BOG President Tom Epstein will visit Hartnell on April 11

Our college will host Tom Epstein, president of the Board of Governors (BOG) of the California Community Colleges (CCC) System, on April 11 for tours and meetings with Governing Board members, administrators, faculty, staff and students.

Eager to learn more about our college’s great work, Epstein has been looking for a good time to visit Salinas for the past year or so. We look forward to welcoming him.

A resident of Orinda and BOG member since 2014, he stepped up from vice president to president in September when former president Cecilia Estolano joined the UC Board of Regents. He recently retired after 15 years as vice president of public affairs for Blue Shield of California, where he led government relations, corporate communications, philanthropy and corporate social responsibility.

The 17 members of the BOG, appointed by the governor, select the chancellor of the CCC and set policy for the system’s 73 districts and 115 colleges, which serve more than 2.1 million students.

Epstein (pictured with Chancellor Oakley) will be on the Main Campus from mid-morning through lunch and then travel to the Alisal Campus. We are pleased and honored by this visit and look forward to sharing our story of student success, made possible by our shared commitment to the well-being of each student and vital partnerships with employers, grantors and donors.
Volunteers needed to ensure stellar Panther Prep experience

The College Pathways Team seeks your help to provide the people power needed to give graduating seniors from 20 of our feeder high schools an inspiring and valuable experience at Panther Prep Days, Hartnell’s official welcome to incoming freshmen, on May 3-4.

Please register online today. If you have questions concerning compensation for working on that Saturday, speak to your direct supervisor.

The May 3 event will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the King City Education Center, and the May 4 activities will be from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Main Campus. The pathways team will provide transportation to King City for those who need it and will provide morning coffee and lunch at both locations.

Panther Prep Day culminates the pathways team’s work with seniors since October to facilitate the Steps to Success process of enrollment. During the event, counselors will meet with students to develop their Fall 2019 Ed Plan and complete Fall 2019 priority registration.

The team expects up to 400 students at King City and up to 800 students and more than 350 parents at the Main Campus. Thank you for your help!

Time running out to apply for student government leadership

A deadline of 5 p.m. on April 11 is fast approaching for students interested in serving as leaders for the Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC).

Elections for 15 ASHC positions and a Student Trustee seat on the Hartnell Governing Board are set for April 24-26. Interested students can apply online or stop by the Office of Student Life for assistance.

Positions in the executive branch are: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Legislative positions are: director of Inter-Club Council, director of public relations, director of programs and
services, senators at large (five seats), senator for Alisal Campus, senator for south county and senator for evening/online/weekend.

Participation in student government develops leadership skills, increases networking opportunities and builds additional experience to cite when seeking jobs, universities and scholarships. Stipends are available for ASHC officers.

**Student and Academic Affairs hold productive joint meeting**

Student and Academic Affairs held its first joint division meeting for staff and managers on April 5. Dr. Romero Jalomo and Dr. Sonja Lolland also invited faculty to join the meeting because information on such vital topics as AB 705 would be provided.

Emcees Bronwyn Moreno, director of special programs, and Augustine Nevarez, director of student life, kept the meeting light and engaging for the full house of classified staff, managers and faculty in Steinbeck Hall.

Kathy Mendelsohn, dean of languages, learning support and resources, closed the meeting with an entertaining story and used an interesting assessment tool to gauge how well presentations were understood by attendees. The division’s next joint meeting will be held in Fall 2019.

**Assessment to help students hone in on majors and careers**

Current or prospective Hartnell students who are uncertain of their program major or career plans are invited to participate at no cost in the ASVAB Career Exploration Assessment on April 17 on the Main Campus.

Two assessment times are available in Steinbeck Hall (Building C) – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students are encouraged to reserve a spot as soon as possible because seats are limited.

The ASVAB is available to all current and prospective Hartnell students, so please share this opportunity with friends and family who may be interested in completing their
college education but unsure what field best suits their aptitudes and interests.

Mercedes Del Real, counselor/transfer and career coordinator, invites students to contact her at (831) 759-6762 if they have any questions. She also urges students who have not updated their education plan to book a [counseling appointment](#) right away.

**Final talk by Educator in Residence will explore student self-assessment**

Hartnell’s 2018-19 Educator in Residence, Dr. Melissa Salazar, will present her final presentation of the year at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on April 30 in Steinbeck Hall on the Main Campus.

In her talk, “Bringing Assessments: What Are They? How Do I Implement Them,” Dr. Salazar will explore how to help students self-assess their learning and develop master learning skills through application of recent findings in cognitive science.

She will discuss why many students have a lack of trust in traditional assessments, review trends in assessment in higher education and consider whether and how assessment practices are aligned with recent cognitive science findings about learning and memory. In addition, she will examine how educators can improve their self-assessment policies to impact student motivation and engagement in their courses.

**Driscoll’s film “The Last Harvest” engages audience on farm labor**

An audience of about 30 people, including students, staff, faculty and community members, attended “The Last Harvest,” a film about a shortage of labor for hand-harvesting of fruits and vegetables presented in the Hartnell Planetarium on April 4.

The 20-minute movie, financed by Driscoll’s and produced by the Farm League, explores reasons for and possible solutions to growers’ increasing difficulty in employing sufficient workers able and willing to harvest berries and other hand-picked crops.
A Santa Maria Valley grower who is featured in the film, Pat Sheehy, participated in a panel discussion along with three Driscoll’s representatives: Nishan Moutafian, Watsonville/Salinas district manager; Jenet DeCosta, chief of staff; and Ali O’Shaughnessy, manager of corporate social responsibility marketing.

Students from programs as varied as nursing, psychology and agriculture, asked questions about working conditions, immigration reform and emerging technology.

**Almendariz represents Hartnell at HACU forum in Washington**

Moises Almendariz, director of Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) initiatives, represented Hartnell at the 2019 Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Capitol Forum in Washington on April 1-2.

The forum allows HACU member and partner colleges and universities, along with policymakers, federal agency leaders, allied organizations and corporate and philanthropic representatives, to learn and advocate for Hispanic higher education.

Participants attended a variety of sessions about federal Hispanic higher education resources and received updates on current and pending federal support for HSIs.

The event included scheduled visits with key members of the House and Senate to help shape and promote an agenda for Congress. Almendariz (far left) is pictured with U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta (second from right) and staff.

**(Dr.) Hough completes Ed.D. in Higher Ed at U. of Arkansas**

Communications Studies instructor Jason Hough earned the honorific “Dr.” on March 27, completing his Doctorate of Education in Higher Education with an emphasis in pedagogy at the University of Arkansas.

Dr. Hough defended his dissertation, based on a study of computer skill preparation at 55 Hispanic-serving community colleges in California. It examined educational inequity
resulting from students’ uneven mastery of basic computer and technology skills.

“Although academic administrators consider computer skills a basic college skill, there is not a high level of concern as to whether the students actually have the skills, creating a culture where there is no assessment,” he said.

Dr. Hough has three master’s degrees, one in communication Studies from the University of Arkansas and two from John Brown University: marriage and family therapy and community counseling. He earned bachelor’s degrees in social work and communication arts from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. (Pictured with members of his dissertation committee.)

Three more SpringFEST shows: ‘Breakfast,’ ‘Altar’ and ‘Quilters’
The Western Stage’s SpringFEST series is in full gear, with three shows in April – “Breakfast at Nudlemans” (April 13-14), “The Red Altar” (April 20) and “Quilters” (April 26-28). Hartnell students can get free tickets from The Western Stage (TWS) ticket office in Building K:

- **“Breakfast at Nudlemans,”** by TWS’ resident playwright Harvey Landa, is the kooky story of a young woman and older man whose paths are connected in more than one way. Performances: 7:30 p.m. April 13 and 2 p.m. April 14 in the Studio Theater (Building K). Free, with general admission.

- **“The Red Altar”** is a multimedia performance about six Chinese teenagers who crossed the Pacific, crashed in the Carmel Bay and began the Monterey Bay fishing industry in 1850. This is a one-night presentation by Eth-Noh-Tec in San Francisco. Performance: 7:30 p.m. April 20 in the Mainstage Theater (Building K); $20 adults, $15 military/senior/student.

- **“Quilters”** is a musical about the lives of women who settled America, based on the book "The Quilters: Women and Domestic Art" by Patricia Cooper and Norma Bradley Allen. Performances: 7:30 p.m. April 26 and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. April 27-28 in the Mainstage Theater; $10 general admission.

Reserve tickets online for Mainstage shows or visit the ticket office 5-8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For information, contact Berniz House at (831) 759-6012.
‘Look back to see forward,’
group learns at workshop

Five Hartnell educators attended a March 28-29 workshop at the Institute for the Future in Palo Alto.

Deans Celine Pinet and Sharon Albert and faculty members Lindsey Bertomen, Carol Hobson and Jacob Maciel participated in the workshop, which explored the dynamics of student learning through online platforms.

The group was introduced to the “Five Principles for Thinking Like a Futurist” as a means to innovate student learning: 1. Forget about predictions; 2. Focus on signals; 3. Look back to see forward; 4. Uncover patterns; and 5. Create a community.

Using these principles, the Hartnell team engaged in discussions about the future of education and creation of an online education system based on helping students achieve their academic goals.

Health Career & Wellness Day
draws a crowd of exhibitors

Exhibitors and interested students filled the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 3 for Public Health Career & Wellness Day, organized by the Hartnell Public Health Club as part of its activities for National Public Health Week.

Nearly 75 presenters used the event to communicate with students and employees about career and educational opportunities, wellness, preventive health, health care services and non-profit organizations.

The day’s activities also included a demonstration by students in Hartnell’s Emergency Medical Technician program, who worked on a manikin in a simulated emergency response situation on the steps of the Student Center (pictured).
Softball defeats Chabot at home, scoring 10 runs in just five innings

Hartnell Softball bounced back from a road loss at Ohlone on April 2 (5-1) to defeat Chabot at home on April 4 (10-2) in just five innings. Centerfielder Amber Duplisse and third baseman Angelina Serna each had two RBIs in the victory, with pitching duties shared by Nicole Martinez and Kaitlyn Villareal. As of April 4, the Panthers’ season record was 5-22.

Hartnell Baseball fell to 12-16 on the year after losing to Sacramento City in an away game on April 2 (11-3) and a 10-inning home matchup on April 4 (7-5). In the latter game, sophomore righthander Anthony Fashano (pictured) held a lead through six innings on the mound. Sacramento City broke loose late, with single runs in the eighth and ninth innings and two more in 10th to notch the win.

Both the Men’s and Women’s Track & Field teams lost to DeAnza on April 2 in a “Duel” meet that marked its third year. The competition offered the Panthers many bright spots, including lifetime bests by sophomore Jack Fling, who posted lifetime bests in the 110-meter high hurdles (17.55) and javelin (48.15 meters). He also cleared 4.50m in pole vault to stay atop the Northern California rankings in that event. Among the nine women Panthers who won their events was sophomore Monica Ruelas, who lowered her lifetime best in the 3000m to 10:49.75. Nerina Campos dipped under 2:30 for the first time ever in the 800 meters. Veronica Aguilar delivered her lifetime best in the 400m at 61.30, and Anesa Vanderlipe did the same in the long jump (5.22m) and the javelin (27.62m).

Upcoming Events

Baseball vs. Cabrillo
2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9
Tony Teresa Diamond, Hartnell

EOPS/ CalWORKS Financial Literacy Workshop
2-3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 10
Building B, room 110
Career Development Workshop
3-5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 10
Building C, room 132

Mobile Maker Lab
1:30-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 10
Greenfield Cultural Arts Center

Softball vs. Gavilan
3 p.m.
Thursday, April 11
Hartnell field

High School Counselors Breakfast
8-11 a.m.
Friday, April 12
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

“Breakfast at Nudlemans”
7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 13
Studio Theater (K-116)

“Breakfast at Nudlemans”
7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 14
Studio Theater (K-116)

Money Monday Lab
3-5:45 p.m.
Monday, April 15
Building B, room 110

Baseball vs. MPC
2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16
Tony Teresa Diamond, Hartnell

Softball vs. MPC
3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16
Hartnell field

ASVAB Career Exploration
9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**Career Development Workshop**
3-5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17
Building C, room 132

**Baseball vs. MPC**
& fundraising barbecue for autism
1 p.m.
Saturday, April 20
Tony Teresa Diamond, Hartnell

**“Red Altar”**
7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 20
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**Student government elections**
April 24-26 (online)

**EOPS/ CARE/ CalWORKS Pre-Priority Registration for Fall 2019**
Wednesday, April 24
2-3 p.m.
Building B, room 110

**Spring Career Fair**
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24
Student Center

**Spring 2019 President’s Forum**
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thursday, April 25
Steinbeck Hall

**“Quilters”**
7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**“Quilters”**
2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**“Quilters”**
2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 28
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**Panther Prep Day - South County**
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday, May 3
King City Education Center

**Panther Prep Day - Main Campus**
8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 4
Steinbeck Hall