Hartnell's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Beta Mu Xi chapter recently received two recognitions bringing pride to our Panther spirit. On April 7, 2015, chapter president Kristen Goetz and member Alejandro Jimenez were selected for the 2015 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team Award by the Community College League of California. The luncheon and awards ceremony was held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento in honor of the exemplary community college scholars. Congratulations!

In Reno, Nevada, Chapter members Julio Perez, Maria Carrillo and Frances Wong, along with PTK advisor Augustine Nevarez, represented Hartnell College on March 27-29 at the PTK Nevada-California Region Convention. They had the opportunity to engage with other regional chapters to broaden their knowledge and learn of new ways to improve our chapter. We are proud of our PTK chapter as they are recognized for their dedication and academic excellence.
We have come to the point when the site work for the new Science Building needs to begin. We will need to fence off the entire construction area around the building. The fence will move out on the East, West and South ends of the site next to the adjacent buildings. The North side of the construction zone (Merrill Hall) is already closed off. The general contractor will start moving the fencing on the site on Monday, April 13, 2015 so that all of the demolition, grading and underground work can start on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. This closure is expected to take three months. During this time it will not be possible to enter Buildings F, G, H, J, K, or N from the interior of the campus. All of these buildings are accessible from other access points. Directional signage will be posted. Construction is always disruptive and inconvenient. We have been fortunate to have almost 13 months of construction with little to no disruption. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we move in to this next phase of construction.
3. VET NET ALLY SEMINAR IS IMPACTFUL

By popular demand, on Wednesday, April 9, 2015, the Hartnell Veterans Service Center delivered the VET NET Ally Seminar for a second time. The VET NET Ally presenter Dr. Marshall Thomas conducted a 4-hour seminar in which he not only covered Military Culture-101; he also talked about issues that our veteran students face while transitioning from being a service member to a civilian. There were 25 staff and faculty members in attendance and we received positive feedback. The final component is the student panel; attendees agree that this is what has the biggest impact for them. The student panel was made up of five Hartnell College veterans who shared their experiences and answered questions from Dr. Thomas and the attendees.

4. SPRING 2015 PRESIDENT’S FORUM

Join me for the Spring 2015 President’s Forum and Lunch on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Steinbeck Hall from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will use this opportunity to provide a brief general College update including, but not limited to, accreditation, budget, governance, academic calendar, facilities planning, strategic planning, and more.

I look forward to seeing you there. For those who are unable to attend the session, the presentation will be available on the college web site and a link to the presentation will be provided.
A meeting was held during Spring Break to debrief and celebrate graduating the first cohort of the new Transition Program implemented by Hartnell College at the Soledad Correctional Training Facilities. The program is part of the State’s effort to facilitate re-entry for persons who served their time; the facilitators also conduct research on resources available in the communities where the parolees will be released.

Topics covered by the Transition Program include job search and interview skills, resume building, and financial literacy.

Since the Transition Program team just received a 40-hour training at the Soledad Correctional Training Facility, there was much to discuss and integrate into the curriculum for the next group of soon-to-be-released inmates. The five-week courses will be held on an ongoing basis for the next few years.

L to R - Adam Sanders, Paula Sims, Beth Lopez, Wayne Barnett (facilitators); Ben Jimenez (supervisor); Renata Funke (program manager); and me.

Competing in three different locations, the Hartnell College track & field team produced two new school records and numerous season bests. Groups were sent to the San Francisco State Distance Carnival, Stanford Invitational, and Chabot Relays.

At the SF State Distance Carnival, Diego Leon showed he will contend for a state championship in the 5,000 meter run as he was his heat winner at 14:38.64. Leon’s time bettered the Hartnell College record of 14:39.37 set by Daniel Tapia in 2009 in the same meet. The time was also a personal best for Leon by 21 seconds and is the best mark in Northern California by 12 seconds. Also running personal best 5,000 meter races were sophomore Luis Vargas (15:28.85) and freshman Javier Garcia (15:38.47). Frosh Malena Grover matched her male counterpart Leon as she lowered her own college
record in the 5,000 meter run to 17:42.24. Grover is the first Hartnell woman ever to run the 5,000 meter race under 18:00 and is now the second fastest female in Northern California. Brandi Hobson (18:28.74) lowered her season best by 10 seconds and dipped under the state automatic qualifying mark. Sophomore Maritza Ruelas (19:26.61) ran a season best as well. Sophomore Rachel Shimabukuro competed in both the 3,000 meter steeplechase and 5,000 meters. Her 11:52.73 in the steeplechase is the second best time in school history and second ever sub 12:00 time for the event for Hartnell ladies. Shimabukuro is now ranked second in Northern California just six seconds from the best performance. She doubled back with her second best 5,000 meter run of the season (19:18.06). Competing in the 1,500 meter run, Nancy Rodriguez ran a season best 5:11.29.

Sophomore Tito Chaidez just missed the state automatic qualifying mark in the 3,000 meter steeplechase but his 9:50.32 was a lifetime best by 23 seconds.

For full San Francisco State Distance Carnival Results: http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/36858.html

At the Chabot Relays, freshman Tori Teraji put up solid marks in several events. Teraji set season bests in the pole vault (9’9”), long jump (14’9.75”), high jump (4’9”), shot put (34’11.75”), and javelin (98’10”). Frosh Diego Avila got a regional qualifier in the 5,000 meters (16:05.73) with Bryan Stamos improving to 16:20.49. Cynthia Tovar got two personal bests in the 1,500 meters (5:13.44) and 5,000 meters (19:29.83). Freshman Andrew Salas improved to 21’4.75” in the long jump. Frankie Gutierrez improved in the hammer (127’1”) and javelin (162’9”). Mayra Padron qualified to the regional meet with a personal best 117’0.75” in the hammer throw.

For full Chabot Relays results: http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/36658.html

Former Palma High School product Rhett Gonzalez was the highest placing performer at the Stanford Invitational running 15.26 in the 110 meter hurdles.

For full Stanford Invitational results: http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/40020.html

Former Panther Amy Johnston qualified to the NCAA DII Outdoor National Championship in the 5,000 meter run with her 16:52.50 at the SF State Distance Carnival last Friday. The time ranks her #3 in the nation for DII females. Amy was the Coast Conference 1,500 meter champion and Northern California runner-up in the 1,500 meters in 2012. She is currently a senior at University of Alaska Anchorage.
8. DR. ANNE BENVENUTI – EDUCATOR IN RESIDENCE

In April 2015
Educator in Residence
Dr. Anne Benvenuti

Wednesday, April 15—Special guest
2:00—4:00 PM, at Mainstage Building K

Intimate Partner Violence Workshop with Nursing and Allied Health

Thursday, April 16—Speaker and book signing
6:00—7:30 PM, at Building K-116

The Animals are talking: Dr. Doolittle’s Heaven.
A selected reading and discussion from her book
Spirit Unleashed: Reimagining Human-Animal Relations.
(Book is now available at Hartnell Bookstore)

Friday, April 17—Speaker and workshop
12:00—1:30 PM, Building B-208

The Animals are talking: Dr. Doolittle’s Heaven.
2:00—3:00 PM, Building B-208

Workshop—Magic for unleashing your creative genius.

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9. SPECIAL TALK – INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH
GRAND-rounds

Interprofessional Education in collaboration with the psychology faculty
Join us for an important panel discussion:

"Intimate Partner Violence: Laws and Healthcare Systems"

Cheryl McCormick, Ph.D.
Executive Director, PWCA Monterey County

Sheree Goldman, RN, MSN, NP
S.A.R.T. Coordinator, Monterey County Health Department

Elaine McCleaf, JD
Deputy District Attorney, Monterey County

Miriam Lucas, MA, MFTI #83911, supervised by Carol Kinbridge, MA, LMFT #53806, Counselor, Hartnell College Crisis Counseling Service

Special guest
Dr. Anne Benvenuti
Hartnell's first Educator in Residence

Date: April 15, 2015
Place: Hartnell College Main Campus
Mainstage, Building K
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

10. THE PLANETARIUM IN APRIL

Friday Evening Program
April 10, 17 & 24 at 7pm
Call 770-6161 for more info
Explore the mystery!
Hartnell College Planetarium

Friday Kids Show
April 10, 17, & 24 only at 5:30pm
Call 770-6161 for more info
Family Fun at the Hartnell Planetarium
Celebrating our youngest children 2015
Thursday, April 16, 2015, Main campus – Quad area
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE AT ALISAL CAMPUS
Agricultural Business and Technology Institute
Saturday, April 18, 2015
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Party in the Library 2015
‘Strut your feathers’
Saturday, May 9, 2015
Call 831-755-6810 for tickets

The Music Department presents:
- A student/faculty performance
  April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in K-125,
- A Choral Project performance
  April 27 at 7:00 p.m. on Mainstage
- A piano recital
  May 7 at 6:00 p.m. in K-125

SpringFEST at The Western Stage
- Camino Real by Tennessee Williams – April 18-19, 2015 in Studio Theater
- Puppetry Workshop Series offered by John Glazier and teaching artists from El Teatro Campesino. Now through May.
- La Conquista de Mexico by Luis Valdez: Directed by Carlos Cortez, this presentation is a joint effort between Teatro Campesino and The Western Stage. May 8-9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theater.

Job Fair at Hartnell
Tuesday, April 28, 2015 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall
Contact is Mercedes Quintero at mquinter@hartnell.edu

SAVE THE DATE!
Family Science, Health, and Literacy Day
Saturday, May 16, 2015
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Main Campus
Open House at Alisal Campus

Preschool offered at Hartnell
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2015/04/05/education-digest-april/25341481/

Best local ag educator
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/best/2015/_intro/best-local-ag-educator/article_b00eda74-d7de-11e4-8f8c-0f826bb62ed8.html

Teacher recruitment at Steinbeck Hall