Mariluz Tejada Leon receives prestigious Jack Kent Cooke scholarship

We were thrilled on April 17 to inform freshman Mariluz Tejeda Leon that she is one of only 61 students selected from a nationwide pool of 2,500 applicants for the 2019 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.

Several staff and administrators joined me for the surprise presentation to Leon, a 2018 graduate of Salinas High School who is still deciding where she will transfer in the fall. We also plan to recognize her at the May 7 meeting of the Hartnell Governing Board.

Cooke Scholars are selected based on academic achievement, desire to help others and leadership. They receive up to $40,000 per year to help cover the cost of educational expenses such as tuition, living expenses, books and required fees as they complete their bachelor’s degree. Additionally, Cooke Scholars are eligible to apply for graduate school funding of up to $75,000.

While still in high school, Leon was active as a student volunteer with the Center for Community Advocacy, and she is now completing an internship with the MILPA Collective in Salinas, working in support of next-generation infrastructure and community leadership.

She began attending Hartnell in Fall 2018 after not being accepted by UC-Berkeley. For 2019, she has been accepted by Williams College and the UCs at Berkeley, Davis and Irvine, and is waiting to hear from several other universities, including Harvard and Stanford. Her mother, Veronica Leon, is also at Hartnell, studying early childhood education after starting as an ESL student.
Leon expressed her appreciation and gratitude for her experiences and learning at our college, in particular Mercedes Del Real, coordinator of the Career & Transfer Center, and Manuel Bersamin, director of the TRiO Program.

Bersamin said the feeling is mutual: “No one deserves the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship more than Mariluz. In addition to being a great student, she has been a very effective student ambassador for Hartnell College as she has worked on the Center for Community Advocacy Promotores student curriculum, Building Healthy Communities, Ciclovia Bicycle Day, and many other leadership programs assisting undocumented students and their families. Mariluz has always used her considerable talents in service to her east Salinas community, and she will continue to do so.”

**Summer and fall registration begin — as do new math, English placement**

Student registration for both the summer and fall 2019 semesters opens April 25 for continuing and new matriculated students and May 6 for all students. Faculty and staff are assisting students with new placement procedures that allow them to start out in transfer-level mathematics and English courses, rather than remedial courses.

A combined summer-fall class schedule booklet, with separate sections for each semester, is now available from Admissions. Regular registration will conclude on June 16 for summer and on Aug. 11 for fall. Summer classes will begin June 12, and fall classes will begin Aug. 17.

As students begin to register for the two terms, they also are learning about the math and English placement changes being implemented here and at other California Community Colleges in line with Assembly Bill 705, a state law approved in 2017.

Hartnell wants both first-time and returning students to progress as smoothly as possible toward their academic goals, whether that is transferring to a four-year university or moving directly from Hartnell into their chosen career. Under AB705, the college will now provide an opportunity for all students to start out in math and English
courses that fulfill credits required for a four-year degree. Previously, many students were required to first take remedial courses based on their placement test scores.

These changes are supported by a new online tool for placement of students into specific math and English courses based on their past experience and by expanded academic support in and out of the classroom. Hartnell will continue to offer the option of pre-transfer English and math courses for students who do not intend to seek a four-year degree or do not feel ready for the challenges of transfer-level courses.

Purdue University honors Dr. Lewallen with Distinctive Service Award

On April 16, I was honored to receive an unexpected and humbling Distinctive Service Award from the College of Health and Human Sciences at Purdue University, where I earned an MS in kinesiology and an MSeD in counseling.

The award is presented annually to two Purdue faculty, staff or alumni of the Department of Health & Kinesiology for their influential contributions in associated fields. I am pictured here with Dr. Howard Zelaznik (left), professor of health and kinesiology, and Dr. Tim Gavin, professor and department chair.

My wife, Michele, whom I met at Purdue and is also an alum, traveled with me to the campus in West Lafayette, Ind. We visited the Amelia Earhart residence hall, where she lived as a freshman, Pepe’s Restaurant, where we had our first date in June 1981, and the apartment building where we lived as newlyweds. We also visited Professor Don Corrigan, now 85, who taught both of us.
Intercollegiate swimming and diving will return to Hartnell in 2019-20

Hartnell’s 50-meter, eight-lane swimming pool – popular with students, community members and high school and club teams – will again be home to a Panthers swim and dive team.

The college is seeking a full-time instructor and coach to organize men’s and women’s teams within the California Community College Athletic Association. The priority application deadline is May 28.

The next step will be to attract the student-athletes who will form Hartnell’s first aquatic teams since an earlier swimming and diving program ended in 2003 despite a lengthy tradition of success.

The teams are expected to have about 40 total members. That equates to $221,880 a year in per-student revenue, balanced against projected additional costs for the program of just $34,500, said Dan Teresa, director of athletics.

Recruitment prospects should be strong because Hartnell’s district boundaries encompass seven high schools with competitive swim teams that involve nearly 400 athletes every year.

Hartnell HSI delegation attends AHSIE conference in Riverside

A group of Hartnell staff attended the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE) Annual Conference in Riverside on April 14-17. The conference brought together 600 HSI practitioners from across the country to share best practices and professional learning relative to the success of Latino students in higher education.

Attending from Hartnell were Mary Dominguez, Gabriela Lopez, Laurencia Walker, Brooke Foley and Moises Almendariz. Comedian Cheech Marin was a special guest who participated in an on-stage discussion with writer and comedian Rick Najera.
(pictured, center, with Almendariz and Dominguez). They discussed the importance of education for Latino communities and the role of art in promoting pride and cultural heritage.

As a board member for the AHSIE organization, Almendariz also participated in the organization’s two-day strategic planning retreat prior to the conference.

**Collaboration in theatre and nursing shared in UK-based journal article**

Dr. Marnie Glazier, lead faculty for theater and cinematic arts, and Nancy Schur Beymer, instructor of vocational nursing, have published an article titled “A Place at the Table: Applied Theatre and Nursing Tools for Broadening Community College Student Understanding and Inspiring Engaged Citizenship” in the United Kingdom-based journal Drama Research: international journal of drama in education.

Glazier and Schur Beymer presented their work engaging nursing students and theatre students through collaborative learning, ranging from patient simulations (pictured) and mental health scenarios to forum theatre events.

According to an abstract in the journal’s current edition, “The article contends that community colleges … are especially called upon to create programs and collaborative opportunities like these that allow students – who might otherwise fall through the academic and socioeconomic cracks – a place at the table.”
Start of Starbucks construction highlights construction updates

Construction started April 15 on a 1,500-square-foot Starbucks store in the Student Center that is scheduled to begin selling a full range of Starbucks-licensed beverages and food items by late August (pictured in architect’s rendering).

Under discussion since 2015, the project got the go-ahead March 5 when the Hartnell Community College District Governing Board voted unanimously to hire Salinas-based Tombelson Inc. as general contractor.

Hartnell plans to hire an outside manager to run the Starbucks in strict accordance with corporate standards, employing Hartnell students where possible and coordinating with a new food service manager for the college, who will be hired this spring. Revenue will be shared between the college and the outside manager, with terms to be determined.

The store will have indoor seating, exterior seating next to the building’s north entrance and an outdoor order counter. It will have a lighted Starbucks sign on the north exterior wall.

When the store debuts in late summer, the Starbucks at Hartnell will be only the second to open at a community college, following a store operating at Orange Coast Community College in Costa Mesa. Shasta College in Redding is also pursuing an on-campus Starbucks.
**Solar work continues atop parking structure**

Work to install a new solar array on the third level of the Hartnell parking structure will continue through to projected completion on Aug. 9.

Parking will be limited on that level Monday through Thursday through May 25, and beginning April 26, the entire level will be closed on Fridays. Beginning May 25, which is the start of summer break, the entire third level will remain closed through the completion date, which is the start of the Fall 2019 semester.

Installation of these solar panel arrays and their integration with the existing system will meet 65 percent of our total Main Campus electricity needs.

**Measure T plans awaiting state OK**

Several projects funded by the Measure T bond measure are moving ahead toward groundbreaking in coming months.

Plans for a new Nursing and Health Building and Building D/Quad renovation on the Main Campus as well as expansion of the King City Education Center and construction of a new Soledad Outreach Center are under review by the Department of State Architects. A new North County Outreach Center in Castroville is also progressing, with finalization of design/build documents nearly complete.

Please direct any questions or concerns about any current or pending projects to the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction Management at (831) 770-6104 or -6195.

**Hartnell will host April 27 event on language and social justice**

Hartnell will be the site of an April 27 event on service learning, restorative justice, inmate education and language education, presented by the Steinbeck Chapter of CATESOL, a nonprofit organization for people interested in the teaching of English as a second or foreign language.

The half-day conference, titled “Education and Creation of Just Societies,” will be held in room B-208 and feature speakers and panel sessions on such topics as “Language & Social Justice” and “The Impact of Education and Restorative Justice in Correctional Facilities.”
Advance registration for non CATESOL members is $35 and $20 for students. Contact Kristen Arps, a chapter board member, for more information at karps@hartnell.edu.

**Ceramics program to raise funds with sale on April 30 and May 1**

Hartnell’s ceramics program invites you to admire and purchase hand-crafted works made by faculty and students in the college ceramics lab at a spring sale on April 30 and May 1.

Proceeds go to the Hartnell College Foundation in support of the ceramics program. Shoppers may pay by check or credit card, and they are encouraged to use their own reusable bags or boxes because of a limited supply.

The sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days in Building C, room 140. For questions, contact Maria Marin at (831) 755-6793 or mmarin@hartnell.edu.

**Students and employees receive Mental Health First Aid training**

Additional Hartnell employees completed Mental Health First Aid training on March 1, 14 and 15, and 39 students came out during Spring Break to complete the same certification on March 26. Training facilitators were Alicia Edelen, Augustine Nevarez, Gemma Uribe-Cruz and Valerie Maturino.

Mental Health First Aid is an eight-hour course that gives people the skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Additional sessions may be offered on campus this spring.

**Thirty parents and youngsters get insider tour of Panther Athletics**

Hartnell Athletics nearly doubled membership in its Panther Kids Club booster group through an April 13 event called Panther Kids Club Field Day.

About 30 parents and children attended the first-time event, which included presentations on Hartnell’s intercollegiate athletics program from Athletic Director Dan Teresa, Head Volleyball Coach
Participants also enjoyed a tour of athletic facilities, a tortas lunch hosted by the Hartnell College Foundation and the Panthers baseball game against Cabrillo.

**Baseball season down to last games, Track and Field look ahead to state**

*Hartnell Baseball* heads into three final games against Skyline following three straight games with Monterey Peninsula, two of which were extra-inning losses. The team first defeated MPC at home on April 16, 7-1, before falling 9-10 in a 13-inning game at MPC on April 18 and a 10-inning home contest on April 20. Also at the April 20 game, a barbecue (pictured) and raffle in support of a scholarship for Hartnell students with autism raised $550.

Superintendent/President Dr. Willard Lewallen will throw out the honorary pitch when the Panthers face Skyline at 2:30 p.m. on April 26. As of April 22, the Panthers’ overall season record was 16-19 – and 7-8 in conference.

*Hartnell Softball* had a 7-5 win over Gavilan at home on April 11, followed by losses of 0-8 against MPC on April 16 and 0-3 at West Valley on April 18. With one game left, at San Jose on April 23, the Panthers’ season record stood at 6-25 – and 3-10 in conference.

Hartnell men’s and women’s Track and Field teams are preparing for the run to state. Coast Conference Championships will be held on April 27, followed by Northern California Trials and the 10K Championship on May 4, the Northern California Championship on May 10 and the CCCAA State Track & Field Championship on May 17.

**In the News**


Hartnell College to reinstate men's and women's swimming, diving: [https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2019/04/19/swimming-and-diving-returns-hartnell-college-after-16-years/3523037002/](https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2019/04/19/swimming-and-diving-returns-hartnell-college-after-16-years/3523037002/)

More than 600 attend annual Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit: [https://www.register-pajaronian.com/article/more-than-600-attend-annual-salinas-valley-ag-tech-summit](https://www.register-pajaronian.com/article/more-than-600-attend-annual-salinas-valley-ag-tech-summit)
Football history: A look at Salinas Valley alums drafted into the NFL from 1939 to 2014: https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2019/04/23/history-nfl-football-draft-salinas-valley-alums-were-drafted-nfl/3540490002/

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).

Student government elections
April 24-26 (online)

EOPS/CARE/CalWORKS Pre-Priority Registration for Fall 2019
Wednesday, April 24
2-3 p.m.
Building B, room 110

Spring Career Fair
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24
Student Center

Summer and Fall 2019 Registration
Continuing Students and New Matriculating Students
April 25-June 16 summer; April 25-Aug. 11 fall

Spring 2019 President’s Forum
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thursday, April 25
Steinbeck Hall

Pop-Up Pantry
(Food vouchers in Office of Student Life (C-140))
12-2 p.m.
Friday, April 26
Office of Student Life

Baseball vs. Skyline, first pitch by Dr. Willard Lewallen
2:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26
Tony Teresa Diamond

“Quilters”
7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**Community Health Worker Graduation**
11 a.m.
Saturday, April 27
Soledad Adult School
690 Main St., Soledad

**CATESOL event: “Education and the Creation of Just Societies: Service Learning, Restorative Justice, Inmate Education and Language Education”:**
8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
Building B, room 208

“**Quilters**”
2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

“**Quilters**”
2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 28
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**Guided Pathways Assembly Meeting**
1-2:30 p.m.
Monday, April 29
Building A, room 116

**Spring Ceramics Sale**
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 30
Student Center (Building C)

**Spring Ceramics Sale**
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
April 30-May 1
Building C, room 140

**Spring Ceramics Sale**
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 1
Student Center (Building C)

**Panther Prep Day – South County**
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday, May 3
King City Education Center
Panther Prep Day – Main Campus
8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 4
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Hartnell College Student Film Festival
hartnellfilmfest@gmail.com
6 p.m.
Friday, May 10

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

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