Note to readers: The President’s Weekly Report will take a break for the Thanksgiving holiday and resume the following week.

ASHC welcomes Dr. Hsieh and trustees to Townhall

Members of the Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees and I were delighted on Nov. 18 to participate in a Townhall Meeting organized by the Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC).

Joined by ASHC President and Student Trustee Samantha Saldana, who helped initiate this opportunity for dialogue, we each shared information about our personal backgrounds and why we are inspired to serve Hartnell College.

About 50 students attended the event in the Student Center on Main Campus, and they asked thoughtful questions about how to support and honor student diversity at Hartnell and how the college will maintain high-quality student services on its satellite campuses, including the new centers being constructed in Soledad and Castroville. ASHC Secretary Robert Cali Rendon served as moderator.

I know all of the trustees who participated shared the sentiment expressed by Board President Aurelio Salazar Jr., who said at the Nov. 19 board meeting that he looked forward to another town hall session in the future.

(Pictured, from left: Superintendent-President Dr. Patricia Hsieh, Vice President Pat Donohue, President Aurelio Salazar Jr., Trustee Manuel Osorio, Trustee Candi DePauw, Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez and Student Trustee Samantha Saldana.)

400 enjoy gala in support of arts programs at Hartnell

The 2019 Black & White Gala for the Arts drew a crowd of 400 people who enjoyed a reception and silent auction (pictured) in the Willard Lewallen STEM Center, followed by an exclusive performance of “Evita” by The Western Stage in the Mainstage Theater.
This $100-a-person event, with complimentary tickets for donors at the President’s Circle level and above, supports visual and performing arts facilities and programs at Hartnell.

During a brief program that preceded the presentation of “Evita,” it was my pleasure to introduce two speakers, Hartnell graduate Johnny Ray Avila, who is now serving as a design intern with The Western Stage, and Athena Ramirez, a current Theatre Arts & Cinema student, who is president of the student TAC Team. Both shared their experiences and thanked the attendees for their support of the arts at Hartnell.

“I am eternally grateful for having a college in my community where the study of the arts is possible,” Ramirez said, “due in large part to having a professional theatre company on campus like The Western Stage.”

(Pictured: Trustee Manuel Osorio and his wife, Susan.)

Start of work on new building leads to closing of Lot 3 spaces

Starting Nov. 25, nearly all of Parking Lot 3 at the corner of Alisal Street and Homestead Avenue on Hartnell’s Main Campus will be fenced off and permanently closed to make way for construction of a new Center for Nursing & Health Sciences (pictured). This will eliminate 66 student and employee parking spaces.

As crews begin work on the new building, only a small portion of Lot 3 in front of the gymnasium will remain open, and that area is designated for staff, motorcycles, 30-minute and disability parking.

The Hartnell Parking Structure, which holds more than 1,100 vehicles on three levels, will be the primary location for permit parking on the Main Campus. A section of spaces on the south end of the ground level is now designated for staff-only use.

“We realize this change will require adjustment and disrupt some individual routines,” said Joseph Reyes, executive director of facilities, planning & construction management. “But the
new Nursing & Health Sciences Building will be a tremendous asset for Hartnell College and the communities we serve."

**Dr. Lewallen receives Holmes award for statewide facilities leadership**

Former Hartnell superintendent-president Dr. Willard Lewallen received the Paul Holmes Facilities Leadership Award from the Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC) at its annual meeting on Nov. 12 in Sacramento. The organization is the chief advocate for ensuring excellent facilities at California’s 115 community colleges.

The award is named for the organization’s founder, Paul Holmes. Dr. Lewallen (pictured with fellow board honorees) was chair of the statewide organization for five years. He provided leadership in 2016 for CCFC’s contribution of $600,000 toward the campaign for Proposition 51, a successful facilities bond measure that provided $9 billion in funding for K-12 and community college facilities in California.

That same year, Hartnell secured approval from more than two-thirds of district voters for Measure T, a $167 million local bond measure that continues to fund major college projects. Dr. Lewallen also was recognized as an outgoing member of the board of directors.

**Thanksgiving food drive wraps busy month for vets**

November has been a busy month for the Hartnell Veterans Program. Students and staff had the opportunity to engage with the campus and greater communities, especially during the week of Nov. 11, which included a fundraising movie night at Maya Cinema in Salinas on Nov. 12, a job fair on Nov. 14 and a “paint night” on Nov. 15 at Northridge Mall (pictured).

Through generous donations, the veterans program continues to be able to host its annual Thanksgiving food drive to student veterans and other veterans in need.

Distribution of 60 uncooked holiday meal boxes will begin at 3 p.m. on Nov. 26 and continue from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 27.
If you are a student veteran in need or know a veteran in need, please refer them to Counselor/Instructor Gemma Uribe-Cruz at guribe@hartnell.edu or (831) 755-6909.

North Monterey County H.S. reaps benefits from nursing tours

Dual-enrollment students at North Monterey County High School have made three visits to the nursing simulation lab on Hartnell’s Main Campus over the past two months, most recently on Nov. 14, through a partnership between our Office of College Readiness and the Department of Nursing and Allied Health.

Jonathan Sandoval, a CTE teacher in the school’s Health Career Pathway, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity his students received. They also were able to obtain their Hartnell student IDs and see the site of the future Center for Nursing and Allied Health.

Praising the vocational nursing students who led the simulation lab experience, Sandoval said, “It was great to see our high school students engaged and interacting as they performed CPR during the simulation (pictured). Not only did our students have the opportunity to participate in the sim lab, they had a chance to debrief and speak with the VN students regarding the scenario and their experiences as students at Hartnell College.”

Theater students present ‘Haunted’ in old planetarium Nov. 22-23

About 15 students in Hartnell’s Theatre Arts and Cinema program have been working since September to present an original play by lead faculty Dr. Marnie Glazier, titled “Haunted: A play about human connection at the dawn of the new millennium.” (Pictured: student actors Lauren Rist and Johnny Reyes.)

After opening on Nov. 21, the show continues at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 22-23. Admission is free, but please email Dr. Glazier to reserve your seat because seating is extremely limited in the old planetarium, Building N, room 7. Attendees can also reserve seats on Eventbrite.

Directed by student Athena Ramirez, the play will be entered into competition as part of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Theatre faculty member Chuck Erven from
Fresno City College will view the production as part of the competitive review process. Students will participate in a KCAC TF conference in February.

**Music program’s fall concerts to continue through Dec. 12**
The vocal and instrumental programs launched their traditional fall concert series with a piano recital on Nov. 21, featuring the students of instructor Galina Vinokurov, and an informal vocal performance in the Student Center on Nov. 20. (Pictured: Hartnell Chamber Singers, led by instructor Sandra Rudo.)

The music continues after the Thanksgiving break with: a Vocal Extravaganza on Dec. 2, a Winter Choral Concert on Dec. 4, a Hawaiian Music Concert on Dec. 8, a Jazz and Concert Band Winter Concert on Dec. 10, a Winter Instrumental Recital on Dec. 11 and a Musical Journey Around the World on Dec. 12, featuring holiday music from Verdi, Rachmaninoff, Bizet and the Beatles.

See “Upcoming Events” below for details on times and locations. No tickets are required, though donations may be requested. For more information, contact instrumental music instructor Steve Ettinger at settinger@hartnell.edu or (831) 755-6906.

**As soccer teams prep for playoffs, women earn conference honors**
Both the men’s and women’s soccer teams have qualified for playoff action on Nov. 23.

The men’s squad, in second place in the Coast-South Conference with a conference record of 8-3-1, will play Butte at 2 p.m. in Chico. The Panther women, in second place in the Coast-South Conference with a conference record of 6-2-3, will play San Francisco at 2 p.m. on the CCSF campus.

As reported by the Monterey Herald, freshman forward Carly Lowi has been named Coast Conference Player of the Year for the women’s team. The graduate of San Benito High School produced a team-high 18 goals and 14 assists. Fellow forward Mayvene Molina was named received Freshman of the Year honors for the conference, and teammates Lexi Retamoza, Julissa Quintana and Jade Ware were named to the conference first team.

Second-team selections went to Fabiola Pacheco, Alex Mendoza and Jada Taylor. Karina Briseno, Stephanie Castillo and Cyenna Maldonado were honorable-mention selections.
(Pictured: Sophomores on the women’s team are recognized before their 9-1 victory over DeAnza on Nov. 8, with Head Coach Ivan Guerrero, center.)

**In the News**

**Hartnell breaks ground on new Soledad center:** [https://soledadbee.com/hartnell-college-breaks-ground-at-new-soledad-center/](https://soledadbee.com/hartnell-college-breaks-ground-at-new-soledad-center/)


**Hartnell reunion at DII cross country regional:** [https://www.montereyherald.com/2019/11/16/hartnell-reunion-at-dii-cross-country-regionals/](https://www.montereyherald.com/2019/11/16/hartnell-reunion-at-dii-cross-country-regionals/)


**Upcoming Events**

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

**STEM Internship Programs - Enroll Now!**
[https://www.hartnell.edu/academics-affairs/academics/stem/intern/](https://www.hartnell.edu/academics-affairs/academics/stem/intern/)

**“Haunted: A play about human connection at the dawn of the new millennium”**
7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 22-23
Building N, room 7 (old planetarium)
Limited seating. Visit [Eventbrite](https://www.hartnell.edu/academics-affairs/academics/stem/intern/) or contact Dr. Marnie Glazier: [mglazier@hartnell.edu](mailto:mglazier@hartnell.edu)

**Umoja Community Presents: Porch Talk: Scholarships**
12-1 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 22
Building C, room 101

**90’s in the Fall**
7-11 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 22
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)
Ticket link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/90s-in-the-fall-tickets-80389448003?aff=ebdssbeac

Informational Session, Associate Degree,
Respiratory Care Practitioner
4 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 25
Building N, room 4
Information: (831) 770-6152

Transfer Tuesday
9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 26
Building C, room 132

UC Application & Personal Statement Advising
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 27
Building C, room 132

A Vocal Extravaganza
7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 2
Building K, room 125

King City Expansion Groundbreaking Ceremony
11 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 3
King City Education Center

A Winter Choral Concert
10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 4
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Informational Session, Certificate,
Vocational Nursing
2:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 6
Building B, room 204B
Information: (831) 770-6152

Informational Session,
Associate Degree, Registered Nursing
3:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 6  
Building B, room 204B  
Information: (831) 770-6152

**A Hawaiian Music Concert**  
7 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 8  
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**Jazz and Concert Band Winter Concert**  
7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 10  
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**A Winter Instrumental Recital**  
11:45 a.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 11  
Building K, room 125

**A Musical Journey Around the World**  
7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 12  
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**Center for Nursing and Health Sciences - Groundbreaking Ceremony**  
11 a.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 12  
Main Campus – Parking Lot 3