

Modesto Junior College CIVIC ENGAGEMENT Project



Dreamers and DACA – February 15

In recent years, there have been efforts at immigration reform in America, such as the DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). However, the DREAM Act failed to pass in congress, and DACA has been rescinded—though that rescission has been met with legal challenges in courts. So where are we now, and what support is available to today's undocumented students?



Free Speech & Hate Speech: A Panel Discussion with Experts – March 1

This event will feature presentations on free speech and hate speech by constitutional scholar Dr. Stephen Routh from the Political Science Department at CSU Stanislaus, MJC history professors Curtis Martin and Al Smith, and MJC Professor of Human Services, Dr. Cheryl Williams-Jackson. The panelists will focus on the legal status of speech, the historical context of speech, moral issues surrounding hate speech, how different nation-states handle speech issues, and how targeted groups can best respond to protected speech that they experience as hateful.



Homeless in Modesto – March 22

The 2017 Stanislaus homeless count tallied 1,661 people (including 243 children), and last year approximately 40 homeless people died in our county. *Homeless in Modesto* puts a face to some of our homeless, showcases some community groups helping them, examines some root causes, and indicates ways residents can help address this complex and costly issue. Following the one-hour film will be a panel discussion with a homeless man now housed, a representative of a local homeless helping agency, and the film team.



Dolores – April 12

Many consider Dolores Huerta to be a very important, yet often overlooked, activist in American history. Alongside Cesar Chavez, Huerta fought tirelessly for migrant workers, and later she turned her attention to immigrants, women, minorities, and other marginalized groups. This documentary provides an intimate look at Dolores Huerta and reveals the personal sacrifices that can come with committing one's life to a cause.



Spring 2018 Film and Lecture Series

Thursday Nights, Forum 110

7 PM

MJC East Campus, 435 College Avenue

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