Nearly 900 incoming students register during Panther Prep Days

Hartnell College registered nearly 900 new students during Panther Prep Days – on May 3 at the King City Education Center and on May 4 on the Main Campus in Salinas. About 200 parents attended to learn more about the Salinas Valley Promise and how they can help their children succeed in college.

With morning and afternoon sessions, this sixth annual event was an opportunity for incoming students to complete their schedules for Fall 2019 classes and learn about both their intended academic program area and the many student support services offered at Hartnell. The Salinas total was 525, and 342 attended the King City event.

With support from Information and Technology Resources, Student Affairs launched the Student Planner Self-Serve (online through PAWS and the HC Go app). A total of 4,599 registration searches have been made on the app, said Carla Johnson, dean of student success.

“The College Pathways Team was instrumental in planning for and executing such a well-organized event,” Johnson said. “Our faculty and staff stepped up both Friday and Saturday. And a special shout-out to Ariana Rodriguez and Isaura Arreguin, who led these efforts. Great teamwork!”

Arriving participants were greeted by students and staff who handed out T-shirts and backpacks to the students and tote bags and coffee mugs to the parents.

After a welcome in the Gymnasium from Dr. Romero Jalomo, vice president of student affairs, and Johnson and Oscar the Panther, students were grouped by
intended academic major for assistance with creating their Fall 2018 class schedules. Parents attended a workshop that included a presentation on the Salinas Valley Promise, a program of free in-state tuition, life-skills training and mentoring for first-time, full-time students.

Student support services and academic programs tabled at a College Resource fair in the Student Center, and a snack of nachos was catered by Don Beto Tacos.

(Pictured: Registering students at the King City Education Center; Ariana Rodriguez, college pathways coordinator, and Isaura Arreguin, Program Assistant II, with Oscar the Panther in the Gymnasium; and a mother learns about math tutoring in the Student Center.)

**Foundation and President’s Circle pause for thank you to Dr. Lewallen**

With five months of service still ahead for me as superintendent/president, it’s not time to say goodbye just yet. But I was no less touched when the Hartnell College Foundation and its President’s Circle of donors honored me with an engraved glass sculpture on April 29.

During an evening reception in the Student Services Building, colleagues and other supporters gathered to wish Michele and me the very best as we prepare to join the many individuals who root for Hartnell and its wonderful students as friends of our college.

The sculpture’s inscription reads: “Hartnell College Foundation recognizes Willard Clark Lewallen for exemplary leadership and relentless grit to transform Hartnell College and its students, 2012-2019.”

I am grateful for that tribute and for the kind words from Kurt Gollnick, president of the foundation Board of Trustees; Jackie Cruz, vice president of advancement and development; and Governing Board Vice President Patricia Donohue. We were also fortunate to hear from graduating sophomore Maria Aceves, who will transfer to the University of Alaska-Anchorage to continue her education and running career. Trustees Manuel Osorio and Candi DePauw also attended.

In my own remarks, I noted that four of our current trustees were on the board when I joined Hartnell in May 2012. To have stability in leadership is so important. Our board right now is clicking on all cylinders. They are doing amazing work. They support us in what we’re doing, and we’re truly fortunate to have that leadership.
Dr. Lewallen and Dr. Lofman Present at ACCJC conference

It was an honor for me to serve on a panel for the “CEO Forum” and share the story of Hartnell’s success on May 3 at the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Partners in Excellence Conference in Burlingame.

Presenting on “Building an Infrastructure to Support Innovation and Student Achievement,” I was joined on the panel by other college presidents on the panel (pictured, from left: Sunita Cooke, MiraCosta College; Nick Gomez, San Joaquin Valley College; Keith Curry, Compton College; Mary A.Y. Okada, Guam Community College; and Brent Calvin, President, College of the Sequoias.

Dr. Brian Lofman, dean of Institutional Planning, Research and Effectiveness, also presented at the conference. His presentation, “Cultivating a High Performance Organization with a Shared Vision for Student Success,” explored foundational features and distinct competencies that drive long-term institutional effectiveness.

Also attending from Hartnell were faculty members Lisa Storm, Cheryl O’Donnell, Marnie Glazier and Carol Hobson and Joy Cowden, director of the Science and Math Institute.

First pitch at Angels game part of CPP Night activities

I threw out the first pitch on May 2 to open the Los Angeles Angels game against the Toronto Blue Jays as a student-athlete alum during Cal Poly Pomona Night at the Big A. About 2,500 CPP alumni were there.

As I stepped onto the mound in the Big A, I felt like I was representing both my undergraduate alma mater, where I was a member of the Mustangs’ 1976 National Championship baseball team, and also everyone at Hartnell. It was truly a thrill.
Panthers name top Scholar Athletes for academic, athletic excellence

May 2 was a proud evening for Hartnell Athletics as the program named its 2019 Bill Elliott male and female Scholar Athletes of the Year, honored nominees for those awards and recognized nearly 100 student-athletes who made the Fall 2018 Dean’s and President’s Lists for GPA achievement. The top Scholar Athletes, chosen from among seven male nominees and five female nominees, received a $1,000 scholarship to use at the transfer school of their choice.

Sophomore volleyball libero Nhean Marquez, who attended Everett Alvarez H.S., and sophomore running back Keishawn Robinson, who attended Seaside H.S., were named the female and male Bill Elliott Scholar Athletes of the Year for academic success, athletic accomplishment and leadership. The award is named for longtime Hartnell Athletics supporter and donor Bill Elliott, who attended the college in 1957-58.

Marquez plans to transfer in Fall 2020, with the goal of attending a UC in Southern California and majoring in psychology. She had 378 digs this season, which was second in the conference and the most for the Panther squad.

Johnson rushed for 1,359 yards and 14 touchdowns in two years, plus 19 pass receptions for 255 yards and two touchdowns. He has been on the President’s List (3.5-4.0 GPA) every semester at Hartnell. He has worked with the Boys and Girls Club as a guest speaker and taught poetry and literature. As a sophomore Johnson was named to the California Community College Academic All-American Team for Football. He is still finalizing his transfer plans but hopes to become a defense attorney.

New online tool boosts turnout as students select ASHC leaders

A new voting website developed by Hartnell’s Information and Technology Resources staff helped boost turnout to 13.7 percent in the annual Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) election on April 24-26. The online ballot was promoted via Canvas and the HC Go app.

That turnout, which equals 1,147 students, is up from 3 percent in 2018 and 1.2 percent in 2017, said Augustine Nevarez, director of student affairs. The number of candidates, at 26 plus a few write-ins, was also up over recent years.
Students elected returning student Samantha Saldana (pictured) as both 2019-20 ASHC president and student trustee for the Hartnell Community College District Governing Board. The other incoming officers are: Nicole Polo, vice president; Jessica Sorto, treasurer; and Robert Rendon, secretary.

The designated ASHC directors are: Robert Ehlers, ICC; Aixa Crespo, public relations; Montzerat Flores, programs and services; Angelita Cisneros-Aguilar, Alisal Campus; Ricardo Espinoza, south county; and Juan Herrera, evenings and weekends. The at-large senators are: Evelyn Macias Reyes, Daniela Salazar Salas, Brittany Alaniz, Christopher Verdin and Remel Gloria. All will serve one-year terms.

Saldana, who graduated from Everett Alvarez H.S. in 2009, first attended Hartnell in 2011 before stopping out to work and travel with her husband. She returned to Hartnell in Fall 2016 and plans to graduate in May 2020, with majors in fine arts, liberal studies and Spanish.

After serving as ICC director this past year, she decided to run for both senior positions with encouragement from peers and advisers. A focus of her term will be improved engagement of and services for students at the Alisal and King City campuses, as well as students attending in the evening and on weekends.

“I hadn’t considered moving up the food chain like that,” Saldana said. “But the point is to grow. I figured I could grow as a person and as a leader.”

Food Safety Summit draws 290 to learn about methods, culture

With a focus on “Creating a Sustainable Food Safety Culture,” the 2019 Western Food Safety Summit attracted about 290 attendees on May 1-2, providing knowledge and continuing education to people throughout the fresh produce industry.

The Hartnell College Foundation, the Hartnell Agriculture Business Technology Institute and the Western Food Safety Committee joined with volunteers, student Ag Ambassadors and college staff to make this annual event a great success.

Thirty-two students, making up 11 percent of the total audience, had the opportunity to listen, learn and network with seasoned professionals in Hartnell’s Mainstage Theater. Summit proceeds will help fund student scholarships and support student careers in food safety.

Organizers are grateful to the event’s esteemed speakers, including keynote presenters Joe Pezzini, CEO and president of Ocean Mist Farms (pictured); Steve Patton of the California Department of Food and Agriculture; and dozens of panelists, who included State Sen. Anna Caballero.
They are also very thankful for these event sponsors: Ocean Mist Farms, Driscoll’s, Scheid Family Wines, AquaPulse Chemicals, Carlson Consulting, Global Gap North America, Mann Packing, Braga Fresh Family Farms, Misionero, Taylor Farms, California Leafy Green Products Handler Marketing Agreement (LGMA), HeavyConnect, Inc., Produce Marketing Association, Monterey Bay Community Power, Church Brothers/True Leaf Farms, Bengard Ranch, D’Arrigo Bros. Co. of California, Boggio Produce/Hitchcock Farms, GreenLeaf Ag, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, Monterey County Farm Bureau, Farm of the Future and Bay Area California Community College/Deputy Sector Navigator.

Hawaiian show kicks off lineup of vocal, instrumental concerts

A May 5 performance of Hawaiian dance and music by Hartnell dance and instrumental students and instructor William Faulkner, in collaboration with the Ke Kai O’Uhane hula dance organization, opened a four-week concert series by the Hartnell music department.

Here is the remaining lineup:

- **May 9**: 9-10 a.m., Solo and Duet Performance, applied voice class; 10:15-10:45 a.m., Choral Performance, Hartnell College Choir; 11-11:30 a.m., Choral Performance, Hartnell College Chamber Singers Ensemble, Student Center (Building C).

- **May 9**, 6 p.m., Piano Recital, instructor Galina Vinokurov, K-125.

- **May 15**, 7 p.m., A Vocal Extravaganza, directed by Sandy Rudo, K-125.

- **May 17**, 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Spring Choral Concert, Hartnell Choir and Chamber Singers, with accompanist George Peterson, Mainstage Theatre, Building K.

- **May 21**, 7:30 p.m., Spring Jazz with the Hartnell Jazz Ensemble, directed by Steve Ettinger, Mainstage Theater, Building K.

- **May 22**, 11:45 a.m., Concert of Instrumental Solos, featuring Music 11 class, instructor Steve Ettinger, K-125.

- **May 23**, 7:30 p.m., Romantic Dances, featuring “The Beautiful Blue Danube,” by Johann Strauss Jr. and music by Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky and others, Hartnell Community Orchestra, with violin soloist Kayla Ettinger, conductor Steve Ettinger, Mainstage Theater (Building K).
No tickets required. Donations may be requested. For special accommodations, contact Steve Ettinger at (831) 755-6906 or settinger@hartnell.edu as early as possible.

**Killian Music Scholarship auditions set for May 20**

Full-time music students at Hartnell will audition May 20 for the right to call themselves Killian Music Scholars for 2019-20.

Scholars receive a $2,000 scholarship for the spring and fall semesters, as well as seven private lessons from an approved teacher and program-funded field trips to universities and concerts.

The Killian Scholars program, established through a bequest to the Hartnell College Foundation from Jack Killian, is based on both financial need, academic success and musical achievement and potential. Students who demonstrate satisfactory academic and musical progress may continue in the program for a second year.

Applicants must complete a FAFSA or California Dream Act Application and forward a completed Killian application and audition materials Professor Steve Ettinger, in person at K-123, by email at settinger@hartnell.edu or by mail to Prof. Ettinger, Hartnell Music, 411 Central Ave., Salinas, CA 93901.

**Hartnell team explores shift in teaching-learning mindset**

Hartnell faculty and staff participated in an April 16-18 Equity Academy at Skyline College that provided an opportunity to collaborate with other colleges on equity-based teaching and learning.

The program title was “The Anatomy of a Transformative Course: Critical Competencies for Student Success,” and the overarching theme was shifting from a mindset of “are students ready to attend college” to one of “can colleges be ready to serve students?” The Hartnell group plans to further discuss how to share what they learned with the campus community.

Said participant Daniel Perez, English Instructor, “Let’s not bemoan whether students are ready for college level learning. Instead, let us get ready to teach students what they need when they come to college. Let us become better teachers that produce better learners.”

Hartnell team members (pictured in two group photos): Cynthia Ainsworth, student services librarian; James Beck, ESL faculty; Liz Estrella, counselor/instructor; Ana Gonzalez, director of academic affairs – continuing education; Guy Hanna, outcome and
assessment specialist; Melvin Jimenez, academic follow-up specialist; Ulises Palmeno, English faculty; Daniel Perez, English faculty; Jay Singh, director of academic affairs − student academic support services.

**BOT president shares update on superintendent/president search**

Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees President Aurelio Salazar Jr. shared this report on the search process for the next district superintendent/president on May 2:

On behalf of the Hartnell College Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all of you who participated in the community forums on April 4 to share your thoughts on the issues, opportunities and challenges facing Hartnell in the next three to five years, and the characteristics of an ideal candidate for the next superintendent/president. Your interest and input were valuable and contributed to the development of the position profile that the Board of Trustees approved at a special meeting on April 8. The profile is available on the college website at [www.hartnell.edu/hr/presidentsearch](http://www.hartnell.edu/hr/presidentsearch).

… Thanks also to those who have reached out to our superintendent/president search consultants, Dr. Robert Griffin and Dr. Pam Walker, to share your thoughts on the college, the presidency or the search. We are now in the active recruitment phase of this process, with completed applications due by end of day May 31. … Employees and community members nominated to serve on the Superintendent/President Search Committee are being contacted this week to finalize the individuals who will serve on that important committee. The committee’s first meeting will be on May 17, for orientation and training. They will do the bulk of their work in June, screening applications, identifying candidates to be interviewed, interviewing those candidates and then recommending finalists to the Board of Trustees for consideration. Those finalists also will be on campus in the final weeks of this process to tour the campus and meet with constituent groups.

As always, any questions about the process or recommendations of promising candidates should be directed to Dr. Griffin at rgriffin@pplpros.com, 408-616-9282, or Dr. Walker at pwalker@pplpros.com, 916-768-8565.

Thank you for your interest and support of Hartnell College and the future of this community!

**Registration open for Fall 2019 at Child Development Center**

Registration is open for morning and afternoon sessions during the Fall 2019 semester at Hartnell’s Child Development Center on the Main Campus in Salinas, with the opportunity to continue into the spring semester.

The center provides an individualized, play-based learning experience for children who are almost 3 up
to 5 years old. Because of income guidelines and scholarship support, there is little to no cost for most families. Spaces are always limited, so please complete a registration packet as soon as possible.

Children attending this fall must be 3 years of age on or before Dec. 2, 2019, and cannot have reached their fifth birthday before Sept. 1, 2019. They must be able to handle their toilet needs independently. The center is open to children of Hartnell students and employees, as well as the general public.

To learn more, stop by the Hartnell Child Development Center in Building M, visit the CDC website at [www.hartnell.edu/cdc](http://www.hartnell.edu/cdc) or call 831-755-6945.

**Hartnell Athletics offering 10 camps for youth this summer**

Hartnell Athletics is once again offering sports camps this summer, beginning with tennis on June 3 and continuing through Aug. 2, with a total of 10 camps for youth ages 7 to 18.

The annual camps, which raise money to support Hartnell intercollegiate athletics, typically serve more than 800 children from throughout the Salinas Valley. This year's camps are:

- June 3-7, tennis (co-ed), ages 7-13
- June 10-14, boys basketball, ages 5-14
- June 17-21, girls basketball, ages 7-12
- June 24-28, baseball (co-ed), ages 7-12
- June 24-28, girls softball, ages 7-18
- July 8-12, girls volleyball, ages 7-18
- July 15-19, youth track & field (co-ed), ages 11-16
- July 15-19, soccer (co-ed), ages 7-13
- July 22-26, kids track & field games (co-ed), ages 5-12
- July 29-Aug. 2, all-sports youth (co-ed), ages 10-16

In addition to the camps, Hartnell Athletics is increasing youth and family engagement through the Panther Kids Club. By joining, each child becomes a valued supporter of Hartnell’s 12 intercollegiate teams, and also gain special access to coaches, student-athletes and regular club events. To register for camps and join the Panther Kids Club, visit the [Camps](http://www.hartnell.edu/camps) page on the Hartnell Panthers website.

**Students visit Hartnell to learn about law and society**

More than 300 Salinas-area high school students came to Hartnell on May 3 to gain a deeper understanding of the law during Monterey County Law Day, held every year near May 1 to celebrate the role of law in society and cultivate knowledge of the legal profession.
Dr. Sonja Lolland, vice president of academic affairs, joined Dr. Deneen Guss, Monterey County superintendent of schools, to welcome students. Following a keynote speech by 17th District State Sen. Bill Monning, students heard a panel discussion (pictured) by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey, Monterey County Sheriff Steve Bernal, Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni, Monterey County Chief Deputy Public Defender Jennifer Davenport and California Deputy Attorney General Lisa Cisneros.

Following announcement of essay and art contest winners, the students had lunch and received a presentation on college and career resources at Hartnell, including the college’s Pathway to Law program.

Law Day is hosted by the Monterey County Office of Education in partnership with Monterey County Superior Courts, Hartnell College, and the American Bar Association; and sponsored by the Dan and Lillian King Foundation and Brandman University. The 2019 Law Day theme was “Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society.”

**Student Film Festival to premier May 10 with three short works**

The first Student Film Festival at Hartnell will begin at 6 p.m. Friday in the Student Center, fulfilling an ambition of the college’s Theatre Arts and Cinema (TAC) Team and faculty lead Dr. Marnie Glazier.

Three short student films will be presented, including works produced in conjunction with courses such as video production, and the entire event will last about two hours, Dr. Glazier said. Refreshments will be served.

Planning has been led by TAC Team Vice President Brittany Alaniz, a digital arts major, and fellow team member Nathan Eramaa, a TAC major who created one of the films.

**Dr. Hornstein named Senior Engineer by worldwide institute of engineers**

Dr. Melissa Hornstein, faculty member for engineering, physics and mathematics, has achieved the grade of Senior Member in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), a distinction achieved by only 10 percent of its more than 400,000 members.

Senior Member is the highest professional grade of IEEE for which a member may apply. It requires extensive experience, and reflects professional accomplishment and maturity, according to the organization.
“Both Melissa Hornstein and you should be proud of the professional achievements that led to this recognition,” wrote José M. F. Moura, IEEE president and CEO, in a letter to Dr. Shannon Bliss, dean of academic affairs for STEM. “We look forward to additional contributions and successful projects and discoveries made by or associated with our new Senior Member.”

**Cabrillo takes 2019 duck race as students vie for $1,000 prize**

Engineering and physics students from Hartnell (pictured) fell to a team from Cabrillo College on April 27 in the “unlimited” race at the Duck Race Festival on the Arroyo Seco River, an annual fundraiser for the Arroyo Seco Citizens Association.

The “unlimited” race pits student teams from Hartnell, Cabrillo and Monterey Peninsula College, vying to propel 18-inch rubber ducks with creative propulsion and steering systems. The winners receive a $1,000 cash award.

An estimated 500 people attended the event on a ranch about 15 miles west of Greenfield, accompanied by a barbecue, live music and competitive horseshoes and darts.

**Forkum inducted into hall of fame for collegiate athletic directors**

Former Hartnell basketball coach Jim Forkum, now associate director of athletics at Stevenson School in Carmel and Pebble Beach, has been inducted into the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame.

Forkum has spent 49 years in education and athletics as a men’s basketball coach and athletic director. In October 2018, he was inducted into Hartnell’s Hall of Fame for his 14 years as head basketball coach, having guided the Panthers to a No. 5 national ranking in 1995. He serves as a member of the Panther Athletics Council and Hartnell Athletics Hall of Fame Committee.

Forkum has now been honored by 10 different halls of fame, as a player, coach, teacher, administrator and for lifetime achievement.

**Upcoming Events**

**Note:** All event locations are on the Main Campus in Salinas unless otherwise noted. Occasionally there are changes to dates/times for athletic contests due to weather and other circumstances. Check the Hartnell Athletics website for the most current schedule information (http://www.hartnellpanthers.com).
Summer and Fall 2019 Registration
*Continuing Students and New Matriculating Students*
Summer through June 16; fall through Aug. 11

**Annual Student Art Show**
9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday
Through May 17
Hartnell Gallery
Building J, room 100

**Panther Market Day**
11:30-2 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8
Student Center (Building C)

**Choral and Vocal Music Performances**
9-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 8
Student Center (Building C)

**Piano Recital**
6 p.m.
Thursday, May 9
Studio Theater (K-125)

**A Vocal Extravaganza**
7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15
Studio Theater (K-125)

**A Spring Choral Concert**
*Hartnell Choir and Chamber Singers*
10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Friday, May 17
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**Hartnell College Student Film Festival**
6 p.m.
Friday, May 10
Student Center (Building C)

**“An Evening with James Loewen”**
6 p.m.
Monday, May 13
Mainstage Theater (Building K)
**Study-A-Thon**
8 a.m.-7 p.m.
May 13-14
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**Study-A-Thon - Alisal Campus**
3-7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14
Building A, room 214

**Transfer Mixer**
12-2 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**Study-A-Thon - King City Education Center**
12-8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15
Building A, room 214

**Study-A-Thon - STEM**
8 a.m.-7 p.m.
May 15-17
Building E, room 217

**Study-A-Thon - English**
8 a.m.-2 p.m.
May 15-17
Building A, room 214

**Study-A-Thon - all subjects**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, May 18
Building E, room 217

**Teacher Pathway Program Graduation Celebration**
2 p.m.
Sunday, May 19
Scheid Vineyards, Greenfield

**Spring Jazz**
**Hartnell Jazz Ensemble**
7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21
Mainstage Theater (Building K)
A Concert of Instrumental Solos
11:45 a.m.
Wednesday, May 22
Studio Theater (K-125)

Romantic Dances
Hartnell College Community Orchestra
7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 23
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Commencement
5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 24
Rabobank Stadium, Salinas

Child Development Center Bridging Ceremony
Friday, May 31
Morning session: 9-11 a.m. (Studio Theater, Building J)
Afternoon session: 12:45-3 p.m. (Building M)

Hartnell Football Golf Tournament
10 a.m. registration, noon start
Friday, May 31
Crazy Horse Ranch, Salinas