The Hartnell Community College District welcomed University of California President Janet Napolitano today Thursday, April 21, 2016 at its main campus. This marked the college’s first visit by a UC President. The historic visit from UC President Napolitano was a proud moment for Hartnell College. Our students were shining stars during their meeting with her and President Napolitano was impressed with their passion, commitment, and dedication in pursuing transfer to a UC campus.

In the President’s first visit to a Central Coast community college, she met with over 30 students who are MESA program participants or have received letters of acceptance from a UC campus. Included in this roundtable was Dr. George R. Blumenthal, Chancellor at UC Santa Cruz who provided insight into the services and student support at his campus and UC-wide resources available. The students asked questions about admissions, the best choices for them, financial aid, diversity on campus, support for transfer students and more.

A roundtable discussion with regional college and high school superintendents, presidents and UC Santa Cruz Chancellor Blumenthal followed in which President Napolitano began by saying “The Hartnell students are one of the most special I have met while visiting colleges, and I have been to a lot of campuses.” Other guests around the table included Board of Trustees President, Erica Padilla-
2. PROGRAMS ON DISPLAY AT THE AG INSTITUTE OPEN HOUSE

The 2016 Ag Institute Open House took place on Saturday, 23 April. Over 200 members of the community, advisory committees, and industry along with students, staff, and faculty engaged in demonstrations, discussions, and dialogues around career technical education at Hartnell’s Alisal Campus. Participating academic areas included: diesel, automotive, agricultural science, plant science, entomology and pest management, food safety, construction and architecture, and Ag industrial technology. Members of the Ag Ambassadors Club welcomed visitors to the 2016 Ag Institute Open House. Student Affairs counselors, college pathways coordinators, admissions/records and representatives from DSPS were on hand to answer questions, highlight the Seven Steps to Success, and address financial aid challenges. A bank of microscopes allowed for viewing of common insects and plant diseases. Automotive and Diesel instructors and faculty and staff set up a demonstration stations. Participants were able to try out some of the tools common to construction and architecture. Industry Advisory Members showcased some of their tools and equipment and students worked
together demonstrating assembly and disassembly. Attendees were rewarded with an unofficial performance by aerobatic pilot Sean D. Tucker over the neighboring Salinas Airport as they enjoyed a BBQ in front of the Technical Training Building.

3. OUR CAREER FAIR IS BEST IN REGION!

The annual Spring Career fair was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 and provided over 300 students and community members with the opportunity to network with 45 employers present. The diverse group of employers recruiting for jobs and internships ranged from Police Department, FBI, Urban Design and Civil Engineering industries, to Kate Spade New York, TV stations, and Boys and Girls Club of Monterey County. The career fair was held at the Student Center and was well attended throughout. This event was coordinated by the Transfer and Career Center staff: Elizabeth Gonzalez (Program Assistant) and Mercedes Quintero (Counselor/Transfer & Career Center Coordinator), and was facilitated with the help of Student Success volunteers and student workers. One of the employers said that this was the most organized and best attended career fair and he looks forward to participating each year.

4. GOVERNING BOARD RECEIVED CS-IN-3 UPDATE AND VISIT

At its Development Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, the Board of Trustees received a presentation and an update from Professor Sonia Arteaga, Ph.D. and students on the CSin3 Program. The numbers are incredibly amazing! We are done recruiting for Cohort 4 with 78 applications and 36 spots filled. Cohort 1 started three years ago with 32 students and 22 are graduating in May (the rest will complete in 3.5 or 4 years); eight of these students have job offers and this is before graduation in May. Across all cohorts the program has over 40% female students and over 80% Hispanic students, unheard of in the computer science field. The hard work and dedication needed to complete the program in three years is paying off for Cohort 1 and those that follow look to the success of the program and are motivated to reach the finish line. Congratulations to the students and Hartnell and CSUMB faculty and staff!
5. HARTNELL NURSING STUDENTS VISIT PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Each year I am honored that students from the Associate Degree Nursing Program and the Licensed Vocational Nursing Program stop by the office to invite me to the nursing graduation ceremony. I always enjoy the opportunity to meet with these wonderful students who represent the programs so well and who make us proud.

In photo L to R - Marisol Lazcano, Nina Rodriguez, Perla Gaxiola, Stefannie Sanchez-Flores, Marielle Velasco, and Angelica Gomez

6. WORKSHOP IN PUBLIC HEALTH CAREERS INSPIRES STUDENTS

It was a busy week around campus! On Thursday, we offered a free career workshop on public health and careers that can really make a difference in our communities. Our guest speakers were Jeff Oxendine (UC Berkeley School of Public Health) and Lauren Padilla-Valverde (Program Manager, The California Endowment). Included in the list of guests were Berkeley students who graduated from Hartnell College. This was a great opportunity for attendees to get a better idea of the needs and opportunities in public health and the steps needed to succeed in this area.

7. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CONFERENCE AT HARTNELL

On April 23, 2016, 250 participants attended the 32nd Monterey County Early Childhood Education conference at Hartnell College. The keynote speaker and workshop presenters from Colorado, New Mexico, Sacramento, San Jose, and Santa Monica focused on how thoughtful, mindful, planned PLAY is the foundation for later school success and academic achievement. The ECE attendees chose workshops on S.T.E.M. for Preschoolers, Using Manipulatives for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM), Documentation—Making
Learning Visible, and STEM – E for Engineering in the Preschool Classroom. At the end of the day, the attendees left inspired and excited to try new ideas in the classroom. This conference was sponsored by First 5: Monterey County, Community Action Partnerships (CAPSLO), MCOE-Head Start, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation Resource and Referral, and Hartnell Early Child Education/ Child Development Center.

8. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION WORKSHOP

On Friday, April 15, 2016, Counselors Sergio Diaz and Mercedes Quintero held a workshop for current and prospective students to learn more about an education in child development and education. Counselor, Jacob Long, advisor for Liberal Studies Department at CSUMB and Dr. Deanne Perez-Granados, Professor of Human Development at CSUMB discussed topics such as: How to set up your own home day care center, Early Childhood Education permits and credentials, Early Childhood Education vs. Elementary Teacher Education and other degrees and credentials related to careers in education.

9. VP CRUZ IS SHOWERED WITH GIFTS FOR HER KYLIE

On Tuesday, April 19, 2016 a baby shower was enjoyed by Hartnell staff to celebrate the mother to be Jackie Cruz, VP of Advancement and Development. She is expecting baby Kylie in early summer. The lunch-hour celebration was at the Salinas’ Brickhouse which was decorated with all things ‘pink.’ Jackie was radiant and overwhelmed with emotion. “I am so blessed to have great people like you all as co-workers and friends,” she said. “Kylie already feels all the love!” Both mom and baby received lots of gifts including the tiniest bathing suit for Kylie to use this summer.

10. HARTNELL STUDENTS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Earth Day 2016 Celebration took place on Friday, April 22. The event was sponsored by the Office of Student Life and the Art and Theater Art departments; it provided participants with relevant information on the importance of Earth Day. The event included Earth Day Documentaries and Hartnell Students Video Project, an Art installation by ART-3 Drawing and Composition. Video clips created by
Hartnell Theatre Cinema students on Drought, Sustenance, and Sustainability in the Salinas Valley were also shown.

11. SOFTBALL SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE!

Hartnell Softball played their last game Tuesday, April 19. They lost the home game against Cabrillo by only one run. Going into the game their season record was 15-19; conference was 6-7. The previous week they had two good wins against Gavilan and Monterey! They hoped to keep momentum up in a third game against West Valley at home. Kaitlyn Doyle pitched a great game and had the teams tied 2-2 at the third inning, but West Valley came back to score runs in the 5th, 6th, and bottom of the 7th to beat Hartnell 4-5. Both teams had an equal amount of hits. Their fourth game was against San Jose City College. They managed 2 outs, but not the third in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd innings allowing 3 unearned runs. The team unfortunately lost 1-4, but it was still a good game for Doyle, Angie Savoldi, and Emily Espino. Savoldi had a Charlie horse, or contusion, above the knee and Espino had a hand injury from playing MPC; both played hard despite these setbacks. We are all very proud of the heart and devotion this team has shown!

Pictured are our three outgoing sophomores.

Here are some facts about the season:

- Team batting average is .296 conference
- Angie Savoldi’s batting average for conference is .326
- Kaitlyn Doyle’s batting average for conference is .364
- Five players are over .300 for conference
- Doyle’s pitching ERA is 2.41 with 37 strike outs, and 10 base on balls
- Kaitlyn is one of the best utility players in the state. She can play any position, can bat both right and left, and is among the best base stealers at 27 which is currently 4th best in the state!

12. STUDENT–ATHLETES SIGN NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT

On the first signing date of the spring semester, six Panther cross country/track & field student-athletes signed national letters of intent with NCAA D2 program Eastern New Mexico University. ENMU is located in Portales, New Mexico and is a member of the Lone Star Conference and South Region.
Tito Chaidez (Watsonville HS) came to the Hartnell College not knowing if he would even complete a full academic year let alone remain eligible to compete in cross country or track & field. After a challenging academic start, Tito is now on track to receive an Associate Degree. As a member of the cross country team, he was a part of two Coast Conference Championship titles. His sophomore season he excelled earning All-Coast Conference and All-Northern CA regional honors. He helped the men's team to a regional runner-up trophy and fifth place team finish at the state championship. In track, Tito scored points in the 3000 meter steeplechase as a freshman in his first year competing in the event. As a sophomore, he graduated to being the conference champion and competed in the Northern California championship in the 3k steeplechase, 5000, and 10,000 meters. His time of 9:50 ranks him on the all-time school list for the steeplechase. Tito is a Business major.

Lizette Garcia also came to Hartnell College from Watsonville. As a freshman she dealt with injuries her first cross country season but managed to earn all-conference honors. She watched her teammates win the Northern California team title and place fourth as a team at the state championship. In her second season, Lizette became a major contributing member to repeat titles at the conference and regional level while earning all-conference and first team all-region honors for herself. In one year, she became one of the most improved runners in the state. Her 29th place overall finish at the state championship helped the Lady Panthers secure the best team finish in school history with their runner-up finish. Her first season of track saw her qualify to the regional championship in the 800, 1500, and 5000 meter runs. Lizette is an Art major.

Maria Rodriguez (Alisal HS) was a top 7 member of both conference championship and regional championship teams while at Hartnell College. Their fourth and second place team finishes at the state championship secures her spot in history as being a member of the two most successful seasons in women's cross country history. Maria struggled both years with coming out late after working all summer in the local produce fields but managed to race consistently within the top 7. Injured her first track season, Maria is enjoying a healthy spring having earned regional qualifying marks in the 1500 and 5000 meters. She carries a 3.5 GPA and is majoring in Social Work. After two years studying Kinesiology at San Diego State, Cynthia Tovar (Alisal HS) found herself on the Hartnell College campus looking to save her family money. Having run one season of cross country and track in high school, she rejoined the sport excited to learn how to get faster. Her first year saw exponential success as she earned all-conference honors and almost stole all-region honors with her 17th place finish. She was a member of the fourth place state finish team in 2014. In track, she scored points in 800, 1500, 5000, and 10,000 meters helping the Lady Panthers to a team title. She represented Hartnell College at the regional final and scored team points in the 3000 meter steeplechase and 10,000 meters. Her times in her events rank her among the all-time best even though she has only run two seasons of track in her life. This fall and injury hampered her season but she's rebounded this spring to earn a regional qualifying mark in the 5000 meters. Cynthia carries a 3.7 GPA and is studying Kinesiology.
Nancy Rodriguez came to Hartnell with very little success or experience in cross country and even less in track and field. After two years, she's helped guide the women's cross country team to the two best finishes in school history while earning an all-region honors for herself as a freshman and placing 30th at the state championship as a sophomore. In track, Nancy found the cross country equivalent the 3k steeplechase to her liking and placed third overall at the regional championship and earned a trip to the state championship as a result. She is just one of three females ever to run the event in under 12 minutes for the Lady Panthers. As a frosh, she also competed in the regional meet in the 5000 and 10,000 meters. This spring, she recorded a state automatic qualifying 5000 meter time of 18:36 to place her name amongst the all-time greats. Currently ranked third in the state in the 3k steeplechase, Nancy has a great opportunity to become Hartnell's first state champion in the event. Nancy is majoring in Athletic Training.

Christian Monroy came to Hartnell College from one of the smallest high school in our local area in Anzar High School. Even with cross country experience, Christian came with no track experience. It was rough two cross country seasons for Christian as both were hampered by injuries. Track was much the same a freshman, but this spring he's finally on track to gain some big meet experience. Christian has improved steadily every week running quality times in the 800 (2:05), 1500 (4:14), and 5000 (16:17) with several meets remaining to improve on those. He has a qualifying mark in the 5000 meters to the regional meet and is looking to add the longer 10,000 meter run to his culminating experience at Hartnell College. As a student, Christian struggled early but in his final semesters has achieved the same successful stride as on the track. Christian will major in Business Administration.

### Upcoming Events

**Mi CASA Ribbon Cutting**
April 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in D-383
For information, 831-755-6723

**Cheerleading tryouts**
April 25, 26, and 27, 2016
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Auxiliary Gym
For information, 831-210-4126

**ASHC Candidates’ Forum**
April 27, 2016 in Student Center

**Exonerated Speaker on Campus**
Thursday, April 28, 2016
9:30 -10:45 a.m., in N-1
A conversation with Tim Atkins
Panther Prep is here!
-Friday, April 29, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
King City Education Center
-Saturday, April 30, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Main Campus

Law Day
May 2, 2016 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Main Campus

Party in the library 2016 – Celebrating 10 years!
Technicolor Dreams – May 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
For tickets, call 831-755-6810

14. IN THE NEWS

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UC President addresses tuition and enrollment at Hartnell
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Grover shining second college track season
College track – six Hartnell College runners headed to Eastern New Mexico University
Hartnell College participates in beautification project
MCOE hosts convening to tackle English language learners’ issues in county