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Theater brings out the best in Pervan

By Rebecca Metts

Unique Pervan is an aspiring actress at Mt. San Jacinto College. Pervan graduated from San Jacinto Valley Academy in 2016 and transferred to MSJC to begin her journey in Theater Arts.

This fall, Pervan will be graduating with her AA in Liberal Arts (Arts, Humanities & Communication Emphasis). Pervan said that she "served our community" as Miss Teen San Jacinto in 2016, and was also a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member.

Throughout Pervan's time at MSJC, she has played roles in three different productions. "Recently, I had the honor of portraying Sandrine in MSJC's

latest production, "Almost, Maine.", she said. "The scene is called Sad and Glad, and it is about two estranged lovers who run into each other in a bar."

Pervan loves playing different characters and making personas come to life.

"I have really enjoyed being in Almost, Maine", she said. "Our director Bianca Swan-Finch and my castmates were so wonderful. They truly made my last production at MSJC memorable and I'm really glad I was able to have this experience with them."

When asked what her favorite role to play was, she responded, "My favorite role out of the three would have to be when I played Captain Hook in MSJC's production of Peter/Wendy

last semester.

"I chose theater and performing arts because it was something that I always found myself very passionate about. The first play I did and many acting classes I took had such an impact on me that I knew that that was what I wanted to make a career out of.... each character has a different life and a different story and it's such a wonderful experience to put their lives together how I perceive them and portray them on stage. You really make a connection with your character and it's almost like you're stepping out of your own body and letting someone else take over."

During Pervan's time at



Photo by Shelby Walker

n page 7 Unique Pervan has proven to be a versatile actress

Health Center opens in January

By Rebecca Metts

Mt. San Jacinto College students will now have access to free healthcare.

Beginning in Spring semester, there will be two Student Health Centers opening, one of them on the Menifee Campus and the other one on the San Jacinto Campus. With the addition of these two health centers, there will be easy access to health care without the need of health insurance or the stress of medical debt.

In the past, there have been ideas and suggestions that MSJC should open a health center, but the voices of two proactive MSJC alumni, Krystal Murrillo and Tyler Mendel, created the initial proposal that provided the push this Student Health Center desperately

In April of 2016, MSJC Student Services emailed a survey to all students, which consisted of six questions referring to the want or need for health services on the Menifee Valley and San Jacinto campuses. Students were also asked if they would be willing to pay a small fee of less than \$20 for the construction and usage of the center. In all, 87 percent of the students who participated in the survey were strongly in favor of a Student Health

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students to study abroad

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Former Child development Center will house Health Center

Blackmon treasures study abroad

By Jose Arreguin

The dream of studying abroad may be just a dream to some but, for Kyky Blackmon, it was a dream

turned into reality.

The curiosity began when discussing the possibility of going to London with her sociology professor a couple semesters ago. With everything that turns into reality, it begins with curiosity. She began looking into study abroad programs, that led to actually applying and then actually going to London.

"I started to look into it and then I started to apply," said Blackmon." I didn't think I was going to get in, but I actually ended up going." When asked if she always considered studying abroad, she said, "Yeah, I've always wanted to go to another country."



Photo courtesy of Kyky Blackmon

Kyky Blackmon (bottom right) with other study abroad students.

Going across the Atlantic to study is quite a long process but, it was worth

it nonetheless. An application to the program had to be submitted, a meeting

with an advisor at MSJC, and then a transfer to a different community college.

Time for Finals! Lead

Want to know when your final is? Check the back page!

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MSJC Students: Homeless for a Night By MSJC Staff

Most can't imagine what it would be like to be homeless, but a group of students at Mt. San Jacinto College set out to find out, even if only for a night.

As part of the Homeless for a Night event, a group of around 60 students gathered recently at the MSJC Menifee Valley Campus and listened to presentations from the city of Menifee's Homeless Task Force and the Social Work Action Group (SWAG). They watched a documentary film about Chicago homeless students, "The Home Stretch," which illustrates just some of the difficulties of being a homeless student.

About 25 participants decided to spend the night in their cars. They equipped themselves with multiple layers of clothing and blankets but as temperatures dipped to 44 degrees and the windows fogged up, discomfort set in. When they awoke in the morning, students said they gained a better understanding of what it was like to be homeless. After a night of very little rest, they warmed up in a classroom at a Reflection Breakfast to talk about their experience and how they will interact with the homeless in the future.

The Homeless for a Night event was organized and hosted by students in Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community colleges. The goal of the event was to raise awareness, educate people and encourage activism

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Leadership on campus

Two students are making strides and leading the Eagles volleyball team to success.

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nity with stunning Drag performers. Read a first-hand account of the event to learn more about the culture!

Culture on Campus

MSJC celebrated the LGBTQ+ commu-

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Bv Shelbv Walker

The SJC Veterans Services and Talent Search Departments put on the first combined Veterans and First-Generation College Student event at the San Jacinto Campus on Nov. 8.

The event was in honor of Veterans Day, the Marine Corps 243rd Birthday, and First-Generation College Student Day. The event was open to all students and took place in and around the Café. There were booths set up outside the Café showcasing the many resources available as well as the different clubs students are able to get involved in.

Students were encouraged to get lunch from the free barbecue for the event and look around at the different booths before the different speakers began their speeches in the Café.

"Events like this create awareness amongst a larger number of people. There are many resources at MSJC, but often people don't know about them, let alone how to access them. I've benefitted by being more informed, which has helped me feel more connected as a student," said Rochelle Bernarte, UMO-JA secretary.



Photo by Shelby Walker

SJC Veterans Services helping celebrate Marine Corps243rd birthday

The Veterans Services and Talent Search Programs are different in many ways as to what they do, but they both have the same goal, which is to help students succeed at MSJC and move on to their next chapter.

Veterans Services supports the transition and success of military students at MSJC by providing services that enhance their academic, career and personal development through the Veterans Resource Centers, according to the MSJC

website.

The Veterans Services offer a wide range of resources for veterans, service members, reservists, and dependents. The full list of the resources can be found on the Veterans Services page on the MSJC website.

The MSJC Talent Search Program is for pre-college students to help low income/first generation college bound students. It gives students in the San Jacinto School District resources to be successful and get into college. It is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education. More information on the program can be found on their page on the MSJC website.

The event would not have been possible without Martina Moncada with the Veterans Resource Center, and Kevin Baker Director of Talent Search, who were responsible for planning and putting on the event. They made sure to high-

light both the military and first-generation students in all aspects of the event.

After students ate and looked around at the different booths, they were encouraged to head into the Café for the presentation of colors and speakers, including Anita Jennifer Jones, the keynote speaker. Before speeches began, the colors were present by the San Jacinto Leadership Academy. One of the opening speakers was Dr. Roger Schultz, President of Mt. San Jacinto College. He welcomed everyone and also reminded everyone to be thankful and appreciative of all veterans.

Schultz said that Mt. San Jacinto College is one of the only schools to have two Veterans Resource Centers as well as some of the highest number of veteran and dependent students compared to other institutions.

After the president finished his remarks, the guest keynote speaker was First Generation and USMC Veteran Anita Jennifer Jones. She began her speech on her experience as a first-generation college student and U.S. Marine.

Jones grew up in New York, where she said she had a very tough start in life. She was surrounded by people who were not good influences and drugs. Jones ended up in the foster care system, and ended up with a family that knew she could go far and get out of the life she was in. Her foster mother also surprised her at the MSJC event to see her speak.

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After finishing high school, Jones decided to join the Marine Corps, so she could also put herself through college. While in the USMC, she learned leadership skills, traveled the world, and received her Bachelor's Degree. After leaving the Marines, she went on to receive her Master's Degree, and will be beginning her Doctoral program in January. Jones currently is CEO of her own company and is also an Associate Professor at

Jones lives by the metaphor "Made it off the Elevator".

"Made it off the Elevator" means to physically and psychologically remove oneself from an environment or people who can immobilize you from pursuing your desires, aspirations, and dreams," said Jones.

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Williams embraces Japanese culture

By Angie Smith

Christopher Nateo Williams did not grow up with the typical American childhood.

Williams, a student at MSJC majoring in Biology, moved from the Sunshine State, Florida, all the way to a Marine Corps base surrounded by jungles in Japan when he was just three years old. Williams lived in a white brick home where his back and front yard was a real jungle.

Looking back, he now misses the seclusion of having an adventure right in front of him. What he enjoyed the most was being surrounded by loved ones and being able to interact with them on a daily basis as well as the wide variety of tasty food they had to offer there. Williams wishes genuinely to return to Japan, as he misses being able to visit family regularly. After returning to the states, he did not experience any culture shock and was able to find a new routine and continue with his new life.

"The only thing I can associate with culture shock is meeting new people who were not Japanese or American, but then I went to school and began life like anyone else." said Williams.

While living on the base, Williams and his family ventured off base to visit his grandfather, but always had a hard time understanding the language. Living on a military base, classes were all taught in English, therefore he did not learn the Japanese language. Despite his past, Williams' motives have changed.

He is currently in the process of learning Japanese in order to honor and embrace his culture, allowing him to finally be able to talk to his grandfather without the help of family members. While learning the language, he has hopes of understanding his culture from a different viewpoint and expanding his knowledge of Japanese culture.

According to Williams, the education he was exposed to on the base is entirely different from the education here in the states. He started to notice the educational differences when he moved back to America and was starting 5th grade. Williams was in class and shortly realized he had already learned all the material presented. He soon began relearning material he had already mastered.

Williams began to feel as if his education was being held back and wished he could have picked up where he left off in Japan. While going through middle and high school, he was motivated

to get good grades and maintain a good schedule for responsibilities, which he thought to be uncommon for most students around him.

Williams commented on students' lack of care for their studies, saying, "Where's the work ethic?... It was strange to come from a school where every student thrived in education with no parental influence whereas here in the states, students do not carry a self-drive to do good in studies on their own."

While living in Japan, he was exposed to a wide range of foods such as his favorite, Okonomiyaki -- a veggie pancake generally made from cabbage that is extensively available throughout Japan.

"I miss the food like crazy and wish I could find more authentic foods to remind me of my child-

hood," he said.

In Japan, Hispanic and Latino people were not common. When Williams met new people in the U.S. he discovered that people hold different viewpoints on vulgar language. Language that is said on a daily basis by adults and teens here would be seen as disrespectful in Japan.

Williams said, "People in Japan are nicer, more polite and respectful," and he still feels that way

Now, at the age of 20, Williams is a Japanese American citizen and holds dearly to his heart his memories of friends, family, and the culture of Japan. As he waits for his next opportunity for a visit, he reminds himself of his culture through authentic restaurants he has come to love, his family and continuing to embrace who he is.

Crowds gather for Drag performers

By Angie Smith

In the event that you've never been to a drag performance, you most likely have a dubious idea of what they're about. Drag performances are technicolor, eccentric, silly, and anything but basic. They are nothing short of masterful, artistic, and of course, exquisite. Regardless of the show you choose to attend, be prepared for an unforgettable experience.

On Oct. 10, crowds of people filled the SJC theater to watch and experience a variety of drag performances and a stand-up comedy duo. The performances consisted of widely known Mayhem Miller from RuPaul's Drag Race Season 10; Landon Cider; Jazmyn Simone-Echelon, a comedian from YouTube; and Cindy Foster.

These famous artists were eager to perform for the crowd as they were taking their seats. Walking toward the event from the parking lot, one could easily tell that it was going to be a full house. Lines were forming and smiles and laughter started to emerge from the crowd as they were waiting patiently to watch the performance.

Entering the theater, everyone was greeted with pamphlets regarding infor-



Photo by Angie Smith

Students create pins to support LGBTQ+ community.

mation about the LGBTQ+community as well as buttons supporting the transgender community. In just a matter of minutes, the majority of the crowd was adorned with a button.

The audience was singing along and participating in the show the entire time; everyone was focused on gaining the full experience. An unexpected part for some of the audience was the appearance of Drag Kings, as many were unaware that they existed. The audience seemed more thrilled than surprised by the various aspects of the show.

Throughout each performance, the performers made sure to interact with the audience directly as they entered the crowd. Just as the performance started, the whole room had already

been filled with exhilaration, cheerfulness, and enjoyment.

After the show, there was a Q&A, giving the audience more personal knowledge of the performers. Most of the questions centered on the performer's reason or inspiration in joining the drag culture. Most of the performers could not see themselves doing anything else.

They also spoke in depth about the demanding work that drag requires. All of the drag performers work every night of the week, some nights in San Diego and the others in Hollywood. They drive a lengthy distance every day to be able to work.

Miller expressed that makeup and hair take a great deal of their time as well as making their own performance outfits which

costs both time and money.

It is evident that being a drag performer is not cheap. However, despite the time-consuming preparations to perform on stage, they would not stop. They love what they do and want to share what they do with everyone.

One audience member's question was directed toward drag king Landon Cider about the lack of representation of drag kings in media.

"Due to RuPaul in the past stating that drag king[s] should be separate from drag queens, it has a big influence in the drag community, and unfortunately many listen to him," Cider responded.

Toward the end of the Q&A, the audience started to express their gratitude and appreciation for performers.

After attending, many can vouch for the fact that drag performances are different than many others. Drag is not only a performance but a business as well. Many queens and king are competitive performers and always have to perform their best in order to constantly capture audience attention.

Audience members hope this will not be the last event celebrating LGBTQ+ culture on MSJC's campus.

Homecoming celebrates school spirit

By Shelby Walker

MSJC hosted Eagles Homecoming Spirit week Oct. 22-27 to celebrate the Eagles Football team before their homecoming game. The week was filled with designated spirit days, activities, and events that all led up to the game.

Each day during the week there was a designated theme that students could participate in. Monday was Hat Day, Tuesday Crazy Sock Day, Wednesday MSJC College Day, where students could show off their Eagles merchandise, and Thursday was Crazy Hair Day.

Students were encouraged to participate each day and show their school spirit off on social media with the hashtag #eaglespiritweek. Any students who participated would be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an Amazon gift card. Students could be seen each day showing off their school spirit and getting pumped up the rest of the homecoming festivities.

In years past, the Home-coming Harvest Festival was known as the Home-coming Bonfire, but due to fire hazards, the bonfire was discontinued. The festival was a community wide free event where community members, students, and staff could come enjoy a family friendly night filled with food and activities, all while also showing support to the Eagles.

The event asked different clubs to decorate a themed



Photo by Shelby Walker

The Eagles celebrate after Homecoming game

booth of their choice, where they would have a game and candy for children from the community to participate in. Each of the booths varied in themes from the Communication Club's Candyland, Poetry/Art Club's Haunted House, Umoja's Voodoo, Anthropology's Bone Dig, and more, each with widely different games.

The event also allowed participants to dress up in their Halloween costumes while they 'Trick or Treated' at each booth. It also had many other festive fall activities including a fall photo booth, a pumpkin patch where children could pick a pumpkin to decorate and take home, and an outdoor screening of the Dis-

ney movie Coco. MSJC's café also catered the event and provided free BBQ burgers and hotdogs to the first 400 people.

Many of the club members were happy to show their support and put a lot of work into the event.

"What I enjoyed most about the Harvest Festival was the camaraderie created for the clubs, and SGA as a whole, by being able to give back to the community. It was great creating a fun booth for the families to enjoy..." said James Armour, president of the SJC Poetry Club, "I felt like it is important for clubs to participate in school wide events because it keeps students motivated to continue to be productive,

and gives students a chance to help motivate others by being themselves through love, friendship and creativity."

"The best part was seeing everyone's eyes light up when they came to the booth, especially the little kids, they had so much fun playing the game. I also loved seeing everyone get involved for spirit week whether it was wearing crazy socks or rocking their 222

The homecoming week festivities continued on Oct, 27, the day of the game. These events included the Homecoming Tailgate, the MSJC Veterans Motorcycle Run, and of course the homecoming game against Antelope Val-

ley College.

The tailgate had games, food, booths, and 99.1 Radio Station at the event. Different departments on campus came to show the Eagles their support by participating in the event and running a booth. Some of the departments included the Veterans Resource Center, Veterans and Dependent Club, SGA, One Stop Eagle Shop Bookstore, MSJC Café and the Communications Club.

The tailgate was also the end location for the Veterans Motorcycle Run, which began that morning on MVC. The motorcycles arrived around 11:30 a.m. and all parked together, so the public could take a look at them.

After the pregame festivities, fans headed to the bleachers to await kickoff. The Eagles were off to a strong start and gained an early lead. Running back Semaj Wren made a 1-yard touchdown run, and kicker Victor Carbajal got the PAT, bringing the score to

The special teams then blocked an attempted field goal by AVC and Dejon Hopes was able to recover the ball and run it back to midfield. Wren then made it to the end zone for his second touchdown of the game, and Carbajal got the PAT, bringing the score to 14-0

The Eagles continued to keep up their momentum during the first half by bring the score to 21-0, with quarterback Brett Virgil completing a 23-yard pass to wide receiver CJ Sullivan for the touchdown. The Eagles maintained a three-touchdown lead against AVC, but near the end of the first half, AVC was able to reduce the deficit to touchdowns, bringing the score to 21-14.

In the beginning of the third quarter, AVC was able to make another touchdown which brought the score to 21-20. MSJC tried to hold onto their one-point lead, but AVC was able to score again in the third quarter, bring the score to 26-21. The Eagles fought to score again but were unable to. The game ended with the final score of 26-21 in

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Maffucci and Arango lead Eagles to success

By Shelby Walker

The Lady Eagles volleyball players feel that a great deal of their success this season comes from the leadership and motivation instilled in them from their captains, Lannie Maffucci and Cynthia Arango.

Maffucci and Arango are both sophomores at MSJC and will be graduating in the spring. They have played volleyball at MSJC for the last two years, and have helped their team break two MSJC records this season with their 11-match winning streak and 21 total wins so far.

The team is currently 21-4 and took second place in the Pacific Coast Conference Northern Division. These ladies have been key players in the team's success. Maffucci has 501 assists, 5 kills, and 149 digs. Arango has 15 assists, 3 kills, and 369 digs.

Maffucci grew up in Corona and began playing club volleyball in the sixth grade. Throughout the years she played for Mavericks, Orangecrest, and Forza volleyball clubs. After playing club for three years, she decided to play for her high school. She played for Corona High School all four years, also playing for the varsity women's wrestling team, and broke records each year. After high school, she decided to come play for MSJC as one of their setters because of Head Coach Serinna Eason.

"My cousin Jamie played for Serinna's club team, and I've also known Serinna all my life because our dad's coach basketball at RCC together. I knew she was a good coach. I came to her practice and watched her coach when she was nine months pregnant and was still going. So I said, 'I'm going to play for her,'" said Maffucci. She feel that her decision to come play for



Photo taken by MSJC Volleyball

Eagles team captians Lannie Maffucci (left), Cynthia Arango (right)

MSJC has helped her grow into a better player.

"I think I've improved most on my overall volleyball IQ," Maffucci said. "When I came in, I thought I had a good IQ, and I probably did for where I played before. But playing at the next level you need such a stronger and higher IQ.

"Sometimes it is more a mental game than a physical game. There is so much strategy that goes into it, and as the setter I need to know those strategies because I run the offense. Serinna helped me achieve that higher IQ."

Maffucci feels that thanks to her time her at MSJC, she is ready to transfer next fall and begin the next chapter in her life. She has been able to become a stronger player,

student, and person thanks to the guidance from the MSJC volleyball coaching staff.

When asked what she loved most about volley-ball she responded, "I love the team atmosphere of the sport and the feeling you get when your teammates achieve something amazing."

Something Maffucci finds interesting about her-

self that not many people know is that she truly enjoys school.

"I LOVE learning, doing homework, taking tests ... all of that," said Maffucci.

Arango lived in Stockton until she was 8 and moved to Murrieta, where she started her volleyball career in fifth grade. She didn't start really playing competitively until eighth grade, when she started playing club.

During high school she balanced school, school volleyball, and club volleyball. She jumped around and played for many club teams, starting at 951 Volleyball, Club West, Forza, and her senior year she came back to 951, where she had Eason as her club coach. She has now played for Eason for three years, and currently is libero for MSJC.

"Coming to [MSJC] wasn't my first choice, but Serinna had been a really good coach. I also felt that I wasn't ready mentally or had the skill set I needed to go straight to a four year. Since Serinna was the head coach here I thought, I'll just go there and develop more as player. Some of her players would come to our club practices and I loved the feeling I got from them and thought it would be a great program to be a part of," said Arango when asked what made her come to MSJC.

During Arango's time at MSJC, she has had to face a few obstacles she feels could have affected whether she would graduate on time. One of those was the loss of her aunt and uncle, whom she was very close with, but with the help of her teammates and volleyball, she was able to keep moving forward.

"The loss really took a toll on me because I was so close to them both. It

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Soccer Season Wraps up

By Shelby Walker

The Lady Eagles soccer season came to an end Nov. 9. The Eagles finished their season 5-9-6 overall and 3-4-3 in the conference.

This season's team was split pretty even with seven sophomores and eight freshman players. The team had 23 goals and 21 assists for the season. Sophomore forward Heather Furyua had the most overall goals made this season with 11 goals and 3 assists. This was Furyua's second season with the Eagles as well as second season with 11 goals overall.

Captains Emily Guzman and Gloria Martinez, who are the starting defenders, also each made 1 goal and 3 assists during the season.

"The best part of the season for me was scoring a goal and helping assist with three others goals in that same half," said Guzman.

The rest of the goals for the season were made by freshmen: Mackenzie Berringer (1), Miriam Mota (2), Adaila Ploudre (1), Ajahni McClendon (5), Anahi Lopez (1).

Goalkeeper Sarah Sawyer had 78 saves and 34 goals against. This was Sawyer's second season with MSJC but first season as starting goalkeeper. The Lady Eagles did best

The Lady Eagles did best this season when they had the home field advantage with a 4-2-5 overall record, while for away games they were 1-7-1 overall.

This was Coach Adam Kramer's first season as head coach for the Eagles. Kramer was the assistant coach for the past two years for the Eagles ,where he had important roles of training the goalkeepers,

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favor of AVC.

This loss brought the Eagles to 6-2 overall and 1-2 for Conference. The Eagles were not available for comment following the game.

Although the Eagles were unable to get the win against AVC, they were victorious the following week. They won their annual rivalry Palms to Pines Trophy game against College of the Desert with a 41-34 final score.

This win ended their two-game losing streak and won them the Palms to Pines Trophy. This was the first time in over three seasons that the Eagles prevailed over COD in the annual rivalry game.

"Today's win felt amazing... We were able to not only overcome a two-game losing streak, but [we were] able to bring back the Palms to Pines trophy after not having it previous years," said Sullivan. "What made today different from our past two games was we just executed. Which was the main focus for us this week as a team. We made stops when we needed to and scored when we had to."

"I wasn't really thinking about the two losses. I knew this was a rivalry game and I was just looking forward to taking a picture with the trophy after the game. We really just wanted this win and we got it," said Virgil.

After that win, the Eagles were 7-2 overall and 2-2 in conference.



Photo By Shelby Walker

Veterans line up their motorcycles for tailgaters

Veterans, First Generation Students recognized



Photo by Shelby Walker

Jones believes anyone can make their dreams a reality with hard work and dedication. Also, as a first-generation college graduate, she believes by getting a college degree opens up doors, opportunities, and new beginnings.

"The journey to degree completion is not easy; if it were, everyone would enroll in college," she said. "No pain, no gain! We must continue to push through the difficulties that almost always come with success. The struggle some students may experience while in their program is temporary. On the contrary, to give up and quit will last forever. Keep on keeping on, and I

guarantee your dreams will become a reality. Make It Off the Elevator!"

The speeches ended with a first-generation panel, filled with college graduates, staff, Jones, and current MSJC students. The panel members answered questions about being the first generation in their families to go or finish college. They each had different stories as to why they came to college, what college meant to them, and their first-generation story.

After the panel concluded their discussion, Moncada invited everyone to the Open House of the VRC and cutting of the cake for the 243rd Marine

Corps Birthday. When cutting the cake, they stuck to the Marines' tradition that the oldest Marine in the room cuts and serves the first piece of cake to the youngest Marine in the room.

"Veterans Services provides a welcoming and encouraging environment for transitioning Servicemembers and their families," said Moncada. "We provide the support, direction, guidance and mentorship for their success. We hope our events provide awareness, knowledge and understanding of the military population we serve."

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helped a lot having my teammates, some of which are my best friends, their support and being there for me when I was grieving really helped. "It also helped having volleyball in general to keep me busy and try to keep my mind off things," said Arango.

Arango also learned to have better time management, which was another obstacle that she faced. Learning to not take too much on and prioritizing what it is important was a challenge but caused her to be more successful in her school, volleyball and personal life.

Arango has enjoyed her time at MSJC and feels she is ready for the next step after graduation.

"The goal would be to get a scholarship and play at the highest level that I can, and compete ... I know that I am ready for that, because of what I have learned from Serinna and the volleyball program here," said Arango.

Both ladies agreed there were good and bad parts to being captain but overall mostly a great experience for the both of them.

The best part of being captain would be being someone that my teammates can hopefully look up to when they are struggling on and off the court. The worst part of it is not always being able to be the 'nice guy' because you have to be the one to tell people when it isn't good enough or when they're not doing the right thing. It's hard because not everyone will like the decisions that you make," said Arango.

"The best part of being captain is getting to lead such an amazing group of athletes. The worst part is having to hold the girls accountable even though they are my friends," said Maffucci.

Although the ladies' time at MSJC is coming to an end, they are excited for the next chapter in their lives and wish the best for their teammates as well as the future Lady Eagles who will come when they are gone. They both had some words of advice for the other ladies when they are gone.

"I advise the ladies to work hard and give it everything they've got because you get out what you put into it. Don't take any opportunity for granted," said Maffucci.

"Don't take reps or the level of coaching you are getting for granted! Buy into the system early! You have great coaches that are dedicated to you and want the best for you," said Arango.

Eason holds these ladies in the highest regards and can't wait to see what the future will bring them.

"I am most proud of how they have invested in our program and have been great role models of the standards we have established. The great thing about them both as captains is, they are both strong in different areas which allows the team to relate to them on and off the court," said Eason.

SJC Veterans Services helping celebrate Marine Corps-243rd birthday

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Photo by Shelby Walker

Women's soccer team

fundraising, and practice planning.
"It's been great adjusting

"It's been great adjusting to the new role and working with all the players. We had some good highlights and we have plenty to build on for next season," said Kramer when asked how his first season as head coach was.

When the captains were asked about their thoughts of their coaching staff, they had nothing but good things to say.

"The coaching staff has been an incredible resource and they have been nothing but helpful. Not only did they have help us grow and become better individuals, but they are our biggest fans and encouraged us every step of the way," said

Martinez.

"The coaching staff is amazing, without Coach Adam's help I wouldn't have other university coaches looking at me. Both coaches inspire me to be the best me that I can be. Not just in soccer but also in the classroom," said Guzman.

Kramer saw great strides of improvement this season with the Lady Eagles, while also making their overall goal for the season "working together" a reality.

"The girls were able to play multiple positions and that led to a better understanding overall, and out of necessity, they gained a stronger grasp on the game and they each improved greatly over the course of the season. We really tried to focus on keeping possession. We put together some strong games and the girls were able to see the impact of their efforts in training," said Kramer.

According to Kramer and the captains, the team's biggest obstacle for the season was the ladies' health. They faced many injuries, causing them to play shorthanded throughout the season. The ladies didn't let that bring them down though and made their coach and captains proud of how they handled the hardship.

"There's a lot I'm proud of about this team. We played shorthanded the entire season because of injuries. But the girls worked hard without subs in some games and played different positions when needed. They really showed a lot about their character and displayed the type women they are," said Kramer.

"My team has gone through a lot of hardships throughout the season and the fact that every practice and every game the girls went out there and played their game is astounding. What made it even more incredible is that not only did they play with their heads but they played with their hearts. With the spirit my team displayed on the field, it was incredibly difficult to be anything but proud," said Martinez.

Although they Lady Eagles may not have won all of their games, they showed their coaches a great deal of improvement and growth for the program. Kramer has high hopes for the coming seasons for the Lady Eagles and is eager to continue growing the women's soccer program at MSJC.

"Were building something here. We have a positive outlook on the future and were looking for players who want to succeed on the field, but most importantly in the classroom. We put a strong emphasis on the 'Student' part and were looking to build a strong foundation where players can look to continue their education and play soccer," said Kramer.

Student Corner

What is regular? I may be just a regular

What is a regular guy? There is no definition to "regular guy".

As it turns out, to be regular doesn't exist in the world.

It would make us square.

Instead of one shape -we are many.

Many challenges, each one of us are walking through,

We are all here for one

purpose to live life the most we living today.

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We bring our hope to one man

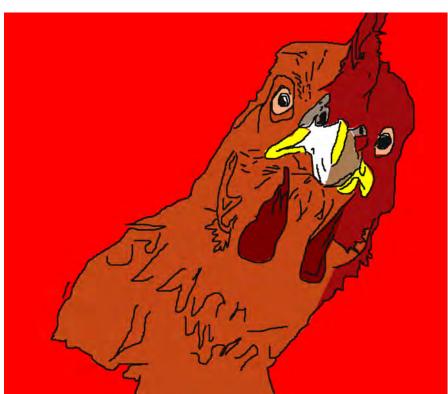
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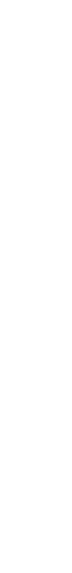
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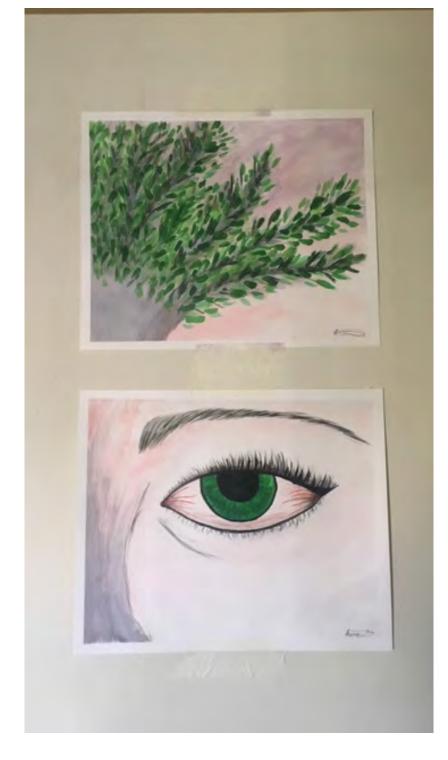
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Tips For Getting The Most Out Of The Day

By Gregory Stires

There is a saying that I feel sums up why managing your time wisely is important in a person's life: "Time waits for no one".

Waiting to do an assignment or putting it off won't get anything done; time will still go on and eventually it will be too late to do the assignment. Wasting hours of the day scrolling through the T.V. channels or procrastinating on an assignment are just some of the examples of how people might waste of their time.

To avoid wasting time, here are some tips on how to better manage your time and get the most out of every day.

My first tip would be to prioritize the tasks you need to do. Which task is most important? What are the tasks that make the most impact in your life? What is more important, your English essay that can either make or break your grade, or your hobbies that aren't going anywhere? By prioritizing what you need to do, you can see what needs to be done during that day and what can be finished the next day.

Here is another tip that would help you manage your time: Writing every-



Pocket watches

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thing down so that you can keep track of what needs to be done and what is the most important to complete. Examples of things you could write down would be what you need to do for today, appointments, events you might want to go to, birthdays, and any other stuff you can think of.

The reason writing everything down is helpful

for managing your time is because according to Psychological Science, it helps retain memory retention. Now if your handwriting is not really legible or neat than that is no problem, you can just copy your handwritten notes and type them on a document. This can also be helpful as a backup if anything happens to your physical notes so you

do not have to start from scratch.

Furthermore, instead of just writing down your task and to do lists in a notebook, you can always buy a planner or search the web to find a lot of free printable planners.

A great tip for managing your time more efficiently is to stick to doing one thing at a time. I know it may seem like you're getting more done when you are multitasking, but that is not exactly the case.

According to a study done by the University of London, people who multitask see a drop in their IQ similar to those who did not sleep the night before. The best way to combat this is to think about what your

most common distractions

are and remove them from your workspace.

An example would be turning off the television while doing your assignment. As a result of eliminating your distractions, you will be more likely to finish your tasks with your full attention focused on something rather than have your attention divided between several things.

My final tip for you is to separate your school life and your personal life. Managing one's time is hard enough, but it gets harder when you are juggling two different aspects of your life. Make sure to have your personal time when you have planned it. Having to do your study time during your planned free time is not fun and vou will be less motivated in doing it because you had something else in mind. My advice is to plan when you do vour academic-related activities to keep them from interfering with your me time.

Managing your time efficiently can help you keep track of your life without getting overwhelmed when everything seems to be in disorder. The tips listed above will help you manage your time so that you are getting the most of the day.

Student Op-Ed: America's Outbreak of Outrage



Photo courtesy of "The Nation"

Kavanaugh being sworn in during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, September 4, 2018

It is said that the future of America is set by its citizens, but in reality, the government is what truly shapes the future of the United States.

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States, meaning the Justices make most of the decisions that affect Americans every day. It is very important to be selective when nominating or appointing those Justices. It is essential to ask yourself if that person is who you want representing you and your country.

America's leaders need

to put their citizens and their country before their personal beliefs. Their decisions will affect America's ability to thrive and shine over other countries, but will America be able to fulfill that if their decision makers are incompetent and possibly selfish?

Brett Kavanaugh serves as the newest member of the Supreme Court. He previously served as a Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and as a staff lawyer for various offices of the U.S. government. He is a 1990 Yale Law graduate, having graduated with a Juris Doctor (JD).

Kavanaugh was born in Washington D.C in 1965, but he was raised in Maryland. Both of his parents shared an interest in law, which we can only assume is where his interest in law began. Kavanaugh is not only a judge, but a father of

two girls and a husband to former political aide Ashley Kavanaugh.

As most know, the majority of the Supreme Court Justices are Conservative Republicans, and Kavanaugh is no exception to that. Kavanaugh is said to be a conservative Catholic. Supposedly, he has volunteered at countless events to help the poor and homeless and he was a tutor at a Catholic private school in Washington D.C.. Therefore, one can conclude that Kavanaugh is religious in certain aspects.

Kavanaugh believes that God made everyone out to be the way they should be, therefore they should not take anything to alter the way their body functions. Kavanaugh solely targets banning abortion-inducing drugs. Although the sound of that does not seem too bad, abortion-inducing drugs include birth control, which is vital in many women's lives.

women's lives.

Birth control is very common among teenage girls and young women. It is taken as a way to regulate their hormones and avoid any fatal diseases caused by chronic hormone imbalance such as ovarian cancer. Many young girls and women are infuriated by the fact that he wants to ban any kind of birth control.

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non-invasive abortion.

Birth control helps with not only hormone regulation, but also with acne.

Birth control can be used for both medical reasons and convenience. Therefore, it seems illogical to illegalize a drug that is used by the majority of women around the world. It is different to want to illegalize abortion, but to illegalize a drug that helps most women is basically forcing sickness upon them.

Most women are enraged by the fact that not only Kavanaugh, but President Donald Trump as well are pushing to illegalize abor-

tion-inducing treatments.

Despite the fact that some things are illegal in the United States, people who want those things will find a way to get it with or

without the support of the law. Just like many illegal drugs, people will go to places like Mexico to obtain and bring them back to the United States. If Kavanaugh succeeds at illegalizing abortion-inducing treatments, people will fly or do whatever it takes to get what they need, or what they think is best for them.

This is only scratching the surface, and birth control might be the least of America's worries. Imagine what chaos will take place down the line if they keep trying to enforce illogical laws. America is known to be a land of freedomWwith these recent events, is it safe to say that it will stay that way?

Walk for a Cure

Photo of Phi Theta Kappa at "Walk for a cure" event

MSJC students and advisors from the Beta Delta Omega Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society fundraised almost \$400 and walked/ran in the 5K. The money raised will go toward breast cancer research, treatment, care, and affordable health services that is used to prevent and diagnose breast cancer.

The highlight of the event was the enthusiasm and camaraderie among participants in pink.

"I liked that those currently living with breast cancer and breast cancer survivors were able to participate in the walk," said Rowland Chinedu, nursing major and PTK member. "It was great to see a community of people support the battle against breast cancer, financially and emotionally."

Survivors carried signs that had the number of years they battled cancer and shared their experiences during the event.

The attendees were also treated to a variety of vendors and booths with educational activities, food and drink, and information from non-profits, such as "Girls Love Mail", who give hand written letters to women newly diagnosed with breast cancer.

For James Parker, PTK member and Math major, this was his first time participating.

"I enjoyed being around other supporters and feeling how big of a movement it actually was," he said "After spinning a wheel with myths and facts, I learned that men can also get breast cancer. I will encourage my friends and family to come in the future."

The Komen Walk for the Cure was one of the many successful fundraising and awareness events that PTK involves themselves with in the community. If you are interested in joining, have any questions, or want to donate to the annual Toy Drive in December, please contact advisor Jennifer Borton at jborton@msjc. edu.

Blackmon



Photo by Kyky Blackmon

Kyky Blackmon (bottom middle) with other study abroad students.

excitement but at the same time she was a little afraid.

"I come from a big family, so this was my first time being alone and traveling alone to a different country," she said. "It's the complete opposite to what I'm used to."

studying Although abroad may seem like a fun and exciting adventure, there is still studying to be done and classes to take. The classes that are offered can be used as credits and are taught by American teachers from U.S. schools who also join the program. The study abroad program also serves as a vacation, for those who are wondering if it's mainly studying and taking classes.

One of the first things Blackmon did was go on a tour around London, where she got to see magnificent structures such as the famous Big Ben. Other pro-

grams from different parts of the United States were present as well, and Blackmon got to know and meet new people. Four classes were the main focus for Blackmon: two psychology classes, one online class, and a theater class.

One of those classes was a British civilization course. where students get to learn about British culture and customs so they become familiar with the country they are in. It helped Blackmon learn British way of life and the proper way to behave in London.

Blackmon recommends that you come to a foreign country with an open mind and allow yourself to experience the country that you're in, be respectful to its rules and citizens, and avoid getting in trouble. She embarked on the trip not knowing anyone, but in return, she gained a best friend on the trip.

The program offered some days off for students. Blackmon and her newfound best friend used that time to travel to Spain on their own. The trip to Spain was not included in the program she signed up for; that trip was on her own during the days they got off.

Spain, being close to England, seemed the like the ideal vacation, and she got to experience a different country. Culture shock occurred again because of the Spanish language barrier as well the traditions and customs that Spain has to offer. At the time of the Spain trip, there was an ongoing revolution, and Blackmon and other Americans and foreigners in the country had to flee and report to their respective embassy.

Overall, it was an experience to travel to Spain while being on the study

abroad program. As soon as Blackmon returned home, she missed London greatly and hopes to return one day. It is an experiences she loved and recommends people be themselves and get to know new people and experience life outside of the U.S.

To this day, she keeps in touch with the friends that she made and plans to be roommates with her study abroad friend at Cal State Fullerton. Blackmon is currently enrolled at MSJC and plans to graduate with an Associates in Arts degree in Communications as well as transfer to Cal State Fullerton.

The Vista Murrieta High School graduate, class of 2016, aspires to get her Bachelors degree and hopes to land a job in Public Relations, where she can work with people.

Unique Pervan



Photo by Shelby Walker Photo of Unique Pervan

MSJC, she has pushed herself to fully understand acting.

"Acting has changed my life and helped make me the person that I am today by allowing me to express myself to the fullest extent," she said. "Through acting, I am able to experience different things and empathize with different people and characters".

Like other clubs, sports teams or groups, the theater arts have introduced Pervan to many people who share the same dream and common goals through their passion of acting.

"Acting has helped me grow so much as a person because it requires a lot of discipline and an ability to keep an open mind," she said.

Pervan will be graduating this Fall semester with her AA in Liberal Arts and the next step for her is applying to transfer out to a university that has a strong emphasis on Theater Arts. One of her main long-term goals is to become successful by her own means.

"My experience at MSJC has definitely been life changing," she said. "It has really helped me grow as a person and into my career so much more. I'm really glad that I decided to go to MSJC rather than transfer to a four-year right out of high school. It was a way for me to feel comfortable beginning college and going at my own pace."

"This career has many don'ts to remember:

Don't let people convince you that you can't do

Don't let people discourage you. Don't live your life how

people tell you to. Don't live your life with

regrets.

And most importantly: Don't ever give up."

-Unique Pervan

Health Center opens in January

As things progressed, in December of 2016 the Board of Trustees voted to build a Student Health Center on the Menifee Valley Campus and San Jacinto Campus. With this motion passed, Vice President of Students Services Dr. John Colson started the planning for the center. The motion confirmed the \$20 fee that students will pay during the Fall and Spring semesters and \$17 for the summer se-

This was the last major step needed to process the financials and guaranteeing the funding for the new Health Centers.

Having a Health Center on campus provides students with basic health and mental health services.

"The health centers will provide first aid and emergency care, immunizations, TB texts, screenings

for vision, hearing, and blood pressure and height and weight," Colson said. "There will be services for reproductive health, community referrals, health consultations and education and counseling for depression, general and test anxiety, stress management, drug and alcohol awareness and abuse prevention, sexual assault trauma, PTSD, anger management and more,"

Students need of these services do not need to worry about insurance not covering some services or expensive out of pocket

The driving forces behind the need for a Health Center on the MSJC campuses were Mendel, Murrillo, Psychology Professor Richard Kandus, and Colson. They formed a successful stance on why the centers are a necessity for the students at MSJC. Initially without the student voices, this Health Center wouldn't be a possibility.

Mendel explained his background with his extreme depression for 12

"After receiving treatment, the drowning feelings of depression had finally lifted, and I felt hope for the first time in over a decade," said Mendel.

As a student with a supportive family, he had the resources to recover but then realized that, "Other students attending MSJC aren't as fortunate, and I knew I had to advocate for those students."

His willpower gave him the courage to get more involved, and e hwrote a paper explaining the need for mental health resources for students. Mendel then joined the SGA and Active Minds club, and later was assigned to the Institutional Planning Committee (IPC). He took his knowledge and gathered a team of advisors and students to present the idea of a Health Center to the Board of Trustees in December of 2016.

Colson has been a strong force with the project. He is continuously "working hands on with a team of faculty, staff, administrators, and students to bring this project to fruition."

Understanding the big picture that "more than 80 percent of polled students indicated they would use a Student Health Center for both medical and psychological reasons" proves the need for the project to continue and that it will be a tremendous asset to the students and the school. Colson confirmed that "The identified spaces for these new centers, opening

in Spring 2019, are build-

ing 1540 at the San Jacinto Campus and room 723 at the Menifee Valley Campus", which was previously the Child Development

Students may be wondering how this \$20 fee will be spent. Colson explained that "in addition to renovations, this new fee will also support the hiring of key staff - a Director/RN or Nurse Practitioner, an administrative assistant, two mental health counselors, and a referring physician."

Kandus has been teaching at MSJC for 12 years. Kandus had tried in the past to promote a need for a Student Health Center and it was not approved. Eventually, Murrillo proposed the idea that students need a Health Center. Kandus is very passionate about the creation of the Student Health Center.

Kandus said the previous Child CareCcenter will be transitioned into the new Student Health Center and that potentially the entire building will become a Student Services Center, with more to come. Kandus states that the Student Health Center is "only open and available for students, because they are the ones that are paying to utilize the health services offered". Kandus shared that he "was a poor student" and it will be very beneficial for students to have these services for a low cost per semester.

Kandus also said that "the biggest obstacle was finding a location because there are specific requirements that also required ambulance access, plumbing, and a waiting room."

MSJC Finals Schedule

Daytime Classes- One Day Only					
If regular class meets:	Exam date is:	Exam time is:			
Monday Only	Monday, 12/10	Regular class time during the first 3 hrs			
Tuesday Only	Tuesday, 12/11	Regular class time during the first 2 hrs			
Wednesday Only	Wednesday, 12/12	Regular class time during the first 2 hrs			
Thursday Only	Thursday, 12/13	Regular class time during the first 2 hrs			
Friday Only	Friday, 12/14	Regular class time during the first 2 hrs			
Saturday Only	Saturday, 12/8	Regular class time during the first 2 hrs			

Daytime Classes- Multiple Day Classes									
Class time begins:		If regular class meets: MWF, MW or 3 or more days per week, with Monday being the first class day of the week, Exam schedule is below:		If regular class meets: TTH or 3 or more days per week, with Tuesday being the first class day of the week, Exam schedule is below:					
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11:00- 11:30 AM	Wednesday, 12/12		10:00- 12:00 PM	Thursday, 12/13		10:00- 12:00 PM			
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4:00 PM	Wednesday, 12/12		4:00- 6:00	Thursday, 12/13		4:00- 6:00			

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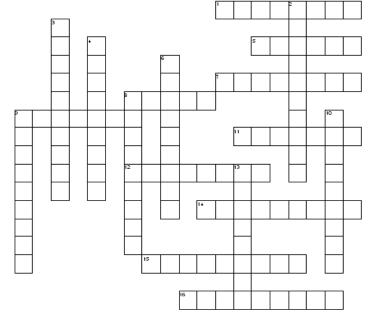
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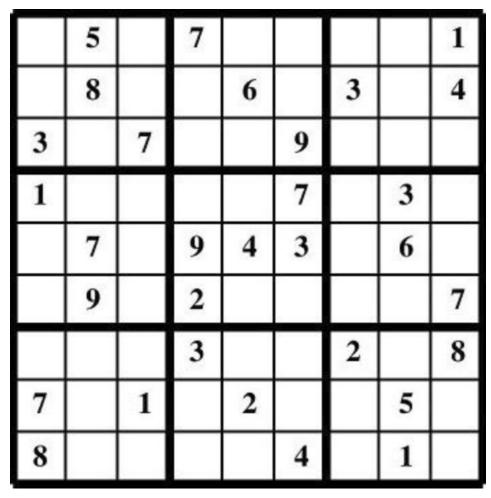
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1. A piece of winter clothing that keeps children warm and dry as they play in the snow

- _ last night.
- 7. A rounded handful of snow that may be thrown.
- 8. The adjective form of snow (as in "Stopping by the Woods on a Evening")
- 9. A person made of snow.
- 11. Look outside! It's
- 12. The absence of snow. ("It's been winter."
- 14. A flat object that people use to travel in surf-like position down hills
- 15. A single piece of snow.
- 16. A type of winter storm.
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- 3. A vehicle that may be driven across snow. 4. A machine that creates articial
- 6. Something people use to help
- them walk across snow. 8. A landscape covered with snow.
- 9. An avalanche of snow.
- 10. A large bank of snow. 13. A machine used to remove snow
- from roads.

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