Spring semester opens with Student Success Conference

I was very pleased to greet and meet our college’s outstanding staff and faculty at Hartnell’s 19th Annual Student Success Conference on Jan. 16-17. In my welcome remarks, I took the opportunity to share the story of how I first began wearing tennis shoes around my former campus in San Diego. They were a gift from my late mother in Taiwan. I continue to proudly wear tennis shoes while traveling our campuses (pictured).

Under the leadership of Nursing instructor Dr. Janeen Whitmore, the Professional Development Committee planned a superb program that included progress reports on our Guided Pathways/College Redesign effort, an impressive array of breakout sessions and a keynote address by Dr. Laura Rendón, a nationally recognized education theorist who specializes in the success of low-income, first-generation students. (Pictured: Jan. 17 Plenary Session panel on STEM/Ag/Healthcare Internships and Jobs in the Salinas Valley, moderated by Dr. Jason Hough.)

I want to also thank Dina Hayashi, executive assistant in the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, for all of her hard work in planning and coordination, with important support also provided by Dining Services, Maintenance and Facilities, Information Technology Resources and many other individuals. Please join me in thanking all of them for their time, energy and excellent teamwork.

I wish all of you a very successful Spring 2020 semester and thank you for your commitment to students and their success. In the meantime, let's work together to move this wonderful institution to its next level while we celebrate our Centennial throughout the coming year.
Measure T projects move forward in Salinas, Soledad and King City

Parking Lot 3 on Hartnell’s Main Campus is now the building pad of the Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System Center for Nursing and Health Sciences, as work continues on that and other projects funded with voter-approved Measure T bonds.

The piles that support the structure’s foundation will be augured deeply into the ground. That means students and employees will not experience the noise and vibration that occurred in early January as piles for the new elevator tower outside Building D were pounded below the surface.

The distinctive curved and tiered design of the Main Campus quad area (pictured) will continue to emerge throughout this month, as concrete walls and seating benches are formed and poured. Modernization of classrooms on the second and third floors of Building D is moving ahead as well, with many of the fixtures and wall finishes ready for installation.

For the expansion of the King City Education Center and construction of a new center in Soledad, foundations will be formed and poured in coming weeks. Watch this weekly report and all-campus email for regular updates.

Weekly construction updates will go out to the campus community to keep all informed.

As communicated earlier, the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Annual Report for 2018-19 for Measure T – as approved by the CBOC and presented to the college Board of Trustees – is available for review on the Hartnell website.

Thanks to all for your patience and understanding during this exciting transformation of our college facilities.

Join us Jan. 27 at ‘Hello, Goodbye Reception’ for arriving, departing administrators

The entire Hartnell campus community is invited to a “Hello, Goodbye Reception” at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 27 in room E-112 on the Main Campus.

We will welcome Daniel Scott, who started Jan. 21 as our new director of public safety/emergency management, and Linda Wilczewski, who will start that day as vice president of administrative services.

We also will bid goodbye and offer sincere thanks to Rick Bennett, who has
ably served our college as interim vice president of administrative services since Oct. 28.

Joy Cowden to serve as interim dean during transition to Dr. Matsunaga
Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Cathryn Wilkinson announced on Jan. 15 that Joy Cowden has accepted the role of interim dean of academic affairs for languages, library and learning resources in the transition period until Dr. Sachiko Matsunaga begins her permanent appointment Feb. 18.

Dean Cowden will also continue to support the MESA and STEM internships with assistance from her staff.

Said Dr. Wilkinson in her announcement email to the campus community, “I appreciate the patience and flexibility you have shown while this position was vacant after the retirement of Dean Kathy Mendelssohn.”

Hartnell shines as ‘Spotlight’ institution on national community college website
Since Jan. 13, Hartnell College has been included on the “Spotlight” page of the American Association of Community Colleges website.

The feature highlights the college’s enrollment, demographics, leadership and such strengths as Hartnell’s “Students First” philosophy and leading STEM internship program.

Time remains for tributes with Walk of Honor paving stones
Individuals who wish to honor former Hartnell College students, employees and board members with an engraved paving stone in our Walk of Honor have until Jan. 31 to order a stone for placement before a ceremony to be held this spring.

As a place for remembrance and reflection, the Walk of Honor on the south side of the Library/Learning Resource Center (Building A) recognizes individuals who have passed through Hartnell, making a significant contributions in the evolution of the college and in the lives of others, and also those who have left us too soon.

For $70, which covers costs and is not a fundraiser, individuals can purchase eight-by-eight-inch paving stones to honor former employees, students and Governing Board members. Email
Senior Executive Assistant Lucy Serrano at lserrano@hartnell.edu to request an order form. The stones can include six lines of text with 23 characters per line.

Nursing and Allied Health hosts eight colleges for faculty boot camp

New nursing and allied health instructors from Hartnell were joined by colleagues from eight other California Community Colleges (and one service dog) for a two-day New Faculty Bootcamp on Jan. 14-15.

Sponsored by the Chancellor’s Office, the program involved novice instructors in experiential learning activities as they learned more about higher education processes and regulations, student development theory, student learning outcome assessment, curriculum development and teaching strategies.

Participating Hartnell nursing instructors included Denise Diamond, Angela Clark (pictured second from left), Candace Pincus, Max Sebolino, Deborah Thorpe and Toni Gifford (seventh from left).

Harlem Globetrotters to perform in Hartnell Gymnasium on Feb. 12

The world-famous Harlem Globetrotters will bring their “Pushing the Limits” 2020 World Tour to the Main Campus of Hartnell College on Feb. 12.

Tickets are available for purchase online now for the 7 p.m. show in the Hartnell Gymnasium (Building H), with doors opening at 6 p.m.

In their 94th year, the Globetrotters promise their fans bigger moments and memories than ever, including attempting a new world record live at each game and introduction of “The Fifth Quarter,” a free interactive post-game autograph session where fans will have the opportunity to meet the Globetrotters stars up close and personal.

As part of the tour, the Globetrotters will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the four-point shot, a shot 30 feet from the basket, which they introduced to the sport in 2010.
The team will also bring back its “Magic Pass” pregame event, which enables fans to come onto the court, meet their favorite Globetrotters for pictures and autographs and even learn how to spin a ball on their finger just like the stars.

**Eligible students soon will be able to receive CalFresh food benefits**

The Student Support Services/TRIO program has initiated monthly visits by Catholic Charities to help eligible Hartnell students participate in the Monterey County CalFresh food assistance program. CalFresh issues monthly electronic benefits (EBT) for purchases at many markets and food stores, including farmers markets. Hartnell staff received training on CalFresh eligibility screening on Jan. 15.

On Feb. 19 and 26, Catholic Charities will make its first campus visit to screen application materials and prepare students for interviews with the Monterey County Department of Social Services.

Other campus support programs will be able to participate once the CalFresh screening process and application process are fully vetted. For more information, contact SSS/TRIO Director Manuel Bersamin at (831) 755-6013 or EOPS Program Coordinator Antonia Jaime at (831) 755-6860.

Pictured following the training are Guillermina Hernandez (CalFresh and nutrition education coordinator), Ambar Coria (family resource specialist) of Catholic Charities with Hartnell staff Antonia Jaime, Marlene Garcia (coordinator, Pop-Up Pantry, Office of Student Life), Marlene Tapia (EOPS specialist), Sarah Canter (EOPS/CARE/CalWorks technician), Manuel Bersamin, Claudia Garcia (SSS/TRIO administrative assistant) and Jazmin Rios (SSS/TRIO counselor).

**ESL students co-present with Middlebury Institute students**

On Dec. 6, a group of Hartnell students from instructor Kathleen Slatterly’s non-credit ESL (English as a Second Language) traveled to Monterey to co-present their final projects with students from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies (MIIS).
Throughout the fall semester, MIIS students made weekly visits to meet with Hartnell students, allowing native speakers of English and Spanish the opportunity to help one another develop language proficiency and interpersonal and intercultural competence. They also learned about each other’s lives and built cross-cultural bridges.

The project was a collaborative effort between Slatterly and, Professor Dr. Gabriel Guillen.

They are planning to collaborate again this semester. Students from both schools appreciated the experience. Said Elvira, a Hartnell student, “Now, I know the difference between our two cultures. I can share my own stories, and it’s making me happy. I can learn English to communicate with others.” Added Rachel, an MIIS student from Columbus, Ohio, “My language partner, Victor, and I probably would not have crossed paths otherwise, but seeing him has become one of my favorite parts of the week. I hope more students from MIIS and Hartnell get the opportunity to participate in this class in the future!”

**TPP to welcome and celebrate next cohort of future teachers**

On Jan. 31 The Teacher Pathway Program, a partnership between Hartnell and Cal State Monterey Bay, will induct its newest cohort of TPP students and introduce program team members at a 6 p.m. celebration on Jan. 31 in Steinbeck Hall (Building C).

Light refreshments will be served. To assist with planning, organizers invite individuals who plan to attend to RSVP via an [Eventbrite](#) page.

**Women’s and women’s basketball seek gains in final season stretch**

A shorthanded Hartnell women’s basketball team will work to add wins over the final two weeks of the season, playing five home games through Feb. 14. With a 1-18 overall record as of Jan. 23, the Panthers will host Ohlone at 5 p.m. on Jan. 24, and they will wrap up their home season against Monterey Peninsula at 5 p.m. on Feb. 14. (Pictured: Home game with Modesto on Nov. 12.)

The men’s basketball team is also battling back, with a 4-16 record as of Jan. 23. They will next host De Anza at 7 p.m.
on Jan. 29 and end their home season against Monterey Peninsula at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14.

Hartnell Baseball will open its season with a visit by San Francisco City at 2 p.m. on Jan. 24. Their next home game will be at 12 p.m. on Feb. 1 against Diablo Valley. Panthers Softball will open its home season with a doubleheader against Chabot at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Feb. 8.

Velazquez announces birth of granddaughter

Lolinda Velazquez, library technician III, announces the birth of her granddaughter, Amaia Martinez-Velazquez, born Dec. 9 at 20 inches and weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces.

In the News

Hartnell President Focuses on Growing Local Talent (pp. 14-15):

Milestone for Seydel:
https://www.montereyherald.com/2020/01/12/milestone-for-seydel/

College Athlete of the Week:
https://www.montereyherald.com/2019/12/24/college-athlete-of-the-week-14/

How Immigrant Workers are Preparing for Automation in Agriculture:
https://www.kazu.org/post/how-immigrant-workers-are-preparing-automation-agriculture

Art Apart: A look back at some of the more remarkable arts and culture events from the 2010s:
https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/eedition/page/page_d09f04a2-cc3f-
**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/)

**Women’s Basketball vs. Ohlone**
5 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24
Hartnell Gymnasium

**Reception for Daniel Scott, Linda Wilczewski and Rick Bennett**
9:30 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 27
Building E, room 112

**Informational Session, Associate Degree Respiratory Care Practitioner**
4:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 27
Building N, room N4

**Women’s Basketball vs. De Anza**
5 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29
Hartnell Gymnasium

**Men’s Basketball vs. De Anza**
7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29
Hartnell Gymnasium

**TPP Celebration**
6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 31
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**Women’s Basketball vs. Cabrillo**
5 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 31
Hartnell Gymnasium

**Men’s Basketball vs. Cabrillo**
7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 31
Hartnell Gymnasium

**Walk of Honor Order Deadline**
Jan. 31

**Informational Session, Certificate Vocational Nursing**
2:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7
Building B, room 204B

**Informational Session, Associate Degree Registered Nursing**
3:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7
Building B, room 204B

**2020 Hartnell Distinguished Alumni Award Nomination Deadline**
Monday, Feb. 10
Email Lucy Serrano

**Harlem Globetrotters**
7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 12
Hartnell Gymnasium

**National CTE Letter of Intent Signing Day**
Thursday, Feb. 20