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Students hear the voices of the Black community

By Cindy Lopez-Ordonez

Mt. San Jacinto College hosted a Black Excellence Summit on Feb. 21 in the San Jacinto Library. The summit focused on sharing success stories as well as featuring a networking opportunity.

The event consisted of a keynote speaker, alumni and faculty panels, student performances from MSJC’s Dance Department, UCR step performance, and a mix and mingle session.

The alumni panel featured students who transferred to UCR, CSULB, and Xavier University. They discussed their transfer experiences as well as their MSJC experiences. They explained how MSJC prepared them to succeed in their future careers.

The faculty panel at the Black Excellence Summit included figures such as Dr. Kevin Baker, Dr. Pamela Wright, Dr. Vone Lawson, and Dr. Antonia Baker. The faculty panel concluded with stories from the black community that prepared them to succeed in their future careers.

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Light waves of light waves at SJC

By Jesus Alcala Avalos

Rachel Bank gave a presentation about her journey and exhibited “Light Waves,” at Mt. San Jacinto College’s Art Gallery on Feb. 5, 2020. Bank has taught at various community colleges and universities in Southern California.

Photos and videos of Bank’s artwork can be found at rachelbank.com. Art Professor Chet Glaze was the person who invited Bank to present her artwork in MSJC’s art gallery. Glaze said that Bank’s work stood out from her peers.

Bank’s art exhibit was a set of videos of night-time light reflected on water. Three projectors and a screen each presented a different video.

“I wanted to make work that you didn’t know looking at first but maybe you felt on a visceral level,” said Bank.

To achieve that goal, Bank recorded close-up shots of various bodies of water at night. The water became black background while lights highlighted the ripples on the surface of the water. One of the projected videos was of water in a fountain. Bank used post-processing software to increase the color saturation of the light and increase the contrast of the water and the light. The third projected video was of a gush of water from a pond. The water became black background while lights highlighted the ripples on the surface of the water.

The television displayed multiple videos of light shafts in a grid layout. Bank planned to show one light shaft across the whole screen but chose the grid layout to include many more. As Bank noted, the grid layout also allows viewers to compare different light patterns at the same time.

NBA Legend
Kobe Bryant dies at 41

Eric Rodriguez writes about the accomplishments of Kobe Bryant and the responses to the unexpected death of one of the most prolific NBA players in modern history.

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Latix stars take the Super Bowl Stage

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Kobe Bryant is a legendary figure in the world of sports, particularly in basketball. He was born on January 23, 1978, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His parents, Joe and Pamela Bryant, were both former college basketball players. Kobe became interested in basketball at a young age and showed an exceptional talent for the sport. He attended Lower Merion High School, where he was a three-time all-American and the nation's top-ranked recruit. In 1996, he entered the NBA through the draft, becoming the youngest player in the league. Kobe quickly established himself as a dominant force, leading his team, the Los Angeles Lakers, to five NBA championships. He was a six-time NBA Most Valuable Player, a 18-time All-Star, and a four-time Olympic gold medalist. His scoring average of 30 points per game for one season is considered one of the greatest feats in NBA history.

In 2003, Bryant was involved in a sexual assault case, which was later dismissed. He continued to play at a high level, and his dedication and work ethic were widely admired. However, injuries, including a knee injury, took their toll on his career. Despite this, he remained a household name and an inspiration to many young athletes.

Tragically, on January 26, 2020, Kobe Bryant, along with his daughter Gianna, and seven others, were killed in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California. The news of his death was met with shock, sadness, and disbelief around the world. Kobe was not only a basketball icon but also a mentor and role model for many. His legacy continues to inspire and motivate people of all ages to追求梦想 and strive for excellence.

Kobe Bryant’s death on January 26, 2020, was a devastating blow to the world of sports and beyond. He was remembered not only for his athletic achievements but also for his impact on society and his philanthropic work. Kobe Bryant's life and legacy continue to inspire and motivate people of all ages to pursue their dreams and strive for excellence.
By DeAnthony Barney

Since starting at Mt. San Jacinto College in the fall of 2018, my time there has been great. I have slowly but surely fallen in love with the campus. During my time on this campus, I have grown a relationship with a counselor. Unknown to me, this person grew up in a neighborhood not too far from mine. With the similar background we share, it is easy for him to understand me. I grew up learning to watch people’s actions because that is how you get to know someone. One watching his actions; how he carries himself, how he interacts with others and most importantly how he fights for student’s needs, it made me look at my own actions to change the way I did things. “I want to make a connection with more students on campus,” he said to me once. Since we had a conversation about his presence on campus, I began seeing him interacting with students on campus more. This man not only made an excuse why he could not do it, he just got up and started doing it. Observing the way he operates like a true leader while being a student, it has impacted the way I do things. He calls me out about my own actions amongst other things while also praising the good I do.

When he calls me out on things, he asks me questions about the situation to get you to point out your own mistakes. He does not do this to pick on me, but to make me better, and more aware of my actions.

He shows he cares for the students on campus, and he push- es students to try new things and step out- side of their comfort zones. He is contin- uously pushing me to get more involved with leadership roles on this campus. The humble man I speak of who portrays Black excellence, is none other than counselor and Umoja coordi- nator, Darnell Bing.

After the town hall meeting, Powell was met with understand- ing responses and was thanked for sharing her critics. She hopes that, with this meeting in the books, these concerns will be addressed in the future as Powell won’t rest until the change comes into fruition.

Black History Month advertisement

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“Charmed” Review

By Anais Sotello

In 1998, the world first met the Halliwell sisters Piper, Phoe- be, and Prue on the WB television series, “Charmed” I remem- ber growing up and watching this show with my mom, but what I never imagined was that I would be watching it again - but with a bit of a twist. After 21 years CW producers decided to reboot “Charmed” with new sisters, a new house, and the same problems that vanquishing de-mons seem to bring. In this series, half-sisters Macy, Mel, and Maggie try to juggle the responsibil- ies that come with being the most powerful witch- es in existence, the strain that their se- cret identities put on their regular lives, and maybe the most challenging of all - learning how to be sisters after so many years of being apart. Of course, this is not be “Charmed” with- out a trusted advi- sor to point the way.

The world of “Charmed” is that where the white-lightener comes to life. Even supernatural beings need a job day he is not saving the sisters from demons and helping them fight the things that go bump in the night, the very Brit- ish Harry Greenwood is the professor and the director of the wom- en’s study program at Hilltowne University.

As viewers make their way through all 8 years, they begin to learn a bi- more about Harry’s mother and how he got the role of white-lightener. Though the show revolves around three witches in their ear- ly and mid 20s, it is also about Harry who leads the show where scan- dal necessarily involved.

Before you make your judgement of this show, I will leave you with this... should you ever cross paths with a demon or half demon - may be don’t go down this road, because no matter how devilish they look, I’m willing to bet they have some issues.
By Yamilet Sanchez

The 2020 Super Bowl game was held at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami on Feb. 2. The Kansas City Chiefs beat San Francisco 49ers with a score of 31-20, but many fans were waiting and excited for was the half-time performance. Singer Jennifer Lopez, from Colombia, and J Balvin, from Puerto Rico. They also came out with invited guests Bad Bunny, from Puerto Rico, and J Balvin, from Colombia. All four artists sang their most popular songs, including many in Spanish, representing the Latino culture and the growth of Latin music.

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the performance, be- ing as the Super Bowl halftime show has not featured Latin artists performing music in Spanish for 54 years. This performance meant so much to the Latino countries by having their culture noticed and expressed around the world. Singer Jennifer Lopez even came out wearing a Puerto Rican flag in one of her songs, representing her country and the love and pride she has for it. The other Latin artists like Shakira, represent her Latin roots by performing a famous dance known in Co- lombia as Champeta. According to Martinez, the Latin artists really took a step in the right direction to help the growth and acceptance of the Latin culture in the American culture. It created much at- tention on social me- dia and even had the hashing #Latinopride trending for two days. Although this perfor- mance did create con- troversy for some, that did not get in the way of the artists feeling proud of their perfor- mance and representa- tion of their coun- try and their culture. “It is so nice to represent or to represent my Latin people and my Latin culture in the house!” Re- sponded Bad Bunny when asked how he turned an off start to a riveting performance. “The day is not go- ing to be perfect. Don’t let the bad shots bring you down,” said Martinez when asked how the team han- dled the pressures and stresses of the game. Building on his phi- losophy on the impor- tance of not dwelling in the past, he believes that this is a game that he will never CELEBRATION

Player stats from the Eagles Classic

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The 2020 Super Bowl halftime show featured Latin artists Shakira, J Balvin, Bad Bunny, and Jennifer Lopez, all holding American land. This was a historic moment for the American culture, with the artists representing their countries and their culture. It created much attention on social media and even had the hashtag #Latinopride trending for two days. Although this performance did create controversy for some, it did not get in the way of the artists feeling proud of their performance and representation of their countries and their culture. “It is so nice to represent or to represent my Latin people and my Latin culture in the house!” Responded Bad Bunny when asked how he turned an off start to a riveting performance. “The day is not going to be perfect. Don’t let the bad shots bring you down,” said Martinez when asked how the team handled the pressures and stresses of the game. Building on his philosophy on the importance of not dwelling in the past, he believes that this is a game that he will never forget. The best advice Martinez gives his players is the same way he progressed his game. “Feel what you are doing. Make adjustments,” said Martinez. After retiring in 2009, Martinez began playing golf as soon as he started teaching. By taking lessons reg- ularly, he understood the game of golf better and found it was better at an impressive rate. After being an assis- tant to Ron Kemp of Hemet High School for three years, Martinez has been coaching at MSJC for seven years. “I’m really in it. I love seeing the guys improve and how schools,” he shared. “Progress was the one thing that I learned from my team.” Based on their per-formance and how Jennifer Lopez as well as his players all concur that they are improving and getting better after moved for- ward in the season. The Eagles travel to a high school in San Diego for their next tournament in the middle of the month.

One of the golf- ers shooting a 71 was Jordan Medlock, a student at MSJC. “Overall, the team played well,” said Coach Pete Martinez. Extremely happy about how his players played, he went on to say that the most difficult thing about the tourna- ment was good teams. “It was just glad my players were able to find what works best for them,” said Martinez. He saw this tourna- ment, as well as others, as learning opportunities to try to perfect their game. Golf is a game of focus, most, and most importantly patience. In a game where point-scoring is de- termined by whom- ever makes the least mistakes, it’s easy for one shot to com- pletely alter your chances of winning. “Shooting low helps my team stay moti- vated,” said Martinez. Because the points of the game are deter- mined by all players it’s important to play well for others and not just for yourself he continued. When any of the players were struggling, they were able to adjust their game and improve. Referring to MSJC golfer Evan Freeman, Martinez was really proud of how Freeman

Eagles in action! Photo by Rafael Ibarra

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By Eric Rodriguez

Mt. San Jacinto Col- lege golf team played in a 16-team tourna- ment on Feb. 12. Teams from across the country all over Southern Cali- fornia in tended at in the SaboO Canyon Coun- try Club Golf Course. Although the team hit at their home course, the Eagles found themselves ty- ing Ventura and Irvine Valley for fifth place.

The Eagles Classic

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**Light waves on light waves at MSJC**

Bank’s presentation began by talking about the photography she produced in high school. Bank said that she originally wanted to be a photographer for National Geographic. After high school, Bank attended community college classes on photography and worked as a camera assistant. Bank thought that photography as an art form was only black and white. After taking a college class on photography, Bank began taking color photos.

As an undergraduate at Columbia College Chicago, Bank focused on long-exposure photography. Bank presented images of rooms that were lit by outside light passing through windows, which created patterns in the photos. Bank felt that long-exposure photography became “formulaic,” so she experimented with documentary-style photography. Bank carried her camera on her travels and captured any events that she found interesting. Bank showed a photograph of an animal caretaker giving a presentation with a bear. After the bear photo, Bank presented her photography of mundane commercial buildings. After graduating in 2004, Bank was not sure of what to do. Bank was accepted to a graduate school for a Masters of Fine Arts degree but did not take the opportunity as she wanted to have more experiences outside of academics. After working as a photography stylist, Bank enrolled at University of California Riverside for a Master of Fine Arts degree. Bank would receive her Master of Fine Arts degree in 2003.

Bank then showed a video of a dance performance with frames that were hand painted by Auguste Lumiere. When projected, the painted frames would emulate color film. Inspired by the film’s repetition and color, Bank created a video titled “Train.” The video had train cars passing at a constant rate with different colored lights flashing at a constant rate in a continuous loop as well as repetitive audio. Bank averaged the color of each frame and laid each color in a radial grid. When Bank would present “Train,” she would also display a printed copy of the radial grid near the video. After the presentation, Bank asked how Bank responded that Bank noted that the colors of the radial grid would be affected by the color of the video. After “Train,” Bank created a video that was projected onto a sculpture or painting. The colors of the video altered the colors of the sculptures and paintings. Using four projectors, Bank created a video that appeared colored crumpled would unfold. Each projector would take turns to create different colors which would alter the work to differ from the initial vision. “Things are never going to turn the way you expect,” she stated. And that’s totally fine,” added Bank. Bank then introduced Bank stayed to chat with the students and professors.

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Smart continued by saying he was happy to see how the school was showing the way it cared for its African American population with these Black History Month events. “This school really cares and provides the safe space for all students to speak of their minds, like this event,” said Smart. Quiboloy continued to express his appreciation for the community that MSJC is very good advice and I thought it was a wonderful idea to have similar sentiments expressed by events like this, students where voices can be heard and the way it incorporates them and their opinions into the campus. Attendee James Parker shared that the entire event was very impactful, but he particularly liked the former MSJC students who spoke on the resources that helped them while they attended MSJC and the resources that helped ease their transition. “They gave us some very good advice and I thought it was a wonderful idea to have students hear the voices of the Black community

**Students hear the voices of the Black community**

**Kobe Bryant died at 41**

When the 2008–09 season kicked off, Bryant knew that this year was a chance to bring his team to the promised land once again. Bryant led the Lakers to the Western Conference finals and won his fourth NBA championship. Bryant signed an $87 million three-year contract extension, the Lakers found the most satisfying of all his championship deals to help them. Bryant continued to be the most patriotic and a key in his scoring his NBA season high 60 on April 3, 2015 against the Utah Jazz. After retiring from the league, Bryant helped with endowments, television appearances, and promoting his own books. Bryant spent most of his time with his wife Vanessa and his four daughters: Gianna, Natalia, Bianka, and Capri. He also helped his daughter Gianna fall in love with basketball at the age of 13, the same age he did. Bryant said: “You gotta do what you love to do. I love telling stories. I love guiding kids or providing them with the tools that are going to help them.” Bryant in an interview with USA Today.

**Photo by Alyse Kiara Deatherage**

Rachel Bank presenting the slide of the radial grid for “Train.”

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**Kobe Bryant Memorial in Los Angeles, California**

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**Rachel Bank presenting the slide of the radial grid for “Train.”**
TEDx bringing awareness to MSJC

By Greg Sanchez

TEDxMSJC was invited to present at the Hemet-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce “First Friday of the Month Breakfast” at the Village in Hemet on Feb. 4. The event played host to local business owners, elected officials, and the commander of the Hemet Sheriff’s Station, Captain Leonard Purvis. As Director of Public Relations for TEDxMSJC, I was invited to be a guest speaker by the Chamber’s Executive Director, Cyndi Lennon, to inform those in attendance of our TEDx’ed and live stream event coming to Mt. San Jacinto College’s San Jacinto Campus on May 9.

When I asked if anyone in the room had heard of TED Talks, nearly everyone raised their hand. This was surely a meeting of great minds. I gave a brief historical background on TED as a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (15 minutes or less), and went on to mention that TED began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment, and Design converged – and today covers all topics from science to business to global issues – in more than 100 languages. With my audience now having a brief background on TED, I went on to explain that TEDx is a grassroots initiative, created in the spirit of TED’s overall mission to research and discover “ideas worth spreading.” I informed my audience that TEDx brings the spirit of TED to local communities around the globe and that TEDx events are organized by passionate individuals who seek to uncover new ideas and the latest research in their local areas and spark conversations in their communities. I explained how MSJC has connected with TED to host an approved TEDxMSJC event. Students in MSJC’s Honors Enrichment Program and supporting faculty advisors have teamed together to bring a TEDx event to our college this coming May, which will include a lineup of eight incredible speakers with various professional backgrounds and will be speaking on our theme of “Awareness.” TEDxMSJC has had a magnificent amount of community support from several organizations excited to get involved. Most recently, San Jacinto’s American Legion Post 848 toured our San Jacinto campus, including the theater and Veterans Resource Center. The tour was followed by a sit-down with our TEDxMSJC committee to discuss various opportunities for their organization and to partner up with us at our May 9 TEDx filming. Additionally, the American Legion expressed their interest in further supporting MSJC’s student veterans as Post 848 works to bridge the gap between their more “seasoned” veterans with our community of younger veterans.

Our Armed Forces have an incredible amount of diversity with service members possessing vast cultural backgrounds, professional expertise, and socioeconomic beginnings. It’s fantastic to see the American Legion reaching out to support student equity and achievement by working to connect with MSJC’s scholarly commitments and utilizing TEDxMSJC as a vehicle to do so by collaborating on “ideas worth spreading.”

For further information on the speakers, live entertainment, event lunch/even, tick- eting, and for volunteer opportunities for our TEDxMSJC event please be on the lookout for informative posters, flyers, and banners around campus.
The Coronavirus

By Cindy Lopez-Ordonez

The Coronavirus (or COVID-19) began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. According to the CDC, the knowledge about the virus is based on similar coronaviruses. The Coronavirus family ranges from the common cold to severe diseases including the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV). Coronaviruses are found in different animal species: camels, bats, cats, and others. Therefore, these viruses are zoonotic—they transmit from animals to humans.

Symptoms include the following: fever, shortness of breath, cough, and difficulty in breathing. Severe symptoms can include pneumonia, kidney failure, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and, even, death. Chinese officials reported approximately 10,000 people were infected with the virus initially, the virus spread from animal markets. Since Trump proclaimed January 31, President then, the virus is transmitted through human-to-human contact.

As of Feb. 17, there are approximately 72,686 confirmed cases in China. To date, 1,878 people died in China. Outside of China, there are 905 cases of COVID-19. Three deaths occurred outside of China. The U.S. has 15 confirmed cases. The following states have confirmed cases: Arizona, California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. On Jan. 30, we saw the first confirmed case in the U.S. of human-to-human transmission.

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By Daniel Alaniz

Mt. San Jacinto College and San Jacinto Valley Academy have a dual enrollment program that allows students from high school to take college classes for college credit. This program allows the soon-to-be college students an opportunity to get ahead in their studies and avoid attending high school.

While the students in high school attend college at MSJC, they also contribute credits toward their high school diploma. Students involved in the program have the privilege of picking what classes they want to take, and they can also earn college credit.

English, Mathematics, History, Psychology, and Sociology. Several students from SJV A were able to get feedback at my high school. I know the education I get there is going to help me further down the road. English 101 wasn’t the only class Rubio had taken. She previously took Psychology 101 and Sociology 101. College is a lot different from high school but the workload is easier because you have an assignment and it won’t be due till next week,” said Rubio. "Dual enrollment helps me a lot because I’m able to use the information from my class at MSJC and provide feedback at my high school. I know the education I get there is going to help me further down the road. English 101 wasn’t the only class Rubio had taken. She previously took Psychology 101 and Sociology 101. College is a lot different from high school but the workload is easier because you have an assignment and it won’t be due till next week,” said Rubio. "Dual enrollment helps me a lot because I’m able to use the information from my class at MSJC and provide feedback at my high school. I know the education I get there is going to help me further down the road. English 101 wasn’t the only class Rubio had taken. She previously took Psychology 101 and Sociology 101. College is a lot different from high school but the workload is easier because you have an assignment and it won’t be due till next week,” said Rubio. "Dual enrollment helps me a lot because I’m able to use the information from my class at MSJC and provide feedback at my high school. I know the education I get there is going to help me further down the road. English 101 wasn’t the only class Rubio had taken. She previously took Psychology 101 and Sociology 101. College is a lot different from high school but the workload is easier because you have an assignment and it won’t be due till next week,” said Rubio.

"Dual enrollment is a great way to get a head start in college and it’s nice to have a GPA booster said Green. Another interesting thing that Green is able to accomplish at MSJC is taking a four unit class, Biodiversity. College students understand, Biology on its own is a difficult task because you have to socialize on the adult level quite easily. Jordan Mortus plans on majoring in criminal justice to become a police officer in the future. After high school, she wants to attend Cal State San Bernardino. She is taking courses online, but she is still able to get a college experience. "Online courses hav- ing discussion boards where you need to pro-vide feedback to other students. You’re still able to communicate with other classmates, just not in a classroom setting," said Mortus. SJV A provides support to any other students enrolled in the program by cover- ing registration fees, providing textbooks, and giving them the supplies they need. SJV A is in full sup- port of their students, they want to have their students reach their goals and meet the correct requirements.
Student poetry and creative writing

Friendship and trust
By Antonio Yanez

Friendship and trust are both very fragile things. They both take a long time to build but can be destroyed in an instant by one bad choice.

Friendship and trust can also last a lifetime. U can have someone to cry, laugh, and share your deepest secrets with, trust is a wonderful thing it can help u open up your heart with your friends and the world.

Trust makes it possible for u to look at the world with an open heart so you can make new friendships.

In Time
By Antonio Yanez

Time is a healer, you might say things out of anger. Then the end you release all out.

Now, tell this, what you have to sort out Is this what you seek for?

You have come to realization. Thinking, what have I done?

Trying to maintain to the person you love and so much about Lost, lost it

You loathed in loneliness

Moping around and no one sees it

Does this sound like Depression?

Many individuals misinterpret it for depression.

What if... what if...

It’s someone rebuilding itself.

Given the time it has nothing to do.

It goes to school and behaves itself.

Yet it carry that heavy burden.

Hoping for one day it will complete the dream that it is holding upon.

Soon it noticed a spark as if his third chance has popped up.

It is what it is hoping for.

Now, in order to reach that goal is to finish what it has started.

Only time will tell.

Waiting for time.

Time to pass by.