valley Campus that provides students and faculty with additional classroom space for science and technology courses; a digital media studio in the 3000 Building; a new digital marquee visible from Interstate 15 in Menifee; and shade structures.

Future projects include the Temecula Valley Campus, which is expected to open in Fall 2020; a Student Center and Stadium at the Menifee Valley Campus; and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) buildings at the San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses.





Excellent Bond Rating

Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's upgraded the college district's general obligation rating. Moody's upgraded the rating to Aa1 and S&P upgraded it to AA.

"These excellent ratings show the fiscal stability of the district and should provide the public with additional evidence that they can be confident we remain responsible fiscal stewards of public funds," said Dr. Roger Schultz, superintendent/president.

The upgraded rating means high quality and ensures the district receives better interest rates, saving taxpayer dollars.

MSJC Receives State Funding for Two STEM Projects

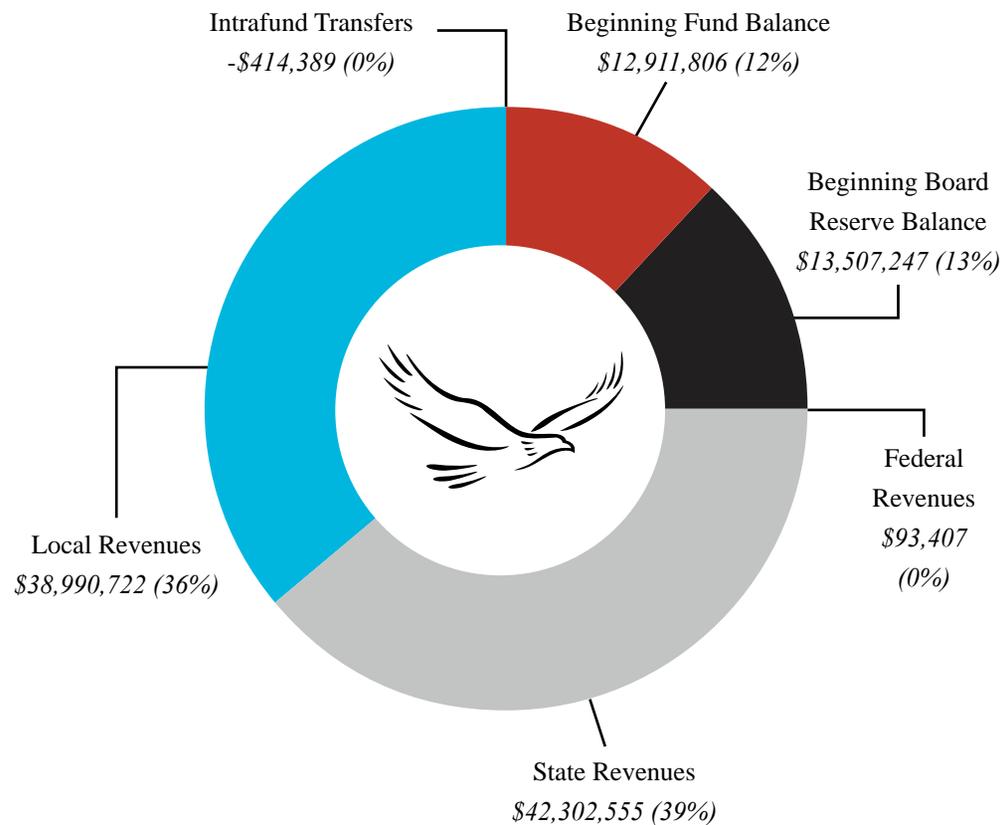
Mt. San Jacinto College has received funding from the California state budget for two high-priority science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) building projects for its San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses.

The funding comes from Prop. 51, which California voters approved in November 2016 to authorize the state to sell \$2 billion in general obligation bonds for community college projects.

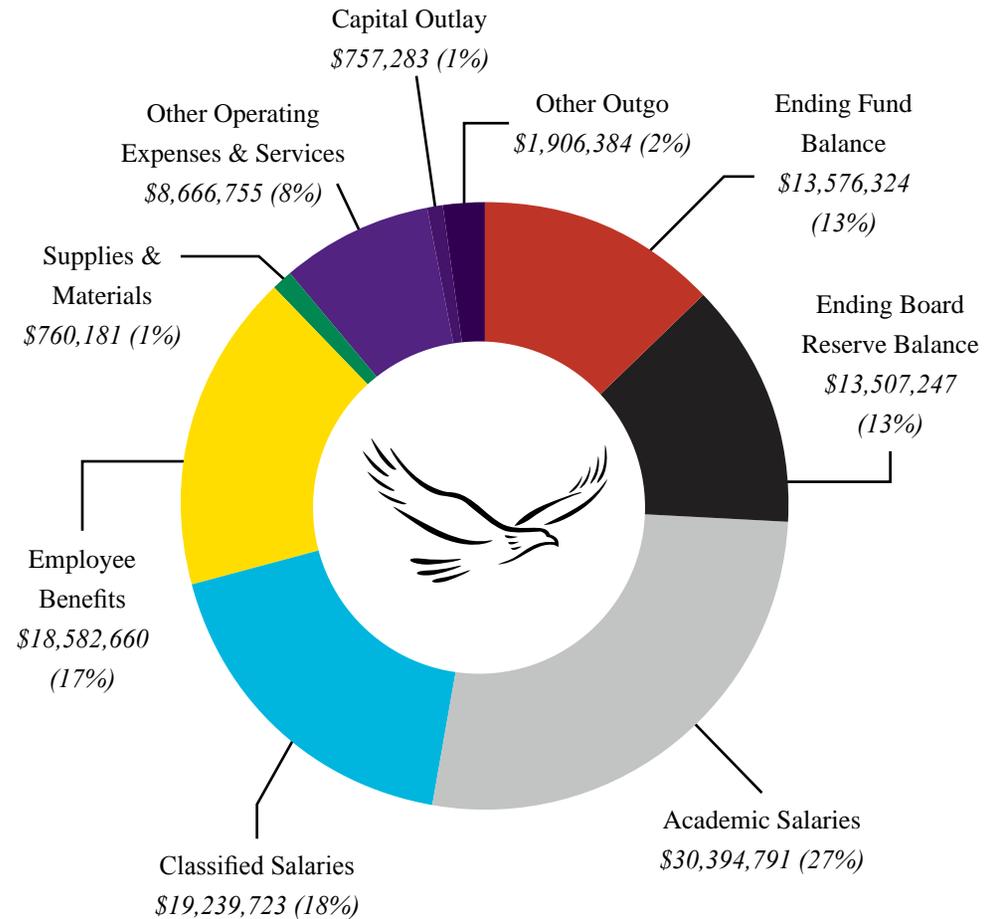
Students could begin attending courses in the San Jacinto Campus Science and Technology Building as early as late 2023 and the Menifee Valley Campus Math and Science Building in 2024.

MSJC District 2018-2019 Unaudited Actuals

General Fund Unrestricted Revenues and Beginning Fund Balance: \$107,391,348

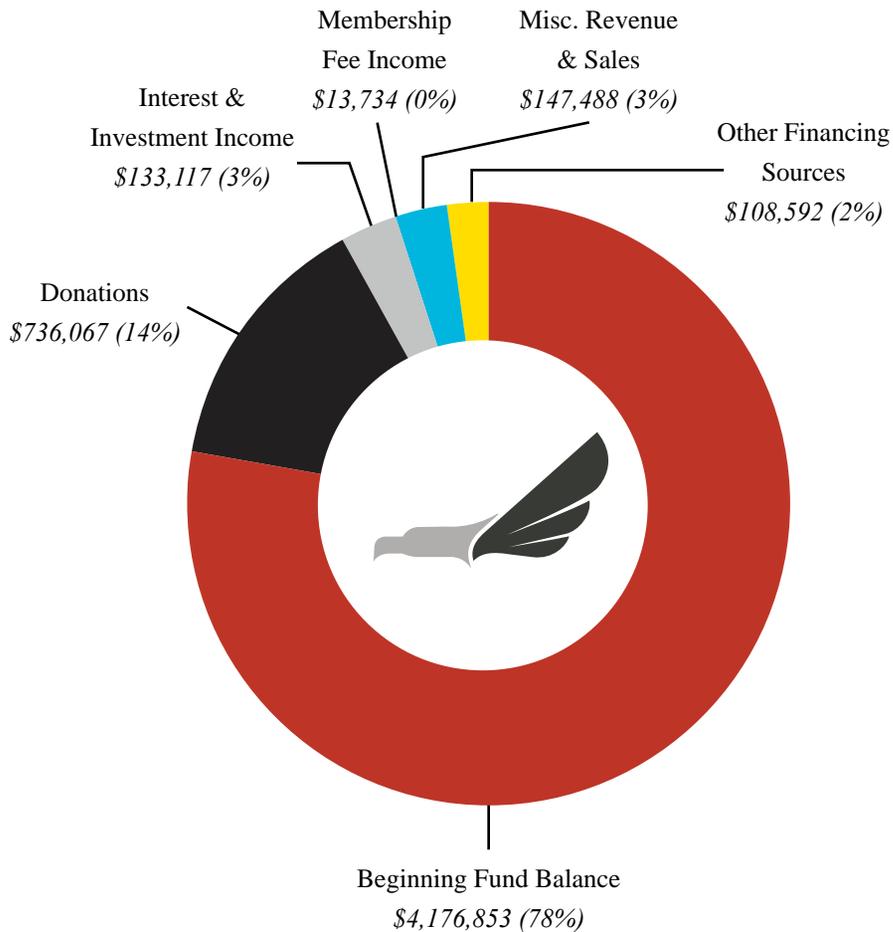


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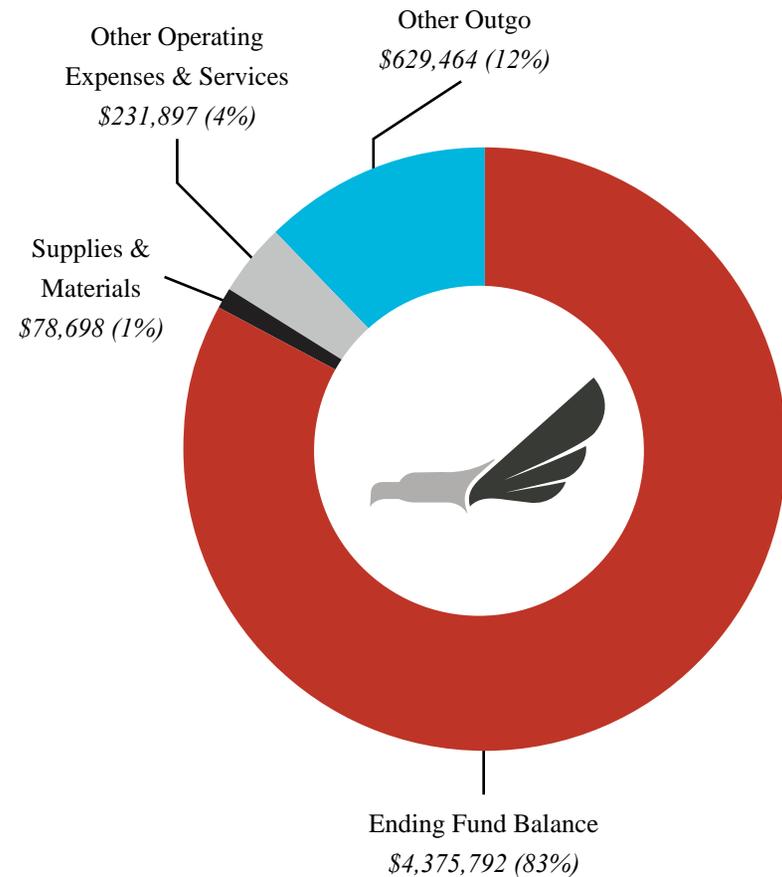


MSJC Foundation 2018-2019 Unaudited Actuals

Foundation Fund Revenues and Beginning Fund Balance: \$5,315,851



Foundation Fund Expenditures and Ending Fund Balance: \$5,315,851



MSJC Foundation



MSJC Scholarship Recipients Appreciate Community's Support

More than 170 Mt. San Jacinto College students received \$195,000 in scholarship funds at three scholarship awards receptions the MSJC Foundation held in the fall and spring.

The scholarships came from generous community groups, individuals and Foundation grants.

Nursing major **Citlali Arredondo** of Murrieta served as the event's student speaker. The veteran received four scholarships each worth \$1,000. She was very appreciative of her donors.

"They have open hearts and generosity to help a student's education," she said. "That's what made me so grateful. They wanted to support my journey. They believed in my goal of becoming a nurse."





Returning Student Graduates and Wants to Give Back to MSJC

Rachel Abelgas of Murrieta initially began her education at MSJC in 2001, but took some time off between coming back to earn her associates degrees in liberal arts, business administration, and social & behavioral sciences in May 2019. She's now working on her bachelor's degree at UC Riverside, where she also plans to earn a master's degree. She then wants to return to MSJC as a counselor to help inspire more students to succeed.

"The Foundation definitely helped me a lot," she said. "The (\$1,000) scholarship helps with books and gas. They're unexpected blessings that I'm truly grateful for. It motivates me to aim for the highest level.

"Thank you so much for this opportunity that you're giving us students. It uplifts our spirits. Never give up."



Veteran Overcomes Accident to Pursue Nursing Degree

Justin Costello of Beaumont had to drop out of the nursing program for about eight months after a drunken driver seriously injured him. But the veteran thinks the incident will actually make him a better nurse knowing what he has been through.

He said he is extremely appreciative of the three \$1,000 scholarships the MSJC Foundation made possible.

"This helps me financially so much that I don't have to work as much. I can focus more time on my schoolwork and education," he said.

"Just the support that I know I have from the community helps to push me harder. It's amazing."

By The
Numbers



\$95,000
amount of
scholarships awarded



64
scholarship
recipients



24
groups, individuals
& Foundation groups

Tichona White Perseveres to Earn Nursing Degree

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.

White had posted items for sale on Craigslist when the MSJC Foundation informed her they would help fund her exam so she could realize her dream of becoming a licensed nurse.

“I was overwhelmed with emotions,” said White, who had previously received scholarships 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.”

The nursing program proved extremely challenging, but White persevered. “There were days when I thought ‘I can’t do it anymore. This is it. I’m done.’ But I needed to just get through the day, get through tomorrow. I had to remember what this is going to do for us in the long run. And I would get blessed by different people who would give me some gas money and sometimes that was all I needed to get through the week.

“I can’t believe I made it,” she said. “I didn’t think this would happen, but I did it. I made it past every obstacle thrown my way.

“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.”





MSJC Alum Misraje Earns Two Degrees from USC

MSJC alumnus **Lisa Misraje** (2016) has been extremely busy.

The Menifee mother of six earned her bachelor's degree in non-governmental organizations and social change and master's degree in public administration in May from USC, where she earned a spot on the Dean's List.

And her 2007 book "Saving Levi" is now in its fifth printing. The "Levi" of the book is the son she adopted while working at an orphanage in China. At just 6 weeks old, he suffered third-to fourth-degree burns to 70 percent of his body and was left abandoned in a field. A generous man brought the baby to a hospital, where Misraje met him. That was 17 years ago.

"The experiences I had at MSJC have enabled me to visualize a future where I can truly achieve anything I set my heart and mind upon," she said.



Foundation Mission Statement

The mission of the Mt. San Jacinto College Foundation is to promote student success by enhancing the quality of higher education throughout the district by identifying and securing private support through community alliances.

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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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MSJC Foundation Hosted James Bond-Themed Gala

The Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) Foundation hosted its 11th annual Gala to benefit MSJC students on April 6, 2019, at the Pechanga Resort and Casino in Temecula.

The Gala featured a “James Bond” theme, a short and fun Bond-inspired MSJC Foundation film, and honored six very deserving individuals, companies and organizations in the community:

- **Eagle Excellence: Micah Orloff**, an MSJC alumnus who has worked at the college in various roles over the past 20 years and is now the Dean of Academic Computing, Technology & Distance Education.
- **Eagle Excellence: Julie Venable**, an MSJC alumnus who worked at MSJC for 25 years, recently retiring as the Dean of Administrative Services/Controller who oversaw the college district’s budget, accounting and payroll operations.
- **Outstanding Alumni: Craig Davis**, an MSJC alumnus who launched a full-service Farmers Insurance Agency that for more than 30 years has served customers in the cities of Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta and Temecula.
- **Outstanding Community Group: San Jacinto Valley Women’s Conference**, a nonprofit that has held a successful annual women’s conference in the region since 2012 and awards scholarships to many local women, including MSJC students.
- **Outstanding Community Business: CR&R Environmental Services**, a longtime MSJC Foundation Gala supporter that is one of Southern California’s most innovative and successful waste and recycling collection companies.
- **Outstanding Corporate Partner: Balfour Beatty Construction**, which is among the MSJC Foundation’s esteemed Champions of Tomorrow and has built many award-winning, state-of-the-art facilities throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties at colleges such as MSJC.

The event was held at Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula. The MSJC Foundation’s signature event raises scholarship funds for students and mini-grants to support college programs. Each year, the gala offers an evening of fun with an elegant meal, live music, dancing and a silent auction.



Golf Classic

The MSJC Foundation raised funding for scholarships and the Pledge for Success through several events in the 2018-2019 academic year.

The annual Golf Classic at Journey at Pechanga in Temecula drew more than 100 golfers and raised about \$30,000.

Donors also supported MSJC students by purchasing tickets to events such as a concert that featured The Alarm, Modern English and Jay Aston's Gene Loves Jezebel at Wiens Family Cellars in Temecula.

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