On Friday, June 26, 2015 we hosted the California Assembly Select Committee Hearing “Pathways to Equitable Opportunities and Outcomes for Boys and Men of Color (BMoC) with co-chairs Assembly Member Luis Alejo and Assembly Member Reggie Jones-Sawyer.

Representatives from a multitude of programs, education leaders, health experts, public figures and others were present to discuss and listen to the needs of the Latino and Black population in the Central Coast. Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Jackie Cruz and I presented on Hartnell College and the K-16 Alisal Health Professions Workforce Pathways model.

Many gave presentations about all the advances and all the successful programs that outreach to the youth. On the other hand, research shows disparities across a number of social, economic, and educational opportunities for boys and men of color.

A document given out during the hearing says that Latinos and other communities of color continue to suffer disproportionately to their white counterparts in Monterey County across all health and educational indicators. Latinos are overrepresented in the school to prison pipeline and represented the majority of those in the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

Many elected officials attended including Hartnell Governing Board members Ray Montemayor, Demetrio Pruneda, and Erica Padilla-Chavez.

The 3-hour+ Hearing provided excellent information, data, and promising practices to the Assembly Select Committee. The legislators plan to now take what they heard and continue on to Stockton, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino to gather more information related to the issues surrounding boys and men of color.
2. DR. KELLY LOCKE – E. KIKA DE LA GARZA FELLOW

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced the 12 fellows of the 2015 class of the E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program. Our colleague, Dr. Kelly Locke (front, far right) is among the 12 fellows. The selection was based on the compatibility of their interests with USDA mission areas, as well as the value their experiences will add to their institutions’ educational capacities. The leadership group is tasked to recommend policies and programs to strengthen USDA partnerships with HSIs, and provides leadership and strategic direction to the USDA Hispanic-Serving Institutions National Program Office. Most of the fellows are from HACU-member institutions. More information about the program can be accessed at [http://www.hsi.usda.gov/HSIs/fellowship.htm](http://www.hsi.usda.gov/HSIs/fellowship.htm). The 2015 E. Kika De La Garza Fellows are:

- Cesar G. Abarca, Humboldt State University
- Grady Lane, Fresno Unified School District
- Kelly M. Locke, Hartnell College
- Omar Murillo, California State University, Monterey Bay
- Ariana Gonzalez, San Joaquin Delta College
- Caren M. Fernandez, Woodland Community College
- Ryan Ausmus, Dodge City Community College
- Yi He, John Jay College – The City University of New York
- Tracey Ledoux, University of Houston
- Kiley P-H Miller, Schreiner University
- Jose Rodolfo Valdez Barillas, Texas A&M-San Antonio
- Nicole C. Wagner, Texas State University

Fellows enrich USDA with knowledge and experience in the challenges facing their communities and institutions while enhancing their professional growth and knowledge of USDA and the federal government - thus improving their teaching, student interaction and research programs at their institutions.

3. GATHERINGS TO WISH MATT COOMBS THE BEST
June 30\textsuperscript{th} is Matt Coombs official last day as VP of Information Technology Resources for Hartnell CCD. The news caught a lot of co-workers by surprise as he is such a regal, well-liked individual. We will miss him, but wish him all the best in his new venture. The IT Department hosted a gathering during the week so the campus could say goodbye and wish him well. He gave an emotional speech alongside me and Trustee Candi DePauw, who thanked him for his contributions to Hartnell.

My wife Michele and I also hosted a get-together at our home for Matt and his wife. Matt shared that he was grateful for the opportunity to work at Hartnell and he is excited to be given an opportunity at a small firm where he will have an opportunity to develop innovative IT functions to make our systems work better.

4. DAVE PHILLIPS NAMED INTERIM VP

Upon Matt Coombs departure, I am in the process of updating the position description and then we will advertise to fill the position. The recruitment process will take some time to complete. During the recruitment period, Dave Phillips, Director of Information Technology Resources, will serve as the Interim Vice President of Information Technology Resources.

5. PACHECO 7\textsuperscript{TH} AT JUNIOR DECATHLON

Hartnell College freshman Chase Pacheco was able to place seventh overall competing against some of the best junior decathletes in the nation at the USA Outdoor Championship in Eugene, Oregon. He earned his opportunity to compete in the championship meet by surpassing the requisite 6,500 points twice during the season. This was the first time since 2008 that Hartnell College was represented at the USA Junior Outdoor Championship. Pacheco, who prepped at Palma High School, was the Northern California and CCCAA Champion with both scores over the 6,500.
On day one, Pacheco placed second overall in the 100 meters (10.99), third in the long jump (22'8.50"), and fourth in the 400 meters (50.78) for his highest placing. On Day two, his highest event placings were fifth in the discus (129'8") and 1,500 meters (4:52.54). His total point score was 6,765 points. The overall winner was Harrison Williams of Stanford University with 8,001 points.

6. WE HAVE CHEERLEADERS!

It is so great to see Hartnell students excited about joining the new Hartnell Cheer Team! The idea came to alumna Maria Rodriguez who reached out to her high school cheer coach, Tiffany Ayala. Rodriguez herself was a Hartnell cheerleader for two years when she attended the college and has since gone on to coach for both youth and high school teams over the past nine years. Together the two have held tryouts and compiled a team of 31 Hartnell students. The team will begin practicing for home game appearances. They are now discussing the possibility of competing against other teams. The students bring a wide variety of talents to the team; including experience from previous teams, coaching, and competitive cheer.

7. STEPS TO SUCCESS CAMPAIGN

You have seen the commercials on TV and heard them via the radio waves. Now, you get to see the Steps to Student Success campaign at Northridge Mall and in
various print publications. This campaign showcases the 7 easy steps anyone can take to start their educational journey at Hartnell. Here is a sample of what Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen created to make the campaign come alive using real students, counselors, professors, administrators, and staff. And if you have missed the commercials, click this link for a peek:
https://vimeo.com/128904550

8. NEW POLICY TO GO INTO EFFECT THIS WEEK

Board Policy 3570 goes into effect on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. For more about this policy, access the QR-Code in the graphic or click here http://www.hartnell.edu/sites/default/files/u90/bp3570.pdf

9. UPCOMING EVENTS

Happening at Western Stage
- 2x4 BASH – Studio Theater
  - A Behanding in Spokane
  - She Kills Monsters
- **Into the Woods – Mainstage**

**For dates and more information on these and future productions, visit** [www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com).
10. IN THE NEWS

Status of Boys and Men of Color Salinas Hearing
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2015/06/26/males-color-status-mixed/29376735/
(Spanish) Status of Boys and Men of Color
http://noticias.entravision.com/monterey-salinas/2015/06/26/audiencia-para-mejoramiento-de-jovenes-afroamericanos/
Who’s in town? About Salinas hearing
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/opinion/the_buzz/who-s-in-town/article_b20910ac-1ab3-11e5-8824-6f7832a50e88.html
Diego Leon – CCCAA Athlete of the Month
http://www.cccaasports.org/AOTM/May15.pdf
Pacheco finishes seventh in decathlon
Pacheco fourth after first day
http://www.montereyherald.com/sports/20150625/hartnells-pacheco-fourth-after-first-day
State Track Champion set for Decathlon at Junior Nationals
Tech Interns and College Students – CSIT-in-3
CSUMB and Hartnell CS program
http://www.santacruztechbeat.com/2015/06/19/csumb-hartnell-cs-program/?utm_source=SCTB-issue96&utm_campaign=SCTB-issue96&utm_medium=email
Jensen Warranting a call-up