Transportation event opens students’ eyes to auto/diesel

I was thrilled to participate in a Transportation Open House on Oct. 22 at Hartnell’s Alisal Campus for about 150 high school students from the Soledad, Salinas, Gonzales and North Monterey County districts.

The students heard from me, Career Technical Education Dean Sharon Albert and Advanced Automotive Technology (AAT) Instructor Pete Escoto and got up close to the amazing learning environment in our AAT and Advanced Diesel Technology labs. It truly was a team effort involving all program faculty, many support staff, student support services and a number of industry partners.

Said Albert, “Congratulations everyone on a job well done. I’m so proud to be aligned with all of you extremely talented people. You show true dedication to advancing the lives of our students, and it has far-reaching benefits beyond what we will ever know.”

Escoto said he felt the event was the best of its kind that he has experienced.

“Attendance was great, students were involved and asked a lot of questions, industry was happy to be here, and the student toolbox presentation was a last minute add-on and came out great,” he said.

The toolbox scholarships, funded by Snapon Tools, provided a set of tools valued at $3,200 to May 2019 AAT graduate Cesar Alvarez and toolboxes valued at $1,000 to May 2019 graduates Oscar Cruz and Alex Jimenez (pictured). All three are now employed in their field. To qualify for the tool scholarships, students must have the highest GPA among peer students and have completed a specific number of Snapon’s industry certificates.
College volunteers boost Farm Day Experience
When Hartnell Governing Board member Candi DePauw put out a request for additional volunteers to serve as guides for Farm Day Experience on Oct. 24 at the Salinas Sports Complex, our employees quickly responded.

With support from the agricultural industry and under the leadership of DePauw, Farm Day coordinator, the daylong program gives thousands of Salinas-area third-graders a hands-on introduction to food production and its enormous importance in the Salinas Valley.

I am pictured here with other Hartnell employees who took part this year (pictured, from left: Maria Ceja, Jessica Tovar, Carla Johnson, Moises Almendariz, Dave Phillips, Manuel Bersamin, Lucy Serrano, Leticia Sanchez). Thank you to all who helped make this wonderful event possible!

Dr. Hsieh attends conference on transitions and apprenticeship
On Oct. 13-14, I attended a joint convening of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the American Association of School Administrators in Washington, D.C., with a focus on the Transition from K-12 to Community Colleges and an emphasis on youth apprenticeship, which is a federal government priority. I was invited as an executive board member of the AACC.

Pictured here to my left are: Walter Bumphus, AACC president and CEO; Dan Domenech, AASC executive director; facilitator Kris Kurtenbach from Collaborative Commutations in Washington, D.C.; and Alex Johnson, AACC board chair and president of Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio.

Vest is reminder of upcoming employee fundraising drive
I was pleased to receive one of the attractive and useful fleece vests presented to employees who participate in the Employees for Student Success fund drive at the President’s Circle level.

Colleagues from the Hartnell College Foundation and president’s support team gathered for this photo on Oct. 21. With me, from left: Bobbi Jo Palmer, philanthropy manager; Cristina Zavala, administrative assistant; Lucy
Serrano, executive assistant to the superintendent/president & Board of Trustees; Keith Stuart, custodian; and Terri Ugale, executive assistant.

**Shanahan named AVP for HR, will begin position on Jan. 6**

Michael Shanahan will begin work as Hartnell’s new associate vice president of human resources on Jan. 6, replacing Terri Pyer, who is retiring. A reception in her honor is scheduled for 1 p.m. Oct. 31 in room A-105 on the Main Campus.

Shanahan comes to us with more than 15 years of experience in public sector education in multi-college districts within the California Community Colleges system. He has served as chief operating officer for the organization 4 Kids 2 Kids since April 2019. From 2013-2019, he was vice chancellor, Human Resources, for the Ventura County Community College District. From July 2010 to October 2013, he served as interim senior associate vice chancellor, Human Resources Division. Shanahan attended Loyola Law School and graduated with a Juris Doctor.

Please join me in welcoming him when he joins us next year.

**Bennett to start as interim VP for admin services on Oct. 28**

Rick Bennett has been appointed as Hartnell’s interim vice president of administrative services beginning Oct. 28, as interim VP Alfred Munoz returns to retirement after stepping into the role late last winter.

Bennett has an extensive background as a chief business officer within the California Community Colleges system. From 2012-2018, before he retired, he was vice president for administrative services at Mission College in the Santa Clara West Valley Mission Community College District. From 2006-2012, he served as the executive director for construction planning and general services at the San Mateo County Community College District.

Please join me in welcoming him when he arrives Oct. 28.

**Groundbreaking ceremony for Soledad center set for Nov. 8**

Hartnell has scheduled a groundbreaking on the site of the new Hartnell College Education Center in Soledad for 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 8.

We will join with our partners on the project, from the greater Soledad community and throughout the Hartnell Community College District to celebrate the start of work on this historic new facility to be funded through Measure T bonds.
This 16,750-square-foot multipurpose educational center will include four classrooms and wet and dry science laboratories, as well as a Student Success Center, a courtyard and a community room. We anticipate it will open in 2021.

The ceremony will be held on the site near the southwest corner of Metz Road and Orchard Drive, across from San Vicente Elementary School. Parking is available on Orchard. Light refreshments will be served.

**Family Science Day draws crowd close to 1,000 for fun and learning**

Hartnell presented another well-attended and successful Family Science Day on Oct. 20 in the Willard Lewallen STEM Center, with an estimated crowd of up to 1,000 children and families.

Student clubs, community volunteers and college staff joined to present engaging, hands-on learning activities for youngsters and their families. As in years past, the live reptiles and turtles were a huge hit, with a line out the door. Physics demonstrations outside the center, including student Andrew Reyes lying on a bed of nails as Science Lab Technician Tito Polo struck a board on his chest with a sledgehammer (pictured), were also hugely popular.

Among students participating were those from the Respiratory Care Practitioner program, who demonstrated a vibrating “vest” that is used to mobilize lung secretions for people unable to cough effectively. They also demonstrated CPR and helped children make lungs using paper bags and straws (pictured).

**Four students complete visits to NASA centers across the U.S.**

Hartnell students Frances Wong, Ismah Uddin, Michael Delgado and Michael Gabriel have all completed a week-long NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) Onsite Experience this fall.

Wong, Uddin, Delgado, and Gabriel were among 499 community college students from across the United States invited to participate. They successfully finished a five-week online course, which led to a four-day visit to a NASA center in September or October.
The experience gave students a new window in their exploration of careers in science and engineering. While at NASA, students formed teams and established fictional companies interested in Mars exploration. Each team was responsible for developing and testing a prototype rover, forming a company infrastructure, managing a budget, and developing communications and outreach.

Said Uddin (pictured receiving a certificate), who was placed at the Johnson Space Center in Houston: “I got to work under deadlines, setbacks, and challenges but it was a very learning opportunity to work through those hard times and to see how each person in my team operated and how so many different ideas and diversity came to the table when we were brainstorming it was really great.”

Said Gabriel (pictured in red shirt, right front), who was placed at the Marshall Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.: “I have never been that inspired in my entire life. I now have several people of reference that work for NASA, some even offered to be my mentor.”

Wong (pictured in maroon shirt) and Delgado (pictured with sign) were placed at the NASA Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif. Notably, Wong’s team placed first during the rover competition.

The Minority University Research and Education Program, or MUREP funds NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars. MUREP is committed to engaging underrepresented and underserved students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with authentic learning experiences to sustain a diverse workforce.

**CCC Partnership Resource Team begins its work to assist college**

Hartnell hosted a Partnership Resource Team (PRT) on Friday, October 11 for its first of three planned visits. Comprised of volunteers from California community colleges selected through the Chancellor's Office's Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative, the team of four members conferred with Superintendent/President Dr. Patricia Hsieh and Institutional Planning, Research, and Effectiveness Dean Dr. Brian Lofman at the start and conclusion of a lengthy day of back-to-back, concurrent meetings. Utilizing the appreciative inquiry method, the team met with a broad range of constituency and other groups to hear their diverse voices and perspectives on the focal areas of employee engagement and governance.
The PRT will return for two more visits this academic year. Members will develop a menu of options for the College to consider, and assist a group of faculty, staff, and administrators in drafting an Innovation and Effectiveness Plan (I&EP) for which financial resources may also be forthcoming from the Chancellor’s Office. The menu of options and draft I&EP will be brought to the College Planning Council for discussion as they become available. Additionally, the results of the recently administered employee engagement survey will be shared with the College.

Cruz and Walker highlight Hartnell in Career Ladders presentation

Jackie Cruz, vice president of advancement and development and the Hartnell College Foundation, and Laurencia Walker, director of Student Affairs-College Readiness, were invited to co-present with the Career Ladders Project on Oct. 11 at the 2019 RP Group's Strengthening Student Success Conference in Burlingame.

Alongside colleagues from Long Beach City College and Bakersfield College, Cruz and Walker presented in the session entitled, "Intersegmental Pathways: K16 Partnerships and Guided Pathways." Highlighted in the presentation was Hartnell’s progress and success with our Bridging the Gap goals, including dual enrollment, implementation of multiple measures and partnerships with Cal State Monterey Bay, including the CSin3 pathway in computer science.

‘Evita’ to follow as ‘Boats’ opens for Hartnell’s Western Stage

The Western Stage production of “Men on Boats,” Jaclyn Backhaus’ rollicking history pageant about the true story of John Wesley Powell’s expedition into the untamed American Southwest, will open Oct. 26 and run through Nov. 10 in the Studio Theater at Hartnell’s Center for Performing Arts (Building K). www.westernstage.com/tickets or (831) 755-6816. Hartnell students free, Hartnell staff $15.

Coming next to the Mainstage Theater is “Evita,” Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber’s rock musical about the meteoric rise of one woman from ordinary to the spiritual leader of Argentina. Performs Nov. 9-Dec. 7, with a special Gala for the Arts performance on Nov. 16. Hartnell students FREE, Hartnell staff $15.

Throughout the year, there are lots of ways to get involved in the magic of live theatre at The Western Stage. Usher for front-of-house, learn to sew in the costume shop, build sets in the scene shop or join the backstage crew. No experience required. Email westernstage@hartnell.edu to learn more.
Forty colleges and universities will join in Transfer Day/College Night

Hartnell will present its 34th annual Transfer Day and College Night events on Oct. 30, providing an opportunity for both current and prospective students to learn about opportunities to both attend college and continue to complete a bachelor’s degree.

The purpose of the program is to inspire and prepare students as they transition from high school to college – or from a community college to four-year universities. More than 40 colleges and universities will be represented. In addition to the main Transfer Day fair from 9 a.m. to noon in the Student Center, the Office of Financial Aid will offer an information session from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in C-101; Stanford Medicine will present from 12:15-1 p.m. in C-132, and UC Irvine will offer one-on-one transfer advising from 1-5 p.m. in C-132. College Night activities are scheduled for 6-8 p.m. in the Student Center, including a financial aid information session from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in C-132.

“Please take advantage of this opportunity to ask representatives questions regarding transfer, housing financial aid, scholarships and admissions requirements,” said Mercedes del Real, Transfer & Career Center coordinator. “We wish you the best in your educational endeavors.”

Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos celebrations promise lots of fun

The Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) and Office of Student Life are again teaming up on several Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos events and activities for students and families.

The Family Pumpkin Patch – a night of fun, games, contests and prizes – will begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Student Center. The first 100 children will receive a free pumpkin and candy bucket. Plans include face painting, pumpkin decorating, a child costume contest and carnival-themed games.

Spooky fun continues for students on Oct. 31, with Student Center activities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. that will include a costume contest, pumpkin-carving contest, water-pong tournament and face painting. Also on Halloween, winners of the office decorating contest will be announced.

On Nov. 1, the campus community can participate in a Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities
will include an Alter/Ofrendas contest for student clubs, sugar skull decoration and enjoyment of traditional pan de muerto and hot chocolate.

**Joint effort presents month of events for disability awareness**

The Office of Student Life, Psychology Club and Department of Supportive Programs & Services are collaborating on a continuing series of October events to mark Disability Awareness Month.

Three upcoming events are a Disability Awareness Display in the Student Center on Oct. 28-30, an Oct. 28 presentation titled “Stress & Anxiety – When to Seek Help” from 12-1 p.m. in the Student Center, and a presentation at 2 p.m. on Nov. 5 in the Planetarium (S-101) by Dr. Larry Lachman, titled “What Psychology Students Need to Know About Therapy & Counseling with Serious Mental Illness.”

Earlier, Psychology Club students on Oct. 21 staffed a resource and tabling event on schizophrenia in the Student Center, and there two workshop presentations – one on Time Management on Oct. 23 and one on Assistive Technology on Oct. 25.

**As fall seasons wind down, Panther teams still in hunt**

**Women’s and Men’s Cross Country:** Panther fans have an opportunity to watch the Women’s Cross Country team, now ranked second among all California community colleges and first in NorCal, compete for the Coast Conference Championship at Toro County Park on Oct. 30. The men’s team, ranked 13th in the state and fifth in NorCal will also vie for the conference title. Races will start at 2:30 p.m.

**Volleyball:** Though 12-12 and 2-3 in conference, the Panthers have earned a sixth-place statewide college ranking in the latest poll. On Oct. 23, they decisively defeated Las Positas, 3-0, in a home match that saw both squads competing in pink for breast cancer awareness. The team’s next home match is Nov. 6 against San Mateo.

**Men’s Soccer:** The Panthers sit atop the Coast-South Conference with a 5-0-1 conference record and an 8-3-2 record overall. At home on Oct. 18, they extended their winning streak to four. On Nov. 12, the team will host West Valley in its next-to-last home game of the season.
**Women’s Soccer:** The women’s squad is also in first place in the Coast-South Conference, with a 4-1-2 conference record and 8-4-5 overall. They defeated Cabrillo on the road Oct. 22 and will play Skyline at home on Oct. 29.

**Football:** The Panthers crushed San Jose on Oct. 19 at Rabobank Stadium, with five running touchdowns and one in the air. Hartnell preserved the shutout when defensive back Treyon Smith blocked a San Jose field goal on the last play of the game (pictured). The team travels to Merced on Oct. 26 and then returns to Salinas on Nov. 2, when Hartnell Athletics will also honor the Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

**Upcoming Events**

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

**“Men in Boats” - The Western Stage**
7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26
Studio Theater
Building K

**“Men in Boats” - The Western Stage (plus ReActions)**
2 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 27
Studio Theater
Building K

**Hartnell Orchestra in Concert**
3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 27
Northminster Presbyterian Church
315 E. Alvin Drive, Salinas

**Disability Awareness Month**
**Presentation: Stress & Anxiety - When to Seek Help**
12 – 1 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 28, 2019
Building C, Common Area, South Side

**Money Monday - Financial Aid Assistance**
3-5:45 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 28
Building B, room 110

**Spring 2020 Registration**
Begins Oct. 28 for continuing students and new matriculated students

**Money Mondays**
3-5:45 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 28
Building B, room 110

**Family Pumpkin Patch**
6 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 29
Student Center (Building C)

**Women’s Soccer vs. Skyline**
4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 29
Hartnell Soccer Field

**Transfer Tuesdays**
9a.m.-12 p.m. & 1p.m.-4p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 29
Building C, room 132

**Transfer Day, College Night**
9 a.m.-12 p.m. community college students
6-8 p.m. high school students
Wednesday, Oct. 30
Student Center (Building C)

**Halloween Celebration**
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 31
Student Center (Building C)

**Farewell Reception in Honor of Terri Pyer**
1p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 31
Building A, room 105
Light refreshments will be served

**Día de los Muertos Celebration**
11 a.m.-2 p.m. – Student Center (Building C)
5:30 p.m. – Alisal Campus (cafeteria)
Friday, Nov. 1
Money Mondays
3-5:45 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 4
Building B, room 110

Disability Awareness Month
Presentation: What Psychology Students Need to Know about Therapy & Counseling with Serious Mental Illnesses; by Dr. Larry Lachman
2-3 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 5
Planetarium – Building S, room 101

Transfer Tuesdays
9a.m.-12 p.m. & 1p.m.-4p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 5
Building C, room 132

Transfer Tuesdays
9a.m.-12 p.m. & 1p.m.-4p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 12
Building C, room 132

Dreamer Ally Training
8:30a.m.-12pm
Friday, Nov. 15
Building B, Steinbeck Hall
RSVP to: mvazquez@hartnell.edu

CBEST Prep Workshops – Math
12:30-3:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 1
Building E, room 315
RSVP by Oct. 28
https://forms.gle/Ps51kcGTotEa4zFT9

CBEST Prep Workshops – Eng/ Writing
2-5p.m.
Friday, Nov. 15
Building E, room 315
RSVP by Oct. 28
https://forms.gle/Ps51kcGTotEa4zFT9

Money Mondays
3-5:45 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 18
Building B, room 110