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Award Winning Journalist to Speak at MJC

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MODESTO, CA – In honor of MJC Asian Awareness Day, the YCCD Beyond Tolerance Initiative, and National Women’s History Month, Helen Zia, award-winning journalist and a contributing editor of *Ms.* magazine, will be presenting “*Finding Your Voice, Making a Difference: One Woman’s Journey*” at Modesto Junior College on March 26 at 6:30 pm in MJC’s Forum Building, 110, with a book signing and reception to follow. This event is free and open to the public.

As former executive editor of *Ms.* Magazine, her articles, essays, and reviews have appeared in many newspapers and magazines. In 1998, Helen was named Chinese-American Journalist of the Year by the Organization of Chinese-Americans and has received numerous awards for writing and editing.

A second-generation Chinese-American, Helen has been a long-time activist for social justice on issues ranging from civil rights and peace to women’s rights and countering hate violence. She is on the board of the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Asian-American Journalist Association, and the Media Diversity Circle to advocate for diversity issues in the media.

Helen is a graduate of Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, where she was a Woodrow Wilson Scholar and a member of the university’s first graduating class of women.

Other events being offered in March include: “*A Woman’s Perspective on Balancing a Career, a Family and Two New Businesses*” by Mrs. Virginia Madueno on March 18, 12:30 p.m. in Forum Building, 101; and “*Women’s Poetry Reading*” by members of the MJC Black Student Union Organization on March 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the MJC Student Center.

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