



HARTNELL COLLEGE

President's Weekly Report to the Board of Trustees

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Mission:

Focusing on the education and workforce development needs of communities in the Salinas Valley, Hartnell College strengthens communities by providing opportunities for students to reach career and/or academic goals (associate degrees, certificates of achievement, transfer to four-year institutions) in an environment committed to student learning, achievement and success.

Superintendent/president finalists present at public forums on June 20



Three finalist candidates for the position of superintendent/president for the Hartnell Community College District, following my retirement in September, made their case on June 20 in consecutive one-hour forums on Hartnell's Main Campus.

Within their 50-minute forums, the candidates had 10 minutes for a personal introduction and then answered questions chosen from those submitted by an audience of more than 100 employees, students and community members.

The finalists, in the order they are pictured above, from left, are:

- Dr. Peter Maphumulo ([video from forum](#)), in his sixth year as executive vice president for instruction and student services at Victor Valley College in Victorville. Originally from South Africa, he was provost and president for the Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College from 2009-13.

- Dr. Patricia Hsieh ([video](#)), now in her 14th year as president of San Diego Miramar College and previously the interim president and vice of student services at Sacramento City College. She is a native of Taiwan.
- Dr. Anthony “Tony” Kinkel ([video](#)), a former teacher, coach and Minnesota state legislator who between 2004 and 2017 was president of three community colleges – in Colorado, Kansas and Tennessee. He now serves as executive director for the Minnesota State Board for School Administrators.

The district Governing Board held separate interviews with the finalists on June 21 and will continue its decision-making process with background and reference checks and possibly a site visit to one or more of the candidates’ current places of employment. The board has not set a deadline for its selection, but that could occur by mid-July.

Dominguez begins a new chapter after 37 years of service to Hartnell

A crowd of colleagues gathered June 17 in room E-112 to thank 37-year Hartnell employee Mary Dominguez, dean of student affairs for enrollment services, and wish her well as she prepares to begin a new role another California community college.

Dr. Romero Jalomo, vice president of student services, and I recognized her for all her contributions to Hartnell and its students, not least of which has been ensuring we have a complete and accurate enrollment count in order to receive our full state funding.

Dominguez, who has risen through a succession of progressively responsible roles, is herself a Hartnell graduate, as are all three of her children, who each also went on to earn a bachelor’s degree.

Her new role as dean of student services at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria will include financial aid and other student support programs, with which she is very familiar from her experience at Hartnell. A search will begin for her replacement, with the goal of hiring a successor by September.

Although her resume reflects a steady progression within the areas of admissions and financial aid, Dominguez got her start as a student worker to help pay for her education. Her first job in 1982 matched her goal of a secretarial career, sparked by typing and shorthand courses at Gonzales



High School. She lived in Soledad during her teenage years and commuted to Hartnell by carpool.

Dominguez noted that quite a few other Hartnell employees have worked at the college for 25-30 years or more: "That says a lot about the institution and their commitment to working here."

Skinner to focus on fresh and local as new food and catering manager

Hartnell's new food service and catering manager, Ken Skinner, is a Salinas native with decades of high-profile experience as a chef in the Salinas-Monterey area.

He joined us this month, overlapping briefly with retiring manager Jill Sweeney, who was honored for her five years of dedication and service at a farewell reception on June 20. In a campus-wide email, she thanked colleagues "for making this next generation ready and able – and most of all for making Hartnell a very special place in my heart."

Skinner has many ideas for continual improvement of dining services and will provide oversight for the new Starbucks scheduled to open in August. His plans include restoring a fresh salad bar at The Grille and emphasizing locally grown fare, with décor that also highlights the beauty and abundance of the Salinas Valley.

His experience includes serving as a sous chef at the former Hullabaloo Restaurant in Oldtown Salinas and as an executive chef at Porta Bella and Merlot Bistro restaurants in Carmel and at Club Crazy Horse Ranch in Salinas.

In addition to his work for Hartnell, Skinner will continue to serve as corporate chef for Green Giant, a position that has put him on the leading edge of fruit and vegetable product development and marketing.



1,323 students recognized for GPA success in Spring 2019

As always, I was pleased to send letters on June 17 to 780 students who were named to the President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2019 semester and another 543 who are included on the Dean's List.

The President's List requires a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 semester units of graded classes, and the Dean's List requires a GPA between 3.0 and 3.49.

As I told them in the letter, these students can be justly proud of this achievement. I commend them for their hard work and perseverance and wish them continued success in their academic and personal endeavors.

Ag Ambassadors visit Chicago for United Fresh Convention

Seven participants in Hartnell's student Ag Ambassadors program joined adviser and instructor Nick Pasculli at the 2019 United Fresh Convention & Expo in Chicago on June 10-12. The convention is a showcase of the newest fresh produce, better-for-you products and tech innovations within the fresh fruits and vegetables industry.

The students, all majoring in ag production, food safety and ag business, were selected for the opportunity based on their GPA, school standing and an essay demonstrating how this event would help in their educational journey. They are: Stanley Smith, Martha Haro, Jonathan Blas, Jessica Aceves, Alejandra Spyolt, Cynthia Trujillo and Angelita Cisneros.



Boronda students return from two weeks in The Netherlands

Ten students selected for the Boronda International Study Program Summer 2019 class returned in early June from a two-week program of study in Europe.

Their home base was Amsterdam, the Netherlands, where they visited world-class museums featuring works of Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Vermeer and Escher.



The students also visited nearby cities such as Delft, The Hague and Rotterdam, as well as Paris (pictured).

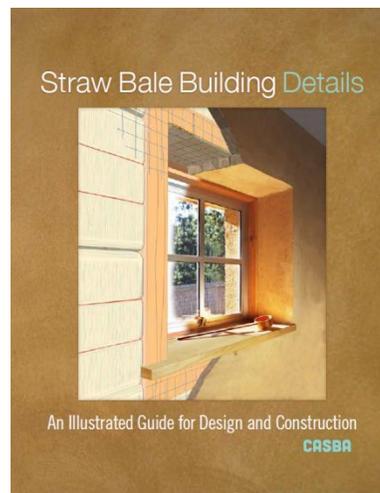
The group traveled under the direction of Lee Ritscher, a Hartnell College English instructor, and Augustine Nevarez, director of the Office Student Life. Their travel expenses were paid through an endowment made possible by Lester D. Boronda.

Dean Pinet and colleagues join in new book on straw bale design

Dr. Celine Pinet, dean of academic affairs for curriculum and instructional support, social and behavioral sciences and fine arts, has joined with colleagues to produce a newly published book titled "Straw Bale Building Details, An Illustrated Guide for Design and Construction."

It was published in April in Canada under the leadership of the California Straw Building Association (CASBA).

Among those joining in the project with Dr. Pinet was Danielle Alvarez, a former student intern in the architecture program at West Valley College who has since graduated from the University of California Berkeley School of Architecture. Dr. Pinet is an emeritus board member of CASBA.



Three Hartnell distance runners accept invite to join NDNU teams

Notre Dame de Namur University, an NCAA Division II school in Belmont, is about to add three more Panther track and XC athletes to its rosters.

Long-distance runners Jocelyn Cervantes (Greenfield H.S.), Jacob Niles (Aptos H.S.) and Victor Nambo (North Salinas H.S.) on Friday all signed letters of intent for NDNU, where they will receive athletic scholarships. Cervantes and Niles plan to study kinesiology, and Nambo plans to study political science.



Head Cross Country and Track and Field Coach Chris Zepeda spoke about all three athletes' persistence and determination, and they thanked him for motivating them to work hard and achieve success.

The three will join former Hartnell runner Leslie Oseguera Reyes (Monterey H.S.), who became an Argonaut last fall.

Employee Graduations

Antonia Jaime, Program Coordinator

Name: Jalyssa Estrada

Relation: Granddaughter

School: Creekside Preschool, continuing on to transitional kindergarten

Name: Leah Cunningham

Relation: Granddaughter

School: Bolsa Knolls Middle School, continuing on to Rancho San Juan High School

Name: Irie Cunningham

Relation: Granddaughter

School: Hartnell College, transferring to CSU Monterey Bay



In the News

Six members of Hartnell College track and field are scholarship bound:

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2019/06/19/six-members-of-hartnell-college-track-and-field-are-scholarship-bound/>

Teacher Pathway Program bridges the Lettuce Curtain divide:

<https://www.ksbw.com/article/teacher-pathway-program-bridges-the-lettuce-curtain-divide/27821234>

Upcoming Events

Note: All event locations are on the Main Campus in Salinas unless otherwise noted.

Summer and Fall 2019 Registration

Continuing Students and New Matriculating Students

Fall through Aug. 11

“Little Women”

[The Western Stage](#)

June 22-July 13

Mainstage Theater