



Provost's Corner by Joyce Johnson

Career Education Launches Busy, Productive Year

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

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

It's been a busy 2022 so far at MSJC.

We held our Career Education Advisory Meeting on Feb. 25, building our relationships with regional industry leaders.

We gathered virtually with our K-12 partners on March 2 for a successful summit focused on "Strengthening Our Roots: Reconnecting for a Stronger Future." We all face some of the same challenges related to the pandemic and systemic racism at our institutions. We also collaborate closely to best serve our students to help prepare them for their transition to college and/or their careers.

I'm also excited that MSJC has launched a new makerspace at our San Jacinto Campus featuring amazing animatronics that will cultivate and inspire the STEM innovators and leaders of tomorrow.

Finally, in this newsletter, I want to introduce you to all of the new members of our stellar team.

Visit www.msjc.edu/CareerEducation to learn more about all of our programs. Please spread the word to anyone who may be interested in enrolling in our programs.

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Construction Nearing Completion at AniMakerspace at San Jacinto Campus

The MSJC team is hard at work adding the final touches as construction nears completion on the college's Animatronic Makerspace at the San Jacinto Campus.

The AniMakerspace, built in partnership with Redland's Garner Holt Education Through Imagination (GHETI), is set to open in late March.

MSJC's AniMakerspace is the first full animatronic makerspace that GHETI has helped install on a community college campus. The space, which was just a vision a few months prior, now houses industry-standard equipment, from various types of 3D printers to three animatronic figures and so much more.

Lining the walls of both classrooms are photos of exceptionally notable Garner Holt animatronic projects that will spark inspiration in the students who will be the future innovators of the medical, aerospace, and even entertainment industries.

When asked about how students will be able to use the AniMakerspace, Provost Joyce Johnson said students will have access to open space opportunities to walk in and work with staff to learn more about the technology in the facility. Faculty members will also have access to book time for their students to use the AniMakerspace for lectures and assignments.

The AniMakerspace was made possible with funding by the California Strong Workforce Program, a state initiative aimed at developing more workforce opportunities and lifting low-wage workers into living-wage jobs through Career Education.



Welcome New Members to Career Education

Over the past several months, the MSJC Career Education department has been thrilled to hire and promote 33 new faculty and staff members. The department would like to congratulate and welcome the following:

New to MSJC:

- Rodnesha Hill, Job Developer/Placement Coordinator
- Ricky Toth, Administrative Assistant II
- Tiffany Van Gordon, Marketing & Media Specialist

New Career Education Administrators and Classified Professionals:

- Alexis Castro, Administrative Assistant II
- Beatriz Flores, Interim Clerical Assistant II
- Becky Ames, Student Services Assistant II
- Bernardo Colcol, Student Services Assistant II
- Beth Bowles, Outreach Services Assistant
- Brenda Higgins, Administrative Assistant II
- Carla Jackson, Administrative Assistant II
- Cristina Corral, Administrative Assistant I
- Cynthia Prentice, Administrative Assistant III
- Esmeralda Bravo, Administrative Assistant II
- Jasmine Port, Interim Director of Adult Education/Non-Credit Programs
- Joseph Lample, Student Services Assistant II
- Krystal Dearman, Special Program Assistant
- Mary Lou Dillard, Dean of Student Services/Director of Counseling
- Morris Myers, Director of Institutional Advancement & Relations
- Silvia Butcher, Administrative Assistant II
- Tina Warbington, Administrative Assistant II

New Career Education Faculty:

- Adrian Lallman, Associate Faculty, Automotive
- Cherrie Apostol-Manuel, Assistant Professor, Nursing
- Daniel Babin, Associate Faculty, Culinary Arts
- Donald Lancaster, Associate Faculty, Law
- Heather Anderson, Assistant Professor, Nursing
- James Bae, Associate Faculty, Engineering Technology
- Melanie Johnson, Assistant Professor, Nursing
- Molly McMillian, Associate Faculty, Engineering Technology
- Nisha Wells, Associate Faculty, Water Technology
- Richard Campos, Associate Faculty, Culinary Arts
- Rick Linsalato, Associate Faculty, Culinary Arts
- Stanley Harriman, Associate Faculty, Aviation Science
- Suzanne Davis, Associate Faculty, Culinary Arts



Meet Jasmine Port

Jasmine Port is MSJC's new Interim Director of Adult Education, Non-Credit, ESL (English as a Second Language), and GED. With 14 years of experience, Port wants to promote social and community change through Adult Education.

Port has professional experience in continuing education programs at the UC, CSU, and community college level. Before coming to MSJC, for six years, she was a full-time ESL and TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) instructor in UC Irvine's Intensive English Program.

"I am proud of our program and the way in which our services enrich the communities of our district by supporting students to earn a high school equivalency certificate, learn to speak English, learn how to become a U.S. citizen, explore careers, learn new job skills, and earn job certificates," Port said.

Port is a first-year doctoral student at Cal State Fullerton, working on her doctorate in Community College Leadership grounded in principles of Just, Equitable, and Inclusive Education.



Meet Ricky Toth

Ricky Toth is the new Administrative Associate for Dr. Marilyn Harvey, Dean of Career Education.

"One thing I love about working at MSJC is being part of a community that helps others succeed," he said.

Toth is also currently attending Arizona State University, where he is working toward a bachelor's degree in education.



Meet Rodnesha Hill

Rodnesha Hill is the new Job Developer/Placement Coordinator for the Career Education Department. Hill, who goes by Nesha, brings 10 years of experience working in K-12 and higher education to include instructional and student services within a community college district.

She has acquired valuable insights as a Behavior Analysis and Student Services employee, particularly serving students in the Career/Transfer Center department where it was her privilege to be able to support all students.

Academically, Hill earned a master's degree in education counseling and guidance with emphasis in community college counseling at Point Loma Nazarene University, and a bachelor's degree in liberal studies with an emphasis in ethnic studies from California State University, Northridge.

"I am honored to be serving under Provost Johnson's leadership and excited to be part of Mt. San Jacinto College's extended family of students, faculty, staff, and alumni," she said.

Her mission is to continue being student-centered and allowing voices to be heard.



Meet Tiffany Van Gordon

Tiffany Van Gordon is the new Marketing and Media Specialist for the Career Education Department.

Following five years in marketing in hospitality and local government, Tiffany transitioned into the education sector. Most recently, she was with the County of Riverside, where she was the marketing coordinator for the Department of Waste Resources.

She began her marketing journey at Mt. San Jacinto College and then transferred to California State University, San Marcos, where she earned her bachelor's in communication.

"I am so excited to come full circle and be back at MSJC," Van Gordon said. "My goal is to highlight the many amazing programs and student success stories that emerge from the Career Education Department."