

DR. BRIAN SANDERS
President, Modesto Junior College

Dr. Brian K. Sanders has served as the President of Modesto Junior College (MJC) since January, 2024. He began his 30-plus-year career in the Yosemite Community College District in 1995 as an MJC mathematics professor, then advanced to become Dean of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering at MJC. In 2016, he became Vice President of Instruction for Columbia College, and returned to MJC in the summer of 2022 as Vice President of Instruction, where he served until becoming President. He earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from UC Davis in 2014 – a program focused on change theory, social science, and diversity to round out his MA in Mathematics from the University of Oregon and BS in Mathematical Sciences from UC Santa Barbara.

Dr. Sanders is known across the California Community Colleges for his innovation, problem-solving skills, and extensive knowledge of processes and regulations. He works diligently and collaboratively to develop effective, long-term solutions to some of the most vexing and long-standing issues facing community colleges and their two-plus million students.

He has always been active in his community, including the Kiwanis Club of North Modesto, Beyer Band Boosters, Modesto Girls Softball League, and cooking at Boys and Girls Clubs events. He regularly participates in community activities and fundraisers for nonprofit agencies and enjoys attending concerts in the park, cultural events, Broadway shows, and baseball. In his spare time, he competes in World League FlingGolf, a new crossover sport between golf and lacrosse, where he is highly ranked in the Masters division.