

# The Compass

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## Welcome Back Pirates,

Pirates,

On July 1st the 2013-2014 Associated Students of Modesto Junior College Student Senate officially took office. Not more than sixteen days later the Inter-Club Council also had elections for its 2013-2014 Executive Officers. Now, the Student Senate and Inter-Club Council Executives are settling in to their new roles, and gearing up for a long year of representing the students of Modesto Junior College. This year it is of the highest priority of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College to carry on the great legacy established by past administrations. A legacy where students got the best representation possible, their voices were

heard, and funds were spent wisely. The barriers before us are massive, but with the right amount of effort, there is no limit to what we can accomplish. It's my honor to serve as your 2013-2014 President of the Student Senate.

Furthermore, I'd like to welcome you all back for Fall Semester, and wish you the best of luck in your academic endeavors! This looks to be a promising year for the students and community of Modesto Junior College. Funding for California Community Colleges has been increased vastly; the Measure E Bond, now nearing its end, has greatly improved our campus layout; and the Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students

have never had a more functional relationship. Should you ever need anything your student government is here to help, feel free to stop by the ASMJC Student Senate Office, located in the East Campus Student Center.

Thanks,  
Andrew J. Campbell  
President of the Student Senate

Associated Student of Modesto Junior College

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

## Meet the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College Executives and Senators!



Back Row from Left: Allison Wilbers; Sergio Esparza; Korey Keith; Taeilorae Levell; Andrew Campbell; Victor Costa; Christian Ochoa; Jarad Strange; Kathy Rau; Erik Alvarez; Anelle Vega; Tara Luihn; Chrystal Whitely; Abigail Heras.

Front Row from Left: Lenicia Lopez; Jackie Clifford; Asia Reed; Karolyn Moses; Alexiss Cervera; Alejandra Hernandez.

### President:

My name is Andrew Campbell, I am this years President of the Student Senate. I, like most people, got interested in student government through one of our campus clubs. I was heavily involved in the Freedom Forum (the nonpartisan political science club), and through that I was introduced to the Inter-Club Council and Student Senate. After speaking with former Presidents Dyrssen and Sabo, I just knew that I had to get involved.

### Executive Vice-President:

My name is Korey Keith and I am the Ex-

ecutive Vice President. I became involved in ASMJC, because I was asked to join by former President Sabo.

### Vice-President of Legislation:

Victor Costa

### Vice-President of Finance:

Hello there, my name is Lenicia Lopez but most know me as Leni. I am currently the Vice President of Finance for ASMJC. I have been interested in student government since before I can remember and I am so glad that I have been given the opportunity to work with and represent such amazing students

here at MJC!

### Vice-President of Operations:

My name is Kathy Rau and I am the Vice-President of Operations. I was interested in helping out the clubs on campus, which led me to ASMJC.

### Vice-President of Activities:

My name is Christian Ochoa and I'm the Vice President of Activities. I became interested in student government because I found campus life extremely dull at MJC. My philosophy is that a person has no right to complain if that person is not making an effort to change

"My philosophy is that a person has no right to complain if that person is not making an effort to change what they're complaining about."

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what they're complaining about. This is why I am a part of Associated Students of Modesto Junior College.

**Vice-President of Communications:**

My name is Chrystal Whitley and I'm the Vice President of Communications. My interest in ASMJC started after I became the ICC Rep for the Astronomy Club. Once I was more aware of our student government, I wanted to become a part of the higher representation of the student body here on campus.

**Executive Secretary:**

Jackie Clifford

**Student Trustee:**

Erik Vorsatz

**Senator of Arts, Humanities and Communications:**

My name is Karolyn Moses and I am the Student Senator for The Arts, Humanities, and Communications Division. My interest in

ASMJC happened when I accidentally walked into an ICC meeting while returning a sweater someone dropped outside. From there I created the Visual Arts Club on campus and became interested in the Student Senate when I had to attend a meeting to have something approved for the club. It's my pleasure to serve the student body for the 2013-2014 school year and I look forward to helping you in your educational journey at Modesto Junior College! Best of luck to you!

**Senator of Business, Behavioral and Social Sciences:**

David Lopez, Senator of Business Behavioral & Social Sciences. First introduced to the student government when I was elected ICC Rep for MJC BSU. I'd no

idea how the ICC worked (much less the ASO) but once involved, I was hooked on acquiring and utilizing venues of participation and representation on campus. The former administration inadvertently did much to cultivate my interest in ASMJC, producing pride in my campus,

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community, and fellow students. Representation, in one form or another, has always been my forte and field of interest. Empowerment can come from within one's self and can be catalyzed by encouragement; however, imperative to liberation, justice, and equity is to ensure a voice and assure audibility. I aspire to inspire as said voice.

**Senator of Counseling and Student Services:**

My name is Abigail Heras. As senator of

Counseling and Student Services, my goal is to make sure students are aware of the resources available to them on campus. I also want to encourage greater student attendance and participation in regards to events and presentations held at Modesto Junior College.

**Senator for Diversity:**

My name is Anelle Vega. I became interested in ASMJC from participating in a couple of clubs. While serving as secretary of the Freedom Forum Club I heard of the opening for Senator for Diversity through the club's president Andrew Campbell, who is now ASMJC president. I applied because I think diversity is one of the most important aspects of the college experience.

**Senator of Library and Learning Resources:**

Tara Luihn, Senator for

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Library and Learning Resources. I joined ASMJC after I heard about it from a fellow Senator.

### **Senator of Matriculation, Admissions and Records:**

My name is Eric E. Alvarez. I am the Senator of Matriculation, Admissions and Records for the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College. As a student, I felt obliged to get involved and make my place of study a better one, not only for myself and the current students, but for future generations as well. Therefore, I have dedicated myself to working toward taking the student body, along with MJC as a whole, to the next level. I am eager to begin the 2013-2014 school year and collaborating with my fellow senators and students. This year should be nothing short of progressive for us all.

### **Senator of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering:**

Hi I'm Asia Reed, senator of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering and vice chair of the Finance Committee. I came about my position at ASMJC through my interest in student government.

### **Senator of Special Programs:**

Alejandra Hernandez, Senator of Special Programs, I became interested in this position after I was encouraged by President Campbell and Vice President Keith at the Black Caucus trip in Fresno. I was also encouraged by Vice President of Activities Ochoa to get more involved and bring new ideas to ASMJC. I am truly grateful that I have been appointed the Senator of Special Programs because I intend to bring different ideas to the table, and to make a difference in any way possi-

ble.

### **Senator of Student Financial Services:**

Kyle R. Brown, Senator of Student Financial Services. I am interested in ASMJC because when I came to MJC I saw a future here for myself and I want to give that opportunity to all of my fellow peers. Being a Senator puts me into the position to do so and, as a student myself, I understand the needs and interests of others.

I enjoy helping people and what better way to do that than to guide and provide for them, so ASMJC was more than an answer to the situation, it was the first step into my journey here at MJC.

### **Senator of Veteran Affairs:**

I'm Jarad Strange, the Senator of Veteran Affairs. ASMJC allows me to be as involved in my education as possible.

### **Senator of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences:**

Cierra Provan

### **Senator of Community Relations:**

Gabriella Correa

### **Senator of Family & Consumer Sciences:**

Alexiss Cervera

### **Senator of Literature & Language Arts:**

Sergio Esparza

### **Senator of Physical, Recreational, and Health Education:**

Taeilora Levell

### **Senator of Technical Education & Workforce Development:**

Luis Rebolledo

## ASMJC Committees

### Legislation Committee:

The Legislation Committee is responsible for monitoring and heightening political awareness on relevant federal, state and local legislation that may have an effect on the students.

### Activities Committee:

The Activities Committee is responsible for assisting in planning, budgeting, coordinating, implementing, and evaluating social and cultural activities for the entertainment and recreation of the student body.

### Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee is responsible for maintaining supervision over the ASMJC Budget and its financial affairs as well as to ensure that ASMJC exercises the maximum legal control of all funds, expenditures and investments.

### Operations Committee:

The Operations Committee is responsible for planning, implementing, coordinating and evaluating essential student services and internal operations.

### Communications Committee:

The Communications Committee is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of visibility and public relations between ASMJC, the college, and the community.

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE IS YOUR VOICE ON CAMPUS. FROM PARTICIPATING IN COLLEGE DECISIONS TO ADVOCACY EFFORTS IN SACRAMENTO, WE EXIST TO ENSURE THAT YOUR NEEDS, WANTS, AND CONCERNS ARE HEARD AT EVERY LEVEL.

## Campus Clubs!

Administration of Justice	First Year Experience	Human Sexualities	TRIO
Aikido	French	International	Visual Arts
Alpha Gamma Sigma	Freedom Forum	Judo	Young Farmers
Anime	Future Doctors of America	M.E.Ch.A	
Astronomy	Gamers	Operation Green	
Cheer	The Gathering	Otaku/Anime	
Chi Alpha	Geology	Phi Theta Kappa	
College Republicans	Historical Colloquial Society	Psychology	
Female Factor		Student Equality Organization	

### Fireside Lounge Opening!

The newly renovated Fireside Lounge is far superior—both in atmosphere and functionality—than the vacant chamber with which students were familiar, prior to the 2012 school year. The lounge, after having been closed in early 2012 until July of this year, now boasts greater outlet access for students to charge up their gizmos, ample table space for groups and clubs to coalesce, and a décor offering a true lounge feel. Former Vice President of



ASMJC Fireside Lounge Opening July 18th

Communications Laura Dyrssen as well as alumnus Linda Ferns were instrumental in chairing the Fireside Lounge Renovation Taskforce, and implementing the classy design, respectively. Most students agree that the Lounge has taken a serious step up in decorum and utility. William Benavides summed up what many students have had to say about the changes, “I like the design; it’s more private.” Leaving student Chris [last name omitted] to sum up student concerns, “I like the tables; but needs more chairs.”



Fireside Lounge

### MJC Summer Sonata

On July 18th The Modesto Junior College Foundation celebrate their annual Summer Sonata at the Gallo Center for the Arts. The Summer Sonata is the main fundraiser for the Foundation and since its inception has provided well over \$1 million for MJC student scholarships, program grants, equipment and educational activities not provided by the state. This year ASMJC sponsored two tables to support MJC students using student funds.



Taeilorae Levell and Christian Ochoa

### Columbia Retreat

MJC is located in the Yosemite Community College District, otherwise known as YCCD. Columbia College is our sister campus located in Columbia, CA. This past summer, ASMJC members joined the Associated Students of Columbia College (ASCC) during their retreat. This training was geared toward building powerful relationships between ASMJC and ASCC so that our district can be as strong as it can possibly become working together as one. If you want to learn more about our sister college please visit their website at

<http://columbia.yosemite.cc.ca.us/>



Andrew Campbell; Matt Christman; Aiko Gonzales; Corey Keith; Victor Costa; Kimberly Morris



Asia Reed; Corey Keith; Andrew Campbell; Aiko Gonzales; Brett Taylor

### Science Community Center!



Brian Sanders; Joan Smith; Abe Rojas;  
Doug Dyrssen; Linda Flores; Andrew  
Campbell; Jill Stearns; Mike Riley

To be lost among the waves of people, fighting through the intense crowds of East Campus on the first day of Spring or Fall semester classes is not only typical, it's practically custom. However, the butts-to-guts lines and the shoulder-to-shoulder classes has some slight alleviation this Fall, leaving us to ponder whether or not we can and should get used to this bit of extra breathing room. The fact that one nearly had enough space to do a jumping jack in the East Campus Student Center may largely be thanks to the new West Campus addition, the Community Science Center—which drew new, unprecedented numbers to the West Campus for the first week of classes. The new Science Center had been under construction for more than a year and in the planning phases for much longer; but since the Measure E Bond had supplied the funding to build and complete, the Center has absorbed most, if not all, of MJC's science courses.

The exterior of the edifice is quite eye-catching with the small jumping fountains, the names of historical scientists brandished on the seating, and of course the giant operational telescope. In the main stairwell at the front of the building there is a model of a double-helix—a strand of DNA—with the genetic sequence visible on each step of the stairs. On the first floor of the Science Center there are models of the planets of our solar system embedded in the ceiling—this display not to be confused with the planetarium in the building which should be having star-shows in the near future; for now, the room is being used for classes. However, you can have a sneak preview from the outside of the building since it's tastefully decorated with constellations which light up at night. With all of these attractions in one building, it's no wonder The Great Valley Museum is expected to pack up and move from across the street from East Campus on Stoddard, to West Campus soon. Should students be interested in the solar system display, or just checking out the building, be sure to walk all the way through the first floor to find the addition suggested and paid for by ASMJC: the Foucault Pendulum. Every hour, a small metal cylinder is knocked over by a large weighty pendulum in demonstration of the Earth's rotation. Go check out the new Community Science Center on West Campus, there is lots to see, and keep your ears open to hear about events coming soon to be hosted in our new campus addition



# Upcoming

## September:

- ◆ 6th: Astronomy Club Scope Night from 8-10pm on West Campus Science Community Center rooftop
- ◆ 16th: M.E.C.h.A Club is hosting Hispanic Heritage Month @ 10am on East Campus
- ◆ 23rd-24th: Club Rush on West Campus
- ◆ 25th-26th: Club Rush on East Campus
- ◆ 25th-26th: Anime Club BBQ on East Campus
- ◆ 27th: Modesto Area Partners in Science (MAPS) "Fracking in California" @ 7:30pm on West Campus in the MSR

## Look forward to:

- ◆ Oct. 26th: Halloween Carnival @ 5:00 pm on West Campus
- ◆ TBA: Electric Pirate Festival

## ASMJC Mission Statement:

The Associated Students of Modesto Junior College will enhance student participation at all levels of governance, both internal and external; will advocate on behalf of the students where and when necessary; will promote student and campus life; and ensure that all student voices are heard. The Associated Students of Modesto Junior College is a body of the students, by the students, for the students.

## Quote of the Month!

“perfer et obdura; dolor hic tibi proderit olim”

Translation:

“Be patient and tough; some day this pain will be useful to you. “

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**Q: How do pirates know that they are pirates?**

**A: They think, therefore they ARRRR!!!!**

If you are in a campus club and would like your event to be publicized here or  
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