During the regular Board of Trustees meeting on August 4, 2015 Board of Trustees President, Elia Gonzalez-Castro helped me present student-athlete Diego Leon with special recognitions as the first in Hartnell history to be awarded the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) and the California Community College Sports Information Association 2014-15 Male Athlete of the Year. Diego was presented a plaque of recognition for this and other achievements that include:

- 2014/2015 State Cross Country Individual Champion
- 2015 Conference Champion in the 1,500, 5,000, and 10,000 meters
- 2015 NorCal Community College Track Athlete of the Year
- CCCAA Athlete of the Month May 2015
- Holds Hartnell Record in the 5,000-meter run
- Won all but one race in the last Cross Country Season

In addition, he received Certificates of Recognition from Congressman Sam Farr, Assemblymember Luis Alejo, Mayor of Salinas Joe Gunter, and Senator Bill Monning (by mail). His parents Elizabeth and Pete Leon and grandmother, Patricia Ketchum were present to celebrate and witness Leon’s recognition from the college community.

“Coach Chris Zepeda changed our lives two years ago when he made contact,” shared Leon’s mother, Elizabeth Leon. “He was so clear in the goals he had for Diego and the fact that he believed in him and had the desire to take him under his wing was so special to us.”
Leon grew up in Hollister and graduated from Anzar High School in San Juan Bautista. He is attending Montana State University on a scholarship majoring in Civil Engineering and is excited to join the Division 1 team.

2. Chris Zepeda is CCCAA Coach of the Year

Diego Leon’s coach and mentor, Christopher Zepeda was not present at the board meeting for he was receiving an award of his own in Las Vegas. Zepeda received the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Coach of the Year Award for Women’s Cross Country for 2014-15. He was chosen by his peers in recognition for the outstanding season enjoyed by the Lady Panthers. The team’s accomplishments include:
- 2015 Coast Conference Team Championship meet
- A perfect score of 15 points at the conference
- Nine All Coast Conference Runners
- Individual Coast Conference Champion
- 2015 Northern California Team Championship
- Four All Norcal Regional Runners
- 2015 CCCAA Championship 4th place team finish ties highest in school history

“This was a group award,” said Zepeda. “It goes to our hard working female student-athletes who raised their own bar of expectations, our assistant coaches who help guide and support them, our department, and the college they are proud to represent in uniform. I am honored to be the head coach at Hartnell and we will continue to strive for equal or greater success every year.”

3. Trustee Elia Gonzalez-Castro Receives Send Off

Board of Trustees President, Elia Gonzalez-Castro shared with us in July that she was resigning from the Board; her last meeting was Tuesday, August 4, 2015. Board Vice President, Erica Padilla Chavez helped me give Trustee Elia a deserving and heart felt
send-off with a resolution for all her service to Hartnell College, the employees, and the students since 2007. She also received a crystal gavel for serving as President. Trustee Gonzalez-Castro gained employment at CSU Monterey Bay in the GEAR UP program and her relocation out of the District boundaries prohibits her from continuing to serve on the Governing Board. Per Board Policy Vice President Erica Padilla-Chavez will serve as President and Trustee Pat Donohue was elected as Vice President for the remainder of the current term. We will miss you Elia!

4. ADMINISTRATORS AT ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Last week, the California Community Colleges Office of the Chancellor offered a two-day workshop on Enrollment Management at the College of San Mateo. The theme was clear: Effective Enrollment Management is Everyone’s Business.

A diverse group of seven administrators attended. (Pictured L to R) Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Brian Lofman; Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo; Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Lori Kildal; Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Celine Pinet; Controller, Tracey Richardson; Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen; and Dean of Student Affairs, Mary Dominguez.

The tables were organized to each represent a college district. During the work sessions, each team discussed different areas like programming, outreach & onboarding, orientation, assessment, educational planning, retention & completion, and scheduling. The group discussions generated ideas and a proposed plan of implementation. In addition, the group has its follow up meeting this Monday for short term solutions and will set up another meeting later in the fall for a more enrollment management planning.

5. OPTERRA ENGINEERS PRAISE HARTNELL AND ONE OF OURS

The Board of Trustees meeting was filled with such good energy. During the public comment session, a team of engineers and administrators from the solar company Opterra, took time to come and thank the Board and Hartnell College
for providing students like Frank Osorio the opportunity to work as their intern this summer. Osorio was prepared to go next and share his experience working with his mentors David Yung lei – Lead Project Engineer, and Caren Perlmutter - Envision Account Manager, EMG. He was a construction engineering and management intern at three different sites. He says that he learned real world experience and thanked Hartnell for preparing him for the challenge. Osorio is starting at San Jose State University this fall majoring in Electrical Engineering and Business.

In photo L to R – David Baldwin, PE Director, Energy Management; David Yung lei, Lead Project Engineer; Caren Perlmutter - Envision Account Manager, EMG; Frank Osorio, Hartnell student; and Courtney Jenkins, Regional Sales Director.

### 6. MUJERES EN ACCION VISIT OUR CAMPUS

On Friday, August 7, 2015 the Hartnell College Pathways Program team hosted an event for the Action Council of Monterey County, *Mujeres en acción* or *Women in Action*. The Mujeres completed a one-day program where they were able to take the assessment test, receive an orientation, and complete the application for financial aid. The next step will be for them to meet with a counselor and register for classes. The group brought their own children along so they could experience the process of enrolling in college. Hartnell College staff, Sara Sanchez, Isaura Arreguin, and Elizabeth Gonzalez provided the leadership, planning, and delivery of services to the students. This is the beginning of a partnership with the Action County of Monterey County that will continue to grow to ensure access for all students in our community.

### 7. FAREWELL TO INTERIM VP OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Stephen Garcia has ended his tenure here at Hartnell as the Interim Vice President of Administrative Services and we are sad to see him leave. He joined us back in
February 2015 to fulfill the role that was vacant while a nationwide search for someone in that position was underway. Stephen did an amazing job! In just a few months with us, he embraced the Panther spirit and demonstrated utmost care for the students and employees of Hartnell, while at the same time keeping our finances healthy. He is going back home to wife Yolanda and family in New Mexico where he enjoys his retirement. Last Tuesday, the President’s Executive Cabinet took Stephen to lunch to spend some time with him before his departure. It has been a pleasure working with a man of such integrity and respect. We will miss him, but we know this is not a good-bye; it is a ‘see you later.’ Thank you for all your contributions to Hartnell!

8. WELCOME NEW VP OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

As Stephen Garcia leaves, a new Vice President of Administrative Services joins the Hartnell management team – Marty Parsons. “I am excited about the opportunity to assist President Lewallen’s team at Hartnell College,” commented Parsons. “With more than 30 years of higher education financial administrative experience, I’m confident that I can provide the leadership with integrity to continue to make Hartnell College the best it can be.”

After attending the University of Michigan, he began a long and distinguished career at the University of Michigan’s Financial Operations Office. During his last eight years at the University of Michigan he was in the role of Director of Budget and Administrative Manager for the Office of University Development. During such time, the University’s "The Michigan Difference" campaign was in place. The goal of the campaign was to raise $2.5 billion over the seven year life of the effort. The Campaign was a tremendous success, exceeding the goal and realizing donations totaling $2.9B. In 2007, he was named the Chief Operating Officer for the University of Delaware’s College of Engineering. The primary focus while in this position included the implementation of a Responsibility Centered Management (RCM) budgeting approach and to lead an effort that centralized most administrative positions within the College to improve customer service and improve overall administrative operations.
Then Parsons went to Arkansas to work for a community college as the Senior Vice President for Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer and most recently was at the University of Maine in Presque Isle as the Vice President for Administration and Finance. Welcome to the team Marty!

9. MAGGIE GETS NEW ROLE IN DISTRICT

Maggie Melone-Echiburú is the new Director of K-12 STEM Programs for Hartnell College after serving as Director of the NASA SEMAA and Coder Dojo program. She is responsible for making the programs and the college very well-known and recognized in the K-12 community. For example, Hartnell SEMAA was mandated by its grant to serve 625 students per year as a minimum, after this summer session, the program will have served almost 4,000 students this year - for free! Maggie is a seasoned bilingual and biliterate professional with more than 20 years of experience in senior organizational management and English and Spanish translation and interpretation. She has lived in Monterey County for the last 13 years, where she has become part of the community, actively participating in different organizations; she is currently a board member of the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center, on the Salinas Teen Health Study Community Advisory Board, and the Boronda Meadows Elementary School Parent Teacher Club.

Maggie is very excited to join the Hartnell Management team, “I am honored to be part of a leading educational organization that has had the wisdom of making K-12 STEM education an important stepping stone for the youth in our community. Having the only K-12 NASA program on the west coast, headquartered here in Salinas, is such an honor; creating a pathway for young students to pursue careers in Computer Science through Coder Dojo Steinbeck County is an opportunity for all our community and I am incredibly honored to be part of it.”

10. A NEW ADVENTURE FOR LAURA ZAVALA

Laura Zavala is moving from the Office of Student Life to become the new College Pathways Coordinator for the Office of Student Affairs. For the past two years, she has been instrumental in supporting the revamping of the Student Life Department. Laura has focused her efforts in bringing awareness about our student clubs and assisting the ASHC in developing the future leaders of Hartnell.
Laura was born in Salinas to farm worker parents. She moved to Guanajuato, Mexico at the age of two and returned to Salinas at the age of 14. She graduated from Alisal High School and continued her education at Hartnell College, where she started working as an ESL and Spanish Tutor and SI. It was through this experience that Laura found her desire for working with students and helping them achieve their educational goals.

She was hired as a full time employee in 2005, first as a secretary for the former Center for Teacher Education, then for GEAR UP to provide early college awareness and preparation to local middle school and high school students.

Laura earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Teledramatic Arts and Technology from CSUMB and a Masters in Educational Counseling from San Jose State. She is looking forward to working with community organizations and future Hartnell Students.

"Hartnell has so much to offer our community; it has been instrumental in my personal and professional growth and I look forward to helping others achieve their own success story."

In her spare time, Laura loves to travel. She has visited Mexico, Italy, Spain, Morocco, Paris, Prague, London, and Brasil!! In her own words, "I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list." Congratulations Laura in your new role!

11. MATH ACADEMY IS ON!

The Hartnell Math Academy is a true learning community and it is on for two weeks!

Seven professors have taken the role of math cheerleaders this summer to prepare over 200 students for the upcoming semester so they can be successful in math. How do they do this? Well, by showing students that math can be fun and useful.

Instructors in this program do not teach from the textbook. Learned concepts are reinforced through teacher created games and activities (such as; Jeopardy, Math-O, Survivor, etc.) and practice worksheets. Plus, they get to do outdoor leadership building exercises and more.

Each classroom has three tutors (student workers) who are available to help and follow up with students.

Counseling and daily meals are included.

This highly intensive math camp prepares students for their next math course ranging from developmental courses such as Pre-Algebra, Beginning Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, as well as the transfer courses such as Pre-Calculus and Calculus.

Students who enter the math academy program with math anxiety quickly learn that math can be fun and leave this program with an appreciation for
math and develop a new attitude about mathematics, about themselves, and about “learning” in general. Math Academy students attend classes for 10 weekdays, six hours a day for two consecutive weeks during the summer and winter intersessions. This is a program spearheaded by retired professor Ken Rand. Their motto is simple: “Eat, Sleep, Math.”

12. UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for a family concert at Sherwood Park.

Pie eating contest and other games!
By the Math Academy students
Monday, August 10, 2015
12:30 p.m. at Steinbeck Hall

New Part-time Faculty Orientation
Tuesday, August 11 and Wednesday, August 12, 2015
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall – Building C
Dinner

New Employee Orientation
Friday, August 14, 2015
8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall – Building C
Continental Breakfast and Lunch
Convocation
Monday, August 17, 2015
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall – Building C
Continental Breakfast and Lunch

For Faculty Resources, go to:
Http://www.hartnell.edu/facultyresources

Internship Program Open House
Friday, August 21, 2015
Student Center – 2:00 – 7:00 PM
STEM Welcome is from 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Women’s Education & Leadership Institute Forum
Thursday, October 29, 2015
Tehama Golf Club
For more go to www.hartnellfoundation.org

Athletics Hall of Fame 2015
Induction Ceremony, tour, and football game
Saturday, November 7, 2015

At the Western Stage this summer
For information on current and future productions,
visit www.westernstage.com

USA Today article places Hartnell at #2 spot in NorCal community colleges
http://college.usatoday.com/2015/07/30/norcal-vs-socal-community-colleges/

Christopher Zepeda, Hartnell, and Diego Leon
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/08/06/hartnells-zepeda-named-state-coach-year/31208157/

Diego Leon is celebrated at board meeting
http://www.hartnell.edu/news/diego-leon-celebrated-board-trustees-meeting

Hartnell prepares for soccer season

Matsui Foundation gives out fat checks

Hartnell student not running for local board seat
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/education/2015/08/05/alisal-school-board-member-stepping/31187847/
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Depth at linebacker a strength on Gamecocks defense

Beaty likes KUS options at running back