The Hartnell Community College District is proud to announce an analysis by the University of California showing Hartnell College as the leader in transfers of underrepresented minority (URM) students to the University of California.

The top three Community Colleges in the state to transfer URMs to UCs are: Hartnell College (85.5%), Rio Hondo College (77.5%), and West Los Angeles College (64.9%). We are delighted to be recognized as a leader for its success in transferring underrepresented minority students to the University of California. We are being asked by other colleges about our successful practices. We have many, but the first thing I tell them is this: at Hartnell College we believe that our students are UC material. We lift them up in small and large ways.

This past week, I was invited to be the moderator for a panel at the CCLC’s Equity2015 Summit in Los Angeles to talk about best practices Hartnell has implemented throughout the years to have higher percentages of URMs transferring to UCs. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Mark Sanchez was a member of the panel along with me (Dean Kathy Mendelsohn also present at conference.)

Our students have what we call “grit”- an inspiring determination to succeed against enormous social and economic inequities. We channel that grit into achievement by setting high expectations and providing excellent instruction and student support.

The Equity2015 Summit’s theme Implement, Integrate, and Institutionalize Student Equity focuses on two major initiatives: dual/concurrent enrollment through AB 288 and Student Equity. Each college president/chancellor was invited by the CCLC to send a delegation of three.
2. PANTHER PREP 2015 IS A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2, 2015 it was a pleasure to host the successful Panther Prep Days. The outcome of both events held at the King City Education Center and Main Campus exceeded our expectations. During the two-day registration marathon, we served a total of 227 students in King City and 724 students on the Main Campus.

It was wonderful to see so many students enroll at Hartnell College. Equally impressive were the large number of Hartnell College faculty, staff, administrators and student ambassadors who both traveled to King City on Friday and/or spent their Saturday in service to our College.

“While there were many individuals who were vital to the success of these two events, I would like to mention four colleagues who I felt were at the core of planning for Panther Prep 2015: Sara Sanchez, Isaura Arreguin, Dr. Mark Sanchez, and Renata Funke,” commented VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo. “Beyond these individuals were many faculty, staff, students and administrators who led and assisted high school students, hosted college fairs on both campuses, conducted parent workshops, provided counseling services, helped with registration, insured that IT help was available and effective, provided cashiering services, coordinated breakfast and lunch, led campus tours, and generally helped or answered questions throughout the day.”

Panther Prep 2015 was a successful collaboration that brought together several divisions of Hartnell College. Among them were Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Administrative Services and Information Technology. We proved once again that
together we can provide a productive and meaningful experience for our students. I am proud to be a Hartnell College Panther and hope you are too.

3. MOM MOTIVATED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER PANTHER PREP

Lilia Gonzalez is a proud mom to Nayeli Madrigal, a senior at Everett Alvarez High School. They were both here during Panther Prep and Nayeli registered as a Biology major. Lilia was so impressed with Panther Prep and with all the resources Student Affairs offers her daughter as a student, that she got motivated to come back to school and start taking some classes to improve and update her skill set. This is another way as a team, we are growing leaders through opportunity, engagement, and achievement.

4. CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – OSCAR MARTINEZ

I am honored to share that math major and MESA student Oscar Martinez was awarded the highly competitive Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship for up to $40,000 per year for up to three years! He is overjoyed with the news. His goal is to become a math teacher. I introduced Oscar at Tuesday’s Board of Trustees meeting. Oscar is first generation college student and has worked full-time while going to college. Oscar has always been a leader and a willing volunteer. He has represented the MESA Program at Hartnell for visits from Luis Alejo and PG&E, and was featured as the MESA Student Spotlight in the 2013-14 Report to the Community. He has been accepted to UCLA, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Davis. He is undecided about where he wants to go, but this money will allow him to attend the University of his choice without having to continue to work. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship makes it possible for the nation’s top community college students to complete their bachelor’s degrees by transferring to a four-year college or university. The Foundation provides up to $40,000 per year to each of approximately 85
deserving students selected annually, making it the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the country. Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student’s educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees – for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor’s degree. Awards vary by individual, based on the cost of tuition as well as other grants or scholarships he or she may receive.

In photo, Oscar along with his proud parents at our 2015 STEM banquet a week ago.

5. CELEBRATING OUR ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS

In April the country celebrates administrative professionals everywhere. For such occasion, members of the President’s Executive Cabinet hosted administrative assistants to a nice lunch at Gino’s in Salinas. I thank all Hartnell administrative professionals for their excellent service to Hartnell College.

In photo L to R – Juana Montelongo, Laura Warren, Monica Massimo, Jacqueline Flores, Dr. Lori Kildal, Lucy Serrano, Cristina Zavala, Dr. Romero Jalomo, me, Stephen Garcia, Dr. Brian Lofman, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, and Matt Coombs.

6. RCP STUDENTS PROMOTE THEIR PROGRAM

The Respiratory Care Practitioner program students made their presence known at the Student Center (during 5 de Mayo) to provide information about this amazing career in healthcare. They want to let others know that it is a high wage, high demand career. The first class of RCP students graduates this year.
The Associated Students of Hartnell College and the Office of Student Life offered a fun-filled lunch hour commemorating 5 de Mayo. The Student Center was filled with color with dancing by the new Baile Folklorico Club, scream contest, piñata braking, and posole. The students and Hartnell employees in attendance enjoyed the celebration.

In King City, the ballet Folklorico, under the direction of community member Verenice Amezcua, entertained Hartnell College evening students with Mexican dancing in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

Commencement is right around the corner indeed! This year’s celebration will take place on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Rabobank Stadium. I recommend getting there no later than 6:00 p.m. Parking for faculty will be at the Maryal Drive
parking lot (175 Maryal Drive). We encourage you to carpool as space is limited in this parking lot. Overflow parking will be available at the general parking lot from the Main Street entrance (1034 North Main Street). Ushers will be available to guide you to the faculty check-in and line-up area. Following are some things to consider:

- Dress in layers as we have unpredictable weather and it will most likely be cold.
- The venue strictly forbids the use of thin/slim type heels also known as stiletto heels due to the possibility of damaging the stadium turf flooring, and we strongly discourage you from wearing this type of shoe.

This ceremony commemorates the accomplishments of our students’ academic achievements and degree and certificate completions. Due to the increasing number of graduates every year, we have relocated the ceremony to a facility that will accommodate graduates, their families and guests.

I look forward to your participation at the commencement ceremony.

10. SENATOR BILL MONNING AT MCBC LUNCHE

On Friday, May 8, 2015 Interim VP of Administrative Services, Stephen Garcia, and Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen represented me at the monthly lunch offered by the Monterey County Business Council. The convening was at the Bayonet & Black Horse Lodge in Seaside. The speaker for the lunch was Senator Bill Monning. He talked about policy that is going through Sacramento this year and policy he cares about. He spoke of the water and drought problem overtaking the state as well as how a bill he proposed to educate parents on sugary beverages was just killed in the Health Committee. He mentioned that the top employers in our area are: agriculture, hospitality, and education. Two of the most talked about issues among these employers include immigration reform and water.
Forty-one students and 3 Hartnell staff members just returned from an Early Care and Learning Conference at Las Cruces, New Mexico in early May. The purpose of this conference was to bring together the Hispanic community who works with children, to know and work with the agencies of New Mexico and to network with professionals and therapists working with children.

The vision of this conference is to provide quality care and early education to children and families through a partnership of trust and respect. Presenters included psychotherapist working with children dealing with trauma, coordinators from public health departments, Latino health specialists, and child development instructors. At the conference, Jeanne Hori-Garcia presented lively music and movement activities and their connection to children’s self-esteem and learning. This was a great experience for Hartnell students. They experienced many firsts, such as:

- First time traveling by airplane
- First time attending out-of-state ECE conference
- First time meeting other professionals about Latino Health
- First time visiting Las Cruces

In January 2016, this group will be traveling together for another first: attending an inter-state conference on a cruise. What great exposure for this group of students.

12. Washington Diplomat Visits Hartnell

On
Wednesday April 29, 2015, the Ethnic Studies Class and ACE students welcomed Merlyn Calderon Schultz – a diplomat from Washington D.C. She talked to the class about her role in Washington, being an Ag ambassador, and about politics. Professors Hermelinda Tabera and Phillip Tabera presented our guest with Ag Ambassador T-Shirts.

13. HONOR THY CHILDREN – TALK DRAWS A FILLED ROOM!

Last Thursday morning, Studio Theater (K-125) was filled with attentive students, faculty, and staff. The psychology department presented once again, Honor Thy Children – an open conversation with Al and Jane Nakatani on discrimination, racism, and homophobia that plagued their sons’ search for identity and self-acceptance. The audience was engaged and asked thought provoking questions. Special thanks go to Psychology Professor, Dr. Yoshiko Matsushita-Arao for helping arrange this talk each semester. Al and Jane reside in Maui and enjoy their visits to Hartnell.

14. HARTNELL HISTORY CLUB VISITS SALINAS HIGH

The Hartnell History Club met with Salinas High School faculty and coaches on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 to learn what the expectations are to become a high school coach and teacher. The presentation was facilitated by Steve Goodbody, the Varsity Head Football Coach for Salinas High School. The students were able to meet with a variety of faculty and administrators during the event held at the high school. The was a great introduction to the career of teaching and coaching. The students learned about the commitment this career path involves and the positive impact this profession has in the community.

Front row (L-R) Vanessa Salinas, Jessica Montejano, Alyssa Hernandez, Cassandra Ruano, Domenique Sivils, Priscilla Rodriguez, Juan Sierra, Diana Espinoza
Back Row (L-R) Hartnell History Professor, Sam Pacheco; Salinas High faculty, Alex Besaw; Omar Gallardo; Salinas High faculty, Steve Goodbody; Salinas High Athletic Director, Patty Lamar.
Not pictured- Yessenia Armenta
15. HARTNELL PRESENT AT NOCHE BOHEMIA – CELEBRATING ART

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, community art promoters Adela Castillo and Jose Alejandro Moran presented the Eighth Annual Noche Bohemia at Sherwood Hall Salinas. The event is free to the public and promotes visual art, music, dance, poetry, song. I participated last year in a trio performance with William Faulkner and Jackie Cruz. This year, Music Professor, William Faulkner performed beautiful tunes with his harp. Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen was the emcee of the event – she has emceed Noche Bohemia since its start (she introduced her son Matthew during the event – starting him early in the love of the arts.)

Stay tuned - the Hartnell Trio will perform in April 2016!
For this year’s photo gallery, go to:
(William’s photo by Joe Truskot, The Californian)

16. THE CHORAL PROJECT PROVIDES AN ECLECTIC MIX

On Monday, April 29, the Choral Project, an internationally renowned choir, visited
Hartnell College as part of the music department’s Artist-in-Residence series. In the morning, choir members and director Daniel Hughes worked with students in the voice class and our two choirs, interacting with them on a musical as well as a social level. In the evening, Choral Project presented a concert featuring music of a number of different styles and in a variety of different languages. For the final piece on the program, Choral Project was joined by members of our Hartnell Chamber Singers in a performance of “Irish Blessing,” a piece written by their director Daniel Hughes.

“It was a tremendous experience having them here,” said Music Professor Steve Ettinger. “The students really benefited from the interaction with these professional-level singers, learning not only about vocal technique, but about the opportunities to make music after leaving Hartnell.”

The entire community benefited from hearing such a beautiful and eclectic mixture of songs. Many thanks go out to instructors John Koza and Sandy Rudo for coordinating the visit.

In photo, members of Choral Project with students from the Hartnell choirs during their morning rehearsal.

17. THE STUDENT EXHIBIT IN ART GALLERY IS OUTSTANDING

The 2015 Annual Student Show is now open to the public in general. The exhibition showcases works done in the numerous art classes over the past year. It includes photography, painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics and digital media. More than 225 works show the strong creative breadth of Hartnell art students.

18. LEON IS NORCAL 10K CHAMPION!

The second scored event of the 2015 Northern California Track & Field Championships was held on Friday at the College of San Mateo as part of the qualifying trials for all other events. Sophomore Diego Leon was victorious in the 10,000 meter run in 31:14.83. He becomes the first Northern California champion for Hartnell College in the event since Daniel Tapia won in 2009. Leon garnered 10 points for the Hartnell men and combined with Luis Vargas getting sixth in 33:51.26, the Panthers earned 13 points to add to decathlete Chase Pacheco’s 10 points for winning the regional decathlon title. The Panthers lead defending team champion American River College 23 to 15 after the first two events. For the Hartnell ladies, five women scored in the 10,000 meter run also giving Hartnell College an early lead in the team standings with 27
points to second place American River College at 18 points. Freshman Malena Grover placed third overall in 39:14.43, Brandi Hobson fourth (40:48.48), Maritza Ruelas fifth (41:12.68), Cynthia Tovar seventh (41:37.37), and Nancy Rodriguez eighth (41:41.93). For Grover, her time is the fifth best in school history for the 25 lap distance race. Panther men who advanced from the trials to next week’s finals at American River College were Dustin Samms (hammer), Frankie Gutierrez (javelin), Marcus Washington (long jump) and Chase Pacheco (long jump and high school). Samms moves on to the hammer throw final with the second best preliminary toss at 174'6". Gutierrez also advanced in the runner-up spot with a new personal best heave of 180'2". The mark moves Gutierrez to tenth best all-time and the former Hollister Baler could be Hartnell’s first javelin thrower to eclipse 190 feet since 1991 when Ron Guzman set the current school record at 202'6".

Linda Delgado led the Lady Panther qualifiers to finals with her season best 58.71 in the 400 meters. Her mark is the fourth best heading into the finals next week. Taylor Blaha advanced in the triple jump and long jump. Malena Grover and Brandi Hobson advanced to the 1500 meter final after running the 10,000 meter race. The women’s 4x400 relay of Delgado, Blaha, Grover, and Lizette Garcia ran a season best 4:10.92 to qualify. The 4x100 relay team of Delgado, Blaha, Maribel Ortega, and Celina Murillo advanced with a time of 50.28.

For full Norcal Trials/10k Finals results: [http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/37730.html](http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/37730.html)

In photo - Sophomore Diego Leon (Anzar HS) became Hartnell’s second Norcal champion of the 2015 season.

**19. UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mental Health Awareness Month:**
**Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder**
Thursday, May 14, 2015 - 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Student Center – Room C-101

**Diversity Committee presents:**
**Myths and realities: A discussion on diversity at Hartnell College**
Presented by Jason Hough
Friday, May 15, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.
Building B, room 208 – Flex approved
Family Science, Health, and Literacy Day
Saturday, May 16, 2015
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Main Campus

The Western Stage – Season opener:
You can't take it with you
Season starts May 29, 2015
Westernstage.com or call 755-6816

20. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell is #1 in transfers to UC
http://www.ksmstv.com/2015/05/08/hartnell-es-el-numero-uno/

NASA SEMAA story goes national (Spanish – two parts)
http://www.ksmstv.com/2015/05/08/de-salinas-a-la-nasa/
http://www.ksmstv.com/2015/05/08/de-salinas-a-la-nasa-parte-2/

Western Food Safety Summit

Food Safety Summit returns Salinas week

Food Safety Summit

Bill Marler at Western Food Safety Summit

Portraits of caring – alumna featured in mother’s day story
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/life/2015/05/08/portraits-caring/27009721/

Hartnell has strong presence at Noche Bohemia 2015

Protesters march from Hartnell to Salinas Police Dept.

Protest in Salinas (Spanish)
http://www.ksmstv.com/2015/05/04/llevan-a-cabo-protesta-en-salinas/

Leon in the fast lane

County clipboard