

MSJC | Mt. San Jacinto College

Career Education



Annual K-12 Summit

*Creating Your Own Luck:
The Power of Preparation & Opportunity*

Map of Wilson Creek



Champagne Ballroom (CBR)

Winemaker's Loft (WML)

Garden View Terrace (GVT)



Introduction - 8:30am - 10:00am

- Breakfast (CBR)
- Intro / Overview (CBR)
- Keynote Speaker: Matthew Elder (CBR)

Break - 15 Minutes

Session 1 - 10:15am - 11:00am

- Overview of Early College Credit (CBR)
- 2025-2026 Financial Aid Application Overview (WML)
- Explore Workshop: Helping Your Students Choose a Pathway That is Right for Them (GVT)

Break - 15 Minutes

Session 2 - 11:15am - 12:00pm

- Career Pathways: Connecting MSJC's CTE Programs to Future Success (CBR)
- MSJC's Allied Health Programs: Exploring Careers in Healthcare (WML)
- Understanding Apprenticeships & Internships for Students (GVT)

Lunch - 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Session 3 - 1:15pm - 2:00pm

- Helping High School Students Navigate College Courses (CBR)
- Navigating a Smooth Path from MSJC to a Transfer Institution (GVT)

Network Hour - 2:00pm - 3:00pm (CBR)

———— Welcome to the 2025 MSJC K-12 Summit! ————



A Message from our Vice President, Joyce Johnson

On behalf of Mt. San Jacinto College, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2025 K-12 Summit: *Creating Your Own Luck: The Power of Preparation and Opportunity*. This event, held at the beautiful Wilson Creek Winery on Thursday, March 13, 2025, promises to be an inspiring day filled with rich discussions and actionable strategies for fostering student success.

In today's rapidly evolving educational landscape, we know that preparing students for the future requires collaboration, innovation, and the ability to connect opportunities with readiness. Our summit will highlight best practices and the critical importance of supporting our students through Early College Credit opportunities, Counseling, Career Pathways, and Career Readiness Initiatives.

By strengthening our partnerships between K-12 institutions and Higher Education, we aim to equip students with the tools they need to thrive academically, personally, and professionally. Together, we can build pathways that empower our future leaders and create lasting impact in their lives. I look forward to an engaging day of learning, networking, and growing together as we prepare to create lasting opportunities for our students and communities.

*Joyce Johnson, RN, MSN
Vice President, Career Education, Nursing/Allied Health
Provost, Temecula Valley Campus*



Building Up Students Individually Through Team Centered Strategies and Experiences

Meet our Keynote Speaker:

Matthew Elder

Hello, my name is Matthew Elder and I'm extremely honored to serve the students, parents, staff and community in my role as the Director of the Riverside County Cal-SOAP (California Student Opportunity and Access Program) Consortium. I attended California Baptist University as a student athlete where I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in 2003. Upon graduation, I traveled the world while playing professional basketball in Denmark, Australia, and Germany.



Upon returning to California, I resumed my education at CBU to obtain a Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential in 2006, added a Subject Matter Authorization in Mathematics, earning a Master's Degree in Education in 2009 and my Administrative Services Credential in 2014. My job experiences have given me the opportunity to take on many different roles in both the secondary and elementary educational settings. I started teaching in Alvord USD in 2006 as a Fifth Grade Teacher.

I joined Val Verde USD in 2007 as a Math Teacher and Basketball Coach at Citrus Hill High School. I served as an Administrator at Citrus Hill High School for 4 years, overseeing: the Guidance Office, Master Schedule, and College & Career Readiness program; Assessments, Facilities, and Special Education; Discipline, Intervention, and Attendance. I then served as an Administrator at Orange Vista High School for 3 years, overseeing: the Guidance Office, Master Schedule, and College & Career Readiness program.



Session 1

Overview of Early College Credit

Presented by Angela Drumm, Karla Marquez, and Akia Marshall

There are three different ways that students can earn early college credit from MSJC while they are in high school: Dual Enrollment, Concurrent Enrollment, and Articulation. Please join us to learn more about the similarities and differences of each option and how they can support high school students aspiring to achieve their academic, career, and personal development goals.

2025-2026 Financial Aid Application Overview and More!

Presented by Dziem Hoang

Join the Financial Aid Office to review 2025-2026 application updates, financial resources, and a Q&A session!

Explore Workshop: Helping Your Students Choose a Pathway That is Right for Them

Presented by April Wardwell

In this session, we will review a variety of workshops that an MSJC counselor can provide to your students at your school site. Each workshop includes a Career Coach assessment, an interactive workbook and engaging activities. Students will learn how to research and identify a career pathway by evaluating their personal preferences.



Session 2

Career Pathways: Connecting MSJC's CTE Programs to Future Success

Presented by Dr. Meghan Basgall

Discover how MSJC's Career Technical Education (CTE) programs open doors to rewarding careers and seamless transitions to higher education. This session will highlight key programs, their career connections, and how they support both transfer and workforce pathways, empowering students to build a successful future.

MSJC's Allied Health Programs: Exploring Careers in Healthcare

Presented by Dr. Matt Leyden

This insightful presentation will explore the various Allied Health programs MSJC offers and the available careers for graduates.

Understanding Apprenticeships & Internships for Students

Presented by Nesha Hill and Blanca Lopez

An overlook of Career Services Programs and Pathways at MSJC.



Session 3

Helping High School Students Navigate College Courses

Presented by Karina Mejia, Akia Marshall, and Angela Drumm

This informative session will guide high school counselors through the key aspects of helping students enroll in college courses. Learn about important topics such as unit max, course deadlines, prerequisites, managing transcripts, and handling deferred classes. We'll also provide a helpful flyer highlighting popular course options to assist you in supporting students in their academic journey. Join us for tips and insights to ensure your students succeed in their college coursework!

Navigating a Smooth Path from MSJC to a Transfer Institution

Presented by Escarlet Wirth

If you are assisting students navigate the exciting yet challenging journey on transitioning to college or transferring to a four-year institution, then join our session. We will provide strategies on how to equip yourself with essential knowledge to help your students thrive in their academic and personal pursuits.

**Network Hour in the Champagne Ballroom
immediately following Session 3**



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Thank you for joining us!