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## Modesto Junior College Receives Three-Quarter Million Donation from O'Kelley Family Trust

MODESTO, CA - Modesto Junior College (MJC) President Jill Stearns announced today that MJC has received a donation of \$773,330.03 from the Hiram S. O'Kelley and Clara E. O'Kelley Family Trust. The funds are earmarked such that \$100,000 will be used in support of instrumental music programs at MJC and the remaining \$673,330.03 will be used for the creation of an ongoing scholarship fund to assist students who are looking to pursue a career in music or music education and who are both economically in need of financial assistance and who are academically deserving.

"The generous gift from the O'Kelley family will positively impact the music programs at MJC immediately and for generations to come. We are incredibly grateful for this legacy gift in support of music at Modesto Junior College." said MJC President Stearns.

Hiram O'Kelley was a music student in the late 1930's, early 1940's. After graduation he made his career in the US military band. He and his wife Clara made their home in San Jose, CA.

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