Epstein witnesses Hartnell’s success and experiences our positive spirit

I am grateful to the many students and colleagues who helped make the April 11 visit by Tom Epstein, president of the Board of Governors (BOG) of the California Community Colleges (CCC) System, productive and informative for him. Both our employees and students expressed their appreciation and enthusiasm for Hartnell.

President Epstein met with the Executive Cabinet and groups of students, staff, faculty, and board members on both the Main and Alisal campuses, which he also toured. Not only was I pleased to share our impressive outcomes for student completion and transfer and modernization and construction plans at four sites, built on a solid foundation of stakeholder support and collaboration, but I was appreciative of all our campus community members who shared their experiences and plans for the future.

Our guest was grateful as well, and very eager to learn how our focus on student success, engagement and continual improvement can be a model for other colleges in California and beyond.

“Thank you all,” he said at the end of his meeting on the Alisal Campus, in which he heard from students in the CSin3 program, diesel technology and agricultural production. “I appreciated hearing your stories. It sounds like you’re all on the way to doing great things.”
Awareness campaign is underway for 16-week academic calendar

Through April 18 in the faculty/staff lounge in the Student Center, communications studies instructor Dr. Jason Hough and biology instructor Dr. Ann Wright will provide information and answer questions about the new compressed “compressed” 16-week semester calendar, scheduled to launch in Fall 2020.

The daily schedule is 1-3 p.m. April 16, 1-5 p.m. April 17 and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 18. Resources include live chat with a compressed calendar specialist, copies of the new class scheduling blocks, the 2020-21 academic calendar, a conversion chart to determine how classes will change, and charts displaying fall 2018 and 2019 classes converted to the 16-week format.

“This change affects everyone on every campus,” Dr. Hough said. “We want students to come and ask questions as well.”

New sign is harbinger of work to begin soon at Soledad center

A v-shaped billboard went up last week on the corner of Orchard Lane and Metz Road in Soledad, identifying the site of Hartnell’s new outreach center. Construction is scheduled to start there this summer and take about a year to complete. The site is across from San Vicente Elementary School, whose mascot coincidentally is also the Panthers.

Similar signs are coming soon to the King City Education Center, where an expansion will nearly double the current facility, and to the site of the North County Outreach Center in Castroville.

All three projects are being funded by the Measure T, a $167 million bond measure approved by district voters in 2016. Other Measure T projects are a new Nursing & Allied Health Building, modernization of buildings D and E and new landscaping of the central plaza, all on the Main Campus.
Well-loved Student Center chairs replaced in tune with Starbucks

As construction gets underway in the Student Center on the new Starbucks store, to open in August, students are enjoying 65 new lounge chairs that replaced 7-year-old furniture during Spring Break.

Selected for their durability and to harmonize with anticipated Starbucks décor, they will be followed by the replacement of other chairs in the center, probably next year, said Joseph Reyes, executive director of facilities planning and construction management.

Pictured enjoying the new chairs is sophomore Gino Uccelli of Salinas.

Physics Club to again represent Hartnell in Arroyo Seco duck races

Members of the Hartnell Physics Club will compete as "the Ducklers" in the "Unlimited" Duck Race on April 27 in Arroyo Seco, which pits engineering or physics student teams from Hartnell, Cabrillo and Monterey Peninsula colleges vying to propel 18-inch rubber ducks with creative propulsion and steering systems.

The non-profit Arroyo Seco Citizen’s Association, which organizes the annual competition, predicts that the college race will be the most hotly contested and exciting event of the day. All proceeds go to fund college scholarships for local students, the fire station and other community initiatives.

Races will be held at the Coelho Ranch, 47201 Arroyo Seco Road, about 15 miles west of Greenfield. Activities are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information is available on the ASCA website.
Hartnell group attends workshop on guided pathways in Sacramento

Dean Carla Johnson, director Ana Gonzalez, faculty member Hetty Yelland, counselors Mercedes De Real, Heather Rodriguez and Liz Estrella, and librarian Cynthia Ainsworth attended a Guided Pathways Workshop on April 8 in Sacramento.

The workshop’s focus was allowing colleges to share best practices for transitioning from the inquiry phase to the design phase of guided pathways. The Hartnell team attended all six breakout sessions on data coaches, equity, staff involvement, meta-majors, scaling existing programs and student participation.

The team worked together to develop action items that will be implemented at Hartnell in coming months as part of College Re-Design.

Teacher Pathway students welcomed for tour and orientation at CSUMB

On April 6, 29 future teachers from cohorts 2 and 3 of the Hartnell-CSUMB Teacher Pathway Program, along with several MAESTRO students, visited the CSU Monterey Bay campus for a series of presentations.

Among those presenting to the students were Rene Casas of the CSUMB Service Learning Institute and faculty members Dr. Amalia Hernandez, education and leadership, and Dr. Ondine Gage, liberal studies. The group also visited the CSUMB bookstore and toured the campus, where they will be transferring soon to complete their bachelor’s degrees.

Many thanks to all the CSUMB volunteers who helped make this event a success, with special appreciation for TPP/MAESTROs Director Jihan Ejan, CSUMB Liberal Studies Chair Deanne Perez-Granados and CSUMB faculty member Antonio Gallardo.
Ghous and Singh attend conference for Asian-Pacific American educators

Mostafa Ghous, dean of South County Education Services, and Jay Singh, director of student academic support programs, represented Hartnell at the 2019 Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) conference on April 4-5 in Oakland. The theme was “Rooted in Community and Thriving in Partnerships.”

The emphasis was on APAHE’s commitment to supporting diversity among higher education organizations and institutions. Workshops, speakers and activities encouraged participants to critically explore their past, present and future external and internal environments.

“This introspection initiated hard discussions that are essential in engaging inclusiveness through understanding and respecting diversity,” Ghous said. APAHE will continue evolve to address important topics affecting Asian and Pacific Americans who work in higher education, he said.

Singh said he came away with new ideas for how the Panther Learning Lab at Hartnell can continue to build community and partnerships among students, staff and faculty.

More information about the conference and APAHE is available here.

Hartnell’s Mis-Splits take first at MCSIG bowling tournament

The Mis-Splits, one of four Hartnell teams competing in an April 6 bowling tournament for public employees with MCSIG health insurance, split $300 by beating 59 other teams, with a combined single-game score of 959.

Mis-Splits team members were Jamie Pedroza (captain), Abraham Pedroza, Richard Givens, Rod Ichikawa and Eric Ichikawa. Three were among the event’s top five individual scorers, led by Rod Ichikawa (first, 232), followed by Eric Ichikawa (second, 229) and Richard Givens (tied for fourth, 217).

Also competing for Hartnell were the King Pins, captained by Tony Anderson (547); The Breakfast Club, captained by Jose Rico Martinez (546); The A-Team, captained by
Elizabeth Lopez (525); and the Pinthers, captained by Alicia Ramirez (397). The tournament, using a format called 9 pin no tap, was at Valley Center Bowl in Salinas.

**Dr. Seuss is theme for evening of fun and child literacy awareness**

EOPS/CARE/CalWORKS joined with Foster & Kinship Care Education on March 19 to celebrate Reading Awareness Month with a Dr. Seuss Literacy Evening.

The fun-filled event centered on reading and literacy awareness for the children of CARE, CalWORKs and Monterey County caregivers. It included a dinner for the families and a stuffed animal and copy of “Cat in the Hat” for the more than 40 children who attended.

Additionally, there were arts and crafts and a reading of “Cat in the Hat” in costume by Herbert Cortez, curriculum/scheduling specialist.

In addition to recognizing Cortez for his contribution, the EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs program would like to thank the Hartnell College Foundation and the Foster and Kinship Care Education program for generous donations that helped make the event possible.

**Teacher Pathway and MAESTROs programs offer informational sessions through April 18**

Students interested in learning more about the Teacher Pathway Program, a cohort-based pathway for K-8 instruction, or the MAESTROs Program, a non-cohort pathway for TK-8, high school and special education instruction, can choose from several information sessions through April 18 on the Main Campus and at the King City Education Center.

The Main Campus programs will be offered from 2-3 p.m. April 17 and 1-2 p.m. April 189 in room B-110 and from 2:30-3 p.m. in room 108A at the King City center.

Information shared will include adaptability to student schedules, opportunities to attend professional
development events and advising and mentoring support.

**Autism fundraiser on April 20, and three home games vs. MPC**

The Hartnell Softball team has just one home game remaining in its 2019 campaign – at 3 p.m. April 16 against Monterey Peninsula College. The same day, Hartnell Baseball will also face MPC on their home diamond, beginning at 2 p.m. Following that, the men will play MPC at home again at 1 p.m. on April 20, followed by 2:30 p.m. home games against Skyline on April 23 and April 26.

For the April 20 game, adaptive physical education instructor Ashley Gabriel has teamed with Hartnell Athletics to raise money for a Hartnell scholarship for students with autism. The event will include a barbecue, prize raffle and the opportunity for children to participate in on-field skill activities after the game.

At the final home baseball game, on April 26, Superintendent/President Dr. Willard Lewallen will be honored for his service with the opportunity to throw out the first pitch.

**Baseball team in playoff contention after winning three of past four**

With six games left in the regular season, Hartnell Baseball is in contention for a playoff berth. The Panthers have won three of their past four games, April 9-13, improving to 15-17 overall and 6-6 in league play. Their sole loss came at home on April 13, as Hartnell fell to ranked Cabrillo, 10-2.

Two days before, at Cabrillo, Hartnell nailed its second straight win with 20 or more runs, downing the Seahawks 20-8. Sophomores David Ortiz (King City H.S.) and JJ Rodriguez (Greenfield H.S.) led with four hits each. Hartnell starting pitcher Tommy Castro (Gilroy H.S.) earned his fourth win of the year.

Also on the road April 10 against Gavilan, the Panthers won a 23-17 slugfest. Chris Wright (Trinity Christian H.S.) and David Ortiz (King City H.S.) led Hartnell’s offense with four hits apiece. Reliever Gio Gonzalez (Watsonville H.S.) notched his first win of the year, going 2 ⅔ innings.
The Panthers began the week April 9 with a huge 14-4 victory at home over Cabrillo. Hartnell exploded for 11 runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the lead for good. The offense was led by Kapuras and Andrew Mier (Salinas H.S.), both two for four at the plate, with a home run apiece. Chase Lindemann (Saugus H.S.) also had a hot bat, going four for four.

**Hartnell Softball** picked up another win in two outings, falling to Cabrillo on the road April 9, 7-2, and then coming back with a win over Gavilan at home on April 11, 7-5. Pitcher Jennifer Segura had an especially good game against Gavilan, going seven innings for the win on the mound, and sending two players home with her single hit. Second baseman Danielle Taylor and third baseman Celeste Canchola each had two hits.

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### Upcoming Events

**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.
- Wednesday, April 17
- Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**Teacher Pathway Informational Session**

- 2-3 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 17
- Building B, room 110

**Career Development Workshop**

- 3-5 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 17
- Building C, room 132
Teacher Pathway Informational Session
1-2 p.m.
Thursday, April 18
Building B, room 110

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)

Baseball vs. Skyline
2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23
Tony Teresa Diamond

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

Summer and Fall 2019 Registration
Continuing Students and New Matriculating Students
April 25-June 16 summer; April 25-Aug. 11 fall

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

Pop-Up Pantry
(Food vouchers in Office of Student Life (C-140))
12-2 p.m.
Friday, April 26
Office of Student Life

**Baseball vs. Skyline**
2:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26
Tony Teresa Diamond

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

**CATESOL Steinbeck Chapter spring event: “Education and the Creation of Just Societies: Service Learning, Restorative Justice, Inmate Education and Language Education”**:
8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
Building B, room 208

“**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)

**Spring Ceramics Sale**
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 30
Student Center (Building C)

**Spring Ceramics Sale**
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 1
Student Center (Building C)

**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
Summer and Fall 2019 Registration
All Students
May 6-June 16 summer, May 6-Aug. 11 fall
(except K-12)