

ABOUT MSJC

Overview

Vision

Transforming Learners. Transforming Communities. Transforming Lives.

Mission Statement

MSJC's purpose is to provide an accessible education, to instill hope, and to empower our students to transform their lives and those around them. We provide equity-minded education to combat systemic barriers, promote social mobility, and provide opportunities for educational advancement.

MSJC offers degrees and certifications for career and university preparation, as well as opportunities for lifelong learning and enrichment.

As a Hispanic-Serving Institution, we serve a diverse student population from various identities, cultures, socioeconomic backgrounds, life experiences, abilities, and educational needs that represent our community. MSJC is committed to learning and achievement through inclusive and culturally affirming environments that celebrate student voices and create space for self-exploration and growth. We encourage self-advocacy, civic responsibility, and commitment to becoming ambassadors of change in our communities and our world.

Values

We are students, employees and a community. We believe that the act of teaching and learning is vital to a thriving community that enriches and, at times, saves lives. We commit to opportunities that inspire the following values in ourselves:

Excellence – We challenge students by setting high standards for learning and critical thinking, which we model with action.

Collaboration – We believe the best results are achieved through communication and participation among students, employees, industry and the community we serve.

Relationship – We nurture a community built on positive interactions and a genuine concern for the welfare of others.

Innovation – We cultivate a creative environment that promotes that promotes the development of new ideas for continuous quality improvement.

Relevance – We create educational experiences that have meaningful applications in a local and global context, today and tomorrow.

Access – We ensure the equitable rights of all students by removing barriers to a quality education and promoting a network of support that improves learning opportunities.

Leadership – We empower people throughout the community to support and facilitate positive change.

Diversity – We respect and embrace the power of sharing our differences in thought, opinion, culture and background to optimize our collective strength.

Integrity – We believe in being true to our core values by consistently demonstrating our character, as well as an institutional commitment to do the right thing.

Priorities

- Student Success
- Fiscally Sound Position
- Systematic Planning and Assessment
- Institutional Pride and Organizational Culture
- Community Partnerships and Service

Outcomes

Mt. San Jacinto College is dedicated to the following Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

Aesthetic Awareness: The student will identify and evaluate how aesthetic expression leads to an appreciation of social and cultural context as well as the values of art and nature.

Civic, Personal, and Professional Responsibility: The student will apply decision making skills which demonstrate ethical and professional responsibility and become an independent learner who expresses and displays the lifelong skills necessary for physical, social, economic, mental and emotional health.

Communication: The student will effectively express and exchange ideas through listening, speaking, reading, writing, visual works, and other modes of interpersonal expression.

Critical Thinking: The student will analyze problems, gather and synthesize relevant information, evaluate ideas, information, and evaluate alternative points of view to create, innovate and implement effective solutions.

Cultural Awareness and Humility: The student will demonstrate knowledge of and sensitivity toward individuals of diverse ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, and religious affiliations, as well as toward those individuals with diverse abilities and socioeconomic classes to respectfully interact with individuals of diverse perspectives, beliefs and values while being mindful of the limitation of their own cultural frameworks.

Information and Technology Literacy: The student will access, interpret, evaluate, and apply relevant information sources and digital media effectively, and in an ethical and legal manner.

Scientific Awareness: The student will apply the scientific method of inquiry to assess potential solutions for real-life challenges by employing science-based knowledge and methodologies in daily life.

Social Awareness: The student will recognize and analyze the interconnectedness of global, national, and local concerns, analyzing cultural, political, social, and environmental issues from multiple perspectives and appreciate similarities and differences among cultures.

Quality Commitment

As part of a single college, multi-campus district, Mt. San Jacinto College faculty and staff from our campuses and sites work together to provide the highest quality curriculum and student services possible. The Board

of Trustees, the Superintendent/President, and all of the faculty and staff of Mt. San Jacinto College have made the commitment to provide the highest quality transfer and occupational education programs and services in a supportive teaching and learning environment. As the college continues to grow in the years ahead, the tradition of building for the future, which began in 1963, will continue to guide Mt. San Jacinto College in its quest for excellence, both now and throughout the 21st century.

Location

The Mt. San Jacinto Community College District serves about 25,000 students in an area covering 1,700 square miles in central and southwestern Riverside County, one of California's fastest-growing and most dynamic regions.

Named for the majestic 10,000-foot peak that dominates the area's skyline, the District stretches 45 miles from east to west and includes the communities of Banning, Beaumont, Idyllwild, San Jacinto, Hemet, Perris, Sun City, Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Canyon Lake, Murrieta, Menifee, Temecula, Aguanga and Anza. Economic activity includes a varied agricultural industry, light manufacturing, tourism and a thriving service sector to meet the needs of the region's growing population. District geography is diverse, ranging from desert and valley grasslands to pine-forested mountains.

The San Jacinto Campus is on State Highway 79 in the northern end of the San Jacinto Valley. It serves residents of the eastern portion of the college district. The Menifee Valley Campus is approximately 25 miles to the southwest. It serves the growing communities along the Interstate 15 and 215 corridors. The new Temecula Valley Campus off Interstate 15 serves students in the southern end of the district. The San Gorgonio Pass Campus is in Banning and houses the Beaumont Middle College High School. The middle college high school, in partnership with Beaumont Unified School District, is designed to raise graduation rates, prepares students for transfer to a four-year institution or and associate degree, and serves underrepresented students.

History

The Mt. San Jacinto Community College District was formed in 1960 by a vote of the citizens in Banning, Beaumont, Hemet and San Jacinto. The first Board of Trustees met in 1962.

The college enrolled its first students in the fall of 1963, holding classes in rented facilities. The San Jacinto Campus opened in 1965 with two buildings. That same year, the college held its first commencement for eight graduates. It has since grown into a comprehensive college campus.

In 1975, the residents of Temecula, Lake Elsinore, Perris and adjacent areas voted to join the Mt. San Jacinto Community College District, increasing the college's area to the present 1,700 square miles. Although the boundaries have remained stable since 1975, the District has changed dramatically, especially since the 1980s. Unprecedented population growth in the region helped MSJC become one of California's fastest growing community colleges.

In response to this intense growth, MSJC opened its Menifee Valley Campus in October 1990. By the end of its first year, there were 2,100 students attending classes at the Menifee Valley Campus. Today, the campus serves 12,000-plus students each semester.

With the rapid growth in enrollments being experienced at both campuses, the District engaged in extensive planning and development for state-of-the-art learning environments for MSJC students.

In the fall of 1993, the Alice P. Cutting Business & Technology Center on the San Jacinto Campus opened to students with new laboratories for Business, Computer Information Systems, Engineering Technologies, Electronics and Photography.

In the fall of 1995, a state-of-the-art music building opened on the San Jacinto Campus. The District opened the Allied Health and Fine Arts buildings on the Menifee Valley Campus in 1995-96.

In 2006, MSJC opened its new Learning Resource Center on the Menifee Valley Campus. The state-of-the-art building provides a library, tutoring services and more for students.

MSJC again experienced rapid expansion in 2008. The Business & Technology Center opened on the Menifee Valley Campus, providing cutting-edge instruction in Geographic Information Systems, Multimedia, Photography and more.

The college also opened the Temecula Education Complex, giving residents of the Temecula and Murrieta areas one location to register, receive counseling and placement testing and take classes. The District ended its lease for the Temecula Education Complex in 2019 after purchasing a permanent site in Temecula.

The college opened its San Gorgonio Pass Service Center in 2008 to provide counseling, registration and other services to the Banning and Beaumont areas. The college also expanded course offerings in the San Gorgonio Pass.

By November 2010, counseling and enrollment services offered at the former San Gorgonio Pass Service Center moved to the new San Gorgonio Pass Campus located south of Interstate 10. In January 2011, students began attending classes at the new site. The campus is on two of 50 acres MSJC owns. In 2022, MSJC entered into an agreement with the Beaumont Unified School District to house the Beaumont Middle College High School at the campus. The middle college high school is designed to raise graduation rates, prepares students for transfer to a four-year institution or and associate degree, and serves underrepresented students.

MSJC opened the Humanities & Social Sciences building on the Menifee Valley Campus in 2012. The two-story building provides state-of-the-art equipment for student learning.

In 2014, the college opened its second site in Temecula: the Temecula Higher Education Center. Also in November 2014, voters of the District approved Measure AA, a \$295 million facilities bond. It is the second bond in the District's history. In 1978, when the District only operated its first campus in San Jacinto, voters passed a \$3 million facilities bond.

The Temecula Valley Campus, which opened in 2021, allowed MSJC to close the Temecula Higher Education Center and provide additional services and educational support for this area in one facility.

The District remains among the fastest-growing of California's community colleges and a leader in student enrollments growing by 9% from Spring 2023 to Spring 2024.

The Inland Empire region, which is comprised of Riverside and San Bernardino counties, experienced the fifth largest population growth in the United States among large metropolitan areas, according to

the 2020 U.S. Census. Nearly 50,000 new residents were added to the region by July 2021. Thanks to funds from Measure AA, MSJC has opened the brand new Athletics & Kinesiology Complex at the Menifee Valley Campus. MSJC also used funds from Measure AA and the state's Prop. 51 for the construction of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics buildings at the San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses. As an innovative institution, MSJC became the first community college in the state in 2022 when it opened an animatronic makerspace in partnership with Garner Holt Education Through Imagination. Funded through the state's Strong Workforce program, the AniMakerspace at the San Jacinto Campus will offer students an opportunity to explore 50 different career paths.