On Friday, June 3, 2016, the Hartnell College-College Pathways Office in collaboration with Community of Caring Monterey Peninsula (CCMP) hosted 1,280 Alisal Union School District 4th graders to participate in a one-day event introducing them to the possibilities of post-secondary education. The students gathered at Hartnell’s Mainstage for a series of presentations and enjoyed a tour of our campus. This is the second time that Hartnell partners with CCMP’s early career and college exploration - Monterey County College Challenge (M3C) to expose the younger generations to college life and careers offered locally.

Dr. Romero Jalomo, Hartnell students, and I welcomed the “future college graduates.” They later enjoyed a series of special skits by Theater and Cinema program students. The young students also received a demonstration by the K12 STEM program in Computer Programming and the origins of their video games and movies. Hartnell College students served as mentors and tour guides. During their tour, our young guests were introduced to our Hartnell Programs and Services such as MESA, TRiO and EOPS, as well as visited our facilities including the nursing simulation lab, science labs, library, athletic facilities and others. Of course Oscar the Panther was here to greet and entertain!

“Students, teachers and parents visited the campus to participate in a simulated day of college. We are so happy to greet them and provide them an overview of programs and services at their disposal,” said Dr. Romero Jalomo, Vice
President of Student Affairs at Hartnell. “What we have enjoyed seeing is the impact made when elementary students interact with Hartnell College students throughout the day.” CCMP and education partners, through curriculum and activities, aim to create a college-bound mind-set in students and culture in the classroom and community that encourages, promotes, and supports student success along the road to workforce readiness as part of the newly organized “Bright Futures” initiative for cradle-to-career success.

## 2. KOREAN WAR VETERANS HONORED

On Thursday, June 2, 2016 Hartnell College was honored to host a special ceremony. Congressman Sam Farr joined Korean Consul General Shin Chae-Hyun to honor Korean War Veterans at the Central Coast Korean War Veterans Ceremony. J. Alan Fagan emceed and led a great program. Congressman Farr spoke on the history and background of the Korean War and relayed the efforts of our soldiers in their service to our country. Regrettably, this is Congressman Farr’s final year in Congress and he will be retiring. Among the veterans was Corporal Romero M. Jalomo Sr. (pictured above) of the 11th Airborne Division of 6th Army out of Fort Ord, father of the Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Romero Jalomo Jr. Korean War Veterans or family members of those fallen were all presented with an appreciation certificate and the Ambassador for Peace Medal. All veterans who served in Korea during 1950-1955 were eligible to receive the medal and were honored to receive it. Consul-general Shin spoke passionately about how the U.S. and its soldiers “saved our lives and our country.”

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3. VETERAN’S GRADUATION RECOGNITION CEREMONY

On Saturday May 28, 2016 the Hartnell College Veterans Services Program held its Third Annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony. Twenty-four students were recognized for completing degrees and certificates. The evening included music by Tatiana and the Crew accompanied by yours truly for a couple of numbers. There was a Memorial Day tribute through a performance of the Fallen Soldier Ceremony by our Veteran students. Governing Board members Pat Donohue, Candi Depauw, and Manuel Osorio offered heartfelt congratulations. The overall theme of the evening revolved around the commemoration of Memorial Day. A POW/MIA table was setup along with a memorial for two Salinas Valley Veterans.

4. PRESIDENT’S FORUMS ON POTENTIAL FACILITIES BOND MEASURE

On both Wednesday, June 1, 2016, and Thursday, June 2, 2016 I held forums for classified staff, in order to gather their feedback and input on the feasibility of facility’s general obligation bond measure that is being explored and investigated. The bond measure would support 21st century job training for high demand and high wage jobs and to support transfer to four-year institutions through upgrading facilities in South Monterey County, in North Monterey County, at the Main Salinas Campus, and at the Alisal Campus in East Salinas through the following projects:

- New buildings
- Renovation and modernization of existing facilities
- Information technology and equipment
- Site accessibility, safety and security
- Energy efficiency and sustainability improvements.
On Sunday, May 29, 2016, TRiO celebrated 60 graduating students with an impressive recognition ceremony that started with a transformation of the college Student Center into a Mexican paradise and included a Mexican-inspired dinner and dance by Hartnell’s Folklorico Dancers. As usual, it was a packed house with over 315 in attendance. Graduating students, Yvette Hernandez (attending CSU Sacramento) and Frankie Juarez (attending CSU Fresno), emceed the bilingual program. Of the 60 graduating students, 48 were in attendance; the majority of them transferring to a 4-year university. I was honored to open the night by sharing some brief remarks followed by Trustee Patricia Donohue who congratulated the graduates on their accomplishments plus a special recognition of Alejandro Gomez, recipient of the $40,000 scholarship of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. Dr. Romero Jalomo, Vice President of Student Affairs, encouraged students to keep on achieving their dreams. Two student speakers, Crystal Alvarez (attending CSU Sacramento) and Ernesto Infante (attending UC Berkeley), gave heartfelt speeches and spoke highly of the TRiO program and praised the staff for keeping them on track with their educational goals. The family speaker was Manuel Ortega (student Brian Munoz’s grandfather) whose words were motivational, uplifting, and filled with appreciation. He spoke of gratitude, responsibility, and determination. Each student present was recognized with a certificate and a medallion. They all gathered before their families as the families witnessed their achievements and success. The students then honored their parents and/or spouses by placing the medallion on them while graduating student Lumi Barba (attending UCLA) honored them with a beautiful song. The TRiO staff recognized Esmeralda Montenegro-Owen, Director of Communications, and Art Alvarado, Grounds Supervisor, for their exemplary efforts in helping TRiO and Hartnell students. The ceremony ended with all Hartnell College management and staff joining together to sing ‘Lean on Me’ as a farewell promise to the graduation students. It was an incredible ceremony that I shared with my wife Michele, Trustee Manuel M. Osorio, Trustee Patricia Donohue (Vice President), and Trustee Candi DePauw.
EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs program held its 17th Annual Student Recognition Ceremony on May 17, 2016. This is a special moment for all graduates and scholarship recipients as they are recognized for their academic accomplishments. When the attendees and their guests first arrived to Mainstage, they enjoyed lunch and music provided by faculty member William Faulkner who graciously entertained all attendees with his Jalisco harp. Once inside a slide show played in the background which highlighted the accomplishments of the graduates and scholarship recipients. EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs Program Director, Paul Casey welcomed all attendees and Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Romero Jalomo shared some words of encouragement. The ceremony highlighted former program participants Christian Bravo and Brian Sharp. Christian graduated from Hartnell College from the EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs programs in 2011 with her Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Psychology. Christian transferred to San Francisco State University and earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Kinesiology, with an emphasis in Neuromuscular Science. She is currently employed at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. Christian’s words inspired all attendees as she is the mother of 2 daughters; it was because of the support of the EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs programs that she was able to achieve her educational goals. Christian encouraged all attendees to never give up on their dreams and to always look for support systems. Following Christian was Brian Sharp a former EOPS student who earned an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration and transferred to CSUMB. Brian is currently enrolled in the MBA program and is very appreciative that his EOPS counselors went “above and beyond” to assist him and ensure he was able to accomplish all of his educational goals. During this special recognition, Dr. Hortencia Jimenez (sociology faculty) and Daniel Jimmeye (audio visual technician) were presented the outstanding faculty and staff awards. Dr. Jimenez and Daniel have been extremely supportive of the EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs program and the students. They truly embody Hartnell’s mission of growing leaders through opportunity, engagement and achievement. Thank you Dr. Jimenez and Daniel for your support! Congratulations to the 200 graduate/transfer/scholarship recipient students. We are very proud of your accomplishments! The EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs ceremony provides an opportunity for family, friends, and staff to celebrate the academic achievements of our students. Congratulations to the class of 2016!
It was a week of recognition ceremonies at Hartnell and it was so special for 113 graduates from the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at the Mainstage. Director of HEP, Eric Becerra was the emcee for the event. President of the Governing Board, Erica Padilla-Chavez, congratulated the graduates and their families for such an important achievement and gave words of encouragement and perseverance. The keynote speaker was alumnus Floriberto Garcia (2008 Cohort) who spoke of all the struggles he faced and his determination in persevering in higher education. He obtained his bachelor’s degree in Sociology from UC Davis and is pursuing his Master’s at San Francisco State. The Valedictorian for the HEP program is Pedro Mendoza. He directed his words of perseverance and grit to everyone in the audience and thanked the families for supporting the students. Mendoza will be attending Hartnell this fall and is aiming for his AA in General Studies. A reception was held in the Student Center in honor of the graduates. During the reception held at the Student Center, all were treated to great food provided by El Super. Several students were recognized for their resilience, motivation and ability to brighten the classroom with their kind hearts and good spirit. Dr. Hector Topete, who created a $1,000 scholarship for a HEP graduate every semester, presented a certificate along with a check for 2 Scholarship recipients. The awards were followed by a lovely performance by Hartnell’s very own Folklórico Club. It was an inspiring ceremony that I shared with Board President Erica Padilla Chavez, Trustee Manuel M. Osorio, Board Vice President Patricia Donohue, Trustee Candi DePauw and Trustee David Serena.
Hartnell College student-athletes have a transfer rate of 73% compared to other community colleges in California. These students have taken the lead in different sports at state level, as well as; taken home the real prize of a community college experience, a degree; and a will to continue their education at a university level. About 50% of all student-athletes that graduated last Friday were awarded scholarships. We are proud to present and congratulate all our student-athlete graduates.

**Baseball**: 9 graduates, five of which will be transferring to Embry Riddle University, East Central University, La Sierra University, CSUMB and Sacramento State.

**Men’s Soccer**: 7 graduates, seven of which will be transferring to Cal Poly, San Jose State, Sacramento State, Bethany College, San Francisco State and North West Christian University.

**Men’s Basketball**: 3 graduates of which two will be transferring to Sacramento State and Sonoma State.

**Women’s Volleyball**: 5 graduates, five of which will be transferring to University of Nevada Las Vegas, Antelope Valley University, Hope International, St. Andrews University, Chico State University

**Softball**: 2 graduates who will transfer to Colorado Mesa and San Diego Christian

**Women’s Soccer**: 3 graduates, two of which will be transferring to San Jose State and CSUMB.

**Women’s Basketball**: 1 graduate who will be transferring to San Diego Christian

**Football**: 17 graduates of which twelve will be transferring to Virginia Union, Montana State University Northern, Grambling University, Ball State, Humboldt State, CSUMB, Wayne St. University, Sacramento State, Alabama Birmingham University, East Carolina, and Chico State.

**Cross Country**: 15 graduates of which one will be joining the Army and fourteen will be transferring to Eastern New Mexico, Tennessee Wesleyan University, San Francisco State, Arizona State University, Eastern State New Mexico University, Metro State, CUSMB, UC San Diego, Adam State University, and University of the Southwest.

**Track & Field**: 5 graduates of which four will be transferring to: Southern Oregon University, UC Riverside,
The Communication Studies program at Hartnell College presented the Spring 2016 Academic Expo, May 3-27 in Steinbeck Hall of the main campus. At the end of each semester, students in Communication Studies courses are placed into small groups to conduct an original research project, culminating in the writing and presentation of a research paper and creation of table display. This semester, 17 different classes participated, culminating in 81 different group projects. Topics included:

- COM 1, Introduction to Public Speaking: Analysis of historical speeches and/or social movements;
- COM 3, Introduction to Communication: Analysis of a film using communication principles; and
- COM 8, Interpersonal Communication: Analysis of a film using interpersonal communication principles;
- COM 20, Argumentation and Debate: Analysis of a current events topic, defending a side; and

Out of each class, a Best of Class group was selected. At the end of the Expo, all of the Best of Class winners were judged by a panel of Communication Studies instructors and the Dean of Academic Affairs. The judges’ scores were tallied, and an overall Best of Show was selected. The members of the Best of Show group each received a gift package and a medal. This semester’s Best of Show winner was an Introduction to Communication group tasked with researching family communication and applying their findings to the film, “Hotel Transylvania 2.” Family communication involves the dynamics that occur between family members and how relationships either strengthen or weaken the family unit.

The winning team (pictured) consisted of Ashley Jones, Oscar Lopez and Mariah Nana. “The students did a great job of researching and finding in depth academic articles,” said the group’s instructor, Jason Hough. “Their final paper effectively described aspects of family communication as demonstrated in the film.”

This Expo was the largest to date in terms of participation, boasting work from over 300 students in Communication Studies courses. Congratulations to the faculty and students involved!

Best of Show winners, left to right: Ashley Jones, Oscar Lopez and Mariah Nana
Graduation stories came in this week; we want to thank you for sharing such a proud and precious moment. Congratulations on your accomplishments!

**Monica Carrasco**  
Financial Aid Specialist

**Monica Carrasco**, Hartnell College Aluma, graduated from CSUMB, Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and has been accepted to San Jose State University in the Fall 2016 for the Master’s Program in Counseling. Monica was Hartnell’s Employee of the Year 2015 for exemplifying "I am Hartnell” motto. Monica’s motto, “AGE IS NOT A FACTOR IT IS JUST A BIG FAT EXCUSE!!!”

Daughter, **Liza Monique Carrasco**, graduated from Hartnell College in 2013 in General Studies- Natural Science Emphasis, Cum Laude. She graduated from CSU Long Beach, with a Bachelor’s of Science in Dietetics and Food Administration, Option in Nutrition and Dietetics, Food Science Minor--3.5 GPA, Honors, Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society for Human Sciences. She has been accepted to the University of Utah in Fall 2016 for Dietetic Internship.

Son, **David Guadalupe Manuel Carrasco**, graduated from Hartnell College Music Program with Honors and has been accepted to UC Santa Cruz Music Program in Fall 2016.

**Lucy Serrano**  
Senior Executive Assistant, Office of Superintendent/President  
**Ramon Serrano**  
Library Technician, Library and Learning Resource Center

Daughter and Sister, **Angela M. Serrano**, graduated from Hartnell College, Summa cum laude with an Associate degree in Psychology. Angela will continue her studies next fall at UC Berkeley.
Hermelinda and Phillip Tabera  
Faculty

Son, Joaquin Tabera, Hartnell College Alumnus is graduating from Cal State East Bay with a B.S. in Kinesiology. Upon graduation he plans to pursue his Masters' Degree. He is planning to work with senior citizens and elderly when he completes his education.

Monica Navarro  
Admissions and Records Technician

Son, Kevin Navarro graduated from North Salinas High School. He took AP courses all 4 years in High School and maintained a 3.7 GPA in all his classes throughout his 4 years. He received the following awards:

- SUHSD Seal of Biliteracy Award
- CIF CCS Scholar Athlete (he received this award all 4 years of High School) he maintained a 3.5 GPA or higher all 4 years
- Class of ‘72 Scholarship
- 100+ Community Service Award
- US Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete
- Pursing Victory with Honor Award (He received this award all 4 years of High School)

Kevin got accepted to CSUMB, Westmont College, Pacific University, California State University Fullerton, Sacramento State and Fresno State. He chose Fresno State where he will be majoring in Kinesiology in the Fall 2016.
Belinda May Saechao-Jimme
Program Assistant II, Nursing and Allied Health

Belinda graduated from Argosy University with a Master's in Public Health. She continues to take classes to hopefully gear her towards a Ph.D. program in the near future. She will be expecting her first child in August.

Marisol White
Sociology Professor

Daughter, Amelie White (age 4) graduated from Preschool from Melody Parks School and is eagerly anticipating in continuing her educational journey as she begins Transitional-Kindergarten in the Fall. Her accomplishments in Pre-School include writing her full name, socializing with her peers and story time. At the moment, her current future occupation that she is interested in is becoming a Veterinarian, as her favorite character, Doc McStuffins, portrays in one of her favorite Disney Jr. shows. Additionally, she is very much interested in getting married and becoming a working mom who takes care of puppies when she is much older. (her exact words...) Her mommy, daddy and sister are extremely proud of her accomplishments and look forward to her future endeavors!

Brenda Jones
College Pathways and Early Support Program

Daughter, Lauren Thrasher, graduated from Monterey Home Charter School. Lauren had her heart set on attending MPC. However, after enrolling and taking COU-1 at Hartnell as a senior to gain some insight into being a college student and meeting Mercedes Quintero and Melvin Jimenez, she had a change of heart; Lauren will be taking a math class over the summer at Hartnell and she has applied to attend the Math Academy. She participated in Panther Prep and plans on studying history and transferring to a university to complete her degree. Her goal is to teach history in high school or college. Please join me in welcoming Lauren to Hartnell College!
Sons, Connor and Madison (twins) graduated pre-K and will be attending Kindergarten in the fall. They have been through a lot this year and have really excelled. After visiting Hartnell and learning about what mom does, Connor (on the right) now wants to become a teacher and can't wait to attend college someday. "Mommy you have so many friends!" Madison (on the left) says he wants to go to college someday, but when he grows up he wants to be like his mom, isn't that the cutest?! Got to start them young!

Dr. Willard Lewallen
Superintendent/President

Michele and I are so proud of our daughter Jennifer Michele Lewallen who graduated with a Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Missouri, on May 15, 2016. She earned her MA in Communication from Pepperdine University, BA in Communication from UC Santa Barbara.

She has been awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at University of Missouri for the 2016-17 year. Congratulations!

11. UPCOMING EVENTS

New season at The Western Stage starts with, Arthur Miller’s timely drama A View from the Bridge Performances are May 28-June 19 in The Studio Theatre For tickets, go to westernstage.com
12. IN THE NEWS

Alejandro Gomez wins big scholarship

Hammer throwers compete at Hartnell College, hoping to make the Olympic trials

Forbes Media Will Host Its Second AgTech Summit, July 13-14, 2016, Salinas Valley

Winning Ways: Honors student wins big scholarship

Clinton goes to College (at Hartnell)