1. CURRICULUM INSTITUTE GATHERS DOZENS IN EDUCATION

On Friday, October 23, 2015 the Office of Student Affairs held the third Curriculum Alignment Meeting in Steinbeck Hall. I provided a welcome and it was inspiring to see over 100 teachers, counselors, and professors from our local high schools, adult schools, Hartnell College, and others. The focus was on English and Math readiness of students transitioning from high school to college. The ‘Institute’ began with a welcome from Dean of Student Affairs, Student Success, Dr. Mark Sanchez, and a presentation on the Bright Futures initiative by VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo. The idea behind this Curriculum Institute is to gather educators to come up with a plan to help our youth be college ready. The ideas were flowing and the enthusiasm brings a sense of collaboration and hope for the future of K-12 education in Monterey County.

2. “BRIGHT FUTURES” IS DISCUSSED AT MCBC SUMMIT

The Monterey County Business Council (MCBC) held its Annual Higher Education and Research Leadership Summit on Friday, October 23, 2015 in Monterey, CA. I attended along with (as pictured) Dean of Student Affairs, Mary Dominguez; Director of HSI Initiatives, Moises Almendariz; VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo; Director of Ag Institute, Dr. Susan Pheasant; Director of K-12 STEM Programs, Maggie Melone-Echiburu; and Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen. The main focus of this summit was to share
the findings of CSUMB’s Bright Futures – an initiative that uses research data to propose measurable results towards improving outcomes from cradle to career. Dr. Jalomo was a presenter for the topic of ‘The Education Journey Today’ introducing the data and its story. “Let’s use the data and believe that change can happen here in Monterey County,” he exclaimed. This initiative selected more than a dozen measures of student success along the cradle to career continuum for the community to focus on and improve.

I shared the panel with MPC President, Dr. Walt Tribley and CSUMB President, Dr. Eduardo Ochoa. The three of us talked about the value higher education has in our community. At Hartnell College we are already working up and down the education pipeline through our K-12 collaborations and our partnerships with four-year institutions. We know that it is not enough to for us to simply focus on our work at Hartnell College. We must work with all organizations and agencies to ensure a bright future for our community. We look forward to our involvement in this important initiative.

An in-depth report was written by Monterey County Heard Reporter, Claudia Melendez in the following link:
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20151023/NEWS/151029898

3. UNITED WAY HOSTS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

I attended the United Way Community Breakfast with the President’s Executive Cabinet on October 20, 2015 at CSUMB’s University Center. The results of the Impact Monterey County research study were shared with optimism. United Way thanked Hartnell College for its efforts in getting so many of our students to participate in the survey. Executive summaries from the survey are available at http://impactmontereycounty.org/results.

President and CEO of United Way, Katy Castagna, said that they are committed to turning the information in the report into action and provide the resources necessary to see Monterey County thrive. The vision statement reads: Together, a healthy, safe, thriving Monterey
County. As the data revealed, a good deal of work will be required to move toward that ideal. A full report will be available on November 19, 2015 online at www.ImpactMontereyCounty.org. Several organizations and companies were recognized for their commitment to students, families, and the community as a whole including Central Coast Federal Credit Union, Monterey County Office of Education, First 5 Monterey County, CSU Monterey Bay, Bank of America, Community Action Partnership, and Ocean Mist Farms.

In photo, L to R – Dean of Institutional Planning & Effectiveness, Dr. Brian Lofman, Vice President of Administrative Services, Marty Parsons, Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo, me, Associate Vice President of Human Resources and EEO, Terri Pyer, President and CEO of United Way, Katy Castagna, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Lori Kildal, Interim Vice President of Information Technology, David Phillips, and Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen.

4. HARTNELL ACCOUNTING STUDENTS PAYING IT FORWARD

On October 13, 2015, Community Impact Manager at United Way Monterey County, Aranyani Azevedo, spoke to Professor Robert Maffei’s accounting class about furthering their accounting skills by becoming a volunteer tax preparer. Azevedo pointed out that the program provides 32 hours of FREE IRS tax training to those who would like to learn about filing income taxes and receive certification. Several Hartnell accounting students have already signed up for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which provides free tax counseling and preparation to low income families and individuals. In short, Maffei notes, “students learn a key accounting skill for free and give back by assisting others with their taxes.”

Director of Public Grants and Operations at Hartnell College, Loyanne Flinn, was present to explain that she received her certification as a volunteer income tax assistant, and has been volunteering for over ten years. Participants volunteer 30 hours in tax assistance community service in return for their tax certification. “The VITA program benefits our community in three ways: 1) tax payers get free, high quality services worth $75-$400 and up; 2) volunteer tax preparers receive free training from the IRS and Franchise Tax Board as well as mentoring and experience that looks great on a resume; and 3) the refunds and tax credits coming back to Monterey County from this program equaled $3.4 million last year and generated $4.8 million in economic stimulus,” Flinn explained. It is a win-win!
On October 22, 2015, Dr. Matthew Spangler, professor of communication studies at San Jose State University, presented a talk on intercultural interaction between settled and immigrant communities to a packed audience in the Studio Theater. The talk was moderated by Melissa Chin-Parker, Artistic Program Director of The Western Stage, and member of Hartnell’s Diversity Committee, who sponsored the presentation.

Dr. Spangler offered a brief history of immigration in California, and an open discussion of the ways in which intercultural issues and rhetoric around immigration have remained resistant to change. He explored the challenges playwrights face in responsibly creating bigger than life characters whose views are controversial or even demeaning.

During his visit, Dr. Spangler will attend final rehearsals of The Western Stage's production of his stage adaption of the T.C. Boyle novel, *Tortilla Curtain*, which opens October 24 and runs through November 14, 2015.

The Hartnell College Foundation held its first full board meeting of the academic year on October 21, 2015. The meeting was filled with great news on the Foundation’s financial standings plus state and national rankings that places it in the top 25 of community colleges nationally. Head Coach of the Men’s Soccer Team, Daniel Ortega was the guest speaker. He talked about the team’s success thus far. The Men’s Soccer Team is #1 in California and #2 in the United States. He is leading Hartnell towards another state championship. The Foundation Board was delighted with the news.
Tonya Antle recently spoke to the ABT Ag Careers class taught by adjunct faculty member Nick Pasculli. She emphasized having a sincere passion for whatever career you choose and to practice professionalism on the job. She is one of the featured speakers at this week’s WELI Forum at Tehema Golf Club.

Two weeks ago, the Ag Steering Committee held its quarterly meeting at the Alisal Campus. The Ag industry leaders received an update on important issues affecting this area of expertise in Monterey County and what Hartnell is doing to help train the workers of tomorrow. Student guest speaker was Adrian Luna (above right) who spoke of his struggles and successes. He is currently thriving as a Welding and Ag Industrial Technology student and is excited for his future. One of the findings during the meeting was the need for more internships in every area of Ag.

An 11-member delegation of agricultural scientists from South Korea visited the Agricultural Business and Technology Institute in October. Each member
represented a different geographic region and specialized in research and extension activities. They were especially interested in Hartnell’s success with public-private partnerships, strategies for attracting youth into ag-related careers, and food safety education formats.

10. WELCOME! DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Antonio M. Alarcón was born in Lancaster, California, and his initiation into the California Community College system started right after high school. He holds an Associate Degree in Letters, Arts, and Sciences from his hometown school of Antelope Valley College (AVC). Shortly after graduating, he transferred to UC Santa Cruz, where he studied Business Management Economics for a year. His stay at UCSC was short-lived however, and he moved back to the Antelope Valley. This setback served as a blessing after he was offered a staff position in the financial aid office at AVC opening up his passion for helping community college students—students who are very much like him. He worked there for two years before transferring to UC Irvine, where he double majored in English and Literary Journalism. Although Irvine was great, Antonio moved back to Santa Cruz, where he could be among the redwoods and the ocean. He became an advisor and the scholarship coordinator in the financial aid office at Cabrillo College, and from there he found many different roles within the institution. He ran the Academy for College Excellence for three years, he coordinated the Tutorials Center for two years, and he coordinated many financial aid programs for the past three years. His experience at Cabrillo College served to tune him in to many of the realities that community college students faced, and along the way he earned his Master’s Degree in English from National University. In spring 2014, Antonio started teaching English classes at Hartnell, and he has been here every semester since.

Spare time is a valuable commodity for Antonio, and he uses it to spend time with his 5-year old daughter, Amelia; write fiction and screenplays; run and train for marathons; play volleyball; and to live his passion through singing and playing music. Fortunately for him, Amelia provides him with a creative outlet through story sharing. Antonio is finishing a novel and his MFA in Creative Writing; thus Amelia is learning how to write stories full of rhythm, round characters, and insightful dialog. As Director of Student Academic Support, he is most excited to be able to design and create a system of support that will help students get to where they want to be, even if they are not sure where that is yet.
11. NEW EMPLOYEES HAVE LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT

On Friday, I had a pleasant lunch with some of the newly hired faculty and staff. I took this opportunity to talk about our financial stability, Measure H, Prop. 30, the statewide facilities bond measure, the new science building, the future of Merrill Hall, Curriculum Institute, the Athletics Hall of Fame, the Holiday Feast, and more. It was an informal gathering to get to know one another and to welcome them to Hartnell.

In photo L to R – Dr. Susan Ratliff, Jennifer Santana, Tracy Carpenter, Dina Uribe, Alicia Samis, Shaune Burke, Ana Gonzalez, Lucy Trafton, Lana McDonald, Gina Reynosa, Samuel Pacheco, Jose Coria, Tony Chhom, and Maggie Melone-Echiburu.

12. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2016-2017 NOW AVAILABLE

It is time for students to apply for scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year. Whether they plan on attending Hartnell, or transferring to a 4-year college/university, we have scholarships available for all students. An email with the application and information was delivered to students’ Inbox last week. The Scholarships Office will accept applications from October 26 - December 17, 2015.

13. FREE MATH TUTORING FOR STUDENTS!

If you know of students who need help with Math Courses, let them know of the good news! Hartnell College now has drop-in math tutoring for ALL LEVELS from Math 201 to Math 5 available in E-213, Monday – Thursday 2:00 – 6:00 PM and Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Our tutors are trained math experts who are here to help you with all of your homework and study needs. This awesome service is being coordinated by MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) in consultation with the math faculty and the
tutorial center and is funded with generous support from SEP and Title III STEM grants. We ask your help in spreading the news to students so that everyone can take advantage of this service.

14. CELEBRATE NATIONAL RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK

Join the American Association for Respiratory Care and respiratory professionals around the country to celebrate Respiratory Care Week October 25-31, 2015, an annual event that recognizes the respiratory care profession and promotes awareness of lung health issues and practices.

During this week, respiratory care professionals will organize events and festivities in their workplaces and communities to:
- Celebrate – Hosting activities to honor and reward respiratory therapists for their contributions.
- Motivate – Encouraging patients and their families in their battles against lung disease.
- Educate – Taking awareness of lung diseases like COPD and asthma to the community.
- Inspire – Building the desire in others to enter the respiratory care profession.
- Learn – Maximizing personal and professional skills with new resources.

Please contact Tanya Ho, Director/Full time faculty, Respiratory Care for event(s) details at tho@hartnell.edu.

15. HARTNELL GUIDES STUDENT TOWARDS A PH.D.

Alejandra Huerta attended Hartnell College as a re-entry student a year after graduating from UC Santa Barbara with a BS in Spanish and Portuguese. She had always been fascinated by science, but says she did not get the proper mentoring and encouragement she needed. Once at Hartnell, Alejandra worked as a library aid and interpreter while taking the science degree pre-requisites to transfer and get a BS in Chemistry. One day Dr. Kelly Locke asked if she was interested in an internship at the USDA to which she said, “yes.” That was the beginning of her career as a scientist and plant pathologist. At the USDA Alejandra worked with Dr. Carolee Bull on the identification of a bacterial pathogen on strawberries and discovered the field of Plant Pathology. She did not get a degree or certificate from Hartnell but did get the proper guidance, mentorship and encouragement that pushed her to where she is now.

After Hartnell, Alejandra transferred to UCSC where she received a BS in chemistry all the while continuing to do independent research with Dr. Gregory Gilbert in a plant pathology/forest ecology laboratory. In 2009 she
graduated from UCSC and was accepted to graduate school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. There Alejandra joined Dr. Caitlyn Allen’s laboratory working on a bacterial pathogen on tomatoes. As a graduate student at UW-Madison she received an NSF graduate research fellowship, which gave her the opportunity to conduct her own research project. She was also awarded a Borlaug Fellowship in Global food security, giving her the opportunity to travel to Taiwan and Bangladesh to pursue a research project in applied plant pathology. In August of 2015 Alejandra graduated from UW-Madison with a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology and was awarded an NSF postdoctoral research fellowship to pursue her own research interest at Colorado State University where she has recently joined the laboratory of Dr. Jan Leach.

“Throughout my academic career I have fostered a special love for education and good mentorship,” Alejandra remarks, “Both are traits that I learned from all the instructors I had at Hartnell College and a certain commitment that I have adopted since leaving Hartnell: that is to give back to my community the way my community has given so much to me.”

16. CONGRATULATIONS TO BELINDA AND DANIEL!

Two of our own eloped this October! Nursing and Allied Health, Belinda May Saechao is now officially Belinda May Saechao-Jimmeye after eloping with IT’s Daniel Jimmeye at Seal Rock Beach in Pebble Beach on October 4, 2015. The officiant was Hartnell’s EMT instructor Tracy Villanueva, and witnesses were Paul Chen and his wife Jen. Nursing and Allied Health along with some special friends had a wedding shower on October 10th at Dean Debra Kaczmar’s residence to celebrate their union. It was a beautiful evening filled with love, joy, tears, and happiness.

“We couldn't be more grateful to share our special day with the ones we love and to call them family,” Belinda remarked, “They truly have made it the most unforgettable memory to start our new chapter in life together.” The couple met in December of 2012 at a Christmas Dinner at El Torito; they share their lives with their Chihuahuas Lucky and Dexter (who they adopted this year). Daniel proposed at a Starbucks in November 2014. They plan on continuing to hike, spend time with family,
and finish school as well as possibly adding a child to their family. They will be headed to Hawaii early next year for the honeymoon. Congratulations to you both from all of us here at Hartnell!

### 17. HAPPENINGS AT THE ALISAL CAMPUS

**Diesel Tech students in action with Professors Val and Mark**

**Construction students focus on small and efficient**

**Students using the Quad area to focus and collaborate using all tools available to succeed in their courses**
18. TINY HOUSE AT THE HOME AND GARDEN EXPO

Hartnell’s Tiny House was on display at the Home and Garden Expo on October 17 and 18, 2015 in Monterey. It was furnished and decorated by Lani Colhouer of Simply Clear Marketing, Inc.

19. LONGTIME HARTNELL EMPLOYEE PASSES

I am sorry to inform you that, Karen Denning, passed peacefully early Thursday morning. Karen began her employment at Hartnell College in 1972 and after nearly 41 years, retired in December 2013 as a division administrative assistant in academic affairs. Her services are Saturday, October 31, 2015, 11:00 a.m. Healey's Mortuary, 405 N. Sanborn Rd., Salinas, CA 93905. An Inurnment will be held on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Mission Park Cemetery in Seaside. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the American Cancer Society. Please keep Karen's family and close friends in your thoughts and prayers.

20. HARTNELL FOOTBALL TAKES ON LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

Tyreke Richburg roamed the middle of the field waiting for his chance to strike. The Los Medanos College football team was on the move, hoping for an opportunity to take the lead and win the game. Richburg and the Hartnell defense denied the Mustangs. The defensive back intercepted a pass in the final minute as Hartnell held on for a 23-21 win at Rabobank Stadium to stay unbeaten on the season at 6-0. The Panthers, in their first game back from the bye, never trailed. The home team scored first when Marcus Washington went midfield to end zone untouched, a 50-yard rushing touchdown, with 10:03 to go in the first quarter.
In a couple of heartbeats, Los Medanos answered back with their running back, Billy Wells, going 45 yards himself to eventually tie the game at 7-7. The Justyn Gutierrez to Ronnie Turner connection, which had worked so many times this season, struck in the second quarter. Gutierrez found Turner for a five-yard touchdown with 7:13 remaining in the second quarter to get the Panthers back the lead at 14-7.

Miguel Mendez added a 24-yard field goal at the halftime bell. QB Justyn Gutierrez connected with Eppy Henrigues in the back of the end zone. Henrigues kept both feet in bounds, as Hartnell moved its lead to 23-14 two minutes into the fourth quarter. Los Medanos came right back with its lengthy drive, but that was all it could get the rest of the way.

UPDATE – Hartnell Football Team beats MPC at Rabobank on October 24. Panthers are now 7-0.

21. HARTNELL #1 IN 2015 CCCSCA MEN'S SOCCER RANKINGS

The Panthers have once again secured the number one ranking in the state this season. The win over De Anza and leader of the Coast South Division helped to propel Hartnell back to #1. To see the complete list of ranking by the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) go to http://www.cccaasports.org/sports/msoc/Rankings.

UPDATE - Men's Soccer: Hartnell 3, Evergreen Valley 1 (Final)
http://hartnell.prestosports.com/sports/msoc/2015-16/schedule

Not much separated the Hartnell and Evergreen Valley soccer teams going into Friday night's big Coast Conference Southern Division showdown. Both teams were ranked one and two in the latest State RPI rankings that determines playoff seeds and one point separated them in conference play. The difference maker was the combination of Hartnell's Daniel Pulido and Javier Alfaro. Daniel Pulido scored two goals and Javier Alfaro provided three assists in the first half to help Hartnell to a 3-1 victory over host Evergreen Valley. The offensive pressure paid off when Jose Mendoza beat Evergreen Valley's Nick Williams to a loose ball and finished the scramble in the box on the 17th minute. Three minutes later Pulido blasted the eventual game winner off a perfectly laid off ball from Alfaro, past the outstretched Williams, for the 2-0 lead. Just before the half, the Pulido-Alfaro combination struck again when Alfaro crossed the ball into the six yard box and Pulido was quick enough to beat Williams to the ball and notch his second goal of the game and a 3-0 halftime lead. Evergreen
Valley got a goal back on a 57th minute breakaway, but was not able to match Hartnell’s first half production to get back into the game. Hartnell is now 12-1-2 overall and 5-0-2 in conference. Hartnell leads De Anza by one point and Evergreen by four points. Hartnell will host Las Positas on Tuesday, October 27 at 4:00 PM.

22. VOLLEYBALL BATTLES CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

This week the Lady Panthers faced the number ten ranked team in Northern California, City College of San Francisco. With three close sets 25-21, 26-24, 25-21 the Panthers played tough but lost in three sets. Stand outs for the team were freshmen Natalia Kaopua with 12 kills, sophomore captain Brittany Schulte led the team with 27 assists. The overall record for the team is 13-9, and 1-2 in league. Next up for the volleyball team is an away game at Skyline College.

23. UPCOMING EVENTS

SPOOKTACULAR IS A FUN EVENT FOR CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY!

Hartnell College Blood Drive
Friday, October 30, 2015
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Student Center

Can Math Control and Prevent Antibiotic Resistant Infections?
Join Dr. Mohammed Yahdi
Friday, October 30, 2015
2:00 p.m. - Building N Room 12
Hartnell College Monster Ball
Friday, October 30, 2015
8:00 p.m. - Steinbeck Hall

Transfer Day/College Night
Wednesday, November 4, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 6:00- 8:00 p.m.
Student Center

Hartnell Cross Country-2015 NorCal Championship
Friday, November 6
2:00pm Women's Race/3:00pm Men's Race
Toro Park

Athletics Hall of Fame
Saturday, November 7, 2015
10:30 a.m. - Building C

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Join us at The Western Stage Gala!
Enjoy delicious food, festive libations and a don’t-miss-it silent auction along with a special Mainstage performance of
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Gala starts at 5:30 p.m. Performance at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are limited!
For tickets, visit give.hartnell.edu/galatickets
President’s Circle Members: Call (831) 755-6810 to reserve seats.

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Science education is happening in Soledad

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Hartnell Football 7-0 after beating MPC
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