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## NEW Athletics Complex Opens: *A Game-Changer for the Region*

After much anticipation, Mt. San Jacinto College's (MSJC) Athletics & Kinesiology Complex is open! This \$41 million facility at the Menifee Valley Campus opened for classes and practice this summer. The new complex includes a 5,000-seat stadium, press box, team rooms, training facility, softball field, and sand volleyball court.

“We’ve been looking forward to this stadium for years,” said Dr. Roger Schultz, MSJC Superintendent/President. “We’re excited to host graduation and watch games in the stadium, and are pleased to host fundraisers and other events with our community partners. This is a game-changer.”

This state-of-the-art facility (the new 5000 building) will transform Eagle Athletics and support educational programs in health and wellness. Programs and courses offered in the complex are: aerobics, yoga, body conditioning, first aid and CPR, self-defense, strength training, and sport psychology classes. The field provides space for exercise-walking and jogging courses as well as a training for the college's intercollegiate sports teams.

MSJC IS  
CELEBRATING  
ITS 60TH  
ANNIVERSARY



This year marks the 60th anniversary of Mt. San Jacinto College. Since 1963, MSJC has been transforming lives through enriching and life-changing educational opportunities to residents in the region.

Events and activities have been planned throughout the year. Join in MSJC's 60th anniversary celebrations!

**ARE YOU AN ALUMNUS,  
PARENT, OR SUPPORTER?**



Do you have an MSJC story? We'd like to hear it. Please share your story at: [msjc.edu/shareyourstory](https://msjc.edu/shareyourstory)

*Don't let anyone tell you that you can't achieve your dreams. I am here to tell you that everything is possible.*

*- Irene Blanco, student speaker*

## CLASS OF 2023

2,078 Graduates

2,514 Degrees

367 Certificates

### PROMISE PROGRAM LEADS TO STUDENT SUCCESS



Olivia Gonzales, from Winchester, attributes her success at MSJC to the Promise program.

"Having the opportunity to

attend college for two years really helped my family," she said.

Gonzales earned an associate degree in Liberal Arts - Mathematics and Science and through the MSJC Transfer Admission Planner, is transferring to UCLA with a goal of being a UX designer or machine learning engineer.

### MSJC IS GRADUATES BEGIN NEW CHAPTER

Nearly 2,078 graduates were awarded degrees and certificates at two graduation ceremonies held at Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula. MSJC's Class of 2023 earned 2,514 associate degrees and 367 certificates. Graduates ranged from 17 years old to 69 years young.

Menifee resident Irene Blanco served as the student speaker for the morning ceremony. During her speech, she shared with the Class of 2023 that she came to MSJC to take English as a Second Language classes and expressed interest in pursuing nursing.

Despite warnings it would be tough, Blanco enrolled in prerequisite math and science courses and ultimately earned a degree in Liberal Arts - Mathematics and Science and graduated with a 4.0 grade point average.

Blanco was accepted into several universities and chose the nursing program at Cal State San Marcos where she is pursuing her goal of becoming a registered nurse.

MSJC is transforming learners, transforming communities, and transforming lives.

### VP Johnson Appointed to National Workforce Education Board

Joyce Johnson, vice president of Career Education, Counseling, Nursing, and Allied Health was recently appointed to serve on the board of directors of the National Council on Workforce Education (NCWE).

In this role, Johnson will collaborate with other industry leaders, policymakers, and experts to address workforce development challenges and promote effective strategies for preparing the workforce for the future.

This appointment is a testament to Johnson's experience and expertise of career education and workforce development programs. She is one of only two leaders on the NCWE representing California community colleges.



## Exciting Programs Prepare Students for Future Careers

MSJC is excited to launch new programs designed to prepare students for a variety of in-demand jobs.

Students can take a variety of classes, including Honors Introduction to Archaeology, Criminal Investigation, Motion Graphics, 3D Animation, Children's Literature, Public Speaking, Music, Psychology, Social Justice Studies, College Algebra, and more.

MSJC's Nursing & Allied Health offers programs that prepare students to become healthcare professionals for jobs in high-demand fields. These programs provide the training students need to fill the critical shortage of healthcare workers in the state.

MSJC's ethnic studies programs are approved and satisfy the new general education requirements of four-year universities. Register for Introduction to Chicano Studies, Introduction to Black Studies, Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Queer Studies, Indigenous Peoples of California or American Indian Literature, this fall.

To learn more about these and all programs offered at MSJC, check out the [Schedule of Classes](#).



## Measure AA Projects Take Shape at MSJC Campuses

Exciting improvements and construction projects that will benefit students across the college district well into the future have been made possible thanks to voters who passed Measure AA, the \$295 million facilities bond, in 2014.

Construction crews are working on the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) buildings at the San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses. The \$39 million, three-story STEM building in San Jacinto is expected to open Spring 2024. The \$49.7 million STEM building in Menifee is slated to open in Fall 2024. Measure AA funds were matched by state Prop. 51 funds for these projects.

“These projects will truly have a lasting impact on our students, some of whom will be the STEM leaders of tomorrow,” Dr. Roger Schultz, MSJC Superintendent/President, said.

The five-story Temecula Valley Campus opened in Fall 2021, the first permanent campus of higher education serving Riverside County’s southwest region. The campus features state-of-the-art instructional spaces and in-person classes.

For more information on Measure AA, scan the QR code:



STEM Building Menifee Valley Campus



STEM Building San Jacinto Campus



Temecula Valley Campus

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## ENROLL NOW FOR FALL '23

*Transform your life*

MSJC offers classes designed to fit your lifestyle and help you reach your goals.

MSJC offers:

- Hundreds of classes and programs
- Online, In-Person, and Hybrid classes
- In-Person classes at San Jacinto, Menifee Valley and Temecula Valley campuses



**Fall Semester begins August 14**

*Check out the  
Schedule of Classes*



No vaccinations or masks required\*

\*Nursing students see program requirements