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Eric Rea named Arts Council's Artist of the Month

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By Lucile Harrington

When Eric Rea moved across the country in 2010 to settle in Meniffee, he was looking for a church home, not a flourishing music career. He got both.

These days Eric is a tenured music professor, choral director, and chair of the Music Department at Mount San Jacinto College (MSJC), the director and founder of the Southern California Choral Artists (SCCA), and the deacon for worship at Grace Bible Church of Murrieta. And that's just part of his resume. Recently, Eric was selected as the Artist of the Month for August 2023 by Arts Council Meniffee.

Eric directs several choral concerts during the year, at the college and in the community. The groups perform a wide variety of music from classical to folk songs, secular as well as sacred texts.

“One of the things I love most about the choral arts is the way it combines music and poetry,” he said. “By working with rich texts as well as beautiful music, we get to engage both the heart and the mind of the singer and listener, which can create powerful and meaningful musical experiences together.”

Eric's musical journey started in rural Ohio in a little country church full of farmers. He started playing piano at age 10. His mother jokes that she never had to tell him or his brother to practice. Instead, “she had to tell us to get off the piano and go outside,” he explains. Over time, Eric had the opportunity to sing and play piano at church, direct the adult choir in his teen years, and lead services.

For college, Eric moved to Bob Jones University in South Carolina, where he had attended a summer music camp and studied under mentors Fred Coleman and Warren Cook, who were big influences. Eric majored in church music with a concentration in voice. Later he earned his master's in theology.

“I've always had one foot in the pulpit and one in the choir loft,” he says.

Even though he never planned to teach, that door opened during grad school, and it was a good fit for him. It turned out that he really liked the interactions with students.

After eight years in South Carolina, studying, conducting, and teaching, Eric and his wife Heidi-Jeanne (his high school sweetheart and fellow musician) headed west to join the Grace Bible Church leadership team. They were looking for a small church where they could contribute. As far as he knew at the time, Eric might have been leaving music and education behind him. He worked as a janitor for a couple of years. Gradually, he picked up part-time adjunct music positions at Riverside City College and MSJC, and in 2015, was selected for the full-time position at MSJC.

“Eric was born to be an educator,” says John M. Tribelhorn, a board member for Arts Council Meniffee, whose son John works with Eric at MSJC. “Through community outreach, Eric has gathered local students and,



despite the wide range of talent, consistently achieves outstanding results in his MSJC ensembles. He is a terrific performer in his own right. Also, he is generous with helping colleagues.”

“Music is just a wonderful gift to us that brings people together and facilitates human connection,” Eric says. He explains to his students, quoting one of his mentors, that you can use people to make music, or use music to make people. “And I want to do that,” he says. “You can use music to build people up. In every sphere, I’m trying to use music to make better people.”

“When you come into a choir room there’s this vulnerability that’s required and opening up of yourself to create this sound together. It creates a rapport, so students come up to talk to me about life. Then I get to mentor them, which is really why I’m here. It’s a similar dynamic with the community choir and especially church; singing together fosters community and a feeling of family.”

It’s not only the singers Eric connects with; it’s his audiences too. In 2021, he founded the non-profit SoCal Choral Artists, an auditioned chamber choir group of 30-40 members who love sharing the joy of choral singing with each other and their listeners. He interacts with the audience, telling stories about the composer, and explaining the musical elements so people have context and know what they are going to hear. His approach has been inspired partly by mentors in the choral conducting program at Cal State University Los Angeles, where Eric is currently pursuing a master’s degree.

“I want my concerts to be entertaining and enjoyable, but the ambition is for there to be something deeper than that,” Eric says. “True art should not leave us how it found us; it should change us by our experience of it. We should leave different than we came.”

Eric had no idea when he and Heidi-Jeanne moved to the West that his musical career would take off.

“It was an amazing gift from God,” he says. “It’s just been blessing upon blessing. I can’t believe I get to do what I do. We love it here! This is home. We are raising a couple of little Californians,” he says, referring to his young sons, Xander and Zeke, born locally.

To learn more about Eric and the choral concerts he conducts, see the following links:

www.socalchoralartists.org

www.msjc.edu/performingarts

www.qbcmurrieta.church

For more information on Arts Council Menifee, visit www.artscouncilmenifee.org



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For Immediate Release

**MSJC FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$2.5 MILLION FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY
TO SUPPORT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

The Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) Foundation was awarded \$2.5 million after Riverside County Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington forwarded a proposal to support the college district's career and technical education programs.

The \$2.5 million allocation, approved by Riverside County Board of Supervisors on July 18, comes from Washington's Third District [American Rescue Plan Act](#) (ARPA) funds. It is the largest grant received by the MSJC Foundation.

"This tremendous support has a significant impact on our students and the communities we serve," said Roger Schultz, Ph.D., Superintendent/President. "We appreciate our County Supervisors for working with the MSJC Foundation and partners to create innovative economic and job development programs. Relevant courses help students build essential skills to earn well-paying jobs and satisfy the needs of the communities we serve."

Washington said that as people return to the workforce, the region has experienced shortages in many sectors, including childcare and healthcare, which result in barriers to Riverside County's economic recovery.

"The Third District welcomes projects that improve economic, health, and safety outcomes for our residents," Washington said. "This funding will support those goals by ensuring MSJC students who enter healthcare, law enforcement and other career and technical programs are trained with the latest equipment and technologies. MSJC's Temecula Valley Campus prepares our local students for jobs in high-demand and well-paid fields, which contributes to our economic growth."

Washington's Third District takes in a portion of MSJC's 1,700-square-mile district, which includes the Temecula Valley Campus, MSJC's newest campus that opened in 2021.

“We are honored to receive this support from Supervisor Washington and the entire Board of Supervisors,” said Adam Eventov, MSJC Foundation Board President. “This is a major milestone in the Foundation’s new initiatives to benefit the college district and its students. This is an investment in programs that advance affordable access to career and technical training that not only helps meet the immediate needs of employers but helps improve attainment of associate and bachelor’s degrees.”

The MSJC Foundation will use the funding to support an innovative K-16 program for training in fields that include general automotive maintenance, construction, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and utilities (water, gas, electric and solar). Existing and proposed programs will offer rigorous and enriching educational opportunities in an equitable and inclusive environment that fosters growth through equal opportunities and access throughout MSJC’s district.

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The funding will provide resources for needed upgrades and new equipment and technologies to support equal opportunity access across the college district.

The Mt. San Jacinto Community College District, part of California’s community college system, is a single-college district that serves a 1,700- square-mile area in Riverside County from the San Gorgonio Pass to Temecula. Campus locations: San Jacinto, Menifee Valley, and Temecula Valley. In collaboration with the Beaumont Unified School District, MSJC is housing the Beaumont Middle College High School at the San Gorgonio Pass Campus. MSJC offers courses and programs that satisfy the transfer requirements of four-year colleges and universities; job skill and career training programs; Basic Skills and English as a Second Language (ESL); Online Education; and Continuing Education.

The Mt. San Jacinto College Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 corporation whose mission is to enhance the quality of MSJC District initiatives and programs by securing public and private funding to reduce barriers. For more information, visit www.msjc.edu/foundation.

Photo provided by MSJC.

Caption:

The Nursing program at MSJC prepares well-qualified professional nurses for positions in community health agencies, home health care, and acute care settings such as hospitals and medical centers.



IE Business Daily



Riverside County donates to MSJC

IE Business Daily August 3, 2023

Riverside County has donated \$2.5 million to the Mt. San Jacinto College Foundation, money the school will use to bolster its career and technical education programs.

The donation from the county's American Rescue Plan Act funds was arranged by Supervisor Chuck Washington, whose third district includes the community college's Temecula Valley campus, according to a statement on the school's website.

Despite people returning to work in the aftermath of the pandemic, the county has experienced shortages in several job sectors, which has slowed its economic recovery.

"This support has a significant impact on our students and the communities we serve," said Roger Schultz, the college's president and superintendent, in the statement. "Relevant courses help students build skills to earn jobs and satisfy the communities we serve."

Much of the funding will help pay for a K-16 program that will train people for jobs in general automotive maintenance, construction, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and utilities according to the statement.

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MSJC names Rebecca Teague as vice president of student services

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Rebecca Teague is the new vice president of student services for Mt. San Jacinto College. Valley News/MSJC photo

SAN JACINTO – Mt. San Jacinto College announced that Rebecca Teague was selected to serve as the district's new vice president of student services. Teague, who has been serving as interim vice president of student services at MSJC for two years, began in the permanent position Monday, July 24.

Teague, who has nearly two decades of experience in community college higher education, was selected from a competitive pool of qualified candidates. She is dedicated to the college district and to diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility.

Since 2004, Teague has served in many roles at MSJC, including spearheading the district's Student Equity Pledge and other DEIA initiatives. She is the first LatinX female to serve as vice president of student services in MSJC history.

"I am honored to accept the position of vice president of student services at MSJC," Teague said. "I will continue to bring students' voices, particularly our LGBTQ+, undocumented, veterans, foster youth, students of color and those with disabilities, into strategic conversations as valued stakeholders to provide us with their unique perspectives, experiences and backgrounds so we can continue to make MSJC an equity-based institution that produces equitable outcomes for all of our students."

Teague's experience will be critical as MSJC enters a key period in the college district's history. She has served as the district's accreditation liaison officer since 2007 and was instrumental in the reaffirmation of MSJC's accreditation in 2018. After receiving six commendations during that cycle, MSJC is entering its next accreditation cycle with Teague leading those efforts once again.

"Rebecca brings vast knowledge of MSJC and a deep commitment for student success to this role," Roger Schultz, superintendent and president of MSJC, said. "She has the vision and leadership skills the district needs to lead the Student Services Division into the future."

Teague holds a bachelor's degree in English – Cum Laude – from the University of California Los Angeles and a master's degree in public administration from California State University Dominguez Hills. She has held several roles at MSJC, starting as grant writer in 2004 and moving to various positions such as executive dean of institutional effectiveness and strategic initiatives before accepting the position of vice president of student services.

Submitted by Mt. San Jacinto College.



Menifee 24/7

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The nursing program is one of the MSJC programs that will benefit from the \$2.5 million grant.

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Newsmakers

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Interim CEO



Ray Brooks is coming out of retirement for now to serve as interim president at [Cleveland State Community College](#) in Tennessee. He retired in 2021 after serving for 13 years as president of Piedmont Technical College in South Carolina. Prior to that, he was president of Northwestern Technical College (Georgia) for 22 years. Brooks started his career in education teaching auto mechanics at a high school in Georgia.

New CEO



Anthony Culpepper will become the next president of [Los Angeles Southwest College](#) (LASC), beginning August 16. He has served as interim president at the college since July 2022.

“Over his tenure as interim president, Dr. Culpepper has shown his deep commitment to investing in the success of not only his students but in the community’s success and well-being,” David Vela, board president of the Los Angeles Community College District., said in a release. “His passionate leadership is marked by ensuring student success through a decisive equity, diversity and inclusion lens.”

Previously, Culpepper was executive vice president of Glendale Community College (California). With over 32 years of executive and management experience, 24 of those years are in academic roles in higher education. Culpepper has served in several instructional leadership positions and academic leadership roles such as vice provost of faculty affairs at Ashford University and

as dean of business administration and information systems at Trident University.

CEO on the move



Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap is now the permanent chancellor of [Seattle Colleges](#). Over the past year, she has served as acting and then as interim chancellor of the district.

“Dr. Rimando-Chareunsap has led Seattle Colleges over the past year – first as acting and then as interim chancellor – with courage, skill and profound passion for students, faculty, staff and our Seattle community,” said Seattle Colleges board chair Louise Chernin.

Previously, Rimando-Chareunsap was president of South Seattle College (SCC), where she had served in various roles since 2000, including vice president of student services, director of student outreach and associate dean of student achievement.

Rimando-Chareunsap also was on the executive committee of the Washington State Student Services Commission, White Center Community Development Association Board, and the Seattle University Student Development Administration Advisory Board. In addition, she is currently board secretary of the National Asian Pacific Islander Council, an affiliated council of the [American Association of Community Colleges](#).

CEO to retire



Joe Wyse, superintendent/president of [Shasta College](#), plans to retire this December after serving at the California college for nearly 17 years, including 12 as its leader. He previously was the college’s vice president of administrative services.

Wyse is noted for his student-first approach and community focus at Shasta, which has used innovative approaches to education and career readiness through programs such as North State Together and the Shasta College Attainment and Innovation Lab for Equity, the college said in a release. His leadership was crucial in supporting a bond measure that has helped to fund key projects, such as a new Regional Public Safety Training

Center, and expansion of career and technical education facilities. Wyse's relationship with community organizations has helped to cultivate critical partnerships, such as one with CAL FIRE, which works with Shasta to develop a trained firefighter workforce. Shasta also offered its facilities to serve as an emergency evacuation center during the destructive Carr Fire in 2018.

Wyse also has served on many local and state boards, including the Community College League of California CEO board. He was its president in 2019-20.

"We are grateful for Dr. Wyse's exceptional leadership and the transformative impact he has had on our college and the larger educational landscape," said Stephen Bell, chair of the Shasta College board. "Joe's visionary approach, unwavering commitment, and passion for our students and communities have set a high standard that we will strive to uphold as we search for a successor."

Obituary



Ned J. Sifferlen, who was president of [Sinclair Community College](#) (Ohio) from 1997 until his retirement in 2003, passed away on August 3. He was 81.

Sifferlen served for 38 years at Sinclair in a range of positions, starting in 1965 as a business technologies professor before becoming business dean in 1969. He was then named vice president for administration, vice president for academics, provost and finally the college's fourth president in 1997.

In 2010, Sifferlen was honored with the building naming of the health and sciences center. Former Ohio Gov. Bob Taft attended the event and highlighted Sifferlen's career at the college.

"He was a great human being who loved Sinclair," Taft said at the event, according to a Sinclair Clarion article. "A very innovative person who helped the school get new technologies and find better ways to reaching students."

In 2017, the college opened a new \$31.5 million, 141,000-square-foot Ned J. Sifferlen Health Sciences Center.

Appointments

Susan Balboni-Graham has been named executive director of wellness and accessibility services at [North Shore Community College](#) (Massachusetts). She previously was the college's director of accessibility services.

James Lancaster will become vice chancellor of workforce development at the [Los Angeles Community College District](#), effective September 1. He most recently was vice president of academic affairs at Los Angeles City College and has also served as vice president of instruction at Los Angeles Trade Technical College.

Sybil Newman is the new college advancement officer for [Guilford Technical Community College](#) in North Carolina. She most recently was interim director of the GTCC Foundation and has held other positions over her 20-year career at the college.

Rebecca Teague has been appointed vice president of student services at [Mt. San Jacinto College](#) in California. She has served in an interim role at the college for two years. She joined MSJC in 2004 as a grant writer in 2004 and previously was executive dean of institutional effectiveness and strategic initiatives.

At [Salt Lake Community College](#) in Utah, **Abby McNulty** is now vice president of institutional advancement, and **Brett Perozzi** is vice president for student affairs. McNulty previously was president and CEO of the Park City Education Foundation, which supports student success in partnership with a local school district. Perozzi previously served at Weber State University for 15 years as associate vice president and vice president for student affairs.

Unearthing the College Gems Near Wildomar: A Comprehensive Guide to Nearby Excellence

Explore top colleges near Wildomar, CA. From MSJC's intimate setting to UC Riverside's research legacy and CBU's foundation.

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The quest for the perfect college often takes students and parents on an adventurous journey, exploring campuses both near and far. For those in Wildomar, California, there's good news - some of the best colleges are right in your backyard. Let's explore these educational havens, get to know their history, and understand what sets them apart.

Mt. San Jacinto College (Approximately 12 Miles From Wildomar)

Mt. San Jacinto College, or MSJC, offers an intimate setting with a focus on individual student growth. Known for its dynamic array of programs and an involved faculty, MSJC is a beacon for those looking for a balanced blend of academic rigor and campus life. Founded in 1963, MSJC has expanded its footprint over the decades, yet has retained its commitment to serving the local community. It's unique in its dedication to both transfer education and vocational training, ensuring students have multiple avenues for success.

University Of California, Riverside (Approximately 23 Miles From Wildomar)

UC Riverside stands out with its comprehensive research programs and its commitment to diversity and inclusion. With state-of-the-art facilities and a reputation for producing industry leaders, it's a top choice for many. Established in 1907 as a Citrus Experiment Station, UC Riverside has a storied history that intertwines with the growth of the Golden State itself. Its unique position as both a research institution and a cornerstone of the UC system has made it an iconic educational establishment in Southern California.

California Baptist University (Approximately 24 Miles From Wildomar)

A private Christian university, CBU offers a tight-knit community where faith meets academia. The holistic educational approach ensures personal, spiritual, and professional growth. Founded in 1950 by the California Southern Baptist Convention, CBU is a longstanding faith-based institution in the state. It seeks to weave Christian principles into the core of its campus culture.

For Wildomar residents, the journey to find a perfect college might be shorter than imagined. Whether it's the inclusive community vibe of MSJC, the research prowess of UC Riverside, or the faith-centric atmosphere at CBU, there's a nearby college ready to welcome you with open arms. Remember, the best fit is not just about distance or prestige – it's about finding a place that feels like home.



FCS College Football Preview: 2023

Southland Conference

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The memo about change often being good clearly got out in the Southland Conference.

Reigning co-champion UIW even took the concept to extremes.

The Cardinals, whose best season ever ended in a thriller at North Dakota State in an FCS playoff semifinal, are joined by Houston Christian, Lamar and Texas A&M-Commerce in having a new head coach – a group that represents half of the eight Southland programs.

Clint Killough taking over at UIW feels like a seamless transition. The change that may be the most important is at quarterback, where 2022 Walter Payton Award-winning quarterback Lindsey Scott Jr. fueled the second-highest scoring average (51.5) in an FCS season.

Here's a preview of the upcoming Southland season:

Predicted Order of Finish

*-FCS Playoff Qualifier (With 2022 Record)

1. *Southeastern Louisiana (9-4, 5-1; preseason 15 ranking) – Two was better than one last season, and the Lions may go again with a two-quarterback system in returnee Eli Sawyer (11 touchdowns to one interception) and Northwestern State transfer Zachary Clement (2,498 yards, 19 TDs versus 13 interceptions). They were two of SLU's conference-high 17 selections on the Southland preseason team. The Lions aren't taking it easy before the conference schedule, opening the season with two FBS games and Eastern Washington on the road.

(A look back to [Southland Conference football media day](#) – it's an arms race)

2. *UIW (12-2, 5-1; preseason 7 ranking) – National expectations haven't lowered much despite UIW being under the guidance of its third different head coach in as many seasons – the 30-year-old Killough, the youngest in Division I – and returning just six starters (what is the [freak-out factor rating?](#)). In a lineup full of transfers, none is more influential than quarterback Zach Calzada, the former Texas A&M starter who can target wide receivers Brandon Porter, C.J. Hardy and Jaelin Campbell (six TD receptions each). Defensive end Steven Parker (11 tackles for loss, seven sacks) and defensive back Brandon Richard are the top returnees on that side of the ball.

3. McNeese (4-7, 2-4) – Despite having 57 newcomers on the roster, the Cowboys don't feel as though they're starting over in coach Gary Goff's second season due to their strong finish last season (two close losses before a three-game winning streak). Transfers Nate Glantz (Iowa State) and Tre Simmons (Tusculum) have battled to be the starting quarterback, and they'll be protected by a bigger offensive line which is anchored by Cole Leclair and Dylan Dauzart.

4. Northwestern State (4-7, 4-2) – The winning conference record and third-place finish were the best of coach Brad Laird's five seasons. The offense should remain strong even after Clement's transfer to Southeastern Louisiana. Former Idaho State QB Tyler Vander Waal will enjoy passing to wide receiver Zach Patterson, whose 83 receptions last season were the second-most in program history. Running back Scooter Adams, tight end Travon Jones and wide receiver Ke'Nard King also are productive.

5. Nicholls (3-8, 3-3) – After five straight winning seasons, the Colonels allowed 433.5 yards and 35.3 points per game – their worst averages since 2012 – in a difficult campaign. A turnaround would mean they've overcome one of the [tougher schedules in the FCS](#) (their 11 opponents were a combined 83-53 last season). Defensive end Perry Ganci and linebacker Eli Ennis are the keys defensively, while Collin Guggenheim (1,606 yards, 15 touchdowns) will shift back to being the featured back following Julien Gums' graduation.

6. Texas A&M-Commerce (5-6, 3-3) – New coach Clint Dolezel makes the transition from arena football at his alma mater. The Lions' schedule is upgraded significantly from last year's first FCS season following their jump from Division II. They had four selections on the Southland preseason second team, and each resides on defense: defensive backs Daryion Taylor (129 career tackles, four takeaways), Max Epps and Sean-Krystoff King, and nose tackle Leon Young.

7. Houston Christian (2-9, 1-5) – Braxton Harris, who had been Campbell's associate head coach, has become just the second head coach in Huskies history, inheriting one of the best 1-2 defensive duos in the Southland with linebacker Rodney Dansby and defensive Jalyx Hunt plus a strong cornerback in Devion Hargrave. The Huskies seek to improve an offense that ranked last in yards per game (307.4), rushing yards per game (79.3) and points per game (18.0).

8. Lamar (1-10, 1-5) – With only three wins (and just two versus FCS programs) in the last two full seasons, Lamar seeks growth under Pete Rossomando, the one-time Central Connecticut State head coach who doesn't necessarily consider his new program to be in rebuilding mode. The Cardinals have depth at running back, led by Khalan Griffin (644 yards, six TDs, and the conference's top-returning rusher) Major Bowden and RJ Carver. The newcomers include transfers Kevin Anderson (Texas State safety) and [Robert Coleman \(Mt. San Jacinto College quarterback\)](#).



MSJC Enrollment Increases By 13% As Fall Semester Begins

MSJC has campuses in San Jacinto, Menifee, Temecula and Banning.

Toni McAllister, Patch Staff | Posted Mon, Aug 14, 2023 at 5:40 pm PT

RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA — Mt. San Jacinto College welcomed 16,518 students on Monday, the first day of the 2023-24 academic year. The student count represents a 13 percent increase over the opening day of fall last year, according to MSJC officials.

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"The double-digit increase in enrollments is a testament to our innovative and efficient enrollment management strategies, but we also know students come to us because of MSJC's positive reputation in the communities we serve," said Roger Schultz, Ph.D., MSJC superintendent/president. "Residents know we have distinguished faculty with real-world experience, award-winning academic and career education programs, and vibrant student life on our beautiful campuses."

Campus officials for the comprehensive community college shared what some MSJC students had to say as classes got underway.

"I'm excited and nervous about this semester," said Robert Cervantes, a business administration major. "I took online classes at MSJC this summer and it was a little rough at first. I really liked my instructors; they helped make the coursework easier to manage. I'm looking forward to my in-person experience and enjoying the campus."

Katie Cohen, a resident of Temecula, arrived early at the Temecula Valley Campus. The first-time college student brought her adult daughters for support.

"It's scary, I haven't attended college before," Cohen said.

Cohen had a successful career as a deputy coroner and decided to make a career change. With two daughters attending college and university, Cohen was

inspired to enroll at MSJC with the goal of pursuing a degree in sociology, campus officials said.

“I’m excited about this new opportunity,” Cohen added.

Destin Taylor, 20, of San Jacinto, said he’s in his second year at MSJC working to earn a kinesiology degree. He praised the college for its student support services.

“I like all the different resources that are provided for students,” Taylor said. “The LRC (learning resource center), the library, and most of the professors are really helpful.”



Dr. Karen Cranney welcomes students to her College Success and Career Readiness class on the first day of the fall 2023 semester at Mt. San Jacinto College's Temecula Valley Campus. (MSJC)



Connie Hill, administrative associate, assists a new student at the Learning Resource Center at the San Jacinto Campus on the first day of the fall 2023 semester at Mt. San Jacinto College. (MSJC)



Robert Cervantes and his son, Nicolai, enjoy shade under the trees at Menifee Valley Campus on the first day of the fall 2023 semester at Mt. San Jacinto College. Cervantes, a business administration major and first-time student, came a day before his classes started so he could get familiar with the campus. (Photo: MSJC)



Destin Taylor waits in the Learning Resource Center at the San Jacinto Campus on the first day of the fall 2023 semester at Mt. San Jacinto College. The San Jacinto resident is majoring in kinesiology. (Photo: MSJC)



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Robert Cervantes, a first-time MSJC student, visited Meniffee Valley Campus with his son, Nicolai, to get familiar with the campus before his first class starts on Tuesday.

“I’m excited and nervous about this semester,” said Cervantes, a business administration major. “I took online classes at MSJC this summer and it was a little rough at first. I really liked my instructors; they helped make the coursework easier to manage. I’m looking forward to my in-person experience and enjoying the campus.”

Katie Cohen, a resident of Temecula, arrived early at the Temecula Valley Campus (TVC). The first-time college student brought her adult daughters Bella Ouliguian and Bree Siemen for support.

“It’s scary, I haven’t attended college before,” Cohen said.

Cohen had a successful career as a deputy coroner and decided to make a career change. With two daughters attending college and university, Cohen was inspired to enrolled at MSJC with the goal of pursuing a degree in sociology. “I’m excited about this new opportunity,” Cohen said.

Destin Taylor, 20, of San Jacinto, said he’s in his second year at MSJC working to earn a Kinesiology degree. He praised the college for its student support services.

“I like all the different resources that are provided for students,” Destin said. “The LRC (learning resource center), the library, and most of the professors are really helpful.”

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

Robert Cervantes and his son, Nicolai, enjoys shade under the trees at Menifee Valley Campus on the first day of the fall 2023 semester at Mt. San Jacinto College. Cervantes, a business administration major and first-time student, came a day before his classes started so he could get familiar with the campus.



Dr. Karen Cranney welcomes students to her College Success and Career Readiness class on the first day of the fall 2023 semester at Mt. San Jacinto College’s Temecula Valley Campus. Enrollments are up 13 percent over the same time last year.

Destin Taylor waits in the Learning Resource Center at the San Jacinto Campus on the first day of the fall 2023 semester at Mt. San Jacinto College. The San Jacinto resident is majoring in Kinesiology.



Connie Hill, administrative associate, assists a new student at the Learning Resource Center at the San Jacinto Campus on the first day of the fall 2023 semester at Mt. San Jacinto College.

About Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC): Mt. San Jacinto College opened in 1963. The college district, part of California’s community college system, serves 25,000 students a year. A Hispanic-Serving institution, MSJC is a single-college district that covers a 1,700- square-mile area in Riverside County from the San Gorgonio Pass to Temecula. Campus locations: San Jacinto, Menifee Valley, and Temecula Valley. In collaboration with the Beaumont Unified School District, MSJC is housing the Beaumont Middle College High School at the San Gorgonio Pass Campus. MSJC offers courses and programs that satisfy the transfer requirements of four-year colleges and universities; job skill and career training programs; Basic Skills and English as a Second Language (ESL); Online Education; and Continuing Education.



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Public Notice of Upcoming Accreditation Review Visit by the ACEN

Mt. San Jacinto College wishes to announce that it will host a site visit for our continuing accreditation for the Associate Degree Nursing program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

You are invited to meet with the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled from 1:45 pm to 2:15 pm on September 20, 2023, at:

Mt. San Jacinto College
Menifee Valley Campus, Bldg. 900, Room 927
28237 La Piedra Rd
Menifee, CA 92584

*Site visit will also be available via Zoom with the following link: <https://msjc-edu.zoom.us/j/86768814081>

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Nell Ard, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3390 Peachtree Road Northeast, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326

Or email: nard@acenursing.org

All Written comments should be received by the ACEN by September 5, 2023.

August 21, 2023

Community Colleges Buoyed by Modest Enrollment Growth

As some two-year colleges start to recover after deep enrollment declines, administrators at these institutions are hopeful the trend lines keep pointing up.

By [Jessica Blake](#) and [Sara Weissman](#)



Wake Technical Community College had a major enrollment increase this fall. Other community colleges appear to be making small steps toward recovery after pandemic enrollment drops.

Photo illustration by Justin Morrison/Inside Higher Ed | Wake Technical Community College

Wake Technical Community College welcomed its largest ever cohort of fall enrollees last Monday and celebrated the historic tally of just over 24,000 students with a free giveaway of Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

“That first week of classes, the first week of anything, can always be a little anxiety-provoking,” said the college’s president, Scott Ralls, who handed out the doughnuts at one of the college’s six campuses each morning. “That’s just to make sure students know we appreciate them, that we valued them choosing our college and we really welcome them here.”

Enrollment is up by 10 percent from the 22,313 students who were enrolled last fall, representing a turning point following the disruptions experienced by Wake Tech and community colleges nationwide during the pandemic.

Ralls noted that the enrollment dip at the college “wasn’t nearly as bad” as declines experienced by so many colleges across the country. Wake Tech’s rolls fell by just 4 percent from 2019 to 2021, but he said the growth this year provides “reason for optimism” and “hopefully” serves as an indicator of “steady growth” moving forward.

The [latest data](#) from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, released in May, suggest community colleges are starting to make a [modest comeback](#) from their pandemic [enrollment woes](#). Community college enrollment rose 0.5 percent this spring, a gain of about 22,000 students nationally. That’s compared to spring 2022 and following a plunge of 10.1 percent in 2021 and 8.2 percent in 2022. (Enrollment fell especially steeply among traditional-age students, and long-term declines among older adult learners continued, according to an [analysis of federal enrollment data](#) by the Community College Research Center at Columbia University’s Teachers College.)

The uptick in enrollment is occurring as the [U.S. job market begins to slow](#), and there may be a link given the historical connection between community college enrollment and the strength or weakness of the job market. The enrollment drop in the last couple of years has been linked in large part to the white-hot nature of the job market in 2021 and 2022. Community college leaders have been waiting – and undoubtedly hoping – to see if enrollments would rise with unemployment rates.

Wake Tech isn’t alone in its optimism that community college enrollments are starting to recover. Other institutions are reporting preliminary increases, and their leaders credit a handful of factors, including more high school students participating in dual-enrollment programs, enrollment surges from new free college programs and a focus by the colleges on industry-specific pipelines to draw workers looking to upskill.

“Students don’t come to us because of fraternities or football or traditional college life ... Students come through a college like ours because they know that they can get to where they’re going in an economical, value-added way,” Ralls said.

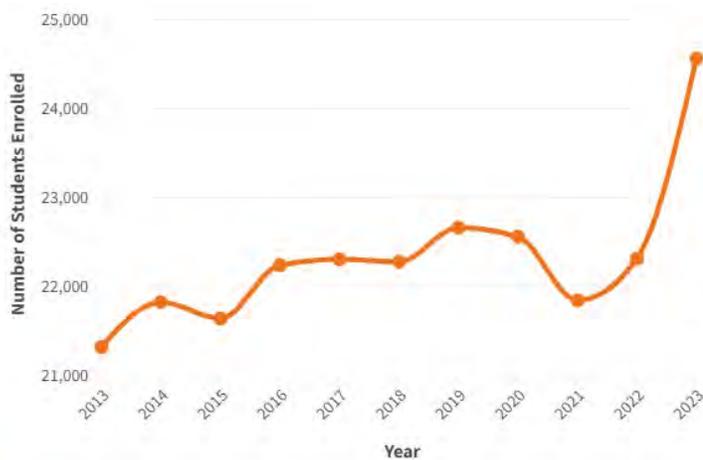
He attributed some of the enrollment increase to local population growth (Raleigh, N.C., is among the fastest growing metro areas in the country), but he said that increasing focus on student retention and expanding dual-enrollment programs also made a difference.

So far this fall, the college has seen a 9 percent growth rate in the number of returning students, a target population Ralls said the institution “deliberately focused on.”

The college has introduced what it calls “care teams.” Rather than walking into the academic advisement or career services office and seeing whichever staff member is available, every student now gets an assigned team that works with them from the time they start at the college until graduation.

“We’re really trying to provide those services in an organized coherent fashion so students can access them and can and have that support going from one semester to the next.”

Wake Tech's Fall Enrollment Reaches Historic High



Source: Wake Technical Community College • Data Visualization by Jessica Blake/Inside Higher Ed

A Flourish chart

After a small enrollment dip during the pandemic college administrators were pleased to see an all-time high headcount for students this fall.

Along with returning students, high school students participating in Wake Tech’s Career and College Promise program also accounted for a significant portion of the growth this year. Dual enrollment rose to 3,700 students this fall from about 3,000 in fall 2022, and they are 15 percent of the college’s overall population, Ralls said.

“It’s not just about growing enrollment, but growing opportunity,” he added. “We’ve changed our outreach strategies a great deal, particularly trying to reach into areas of our overall community to try to reach more students, particularly those who may not be as exposed to the opportunities of higher ed.”

Shifting Enrollment Tides

Neil Scott, vice chancellor for student success at the Alabama Community College System, said a new customer relationship management system, or CRM, has helped boost enrollment. It was introduced in 2021 and streamlines communication between staff members and students; it can send messages to nudge students when they have impending deadlines for registration and other processes.

The Alabama system encompasses 24 colleges, and enrollment has been increasing since fall 2021 and was up by 7 percent as of last Thursday, compared to last year. Total enrollment now stands at 74,516 students, though Scott said that number could still significantly fluctuate.

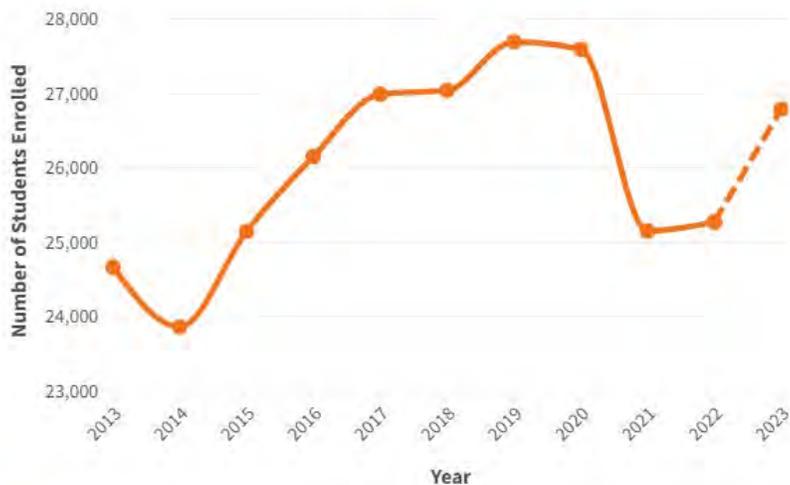
Community colleges in Ohio are focusing on growth through industry-specific education and training programs as major employers seek graduates equipped with particular technical skills.

“In terms of specifically where we’re seeing growth, the biggest is in areas that line up with emerging and growing industry sectors in the region,” said Allen Kraus, vice president of enrollment management and marketing communications at Columbus State Community College.

The state’s capital and its surrounding central region are home to four major hospital systems, as well as the first U.S.-based auto production plant for Honda. The Silicon Valley tech giant Intel is spending \$20 billion to build two factories in Ohio and has pledged \$100 million toward partnerships with local higher ed institutions, according to [The Columbus Dispatch](#).

Kraus said although total enrollment numbers for this fall aren’t finalized, college administrators anticipate 6 percent growth from 25,272 students last year, and they expect double-digit growth rates in specific programs such as IT, manufacturing and health care. Clark State Community College, located about 45 minutes west of Columbus, has a similar focus on industry-specific programming and anticipates about 7 percent enrollment growth.

Columbus State Community College Projects Fall Growth



Autumn enrollment numbers at Columbus State were climbing until the COVID pandemic. Student headcounts took a sharp drop in 2021 but are projected to be back on the rise.

Columbus State is introducing new programs, such as a semiconductor chip manufacturing certificate, which debuts next spring, and altering its admissions staff to include more industry-specific recruiters, called career educators.

“People are drawing a line between a possible future working at Intel or Honda ... and the kind of preparation they can get, in many cases in as little as a year, at a two-year school,” Kraus said. “It’s a faster, more direct line to a career.”

Source: Columbus State Community College • Data Visualization by Jessica Blake/Inside Higher Ed

A Flourish chart

Free college programs have also been a saving grace for some institutions.

While fall numbers aren’t yet finalized or publicly available, all 15 community colleges in Massachusetts are experiencing enrollment increases so far, said Nate Mackinnon, executive director of the Massachusetts Community College Association. Both MassBay Community College and Cape Cod Community College reported a more than 20 percent increase in applications compared to this time last year, he said, and adult learners seem to be enrolling in larger numbers.

The colleges launched an “aggressive” re-enrollment campaign this summer, reaching out to at least 25,000 former students who dropped out in the last five to seven years. But Mackinnon believes the main driver is [MassReconnect](#), a new free college program starting this fall for residents ages 25 and older who don’t have college degrees.

He originally had “tempered expectations” for fall because there hasn’t been much time to advertise the program, but “we’re actually doing much better than we anticipated,” Mackinnon said.

Other free college programs, such as [Michigan Reconnect](#), [Columbus Promise](#) and [Tennessee Promise](#), prompted similar floods of applications when they launched in the last three years.

The upward enrollment trend is a relief to leaders of the Massachusetts colleges. Enrollment at the institutions has been hurt by [a rapidly dwindling population](#) of traditional college-age residents, a tight local labor market and the pandemic. Each college [lost at least a third](#) of its enrollment over the last decade, the equivalent of tens of thousands of students, according to data from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.

“We’re excited about what we’re seeing, but we have a long way to go,” Mackinnon said.

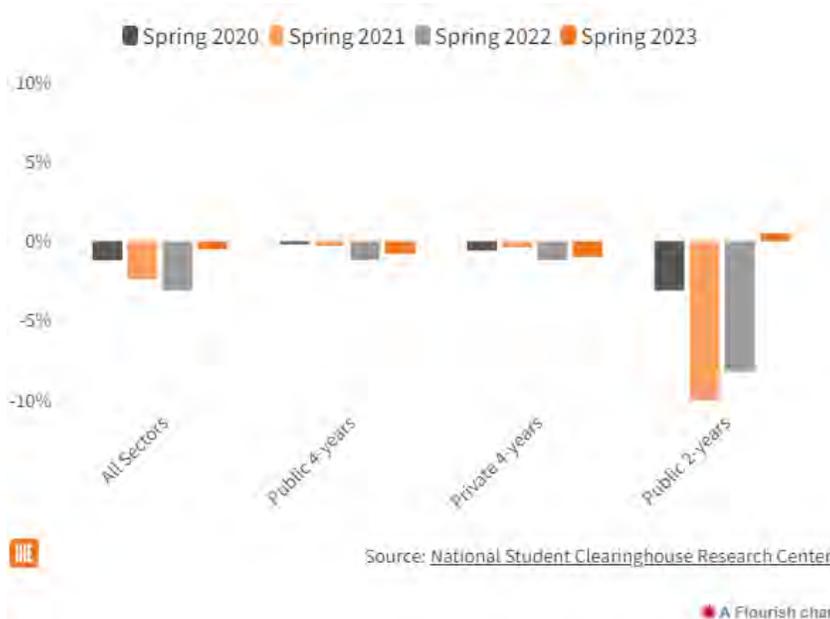
Ricky Shabazz, president of San Diego City College, said his college’s enrollment growth is partly due to shifts in the economy, as the pay for popular “new economy” jobs, like food delivery and Uber or Lyft driving, stabilizes and students are less likely to choose those jobs over going to college. But he also credits the college’s outreach strategies. The college used federal and state COVID-19 relief funds to ramp up marketing ahead of the fall, including mail campaigns and advertisements on billboards and buses. The college also increased its dual-enrollment offerings.

San Diego City College lost at least 2,000 students at the height of the pandemic. Student head count hovered around 15,000 prior to COVID-19 but fluctuated between about 11,000 and 13,000 during the pandemic, he said. But the college enrolled a little over 11,000 students this fall, about 2,000 more students than it had at this time last year. Student head count for the San Diego Community College District over all, including its noncredit college, increased 13 percent over last year, as of last Monday, a week before classes began.

Now San Diego City College is preparing for a larger incoming student body by holding more orientation and information sessions. A new coordinator was also hired for the college’s promise program, which covers tuition for first-time, full-time students, and COVID-19 relief funds were used to hire more students to work in the college’s welcome center.

“We threw a lot of things at the wall,” Shabazz said. “And we’re just now seeing what things stick. We don’t have this figured out, but we definitely are seeing some trends that will allow us to build, and they largely are concurrent enrollment or focusing in on working adults and the promise program.”

Community Colleges See a Small Comeback As Higher Education Sectors Across the Board Watch Enrollment Decline



Data from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center showed that as of the spring 2023 semester, two-year public colleges saw a 0.5% increase in enrollment, the first increase in any sector post-pandemic.

Brandon Moore, vice president of institutional effectiveness and enrollment management at Mt. San Jacinto College, also in California, wrote in an email that having more students enrolled has changed the campus atmosphere.

The college opened new buildings in the last few years, but they’ve gone unused because of lower enrollments and the shift to more online learning.

At the start of the pandemic, from fall 2019 to fall 2020, enrollment at Mt. San Jacinto dropped 10.8 percent, from 15,808 to 14,094 students. As of Thursday, 17,150 students had enrolled in credit-bearing courses, a 15 percent increase over last year and the largest fall head count the college has ever had.

“There is a ‘buzz’ about campus as we have more and more students either attending classes or coming to campus to take advantage of our additional support services,” Moore wrote. “Getting back to serving students in-person has been like riding a bike. We didn’t forget how to do it but we certainly missed it during the time we weren’t allowed to.”

Moore said the enrollment boost at his college was unexpected. He noted that enrollment usually rises at community colleges at times of economic uncertainty and high unemployment but that employment had been relatively stable. “If the job market shrinks and the economy slows, as some predict, it could add an even larger boost to the demand for community colleges across the state,” he said.

Exceptions to the Rule

Some colleges are among the outliers that didn’t experience major pandemic declines and continue to hold steady. For example, Dyersburg State Community College, a small rural community college in Tennessee, experienced only a modest dip of almost 4 percent between fall 2019 and fall 2022. Fall head count stands at 2,333 students so far, up from 2,264 at the same time last year.

Scott Cook, president of the college, said the growth unexpectedly comes at a time when the population in the region is dwindling. He believes the college’s approach to COVID-19 is partly responsible. The campus only closed from late March to early May 2020, when full-time staff members returned to campus and met with students one-on-one or virtually. Professors and students came back in August with pandemic precautions in place. As Ford prepares to build an electric car manufacturing facility in the area, he expects growth to continue.

But as havoc wreaked by the pandemic lingers and enrollment cliffs await, some community colleges, including the 15 in Pennsylvania, are still struggling. Estimated enrollment numbers for the fall weren’t yet available, and while campus officials say declines haven’t necessarily reversed, they’re getting less steep.

“Enrollment in Pennsylvania has showed signs of recovering and stabilizing,” said Jason Kirsch, a spokesperson for the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges. “There are early indications that the rate of decrease will continue to slow in fall 2023, suggesting that we might be nearing the bottom of the curve.”

John Fink, a senior research associate at the Community College Research Center, said that while he hasn’t yet looked at fall enrollment numbers, he’s heartened to hear colleges are experiencing growth—even if modest.

He noted that, following sharp pandemic declines, “these community colleges are already in a pretty deep hole.” Even if the growth is “pretty small,” it’s “hard fought and hard won” and “we have to be hopeful.”

“I think it’s encouraging that it’s moving in the upward direction,” Fink said.



Eagle Volleyball Set for 2023 Season

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The MSJC women's volleyball team, who has reached the post-season in four of the last five years is set to begin their 2023 season on Friday when they travel to the Pasadena City College Tournament.



The Eagles return six sophomores to a squad that finished 2022 with a record of 15-12 overall and 8-2 in the Inland Empire Athletic Conference just missing out on their fifth straight paly-off appearance. Leading the way among the returning group is outside hitter [Mckenna Conklin](#), who last season led the team in kills with 274 for the season. Teaming up with her on the outside will be [Brooklynn](#)

[Thomas](#) who was third on the team in kills a season ago with 154. [Trysta Vincelli](#) also returns and she will be the one assigned to passing Conklin and Thomas the ball as she comes back for her sophomore year after dishing out a team best 524 assists. Vincelli also knocked down 90 kills of her own in 2022. [Tracy Blanchard](#). [Lauren Cummings](#), and [Haylee May](#) also return after seeing significant playing time in their freshmen seasons.

Newcomer [Hailey Frary](#) out of Temecula Valley is expected to make an impact right away, she was described by Head Coach Serrina Eason as being "a dynamic middle". She will be joined by a pair of former high school teammates at Murrieta Valley [Carley Kruse](#) and [Megan Gajda](#) who will be looked to as pin hitters this season.

"We've been very competitive in practice", Eason said "Now we need to make sure that transfers into our matches". "We have a tough non-conference schedule, so we will find out right away where we stand, I am expecting our six sophomores to provide leadership, especially early in the season".

Friday in Pasadena the Eagles will take on Cypress at 11 am and Mira Costa at 2 pm. Saturday MSJC heads to East LA for a noon match before making their home debut on Wednesday August 30th. On the 30th the team will host both Grossmont and LA Mission. The Grossmont match is scheduled for 11 am with the LA Mission match set for 4 pm



MSJC Soccer Ready for Big Step Forward in 2023

Posted: Aug 24, 2023

The MSJC women's soccer team is coming off a season in which they qualified for the 3C2A State play-offs for the first time since 2016, and the expectation this year is to build on that momentum.

The Eagles return three First Team All Inland Empire Athletic Conference performers from a season ago and have added depth with a strong recruiting class for 2023. MSJC returns their top two

point scorers from last season as both [Karyme Mendoza](#) and [Aaliyah Sims](#) are back for their sophomore seasons. Mendoza scored 7 goals and had 8 assists in 2022 while Sims scored 6 goals and had 7 assists during the year. Those two all league performers will also be joined by First Team All IEAC midfielder [Alexis Salgado](#). "It's nice to have these type of players returning as well as the other sophomores in this group", said MSJC head coach Julio Reyes. "I think we will start this season as a more confident team."

Joining the returning group is a talented group of newcomers led by the trio of [Belinda Jara](#), [Addisyn Mangrum](#), and [Samantha Uribe](#). Jara comes to MSJC after an outstanding career at San Jacinto High, "She is very fast and has a lot of quickness", said Reyes. "She played a very high level of club soccer as well so she will be a big part of our attacking half." Mangrum is a transfer from Humboldt State, after playing her high school soccer at Vista Murrieta. "She is a tall and strong middle defender who will help us a lot on the defensive half". Uribe will play in the midfield for the Eagles, coming to the squad from Murrieta Mesa High.

"We have high expectations for this season and we are planning on competing for the IEAC championship," added Reyes. Last season the Eagles finished third in the conference and had an overall record of 10-8-1. The Eagles also will be playing their home matches at their brand new stadium on the Menifee Campus. MSJC opens the season tomorrow (8/25) when they host Imperial Valley in a match that will kick off at 6 pm. A complete 2023 schedule can be found in the link below.



The MSJC women's soccer team kicks off their season on Friday August 25th when they host Imperial Valley in a 6 pm match at the brand new Stadium on the Menifee Campus.

Lamar quarterback competition not settled as season opener approaches

Robert Coleman and Jakolby Longino are taking first-team reps in practice this week. [Matt Faye, Sports editor](#) | Aug. 28, 2023 Updated: Aug. 28, 2023 6:03 p.m.

With Lamar University's football season opener just days away, the Cardinals' quarterback competition is still up for grabs, according to head coach Pete Rossomando.

The first-year Lamar coach has yet to name a starter under center for Thursday's opening game against Idaho at Provost Umphrey Stadium. However, there has been some progress made in the three-man race for the starting job.

Junior college transfer Robert Coleman and sophomore returner Jakolby Longino are splitting first-team reps in practice this week, Rossomando said. Mike Chandler, who started eight games last season for the Cardinals, seems to be the odd man out at the moment.

"It's been really close with all three quarterbacks, and I think that's why it's taken so long," Rossomando said Monday while meeting with the media in Beaumont. "We just had to cut it down to two."

Chandler has been at Lamar since the 2020 season. He played occasionally during his first two seasons before taking over the starting quarterback role on a full-time basis in 2022. Chandler started eight of Lamar's 11 games last year, completing 87 of 205 passes for 1,244 yards and 8 touchdowns. His biggest problem came in the turnover department with 7 interceptions. Now, it looks like the Cardinals will move in a different direction at quarterback under their new coach.



Robert Coleman (left) and Jakolby Longino are competing to be the starting quarterback for Lamar University's season opener on Thursday against Idaho.

Lamar University athletics photo

Longino was on the roster under previous coach Blane Morgan after transferring from University of Texas-El Paso. The 6-foot-3, 205-pounder from Hightower High School played in five games in 2022, mostly in mop-up duty.

Coleman was brought in by Rossomando to challenge for the quarterback job. He's a transfer from Mt. San Jacinto College who threw for 4,473 yards and 45 touchdowns during his junior college career.

"Right now, I would say they are probably still neck and neck," Rossomando said of the battle between Coleman and Longino. "Both are guys who can throw from the pocket but still do some good things with their feet."

Although the competition is close, Rossomando said he doesn't plan to rotate quarterbacks on Thursday night.

Whoever starts under center for Lamar will face a tough challenge from Idaho. The Vandals compiled a 7-4 regular season record in 2022 before falling to Southeastern Louisiana in the first round of the FCS national playoffs.

Idaho starts the new season ranked No. 8 in the STATS Perform Poll and No. 13 in the FCS Coaches Poll. Thursday's kickoff in Beaumont is scheduled for 7 p.m.



Soccer Team Opens New Stadium With Win Over Imperial

Posted: Aug 28, 2023

IMPERIAL VALLEY

MT. SAN JACINTO

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	MT. SAN JACINTO ()	4	1	5	

The MSJC women's soccer team kicked off their season in the new stadium on the Menifee Campus Friday night and came away with a 5-0 win over visiting Imperial Valley College.

The Eagles controlled the match from the out set as a vast majority of the action happened on their offensive side of the field. After multiple scoring opportunities, the Eagles scored their first goal of the match in the 23rd minute when [Karyme Mendoza](#) scored with an assist from [Belinda Jara](#). Jara would add to the lead 12 minutes later when she scored a goal of her own, this time it was [Alexis Salgado](#) who had the assist. MSJC would score twice more before halftime as Salgado scored in the 36th minute and Mendoza added her second goal for the half in the 42nd.



The MSJC women's soccer team won 5-0 over Imperial Valley on Friday as they opened their season at the Stadium in Menifee.

MSJC continued to dominate the match in the second half adding the fifth and final goal in the 68th minute from [Aaliyah Sims](#). The goal keeping duo of [Daisy Reyes](#) and [Ashlyn Goade](#) combined for the shut out as each had one save a piece in the victory.

The Eagles return to action with two road matches this week as they travel to Grossmont and Long Beach City. Tuesday MSJC will play at 1 pm at Grossmont and then Friday travel to Long Beach for a 5 pm kick off.

SCORING SUMMARY
1st - 22:00 - Karyme Mendoza (Mt. San Jacinto)
1st - 34:00 - Belinda Jara (Mt. San Jacinto)
1st - 36:00 - Alexis Salgado (Mt. San Jacinto)
1st - 42:00 - Karyme Mendoza (Mt. San Jacinto)
2nd - 68:00 - Aaliyah Sims (Mt. San Jacinto)

GAME LEADERS
IMPERIAL VALLEY
G: N/A
A: N/A
Sh: Emily Lopez - 1
Sv: Leticia Cota - 15
MT. SAN JACINTO
G: Karyme Mendoza - 2
A: Alexis Salgado - 2
Sh: N/A
Sv: 2 Players (#0, #36) - 1

TEAM STATS		
IMPERIAL VALLEY		MT. SAN JACINTO
0 (1)	Shots (on goal)	0 (0)
16	Saves	2
0	Fouls	0
0	Corner Kicks	0
0	Offsides	0



Eagles Open Volleyball Season With Busy Weekend

MT. SAN JACINTO

EAST LOS ANGELES

0	Final	1	2	3	T	3
	MT. SAN JACINTO (0-2, 0-0)	20	20	22	0	
	EAST LOS ANGELES (1-0, 0-0)	25	25	25	3	

CYPRESS

MT. SAN JACINTO

3	Final	1	2	3	T	0
	CYPRESS (1-0, 0-0)	25	25	26	3	
	MT. SAN JACINTO (0-1, 0-0)	23	19	24	0	

MIRACOSTA

MT. SAN JACINTO

1	Final	1	2	3	4	T	3
	MIRACOSTA	18	25	21	26	1	
	MT. SAN JACINTO	25	18	25	28	3	

Posted: Aug 28, 2023



The MSJC volleyball team will play four matches at home this week as they host a pair of tri tournaments on Wednesday and Friday.

The MSJC women's volleyball team went 1-2 over the weekend as they split a pair of matches on Friday at the Pasadena City College Tournament and dropped a road match to East LA on Saturday.

The Eagles opened the season against Cypress Friday morning and came away on the short end of a three set sweep, losing by scores of 23-25, 19-25, and 24-26. [Brooklynn Thomas](#) led the way on offense with 11 kills in the match, [Megan Gajda](#) added 9 kills for MSJC. [Trysta Vincelli](#) passed out a team high 23 assists while Thomas came up with a team best 9 digs. [Josephine Springer](#) picked up 8 digs and [Lilly](#)

[Galvan](#) had 7.

MSJC bounced back in their second match of the day as they won in four sets over Mira Costa. The Eagles won 25-18, 18-25, 25-21, and 28-26. This time Thomas and [Mckenna Conklin](#) each knocked down a match best 17 kills to lead the Eagles, [Hailey Frary](#) added 7. Vincelli had a team high 26 assists and [Kalia Anady](#) added 15 helpers. [Lauren Cummings](#) came up with two solo blocks on defense while Galvan picked up a match high 18 digs.

Saturday the Eagles traveled to East LA for a non-conference match and fell to the Huskies in straight sets 20-25, 20-25, and 22-25. [Carley Kruse](#) had a team high 8 kills for MSJC, Thomas added 7 while Conklin knocked down 6. Vincelli and Anady split time at setter with Vincelli collecting 16 assists and Anady 13. Thomas, Vincelli, and Anady all had 7 digs to lead the defense, Cummings had a pair of solo blocks.

The Eagles will be back in action this week when they host a pair of tri tournaments at the San Jacinto Campus. Wednesday August 30th the Eagles will host Grossmont and LA Mission with matches starting at 11 am and 4

pm. Friday September 1st MSJC will take on Santiago Canyon and Palomar also at 11 am and 4 pm. Both days there will also be a game featuring the other two teams at 1 pm.

GAME LEADERS	
MT. SAN JACINTO	
K: Carley Kruse - 8	
B: Lauren Cummings - 2	
D: 3 Players (#7, #12, #20) - 7	
SA: Megan Gajda - 1	
EAST LOS ANGELES	
K: Roselia Cazares - 12	
B: 2 Players (#11, #23) - 4	
D: 2 Players (#4, #12) - 10	
SA: Alejandra Alfaro - 2	

TEAM STATS		
MT. SAN JACINTO		EAST LOS ANGELES
.127	Hitting %	.169
3.0	Blocks	8.0
49	Digs	45
1	Aces	6

GAME LEADERS	
CYPRESS	
K: Shayna Martinez - 18	
B: 4 Players (#7, #9, #14, #30) - 1	
D: Shayna Martinez - 12	
SA: Andrea Briseno - 3	
MT. SAN JACINTO	
K: Brooklynn Thomas - 11	
B: 3 Players (#3, #7, #21) - 1	
D: Brooklynn Thomas - 9	
SA: Josephine Springer - 3	

TEAM STATS		
CYPRESS		MT. SAN JACINTO
.325	Hitting %	.258
2.0	Blocks	2.0
42	Digs	40
8	Aces	7

GAME LEADERS	
MIRACOSTA	
K: Daysha Halbert - 14	
B: N/A	
D: Tera Thompson - 12	
SA: Cameron-Jade Caimpon - 2	
MT. SAN JACINTO	
K: 2 Players (#7, #21) - 17	
B: Team - 4	
D: Lilly Galvan - 18	
SA: Trysta Vincelli - 4	

TEAM STATS		
MIRACOSTA		MT. SAN JACINTO
.225	Hitting %	.162
0.0	Blocks	8.0
13	Digs	50
3	Aces	6

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Monday, August 28, 2023

Falcons face San Jacinto eagles in preseason scrimmage

[William Duarte](#) and [Emily Maciel](#)

The Cerritos Falcons matched up against the Mt. San Jacinto Eagles at home during a scrimmage to prepare themselves for the upcoming season.

Thursday night was a tough outing for the Falcons on the offensive side of the ball, but their defense was without a doubt, a bright spot.



Running back No. 22 Isaiah Blevins making a run with the ball trying to help out the offense.

The offense had a few big play opportunities that they failed to capitalize on.

The first drive of the scrimmage for the Falcons offense seemed destined to be an opening drive touchdown as they went straight

down the field with the help of two 15-yard penalties that went in their favor.

At the one-yard line, the Falcons couldn't put the ball in the endzone and even failed on the fourth down conversion as San Jacinto shut them down.

After this first drive, the Falcons struggled to gain any type of momentum on the offensive side of the ball for the rest of the scrimmage not scoring one touchdown.

Many miscues that included multiple dropped passes, holding and false start penalties that really hurt the Falcons.

The first-string offense was moving the ball decently to start but failed in key moments to score.

Head coach [Dean Grosfeld](#) feels confident that the offense will be ready for when the season officially starts on Sept. 2. "We're ready." Grosfeld says.

"Our offense is really young but we're really talented," Grosfeld said and assured the new players will be able to pick it up quickly.

"It's hard in a scrimmage because we only play a quarter and then it's just situations and stuff but like I told them, any time your defense can shut somebody out and not score on you, you'll always have a chance," Grosfeld added.

The defense seems to be the strongest part of the team, having an interception on a deep pass by defensive back [Zedekiah Rodriguez-Brown](#) and multiple sacks from the defensive back. The defense was able to shut out San Jacinto for the one quarter they did play in the scrimmage and did a great job during the situational plays in the red zone.

Grosfeld commented, "We have a lot of talent on that side, great teams always play great on defense."

"It's not our expectation, it's our standard," Grosfeld added.

With the season less than a week away, the Falcons will need to get their offense up to speed quick.

It's no surprise the Falcons set the bar high. Going back to last season the Falcons had an 8-3 record and went to the playoffs. They brought home the title of the Western State Bowl by defeating Long Beach City College 35-28.

Cerritos has won this Western State Bowl for the past four seasons in a row so they will definitely try and run it back again.

The Falcons are set to start the season off [against Antelope Valley](#) at home on Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.



Menifee 24/7

MSJC football team set for standout season in new stadium

Posted by Doug Spoon | Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Menifee residents may develop a new appreciation for the Mt. San Jacinto College football team now that the Eagles have moved into their new stadium on the Menifee campus.

The Eagles open their 2023 season Saturday night with a game at Mt. San Antonio College, but the real party will take place Sept. 9, when MSJC plays in its new 5,000-seat stadium for the first time. The administration has many activities planned to make it “a game day experience,” said coach Casey Mazzotta.

The opponent that day will be Citrus College, which defeated MSJC in the American Championship Bowl last fall. MSJC is coming off back-to-back conference championships and is ready to move into the highly competitive Southern League of the National Conference in the Southern California Football Association.

Fans who attend that first game in the new stadium will see an Eagles team that is well-stocked to make a run at another league title.

“Moving into a new conference is unknown territory,” said Mazzotta. “We’ll be facing a lot of teams we haven’t played before, and it’s a seven-game conference season. Our schedule includes two teams in the top five in the state – Riverside and Fullerton. But we’re excited about our chances.”

The Eagles’ strength appears to be their defense. Returning from last year is Carsten Mamaril, an all-state cornerback in 2022. Also returning at cornerback is Marcus Brooks, a product of Murrieta Valley High School.

Quentin Evans and newcomer Isaiah Lopez are talented safeties that will contribute to what Mazzotta feels is a standout defensive backfield. Linebackers include returner Tyrone Oloa and freshman Jaden Dillon, another graduate of Murrieta Valley High.

The line is perhaps the most experienced of the defensive units, led by nose guard Jahy Osuna, a 6-foot-3, 300-pounder out of Hemet High. All-Conference defensive end Tevita Hailalilo also returns to add depth to the defense. Mazzotta also has high hopes for freshman lineman Darius Holmes (Vista Murrieta).

The Eagles have multiple talents at quarterback, with sophomore Zach Zella scheduled to start Saturday’s opener at MSAC. The 6-foot-3, 210-pounder from Temecula Valley High was backup last year to Robert Coleman, who passed for 3,012 yards and 28 touchdowns.

“He works well in the pocket and moves the ball around,” Mazzotta said about Zella. “He’s a real good pocket passer, and he got some game experience last year.”

One of Zella’s primary targets will be sophomore wide receiver Christian Kretz, with freshmen Malik Blackmon and Elijah Simley adding depth to the position.



Cornerback Carsten Mamaril, shown breaking up a pass last year, returns for the Eagles. (Photo by Rick Rowell)

At running back, Mazzotta is happy to have Matt Caldera (Vista Murrieta HS) returning.

“Every time he touched the ball last year, it was lights out,” the coach said. “Matt is really good out of the backfield and he had a great off-season.”

On the offensive line, returning starter Tommy Garcia will be joined by transfer student David Shinn (Utah Tech).

Put all that talent in a new stadium and the outlook is bright for the Eagles.

“Moving out here kind of put us right in the central part of our district,” Mazzotta said about the move from the San Jacinto campus. “Before, we were up against a mountain range and our recruiting area only had two sides. Now we’re freeway close, which also makes it easier for the players.

“We’re finally able to service a high level college football program. All our opponents have comparable facilities. Before, we had a locker room with room for 54 guys. We had players who were basically transients, living out of their equipment bags. Now we have room for everyone in the locker room, meeting rooms, and we have a strength facility that will adequately train any athlete properly.”

Saturday’s season opener at Mt. San Antonio College starts at 6 p.m., the same kickoff time scheduled for the Sept. 9 home opener. With the new stadium, the Eagles finally get to play home games under the lights.



Officials cut the ribbon on MSJC's new Menifee stadium in May.



Eagle Volleyball Splits a Pair of Home Matches

LA MISSION

MT. SAN JACINTO

Final		1	2	3	4	T	3
1	LA MISSION	19	25	22	9	1	
	MT. SAN JACINTO	25	19	25	25	3	

GROSSMONT

MT. SAN JACINTO

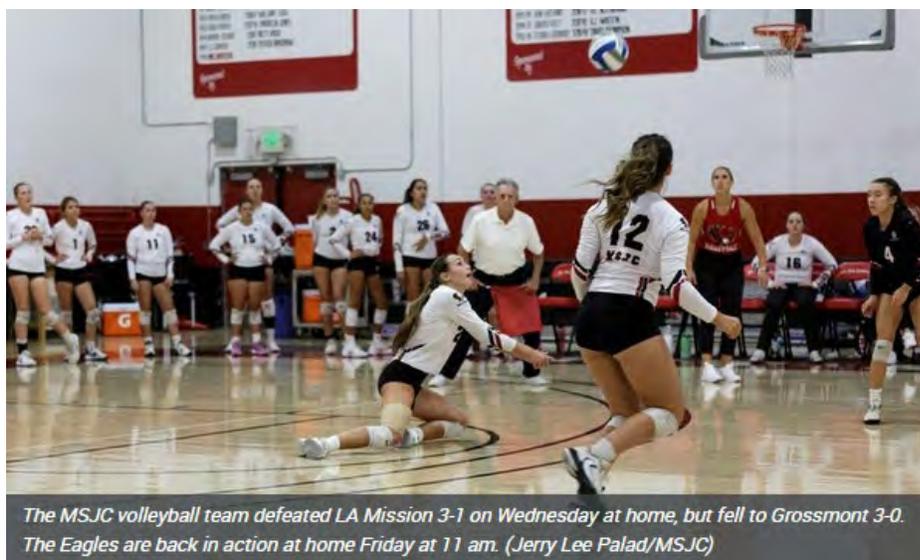
Final		1	2	3	T	0
3	GROSSMONT	25	25	25	3	
	MT. SAN JACINTO	16	14	20	0	

Posted: Aug 31, 2023

The MSJC volleyball team hosted both Grossmont College and LA Mission College on Wednesday, the Eagles came away 1-1 on the day.

The Eagles first match of the day was against Grossmont and the team struggled with some passing issues early on and ended up losing in straight sets; 16-25, 14, 25, and 20-25. [Mckenna Conklin](#) had a team high 7 kills in the match, [Brooklynn Thomas](#) and [Megan Gajda](#) both had 6. [Trysta Vincelli](#) led the defensive effort with 11 digs [Brooklynn Jimenez](#) had 10. Vincelli collected 12 assists in the loss while [Kalia Anady](#) dished out 6.

MSJC bounced back in the second match of the day to defeat LA Mission in four sets. The Eagles won the opening set 25-19, but Mission came back to win the second by the same score. MSJC took a tight third set 25-22 and then put the match away in the fourth with a dominating 25-9 win. Conklin again led the way with 12 kills, Gajda had 10 and [Carley Kruse](#) knocked down 8. The Eagle defense combined for 16 block assists in the match led by 6 from [Hailey Frary](#), Gajda picked up a match best 14 digs while Jimenez had 13. Vincelli was credited with 21 assists and Anady with 11.



The Eagles now stand at 2-3 on the season and are right back in action on Friday when they host both Palomar and Santiago Canyon on the San Jacinto Campus. MSJC opens the day at 11 am when they take on Santiago Canyon, the Eagles are scheduled to play Palomar at 4 pm.

GAME LEADERS**LA MISSION****K:** Ella Gawellek - 10**B:** 2 Players (#3, #16) - 2**D:** Geraldine Martinez - 20**SA:** Taylor Boone - 3**MT. SAN JACINTO****K:** Mckenna Conklin - 12**B:** Hailey Frary - 6**D:** Megan Gajda - 14**SA:** 3 Players (#9, #11, #20) - 2**TEAM STATS**

LA MISSION		MT. SAN JACINTO
.022	Hitting %	.094
3.0	Blocks	8.0
46	Digs	63
6	Aces	7

GAME LEADERS**GROSSMONT****K:** Alyson Guise - 14**B:** Alyson Guise - 3**D:** 2 Players (#3, #25) - 10**SA:** Joanna Verdugo-Del Real - 4**MT. SAN JACINTO****K:** Mckenna Conklin - 7**B:** Hailey Frary - 5**D:** Trysta Vincelli - 11**SA:** Mckenna Conklin - 2**TEAM STATS**

GROSSMONT		MT. SAN JACINTO
.186	Hitting %	.080
3.5	Blocks	7.0
53	Digs	44
9	Aces	2



W. Soccer Wins in Second Straight Shut Out

Posted: Aug 31, 2023

MT. SAN JACINTO					GROSSMONT
9	Final	1	2	T	0
	MT. SAN JACINTO ()	2	7	9	
	GROSSMONT ()	0	0	0	

The MSJC women's soccer team blew a relatively close match wide open early in the second half to win easily at Grossmont on Tuesday 9-0.

The Eagles led 2-0 at halftime on goals from [Leilani Aves](#) and [Belinda Jara](#). MSJC then exploded for four goals in a 10 minute span that put the match well out of reach. [Karyme Mendoza](#) scored the first of the Eagles seven second half goals in the 48th minute. From there goals by [Samantha Uribe](#) 49th minute, Aves 56th minute, and [Nadia Dogan](#) 58th minutes made it 6-0.



Belinda Jara scored two goals and had 4 assists as the Eagle soccer team beat Grossmont 9-0 on Tuesday.

MSJC would go on to add three more late in the second as [Aaliyah Sims](#) scored in the 75th minute, [Avril Martinez](#) in the 83rd, and Jara topped off her outstanding performance with a goal in the 85th.

When it was all said and done, Jara finished the day with 2 goals and 4 assists while Mendoza and Dogan each scored a goal and had an assist. [Ashlyn Goade](#) played the first half in goal for the Eagles and made one save, [Daisy Reyes](#) was in the net for the second half and also recorded one save.

MSJC is now 2-0 and travel to Long Beach City on Friday. Friday's match at Long Beach City kicks off at 5pm, the Eagles return home on Tuesday September 5th when they host Santa Ana at 3 pm.

SCORING SUMMARY
1st - 10:00 - Leilani Aves (Mt. San Jacinto)
1st - 19:00 - Belinda Jara (Mt. San Jacinto)
2nd - 48:00 - Karyme Mendoza (Mt. San Jacinto)
2nd - 49:00 - Samantha Uribe (Mt. San Jacinto)
2nd - 56:00 - Leilani Aves (Mt. San Jacinto)
2nd - 58:00 - Nadia Dogan (Mt. San Jacinto)
2nd - 75:00 - Aaliyah Sims (Mt. San Jacinto)
2nd - 83:00 - Avril Martinez (Mt. San Jacinto)
2nd - 85:00 - Belinda Jara (Mt. San Jacinto)

GAME LEADERS
MT. SAN JACINTO
G: 2 Players (#6, #11) - 2
A: Belinda Jara - 4
Sh: N/A
Sv: 2 Players (#0, #36) - 1
GROSSMONT
G: N/A
A: N/A
Sh: N/A
Sv: N/A

TEAM STATS		
MT. SAN JACINTO		GROSSMONT
0 (0)	Shots (on goal)	0 (0)
2	Saves	0
0	Fouls	0
0	Corner Kicks	0
0	Offsides	0



Defending champion San Mateo and runner-up Riverside City headline preseason football polls

Posted: Sep 01, 2023

SAN MATEO – Defending 3C2A state champion College of San Mateo (12-1) is the top pick among California Community College football coaches in the annual preseason poll, conducted by the JC Athletic Bureau. Finalist Riverside City College (also 12-1 in 2022) is No. 2 and the leading SoCal selection. In fact, the top four teams in both the JCAB and CCCSIA (California Community College Sports Information Association) polls mirror each other with San Mateo, Riverside, Mt. San Antonio and Fullerton leading the way.

San Mateo beat formerly undefeated and then top-ranked Riverside, 55-0, in the state title game at CSM. Both teams were the winningest among the USA's 121 JC/CC teams (67 in the CCCAA) with their 12-1 records. San Mateo brings a National Division leading 6-game win streak into the 2023 campaign.

Last season's regional American Division champions, Citrus (in the south) and Feather River (in the north) each had 11-0 campaigns (best W-L records in the USA) and move-up to the National Division this year.

KEY OPENERS, Sat., Sept. 2: #1 San Mateo at #14 Sierra; #20 Long Beach at #2 Riverside; **Mt. San Jacinto at #3** Mt. San Antonio; Santa Barbara at #4 Fullerton; Sacramento at #5 American River; Bakersfield at #6 Golden West; #25 Santa Rosa at #7 CCSF; Saddleback at #8 Ventura; #21 Sequoias at #9 Butte; Antelope Valley at #11 Cerritos; Southwestern at #16 El Camino; Orange Coast at #17 Hancock; #18 SD Mesa at San Bernardino; #23 Citrus at #21 Canyons; Chabot at #22 Feather River; #24 East LA at Grossmont. *Feather River has a USA JC/CC leading 21-game winning streak.*

Note: Early openers on Friday, Sept. 1, included: #13 Modesto at #10 Laney and #19 Diablo Valley at #12 Fresno.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2022 TITLE GAME WRAP: CSM scored the only points it needed less than two minutes into the game on a 33-yard run by All-America running back and game MVP Ezra Moleni. It was set-up by a 61-yard return of the opening kickoff by Jeremiah Patterson to the Riverside 35. Moleni took three handoffs to reach the end zone with his 17th rushing TD of the season.

After holding Riverside to a quick 3-and-out, it was the same story on San Mateo's second series -- another 3-carry Moleni series, capped by his 61-yard scoring run that also broke future Super Bowl MVP Julian Edelman's season rushing record for the Bulldogs. Moleni totaled 1,400 season rushing yards and 18 touchdowns (to lead the state's National Division in that category), smashing the 1,253 yards by Edelman in 2005.

On a wet day, San Mateo's state leading defense (allowing only 12.8 points per game coming in) topped Riverside's National Division leading offense (590.9 yards per game). CSM totaled 446 yards, while limiting the Tigers to 224.

RECORD MARGIN: San Mateo set a state playoff series record, not allowing a touchdown throughout -- while outscoring three foes 115-5. Previous widest margin of victory and only other shutout came in 1967, the initial CCCAA (single game) state championship: Fullerton 41, American River 0.

CSM linebacker Taniela Latu (a coaches All-America selection) was the Bob Stangel defensive player of the game with three tackles for loss, including a sack, plus a forced fumble. All Bay 6 quarterback Richie Watts connected with tight end Brendan Doyle, the offensive player of the game, on a 33-yard scoring pass and Evans ran 67 yards to make it 35-0 at intermission.

Final yards: Moleni 232 (CSM game record) and Evans 148 (388 net for the all-state duo). Moleni rushed for 506 yards in the three state playoff games.

(Fred Baer, JC Athletic Bureau)

JCAB FOOTBALL POLL (Preseason)

RK	School	Record	Pts
1.	College of San Mateo (8)	12-1	223
2.	Riverside City	12-1	212
3.	Mt. San Antonio	9-2	189
4.	Fullerton	10-2	188
5.	American River	8-4	182
6.	Golden West	9-2	167
7.	City College of San Francisco (1)	7-4	166
8.	Ventura	7-4	159
9.	Butte	7-4	158
10.	Laney	8-3	151
11.	Cerritos	8-3	130
12.	Fresno City	7-4	124
13.	Modesto	5-6	116
14.	Sierra	6-5	93
15.	College of the Canyons	5-5	84
16.	El Camino	5-6	82
T17.	Allan Hancock	6-5	66
T17.	San Diego Mesa	7-4	60
19.	Diablo Valley	7-4	55
20.	Long Beach City	5-6	52
21.	College of the Sequoias	6-5	51
22.	Feather River	11-0	37
23.	Citrus	11-0	36
24.	East Los Angeles	5-6	28
25.	Santa Rosa	4-6	17

Others: Reedley, 16; Foothill, 15; Palomar, 14; Sacramento City, 12; Santa Barbara City, 11; Shasta, 8; Contra Costa, 7; **Mt. San Jacinto, 6**; Bakersfield, 3; Pasadena City, 3; Chabot, 1; College of the Redwoods, 1; Saddleback, 1; West Hills, 1.

JCSIA FOOTBALL POLL (Preseason)

RK	School	Record	Pts
1.	College of San Mateo (7)	12-1	221
2.	Riverside City (1)	12-1	212
3.	Mt. San Antonio	9-2	187
4.	Fullerton	10-2	183
5.	Ventura	7-4	175
6.	Golden West	9-2	162
T7.	City College of San Francisco (1)	7-4	152
T7.	American River	8-4	152
9.	Laney	8-3	151
10.	Butte	7-4	146
T11.	Modesto	5-6	116
T11.	Cerritos	8-3	116
13.	Fresno City	7-4	103
14.	San Diego Mesa	7-4	92
T15.	El Camino	5-6	89
T15.	Sierra	6-5	89
17.	College of the Canyons	5-5	82
18.	Diablo Valley	7-4	80
19.	Citrus	11-0	52
T20.	Feather River	11-0	44
T20.	College of the Sequoias	6-5	44
22.	Allan Hancock	6-5	43
23.	Saddleback	3-7	35
24.	Mt. San Jacinto	9-2	33
25.	Santa Barbara City	10-1	31

Others: Merced, 24; Reedley, 22; Long Beach City, 21; East Los Angeles, 16; Santa Rosa, 13; College of the Desert, 10; Moorpark, 7; Bakersfield, 6; Palomar, 6; Monterey Peninsula, 3; Sacramento City, 3; College of the Redwoods, 2; Foothill, 1; Shasta, 1.



Eagles Open Season With Hard Fought Loss at Mt. SAC

MT. SAN JACINTO

MT. SAN ANTONIO

7	Final	1	2	3	4	T	23
	MT. SAN JACINTO (0-1)	0	0	0	7	7	
	MT. SAN ANTONIO (1-0)	0	16	0	7	23	

Posted: Sep 05, 2023



Elijah Simley had 7 catches for 66 yards on Saturday night as the Eagles opened their season at Mt. SAC. (Jerry Lee Palad-MSJC)

The MSJC football team opened the 2023 season on Saturday at Mt. SAC and struggled to get the offense going as they fell to the Mounties 23-7 in Walnut.

The Eagles came up big on defense on the opening drive of the game as they held Mt. SAC out of the end zone on a fourth and goal from the three yard line. The Eagles continued to keep the state's number 3 ranked Mounties off the scoreboard the rest of the first period as Mt. SAC missed a field goal and then [Quentin Evans](#) came up with a big interception for MSJC in the end zone with under 3 minutes to play in the opening quarter.

Mt. SAC would take the lead with 11:22 to play in the second period on a 13 yard touchdown pass and with the extra point led 7-0. The Mounties would tack on a second TD of the quarter on their next possession, but [Carsten Mamaril](#) blocked the extra point for the Eagles to hold the score at 13-0. Mt. SAC would add a field goal before halftime to lead 16-0 at the break.

The Mounties would score one more time early in the fourth to push the lead to 23-0, before the Eagles finally got on the board with 32 seconds left to play when quarterback [Zach Zella](#) scored on a five yard run.

The Eagles finished the day with 235 total yards of offense they only netted 12 rushing yards for the game. [Hayden Lara](#) was 14 of 26 passing for 134 yards while Zella finished 10 of 26 for 89 yards. [Elijah Simley](#) had a team high 7 receptions for 66 yards, [Mykai Skinner](#) had 5 catches. On defense Mamaril finished his day with a pair of sacks and a pair of pass break ups. Evans had a team high 9 total tackles to go along with his interception. [Tyrone Oloa](#) had 8 tackles in the loss for the Eagles.

MSJC will return to action on Saturday September 9th when they play their first game in their new stadium on the Meniffee Campus. Kick-off Saturday night is set for 6 pm. Tickets for Saturday's game must be purchased on line through Hometown Tickets. [MSJC Football Tickets](#)

GAME LEADERS

MT. SAN ANTONIO

Pa: Alex Flores - 77

Ru: Samuel Green - 135

Rec: Anthony Felton - 36

MT. SAN JACINTO

Pa: [Hayden Lara](#) - 134

Ru: [Hayden Lara](#) - 19

Rec: [Elijah Simley](#) - 66

TEAM STATS

MT. SAN JACINTO		MT. SAN ANTONIO
223	Passing Yards	103
12	Rushing Yards	302
1	Turnovers	2
35:16	Time of Poss.	24:44



MSJC Volleyball Wins Two Home Matches

PALOMAR

MT. SAN JACINTO

2	Final	1	2	3	4	5	T	3
	PALOMAR	25	25	20	13	13	2	
	MT. SAN JACINTO	21	13	25	25	15	3	

SANTIAGO CANYON

MT. SAN JACINTO

0	Final	1	2	3	T	3
	SANTIAGO CANYON (0-1, 0-0)	12	12	17	0	
	MT. SAN JACINTO (1-0, 0-0)	25	25	25	3	

Posted: Sep 05, 2023

The MSJC women's volleyball team won a pair of matches on Friday at home as they swept Santiago Canyon and had a thrilling five set comeback win over Palomar.

The Eagles opened the day with an easy win over Santiago Canyon taking the match by scores of 25-12, 25-12, and 25-17. MSJC used a balanced offense as six players had between 4 and 7 kills in the match led by 7 from [Megan Gajda](#). [Mckenna Conklin](#) added 6 while both [Hailey Frary](#) and [Carley Kruse](#) had 5 each, [Brooklynn Thomas](#) and [Josephine Springer](#) both knocked down 4 kills in the win. [Trysta Vincelli](#) passed out 22 assists and [Kalia Anady](#) added 10. Gajda picked up a team best 7 digs and Thomas added 3 block assists.



The MSJC women's volleyball team picked up two big wins on Friday as they defeated both Santiago Canyon and Palomar. (Jerry Lee Palad-MSJC)

In the second match of the day the Eagles fell behind early as they lost the opening set to Palomar 21-25. The Comets also took the second set 13-25 to put the Eagles backs against the wall. MSJC fought back to win the third set 25-20 and then dominated the fourth 25-13 to force a fifth and deciding set. In the fifth MSJC jumped out to an early lead and then held on for a 15-13 victory. Conklin had a team high 21 kills in the victory while Thomas added 13 and Kruse 12. Frary led the defensive effort in the middle with 6 block assists, [Lynsie Arnold](#) and Anady tied for team high honors with 10 digs each.

The Eagles improved to 4-3 with the two victories and now have a very busy week as they play five times. MSJC will travel to San Diego City on Tuesday for a 5 pm match, they will host Mt. SAC in a home match Wednesday. The Eagles will conclude the week with a match at Riverside on Friday and two at LA Mission on Saturday where they will play both Mission and Porterville.

GAME LEADERS**PALOMAR****K:** Janell Spires - 14**B:** Hope Ithem - 6**D:** Sonsi Jarvis - 12**SA:** Delina Becker - 4**MT. SAN JACINTO****K:** Mckenna Conklin - 21**B:** Hailey Frary - 6**D:** 2 Players (#11, #12) - 10**SA:** Trysta Vincelli - 2**TEAM STATS****PALOMAR****MT. SAN JACINTO**.150 **Hitting %** .21910.0 **Blocks** 8.045 **Digs** 509 **Aces** 5**GAME LEADERS****SANTIAGO CANYON****K:** Chelsea Riedel - 10**B:** Sarah Violet - 3**D:** Nicole Rodrigues - 5**SA:** 3 Players (#4, #11, #13) - 1**MT. SAN JACINTO****K:** Megan Gajda - 7**B:** 2 Players (#7, #27) - 3**D:** Megan Gajda - 7**SA:** Megan Gajda - 7**TEAM STATS****SANTIAGO CANYON****MT. SAN JACINTO**.000 **Hitting %** .2505.0 **Blocks** 5.015 **Digs** 323 **Aces** 14



Menifee 24/7

MSJC dedicates stadium, kinesiology complex

Posted by Doug Spoon | [Wednesday, September 06, 2023](#)



Local officials celebrate the dedication of the new stadium and kinesiology complex at MSJC.

Mt. San Jacinto College hosted a dedication ceremony Sept. 5 to officially open the more than \$50 million state-of-the-art Athletics & Kinesiology Complex. College officials, faculty, staff, local leaders, and community members attended the event and together celebrated this exciting milestone in the college's history.

Opening this addition to MSJC's Menifee Valley Campus is a testament to the college's commitment to excellence in both academics and athletics. This new Athletics & Kinesiology complex boasts amenities including:

- A 30,722 square-foot, 5,000-seat stadium
- Beach volleyball court
- Softball field
- Press box for coaches
- Training facilities for student-athletes
- Team rooms
- Classrooms
- Gathering spaces for community events

College officials and other community leaders shared their journey, appreciation, and excitement to be opening this incredible facility.

"The complex is our most recent achievement that will transform our college district and our region," said Superintendent/President Roger Schultz, Ph.D. "We are honored to be a point of pride for Menifee, the surrounding communities, and the county of Riverside."

"I walked across it (the field), and I could feel the energy. It's here, it's coming," said Vicki Carpenter, Board Trustee, adding that she can't wait for Saturday night, the first home game for the MSJC Eagles.

"This is a milestone," Menifee Mayor Bill Zimmerman said. "This is an historic day. This is something that is monumental, and one we are all going to remember."

Patrick Springer, Dean of Kinesiology and Athletics, thanked the taxpayers for supporting Measure AA, MSJC's facilities bond. "Without them it wouldn't have happened," he said.

Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington, a representative from Riverside County Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez's office, and Mayor Zimmerman presented the college with proclamations and certificates to recognize this momentous occasion.

The stadium and kinesiology complex will open this weekend for the first home football game -- the MSJC Eagles vs. the Citrus College Owls. The game is scheduled for Saturday at 6 p.m. Pregame activities will begin at 4 p.m. in the courtyard. Vista Murrieta High School band will be performing at halftime. Tickets are available for online purchase at msjcatletics.com/general/Tickets



Eagle Soccer Beats Santa Ana to Move to 3-1

MT. SAN JACINTO					LONG BEACH
0	Final	1	2	T	5
	MT. SAN JACINTO (2-1-0)	0	0	0	
	LONG BEACH (1-0-0)	4	1	5	

SANTA ANA					MT. SAN JACINTO
0	Final	1	2	T	4
	SANTA ANA ()	0	0	0	
	MT. SAN JACINTO ()	2	2	4	

Posted: Sep 06, 2023

The MSJC women's soccer team earned their third shut out victory of the season on Tuesday as they defeated visiting Santa Ana 4-0 in Menifee.

The Eagles, who were coming off their first loss of the season last Friday at Long Beach City, scored the day's first goal in the 11th minute when [Belinda Jara](#) scored off an assist from [Karyme Mendoza](#). [Kayla Garcia](#) would push the lead to 2-0 in the 42nd minute when she connected off an assist from Jara to give MSJC the two goal lead headed to halftime.

MSJC would continue to control the match in the second half and added to the lead in the 57th minute when [Brinley Taylor](#) scored a goal, this time it was [Alexis Salgado](#) with the assist. The Eagles closed out the scoring in the 67th minute when Mendoza knocked home a penalty kick to push the lead to 4-0.



Karyme Mendoza scored a goal and had an assist as the MSJC women's soccer team improved to 3-1 on the season with a 4-0 win over Santa Ana.

[Ashlyn Goade](#) played all 90 minutes in goal for the Eagles as she made 3 saves in the victory.

The Eagles are now 3-1 on the season and return to action on Friday night when they host Palomar at 6 pm at the Menifee Stadium.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st - 7:12 - Hannah Marshall (Long Beach)

1st - 23:19 - Kenia Iniguez (Long Beach)

1st - 32:19 - Genesis Lopez (Long Beach)

1st - 40:14 - Laura Vasquez (Long Beach)

2nd - 78:51 - Diana Leon (Long Beach)

GAME LEADERS**MT. SAN JACINTO****G:** N/A**A:** N/A**Sh:** 2 Players (#6, #11) - 1**Sv:** Daisy Reyes - 3**LONG BEACH****G:** 5 Players (#2, #4, #9, #10, #15) - 1**A:** Evelyn Sandoval - 2**Sh:** 2 Players (#4, #27) - 3**Sv:** Veronica Salcido - 1**TEAM STATS**

MT. SAN JACINTO		LONG BEACH
2 (1)	Shots (on goal)	19 (8)
3	Saves	1
6	Fouls	9
0	Corner Kicks	3
0	Offsides	3

SCORING SUMMARY

1st - 11:00 - Belinda Jara (Mt. San Jacinto)

1st - 42:00 - Kayla Garcia (Mt. San Jacinto)

2nd - 57:00 - Brinley Taylor (Mt. San Jacinto)

2nd - 67:00 - Karyme Mendoza (Mt. San Jacinto)

GAME LEADERS**SANTA ANA****G:** N/A**A:** N/A**Sh:** N/A**Sv:** Team - 7**MT. SAN JACINTO****G:** 4 Players (#10, #11, #15, #25) - 1**A:** 4 Players (#10, #11, #12, #21) - 1**Sh:** N/A**Sv:** Ashlyn Goade - 3**TEAM STATS**

SANTA ANA		MT. SAN JACINTO
0 (0)	Shots (on goal)	0 (0)
7	Saves	3
0	Fouls	0
1	Corner Kicks	3
0	Offsides	0



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Press Release

MSJC HOSTS DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR STATE-OF-THE-ART ATHLETICS & KINESIOLOGY COMPLEX

Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) hosted a dedication ceremony on September 5 to officially open the more than \$50 million state-of-the-art Athletics & Kinesiology Complex. College officials, faculty, staff, local leaders, and community members attended the event and together celebrated this exciting milestone in the college's history.

Opening this addition to MSJC's Menifee Valley Campus is a testament to the college's commitment to excellence in both academics and athletics. This new Athletics & Kinesiology complex boasts amenities including:

- A 30,722 square-foot 5,000-seat stadium
- Beach volleyball court
- Softball field
- Press box for coaches
- Training facilities for student-athletes
- Team rooms
- Classrooms
- Gathering spaces for community events

College officials and other community leaders shared their journey, appreciation, and excitement to be opening this incredible facility.

"The complex is our most recent achievement that will transform our college district and our region," said Superintendent/President Roger Schultz, Ph.D. "We are honored to be a point of pride for Menifee, the surrounding communities, and the county of Riverside."

"I walked across it (the field), and I could feel the energy, it's here, it's coming," said Vicki Carpenter, Board Trustee, adding that she can't wait for Saturday night, the first home game for the MSJC Eagles.

"This is a milestone," Menifee Mayor Bill Zimmerman said. "This is an historic day. This is something that is monumental, and one we are all going to remember."

Patrick Springer, Dean of Kinesiology and Athletics, thanked the taxpayers for supporting Measure AA, MSJC's facilities bond. "Without them it wouldn't have happened."

Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington, a representative from Riverside County Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez's office, and Mayor Zimmerman presented the college with proclamations and certificates to recognize this momentous occasion.

The stadium and kinesiology complex will open this weekend for the first home football game MSJC Eagles vs. Citrus College Owls. The game is scheduled for Saturday, September 9 at 6 p.m. Pregame activities will begin at 4 p.m. in the courtyard. Vista Murrieta High School band will be performing at half-time. Tickets are available for online purchase at msjcatletics.com/general/Tickets



MSJC and city of Menifee leaders officially dedicate the new Athletics & Kinesiology Complex at the Menifee Valley Campus.



Patrick Springer, Dean of Kinesiology and Athletics, thanked the residents for their support of Measure AA providing the College funding for the Complex. "Without them it wouldn't have happened."



MSJC Board of Trustees member Vicki Carpenter said she could "feel the energy" from the new stadium.

Photos courtesy of MSJC



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MSJC FOOTBALL KICKS OFF SEASON IN NEW STADIUM

The Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) Eagles football team will play their first home game against the Citrus College Owls in the new 5,000-seat stadium at the Menifee Valley Campus at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 9.

Pregame festivities will be hosted in the stadium courtyard starting at 4 p.m. An exciting half-time performance will feature the Vista Murrieta High School band. These events are coordinated and supported by the MSJC Foundation, Student Life & Development, Outreach, and MSJC Athletics.

The more than \$50 million, three-story Athletics & Kinesiology Complex offers opportunities for all students, a training facility for MSJC athletics, and a place for the community to convene. This 30,722-square-foot complex boasts the field, stadium, press box, team rooms, kinesiology facility, training room, classrooms, beach volleyball court, and softball field.

"We've been looking forward to our first game day in the stadium," said Dr. Roger Schultz, Superintendent/President. "We are excited to rally around our athletes as they compete in the stadium, celebrate our graduates, and host fundraisers and other events with our community partners. This complex is a game-changer for our college and the communities we serve."

This state-of-the-art facility 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 and training facilities for the college's intercollegiate sports teams.

The new Athletics & Kinesiology Complex was completed this past spring, and the Eagles began training in the new facility this summer.

"Having a state-of-the-art facility has made this an exceptional place for our players to develop," Head Football Coach Casey Mazzotta said. "We are excited to give the community something to rally around on Saturday nights."

The Eagles football team is coming off two of their most successful seasons in the Mazzotta era as they won back-to-back American Mountain League Championships and in 2021 won the American Division title. In all, MSJC has appeared in a bowl game for three straight seasons.

This year, the Eagles embarked on a new challenge as they compete in the National Division and the Southern League.

"Our plan is to compete for a conference championship and to reach a bowl game," Mazzotta said. "We know we are moving into one of the best, if not the best, conferences in the state, but we just need to stay focused and take it one week at a time."

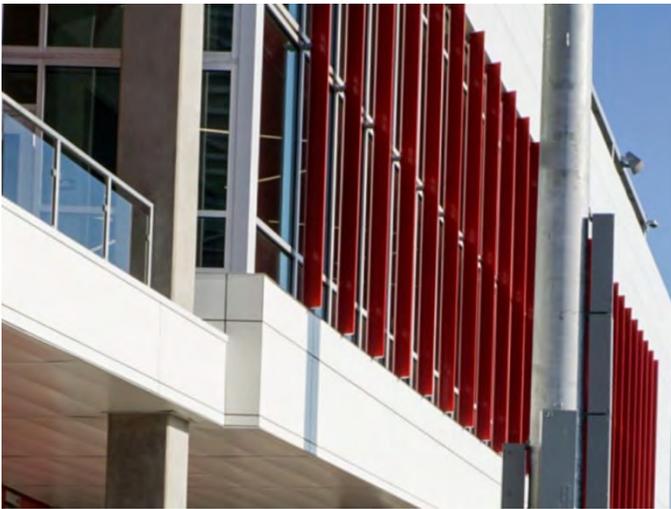
An addition to the 2023-24 season is that all games will utilize cashless digital ticketing. MSJC student with a Student Government Association (SGA) sticker are admitted for free. General admission tickets are \$10 and students, seniors over 65, and children under 12 are \$7. Tickets must be purchased online through Hometown Tickets at msjathletics.com/general/Tickets A link to tickets is on msjathletics.com under the "Gameday" tab and on @msjathletics social media platforms.

Parking is available in lots A, B, and E off La Piedra Road.

MSJC Menifee Campus Debuting \$50M Sports Complex At Eagles Home Game

Saturday's game is the football team's first at-home contest in the recently completed 5,000-seat Athletics & Kinesiology Complex.

Toni McAllister, Patch Staff | Posted Thu, Sep 7, 2023 at 5:36 pm PT



The new three-story stadium, dubbed the Athletics & Kinesiology Complex, features 30,722 square feet, including the field, stadium, press box, team rooms, kinesiology facility, training room, classrooms, beach volleyball court and softball field. (MSJC)

MENIFEE, CA — The new 5,000-seat stadium at Mt. San Jacinto College's Menifee Valley campus will get a housewarming party this weekend when the school's Eagles football team plays its first home game against the Citrus College Owls.

The big game is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, but pregame festivities hosted in the stadium courtyard will kick off at 4 p.m. A halftime performance will feature the Vista Murrieta High School band.

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Menifee 24/7

MSJC to hold 9/11 commemoration ceremony

Posted by Doug Spoon | [Friday, September 08, 2023](#)

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9/11 Remembrance Ceremonies Set Across Riverside County

Monday marks the 22nd anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Toni McAllister, Patch Staff | Posted Fri, Sep 8, 2023 at 6:02 pm PT

The following is a City News Service report:



The 9/11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center in New York City. (Tim Moran/Patch)

RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA — Cities throughout western Riverside County on Monday will mark the 22nd anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks with flag ceremonies, patriotic reflections and other commemorative events.

In Corona, a remembrance service is slated for 5 a.m. Monday in the Historic Civic Center at 815 W. Sixth St., where Corona Chamber of Commerce and Corona Rotary Club officials

will be joined by city representatives and others to stand among miniature flags representing the 2,977 people killed as a result of the acts of terrorism perpetrated by Islamist radicals who hijacked four airliners.

Over a roughly three-hour period, attendees will read the names of all those confirmed killed.

Moments of silence are scheduled to mark the exact times when federal officials say American Airlines Flight 11 hit the first tower in New York City, when United Airlines Flight 175 hit the second tower, when American Airlines Flight 77 hit the Pentagon, and when United Airlines Flight 93 crashed into Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after the passengers rushed the cockpit in an attempt to thwart the terrorists and save their own lives.

The service is expected to continue until 10 a.m., featuring other ceremonies.

Mt. San Jacinto College will hold a program at 8 a.m., paying "tribute to brave heroes who risked their lives to save others," according to a campus statement.

"We will also remember the innocent victims who lost their lives," the college said.

The commemoration will feature an unveiling of "a 9/11 artifact from the Tunnel to Towers Foundation," as well as a Veterans of Foreign Wars color guard ceremony and a display of a flag bearing the names of victims.

"Steve Silva, 9/11 survivor, will share his experiences being in one of the towers on September 11, 2001," according to the campus.

At 6 p.m., the city of Temecula will hold a commemorative service at the Duck Pond, near the corner of Rancho California and Ynez roads.

"It will be an evening of reflection on the anniversary of September 11th, as we honor those who gave their lives to serve and protect," according to a city statement.

Mayor Zak Schwank will lead the service, which will include a moment of silence and remarks by other City Council members, as well as possibly public safety officials.

In Murrieta, a tribute is planned at 6 p.m. in Town Square Park, near Kalmia Street and Jefferson Avenue.

Mayor Lisa DeForest is scheduled to lead the service, joined by other municipal representatives.

In the past, the city of Riverside held a "Day of Service," with neighborhood cleanups, blood drives and other similar activities, to mark the anniversary of 9/11, but no services are planned this year in the county seat, according to spokesman Phil Pitchford.

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Local News

Where to find 9/11 commemorations in the Inland Empire

Events are scheduled from Yucaipa to Temecula

By [STAFF REPORT](#) | The Press-Enterprise | PUBLISHED: September 8, 2023 at 12:47 p.m. |

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Residents across the Inland Empire will be pausing Monday, Sept. 11, to reflect on the 22nd anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

The [Sept. 11, 2001, attacks](#) killed nearly 3,000 people at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

Events will remember the victims with words and music at ceremonies but also through service days.

Here are highlights of commemorations scheduled across the region.

Riverside County

CORONA

Corona's Remembering 9/11 22nd anniversary commemoration is set for Monday, Sept. 11.

The event is at the Corona Historic Civic Center, 815 W. Sixth St. A reading of victims' names will begin at 5 a.m. The ceremony will start at 8:30 a.m.

The lawn in front of the center will feature 2,977 flags planted in memory of those who died.

Registration information: bit.ly/CoronaRemembers911

– Staff report

EASTVALE

The city's 9/11 Memorial Ceremony will be Monday, Sept. 11, at Fire Station 27.

The commemoration begins at 6:45 a.m. and will include speeches and a moment of silence. A light breakfast will be served. The city, Cal Fire and the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce are organizing the event.

The station is at 7067 Hamner Ave.

MENIFEE

A 9/11 commemoration will take place Monday, Sept. 11, at Mt. San Jacinto College's Menifee Valley Campus.

The 8 a.m. event will include speakers, special presentations and the unveiling of a 9/11 artifact from the World Trade Center site. Steve Silva, a 9/11 survivor who was in one of the towers on September 11, 2001, will be the keynote speaker. His address will follow the program.

The college is at 28237 La Piedra Road.

– *Staff report*

MURRIETA

The city will mark the 9/11 anniversary Monday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m.

An event at Town Square Park & Amphitheater, 11 Town Square, will remember those who died.

– *Staff report*

NORCO

Norco's Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony is set for 8:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11.

The event will be at Fire Station 47, 3902 Hillside Ave.

– *Staff report*

RIVERSIDE

Volunteers will gather at Riverside National Cemetery on Monday, Sept. 11, to clean gravestones and beautify the grounds.

The event, set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., is organized by the nonprofit Carry The Load, and the National Cemetery Administration.

Volunteers are asked to dress in clothes that are “casual and respectful” and to avoid open-toed shoes or tank tops. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

To register, click [here](#). For information, click [here](#).

– *Sarah Hofmann*

TEMECULA



A woman photographs the display of U.S. flags for victims of 9/11 at the Temecula Duck Pond on Friday, Sept. 11, 2020. Events are planned across the region to mark the 22nd anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023. (File photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCN9)

Temecula will be marking the anniversary of 9/11 with a 6 p.m. event Monday, Sept. 11, at the Temecula Duck Pond.

Guests are invited to leave a message in a keepsake journal and to reflect. Light refreshments will be served. Parking and seating are limited.

The pond is at the corner of Rancho California and Ynez roads.

– *Staff report*

San Bernardino County

CHINO HILLS

A remembrance is set for Monday, Sept. 11, at Fire Station 66.

Hosted by the Chino Valley Fire District, it will begin at 9:30 a.m. The station is at 13707 Peyton Drive.

— *Jordan Darling*

ONTARIO

The city will host a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11 at 9:45 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11.

The event will be in front of Ontario City Hall, 303 E. B St.

— *Jordan Darling*

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

A 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony is set for Monday, Sept. 11, at 8:40 a.m.

Hosted by the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District and Police Department, it will be outdoors at Central Park's Freedom Courtyard. The park is at 11200 Base Line Road.

— *Jordan Darling*

YUCAIPA

The city's 9/11 ceremony is scheduled for City Hall at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11.

Fire Chief Grant Malinowski, Mayor Justin Beaver, and San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe are set to speak.

— *Madison Hart*



Olive Guerrero plays with friends during the 9/11 ceremony at Freedom Courtyard at Central Park in Rancho Cucamonga on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021. (File photo by Michael Lopez, Contributing Photographer)



Student Veteran, Engineering Major Receives CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement

Engineering Major Anthony Kyle Olson Named William Randolph Hearst Scholar

Sept. 11, 2023



Mechanical engineering major Anthony Kyle Olson has been selected as a 2023 recipient of the California State University Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement.

From an early age, [Anthony Kyle Olson](#) questioned the world around him and developed an aptitude for science and engineering.

Now, as a Cal State Fullerton student and future engineer, he wants to be a problem-solver for issues like environmental concerns, the cost of living, and supply and demand imbalances.

“I would love to help design and discover new technology and improve current processes,” said Olson, who will be the first in his family to graduate from college.

A mechanical engineering major, Olson temporarily put his college dream on hold while he served in the U.S. Air Force. After high school, he joined the military in 2011 and trained in logistics. Once discharged, he realized he needed to pursue higher education to achieve his goals.

Like many veterans, Olson faced financial challenges following his military-to-civilian career transition. He depends on his Veterans Affairs benefits and financial aid for his college education.

To help support his goal of earning a bachelor's degree, Olson has been selected as a 2023 recipient of the California State University Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement. As the William Randolph Hearst Scholar, he will receive a \$7,000 scholarship.

"It's a blessing, given my financial circumstances," said Olson, who has a 3.55 GPA and plans to graduate in spring 2025.

The [CSU scholarship](#) is awarded to students who demonstrate superior academic performance, personal accomplishments, community service and financial need. One scholar from each of the 23 campuses is selected for the award, the CSU's highest recognition of student achievement. Each award provides a donor-funded scholarship.

"Anthony's experience as a veteran is an asset to our country and our university," said CSUF President Sylvia Alva. "He has overcome obstacles and persevered and is well deserving of this honor. He embodies what it means to be a Titan."

Olson and the other award winners will be honored at the Sept. 12 CSU Board of Trustees meeting.

From Service Member to Scholar

While in the military, Olson's senior master sergeant praised him for his leadership skills, dependability, professionalism and being a self-starter.

He was part of the Humanitarian Relief of Hurricane Sandy of 2012, where his team assisted in restoring power to families affected by the destructive storm. He worked long hours, including 12-hour overnight shifts for a month. His team was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for their sacrifice and call to duty.

"The biggest benefit from my time in the Air Force was the incredible people I met and the special connections I built," Olson said. "I also learned a lot about myself and matured quickly. I joined to support my goals and build a starting point for a long-term career afterward."

After leaving the military in 2017, Olson did not have a solid plan for his future.

Olson decided to enroll at [Mt. San Jacinto College](#) and study mathematics and computer science. During the coronavirus pandemic, he left college because of the limitations of remote learning in a rigorous STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) major.

“It was critical to physically attend courses for hands-on learning, interact with the professors, build connections and collaborate with like-minded peers,” Olson said.

He delayed transferring to Cal State Fullerton in fall 2021 due to the pandemic. While he had six years of logistics management experience in the Air Force, he couldn’t land a job in the field.



Student veteran Anthony Kyle Olson visits the university’s Veterans Resource Center.

“I concluded that my best option was to resume my education. Unfortunately, my experience alone in logistics, even if it’s from the Air Force, was not enough leverage in today’s job market,” said Olson, who started at Cal State Fullerton in spring 2023.

“I chose CSUF based on the experiences of my Air Force colleagues who praised the university’s programs for veterans, and my fellow high school graduates who spoke volumes about the resources on campus.”

Olson said studying [engineering](#) provides him the best opportunity to explore his passion for solving problems and designing the next big idea.

“Being back in school is a humbling experience. Now that I am here, I know higher education will accelerate my life to greater heights,” he said.

This academic year, Olson plans to get involved with campus organizations, including the [Veterans Resource Center](#), which supports military-connected students. Olson, who played baseball in high school, is passionate about the sport and wants to join [Cal State Fullerton Club Baseball](#).

In the future, Olson looks forward to using his engineering know-how for the greater good, including inspiring, mentoring and leading the next generation of STEM leaders.

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City of Menifee Mayor Bill Zimmerman and members of the event committee unveil a 9/11 artifact: a steel piece of the World Trade Center.

Steve Silva, a 9/11 survivor, presents the keynote address and later shared the photos he took while fleeing Tower 2 of the World Trade Center.



Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Hughes and his K-9 partner Maddie place an American flag on the MSJC Menifee Valley Campus honoring first responders and lives lost on September 11, 2001.



This ceremony reflects on the tragic events that took place on September 11, 2001 and pays tribute to the lives lost. The ceremony includes guest speakers, special presentations, and the unveiling of a 9/11 artifact from the site of the World Trade Center Twin Towers
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyrAkIZoWTQ>





SEPTEMBER 11

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Things To Do

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1. Mt. San Jacinto College

Multiple locations

msjc.edu

Mt. San Jacinto College is a comprehensive community college serving students from a large region that includes the San Jacinto area, Menifee Valley, Temecula Valley and the San Geronio Pass area. MSJC offers courses and programs that satisfy the transfer requirements for a four-year university, as well as career-oriented vocational and technical programs. Classes in English as a Second Language and

more than 140 online classes are offered. Lifelong learners and adults can take continuing education classes for enjoyment. Student life is rounded out with intercollegiate sports teams, an active student government and almost 30 clubs.

2. Riverside City College

4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside

951-222-8000

rcc.edu

3. Crafton Hills College

11711 Sand Canyon Road, Yucaipa

909-794-2161



Sourcing & Methodology

Press-Enterprise readers cast ballots, mostly online, from April 14-May 14 to select winners in 80 categories ranging from favorite places to go or eat to best auto repair shops and garden centers/nurseries. Participants were allowed to cast only one ballot per day and were required to vote in at least 20 categories for their opinions to be tallied. Reader participation and businesses voted on included a wide swath of the Inland Empire which, beyond Riverside, stretched from Corona to San Bernardino, Redlands and Beaumont to the north and south to include Lake Elsinore, Murrieta and Temecula.

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Local News

Mt. San Jacinto College honors 9/11 victims

Event at Menifee Valley Campus is among those in Inland Empire marking attacks' 22nd anniversary



An artifact made from steel retrieved from one of the Twin Towers that collapsed Sept. 11, 2001, is unveiled during a 9/11 commemoration at Mt. San Jacinto College's Menifee Valley Campus in Menifee on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

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Solemn ceremonies observing the 22nd anniversary of 9/11 unfolded across the Inland Empire on Monday, Sept. 11.

RELATED: [Where to find 9/11 commemorations in the Inland Empire](#)

At Mt. San Jacinto College's Menifee Valley Campus, the community gathered to honor the thousands of victims and the first responders who risked their lives to save others.

Steve Silva, a 9/11 survivor, gave the keynote speech and shared his experience of being in one of the World Trade Center's towers on Sept. 11, 2001.

The ceremony also included the unveiling of a 9/11 artifact — a piece of steel recovered from one of the Twin Towers — from the [Tunnel to Towers Foundation](#). The event also included the Menifee VFW Post 1956 Color Guard, a display of flags from each country that lost someone in the attacks and a 9/11 flag bearing the names of those who died.



Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Hughes, with K9 Maddie, places a flag in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11 during a commemoration at Mt. San Jacinto College's Menifee Valley Campus in Menifee on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)



Steve Silva, who was inside one of the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 11, 2001, reflects on his escape during an event at Mt. San Jacinto College's Menifee Valley Campus in Menifee on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)



Guests and dignitaries gather for a 9/11 commemoration at Mt. San Jacinto College's Menifee Valley Campus in Menifee on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)



Mike Knighten, a Menifee resident, takes a closer look at a 9/11 artifact during a commemoration at Mt. San Jacinto College's Menifee Valley Campus in Menifee on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

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MSJC Football Team Loses Home Opener to Citrus

09/13/2023

Key points:

- MSJC football team loses to Citrus in their home opener
- Citrus leads with a 10-0 score at halftime
- MSJC's Hayden Lara scores a touchdown in the third quarter to narrow the lead

In their home opener, the MSJC football team suffered a tough loss to visiting Citrus, with a final score of 16-7. Despite a large crowd and a pre-game celebration, the Eagles struggled to find points in the first half and were unable to catch up in the second half. MSJC's Hayden Lara's 21-yard TD run and Mason Krause's extra point brought the score to 10-7, but it wasn't enough. Citrus outgained the Eagles in total offense and had a strong run game, leading to their victory. The Eagles are now 0-2 in the season.





MSJC Volleyball Defeats RCC, Porterville, Drops Close One to LA Mission

Via Mt. San Jacinto, 09/13/2023

The MSJC volleyball team wrapped up a week that included five matches by winning two of three on Friday and Saturday. The busy weekend started with a road win over Riverside, which the Eagles won in straight sets 25-11, 25-22, and 25-13. Brooklynn Thomas and Carley Kruse led the way for MSJC knocking down 14 and 13 kills.





Eagle Football Drops Tough One in Home Opener

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The MSJC football team opened their new stadium on Saturday night, unfortunately the Eagles came out on the short end of a hard fought game as they lost to visiting Citrus 16-7.

A large crowd of over 1,500 was on hand as the Eagles played their first game in the long awaited Stadium at Menifee. The pre-game celebration had just about everything you could want including a military fly-over after the national anthem.

For the game itself, the Eagles and Owls both had a tough time finding points in the first half as the game was scoreless for the first 25 plus minutes. Citrus finally started the scoring with 4:40 to play before halftime when Tayvonne Miller scored on a 46 yard pass from Koy Rigglin to give the Owls the 7-0 lead. Citrus would tack on a field goal on the final play of the half to lead 10-0 going to the break.



The MSJC football team will be back in action on Saturday at Moorpark. (Jerry Lee Palad-MSJC)

The Eagles clawed their way back into the game in the third quarter when they scored on a 21 yard TD run by [Hayden Lara](#), and after the extra point by [Mason Krause](#) cut the lead to 10-7. That's all the scoring MSJC could muster on the night however, and an early fourth quarter touchdown by Citrus led to the final score of 16-7.

[Matthew Caldera](#) led the ground attack for MSJC with 56 yards rushing, Lara finished his night throwing for 187 yards on 17 of 35 passing. [Koa Apana](#) had a team high 6 receptions and [Elijah Simley](#) had a team high 70 yards receiving on 5 catches. [Christian Kretz](#) also made 5 grabs for the Eagles and Caldera caught 4 passes out of the backfield.

On defense [Quentin Evans](#) recorded a team high 8 total tackles, [Miron Hazem](#) had a sack, and [Tyler Martin](#) had an interception. When the night was over Citrus had out gained the Eagles in total offense 417-295, the big difference was in the run game where the Owls out rushed MSJC 231 to 57.

The loss drops the Eagles to 0-2 on the season while Citrus improved to 2-0. This week the Eagles play their final non-league game of the year when they travel to Moorpark. Kick off on Saturday night in Moorpark is scheduled for 6 pm. MSJC will also be on the road September 23rd when they travel to Fullerton, before returning home to host Riverside on September 30th.