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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ROP provides career exploration
- ROP provides increased opportunities
- ROP provides employability skills
- ROP connects academics to the real world
- ROP is for everyone

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MVROP Celebrates 40 Years of Career Technical Education!

In existence for forty years, MVROP has been instrumental in preparing students for successful business, medical, and technical careers. Through a partnership with Fremont, New Haven, and Newark Unified School Districts, Mission Valley ROP provides quality career technical education to thirteen schools and over 6,000 students (adults and high school) each year.

There have been many hurdles in education over the years however, MVROP has consistently stepped up to the challenge armed with vision and creativity. Only with those critical tools, its exemplary instructors and staff, and invaluable feedback from our business and industry advisors, as well as our partners, has MVROP been able to contribute to the high success rate of our students.

MVROP has expanded its programs available to students thus growing from its original handful of courses, to the wide range of career pathways offered today. MVROP has accomplished many notable achievements over the years. Mission Valley ROP celebrates its success in establishing numerous courses which secure "A-G" UC credit for high school students, with the list growing every year. In addition to this, MVROP has expanded articulation agreements with Ohlone, Chabot, Foothill and Mission Colleges, therefore granting college credits to students who complete the designated ROP courses. To stay in rhythm with the pulse of technology, MVROP

has established a Digital Video Production Arts course, which contains "A-G" UC credit. The course is available to all high school students at the ROP Center Campus in the 2009-2010 school year. Other capstone courses within the Arts, Media and Entertainment pathway include: Computer Animation, Digital Sound Design and Computer Graphic Design. Mission Valley ROP is exploring offering a capstone course, Computer Game Design, as a collaborative effort with high tech industry partnerships.

To feed the demand for highly trained health and medical professionals needed to care for the nation's aging population, Mission Valley ROP has continued to build its Health and Medical Program to offer effective courses providing hands-on training in a variety of medical fields including: Medical Assisting, Pharmacy Clerk, EKG Technician, Certified Nursing Assisting, Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Science, and Sports Therapy. These courses are successful due to the valuable partnerships with key community agencies such as the Fremont, Newark, and Union City Fire Departments, and the San Francisco Paramedic

Association, among many others.

Recognizing the gap in Green Technology classes today, Mission Valley ROP has set out to develop curriculum for Alternative Energy and Sustainable Agriculture Pathways. These programs are being established to train students for greener job practices therefore helping students to find their place in the new economy and industries.

As we look back to where MVROP started forty years ago, we are proud to recognize what it is today and eagerly look forward to continuing MVROP's momentum in providing the highest quality career technical education and equipping its students with skills they will utilize for a lifetime of success.



Remembering Tom Marovich



MVROP has seen many student success stories over the years. One of its most notable included that of former MVROP Fire Science student, Tom Marovich.

From a very early age Tom knew he wanted to work in the Fire Science field. He completed the MVROP Fire Science program with flying colors while a senior at James Logan High. He was honored with the MVROP Student of the Year Award

in 2007. Tom was so passionate and determined to become a firefighter that he volunteered for the Explorer Program with the Fremont Fire Department.

Even after Tom successfully gained employment as a wildland firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service at Modoc National Forest, he continued to make special trips to MVROP to help demonstrate and train MVROP Fire Science students skills that are critical when

combating fires.

Sadly, just when Tom was experiencing so much success, he lost his life while training for the Forest Service in June of 2009.

MVROP was devastated to learn of this tragedy. However, we will always remember Tom's contagious enthusiasm and selfless dedication towards MVROP students and the community. He will be dearly missed, but his memory will go on forever.

MVROP to Receive Nearly \$10,000 PG&E Grant

MVROP will be receiving nearly \$10,000 from Pacific Gas & Electric Company as a part of their "Bright Ideas Grant". These funds will help transform the Construction Program into a "Green" Construction Program, therefore breathing life into the MVROP Energy Education Center (EEC).

The EEC is MVROP's vision for continuing the school's goals of integrating Green Technologies in career

pathways to further empower students for new employment trends. The three proposed phases of the EEC, scheduled to take place over the next three years, will call for all work to be completed by MVROP Construction Program students. Through the EEC, students will gain knowledge and hands-on experience with the latest renewable energy technologies including: Solar PV and Thermal Wind Power Generation and Energy Efficient Construction materials and

strategies.

The first phase of the EEC calls for the construction of a 20-25 panel Solar Farm, to be located on the MVROP campus, which will generate approximately 3,000 to 3,500 watts of electricity. Thanks to the Bright Ideas Grant funds, the Solar Farm construction is scheduled to begin in January of 2010. So, come January, please don't mind our dust, we are up to new ground breaking projects!



Students learn about solar panels and green technology

Now That's an Open House!

MVROP opened its doors to the community on Thursday, October 29th to celebrate its 40th Anniversary with the public. Over 450 people attended the event to visit the campus, learn more about career pathways, and meet MVROP

instructors, staff and students. College and Career Technicians were present to represent high schools in the Tri-City Area. A harvest-themed menu hosted by the Culinary Program delighted all, leaving few leftovers. The event provided an inside look at all the opportunities that are

available through MVROP classes. Students demonstrated their skills in a variety of subject areas including: Biotechnology, Emergency Medical Technician, Auto Body Repair, Construction, Culinary Arts, Digital Graphics, Video Arts Production, Veterinary Assistant, and many more.



Fremont Fire Department Donates Engine to MVROP



MVROP Board Members, staff and students receive the FFD Engine

Fremont Fire Department, a valuable MVROP community partner, generously donated a fire engine that had sustained damage while responding to a call, to the Fire Science Program. This engine will also benefit the Automotive Painting and Refinishing Program. The students will work to return the engine to its former glory.

Fremont City Councilmember Bill Harrison, MVROP Board Members Larry Sweeney, Ray Rodriguez and Lily

Mei, MVROP staff and students gathered on September 17th for Fire Chief Martin and the Fremont Fire Department’s presentation of the engine to the school.

What was considered a loss for the City of Fremont has resulted in equipment that can provide valuable hands-on training and life skills for the students of Mission Valley ROP. Now that’s what I call recycling!

Around the Campus: MVROP Students on the Move

Here are some updates about what our fantastic MVROP students have been up to around campus lately:

- MVROP Fire Science students volunteered at a recent City of Newark H1N1 vaccination clinic. They have plans to participate in City of Fremont’s upcoming clinic.
- MVROP CNA students celebrated National HOSA Week November 1– November 7.
- MVROP Staff and students are collecting canned goods and toys December 1– December 18 for the Tri-City Volunteers to benefit those less fortunate this holiday season.

- MVROP Adult Pharmacy Technician students, David Azizpor, Stephen San Agustin and Joshua Jacobs volunteered in the Comcast Oakland Holiday Parade on December 5.
- MVROP Logan student Gagandeep Gill won First Place at the 11th Annual Virtual Enterprise National Competition in Bakersfield. Other Logan students that placed in the competition include: Richard Diaz, Julian Kamlley, Mandeep Singh and Zahid Sharif. The event consisted of more than 100 schools, including some local, and others from as far away as New York. Way to go!

Dr. Cliff Adams-Hart Dubbed MVROP Teacher of the Year

If you had told 2009 MVROP Teacher of the Year recipient, Dr. Cliff Adams-Hart, thirteen years ago that he would one day sell his practice and would be teaching high school students, he would have diagnosed you of having a recent lobotomy.

However, today he can honestly say that he does not miss being in practice and that he thoroughly enjoys teaching. “I teach because I feel that I influence more in the classroom than in the treatment room. If you want to see a young mind develop, grow and mature before your eyes, then teaching is the place to be,” states Dr. Adams-Hart. Dr. Adams-Hart was named 2009 MVROP Teacher of the Year on October 8, 2009 at the Alameda County Office of Education Ceremony. Since

joining Mission Valley ROP as an instructor in 2001, Dr. Adams-Hart has been challenging young adults to be “RAD”- Responsible, Accountable and Dependable. Five years ago, when Dr. Adams-Hart first took over the high school medical assisting program, about 30 students per year completed the course and required externship. Impressively, the same program this past school year boasted 103 students who completed the course and its 80 hour medical externship. In addition to this, when Dr. Adams-Hart could not find a satisfactory textbook for his course, he created an interactive textbook/ workbook, which contains the proper curriculum for the high school medical student.

Dr. Adams-Hart gives credit to his students for making him want to “be a

better instructor and better provide the many opportunities available to them.” Mission Valley ROP congratulates Dr. Cliff Adams-Hart for his dedication towards providing high quality career technical education for his students. We all look forward to what the future will bring for Dr. Adams-Hart and the High School Medical Assisting Program.





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Remember...



**Mark Your Calendars for these
Upcoming MVROP Dates!**

**PRIORITY REGISTRATION
FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS
Begins on Monday, January 4, 2010**

**PUBLIC REGISTRATION
FOR NEW STUDENTS
Begins on Thursday, January 7, 2010**

A Long Night's Journey Into Day

Written By: Edwin Yoshikawa, MVRP Adult Medical Assistant Student

Twass the start of the internship all dressed in white,
Ready for action ready for the night,

Moaning and groaning, "Don't hurt me I heard,"
First time in training and these were the words,

But no time to squander and be in a fright,
People needed compassion and care; I saw the light,

So what did we learn in a span of a fortnight,
That our preceptors Prexy, Nai, and Jaydee are all a
delight,

They showed us a heart monitor quick as a fiddle,
Use the touch screen and sensors locate, try not to
diddle,

Clouds (white), over grass (green), smoke (black) over
fire (red), with reindeer (brown) in the middle,

ECG/EKG is another important task indeed,
Place ten sensors and hook ten leads,

Input numbers for Kaiser IDs,
Name, age, and gender then print what you see,

Seventeen rooms and halls with gurneys,
Used for patients to ICU, X-Rays and CT journeys,

Wipe down cords, each room spotless and clean,
Put down chux and sheets like machines,

Lab, pharmacy, ICU upstairs,
Nutritional foods and cafeteria are way downstairs,

Irrigation for ears and wounds from fights,
Cab fare for drunks and folks released from the site,

There is still a lot more to reveal,
But til next time the book is sealed.