1. GREAT NEWS! ACCREDITING COMMISSION TAKES ACTION TO CONTINUE HARTNELL'S ACCREDITED STATUS

At its June 6-8, 2016 meeting the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) reviewed Hartnell's midterm report and took action to continue our accredited status. I am so proud of the excellent work completed by Hartnell faculty and staff over the last 3 years to fully address all 12 recommendations issued in the Commission's actions in June 2013. In addressing the 12 recommendations, Hartnell has made sustainable improvements to processes, systems, and procedures that have made Hartnell a more effective institution.

Accreditation standards are statements of good educational practice. In satisfying all of the accreditation standards, we can proudly state that Hartnell is an institution of best practices. Thank you to all involved in this process, particularly Vice President and Accreditation Liaison Officer Dr. Lori Kildal for her work in skillfully coordinating our accreditation efforts. The midterm report, the report of the Commission's actions, and the action letter from ACCJC are available at this [link](#).

2. THEY ARE SCREAMING THEIR WAY TO OPENING NIGHT

In only 5 days the Western Stage opens up its long awaited show, *Carrie: The Musical*. Directed by Jon Selover, *Carrie: The Musical* forges an unusual link between the bestselling horror novel by Stephen King and the art of the Broadway musical. *Largely true to the book, this musical version recounts the story of Carrie, an abused and bullied young girl living with a religious mother who lives a sacred life. When the bullies at school take their vicious pranks one step too far, Carrie turns her telekinetic powers on them. Do not miss out on what happens next. The show opens Saturday, July 16, 2016 and runs through August 6 on the Mainstage Theater. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. This exciting new thriller will definitely give you a 'Night You’ll Never Forget.'*

Single-ticket buyers, [buy online](#) or call at 831-755-6816 / 831-375-2111. Season subscribers, thank you for your support.
3. LET THE ACTING BEGIN! 2X4BASH IS ON!

The Western Stage at Hartnell College kicked off its sixth season of 2X4BASH in the Studio Theater on Thursday, July 8, 2016. The innovative and unique 2X4BASH season started last week with the Dry Land showing which continues July 15-16, and August 5-6. Dry Land pushes boundaries in its raw and upfront confrontation of the relevant issues of abortion, female friendship, struggle, and resilience. The next 2X4BASH show is Accidents Happen showing on July 22-23, 29-30, and August 12-13.

Accidents Happen is a series of out-of-this-world one acts that feature hilarious and unpredictable situations.

This program provides an opportunity for the next generation of theatre artists to collaborate, innovate, and educate through provocative contemporary works. We challenge artists and audiences alike to approach theatre from new perspectives, and invite people to connect their own life experience with the work.

For more on this and other productions, visit westernstage.com.

4. HARTNELL FACULTY AND STAFF ATTEND CURRICULUM INSTITUTE

Hartnell College sent a team to the Curriculum Institute including, Herbert Cortez, Belen Gonzales, Deborah Stephens, Violeta Mendoza Wenger, Valentin Rodriguez, Carol Kimbrough, and Dean Celine Pinet. The team participated in this annual Curriculum Institute organized by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Attendees learned about the latest statewide directions that impact curriculum, for example, with baccalaureate degrees, accreditation, noncredit education, and Career and Technical Education. Carol Kimbrough, Hartnell College Curriculum Committee Chair, presented on The Nuts and Bolts of the Course Outline of Records and on Writing New Courses-Effective Practices for a High-Quality Integrated Courses of Record. It is always refreshing to see our staff out at conference like this learning from colleagues.
5. IT’S RECRUITMENT TIME FOR TRiO!

The office of TRiO has opened up its application process for the incoming students of fall 2016 and seeks referrals from our staff and partners.
In order to be eligible for the TRiO program, new student applicants have to be first generation (parents do not have a bachelor’s degree or higher) AND/OR be low-income.
They must assess at Math 121 and above and assess at English 101 and above. They cannot have completed more than 30 transferable units.
TRiO assists the first generation, low-income students to develop a strong academic foundation in their first year of college and then assists them to work strategically during their additional years to maximize their learning to achieve their college dreams.
For more information, contact TRiO Administrative Assistant, Eva Diaz, at ediaz@hartnell.edu or call 831-759-6013.
Our campus strives to provide great services to our students and with their continual dedication in Student Success, our students can aspire to accomplish their goals and dreams. Great job everyone!

6. TIME TO APPLY FOR IMPORTANT AVAILABLE SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Along with TRiO, EOPS has begun its application process for the fall 2016 semester and it is hitting the ground running. The Hartnell College Office of Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) provides support services to first generation, low-income, underrepresented college students. The EOPS/CARE staff advocates for students and is committed to helping them successfully achieve their educational goals. Some of the services the EOPS program offers are: academic counseling, book credit, grants, book lending, and priority registration.
To become an EOPS/CARE student you must: apply to Hartnell College, apply for financial aid, be a full-time student, be a California resident, qualify for a Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver, have less than 70 degree applicable units completed, and complete the EOPS/CARE application. If you meet EOPS eligibility requirements and are admitted to the program, you will be required to attend a mandatory EOPS orientation and schedule an appointment to meet with an EOPS counselor to complete an educational plan.
For more information, go to http://www.hartnell.edu/what-eops or contact the office at 831-755-6860.
To apply, please complete and print the application and submit it to the EOPS office by July 29, 2016.
This program has proven time and time again that the students are the priority and that the support team is focused on providing students with accessible success services. Continue the great work!

7. IT IS A FAMILY AFFAIR FOR THE AVILAS – 3 GRADUATES!

During the Commencement of 2016, I had the pleasure of presenting the Avila Family; Rigoberto, Maria and Alma with their graduation diplomas. The three Avila siblings’ journey here at Hartnell is an inspiration because the Avilas were together to inspire, encourage and support one another on their educational journeys and ultimately, made it through to the finish line - together!

I had the opportunity to learn more about them through a chat with Alma Avila who shared their story and graduation journey. Alma says that they each were at cross roads with their careers and ultimately motivated each other to return to college to finish what they had started years ago.

“We each had taken extended breaks for different reasons at one point or another,” said Alma. “We supported each other along the way and understood what a priority education was for each of us. Being able to relate as students definitely helped.”

Being together as students was inspiring and served as extra strength and fuel to get them through. They each had a reason for finishing their schooling at Hartnell; for Alma, it was a wakeup call and a new chapter in her life.

“For me personally it was a layoff from a large financial institution. It was my dream job and I loved my career,” shared Avila. “However, it was a wake-up call that education matters and I decided to go back to finish obtaining my degree despite the time lapse.”

While they are all enjoying the summer, especially Alma with her two children and husband, all three Avilas look forward to the next steps in their future, which include continuing higher education. Alma is continuing on at Golden Gate University and her siblings will go to San Jose State University and CSU Monterey Bay.

For all of them, family support was key in keeping them focused and grounded. For them, education is an investment in your life and worth the time and efforts.

“It is a commitment to yourself and one that will lead to more opportunities,” added Avila. “Don’t give up.”

Congratulations to the Avilas and to the Class of 2016!!!!
During the week of June 29 through July 1, 2016, Hartnell College along with the City of Salinas, co-hosted “The Hartnell Summer Soccer Camp”. The summer camp took place on the Hartnell College soccer field and was managed by the Men’s Head Soccer Coach, Daniel Ortega and the Women’s Head Soccer Coach, Ivan Guerrero along with student-athlete volunteers from both teams. The coaches and student-athlete volunteers taught the young future athletes the basic fundamentals of soccer, such as how to dribble the ball, pass and block shots. They also taught them the importance of teamwork. These camps are offered every summer and the young, energetic athletes love to learn while they play. Way to go!

The Hartnell College Athletics Department continues to host their annual sports summer camps. This past week, the Men’s Baseball Team instructed about 30 children from the ages of 7 to 12 years on basic skills. These campers learned pitching, playing defense and the rules of the baseball game. Men’s Baseball Head Coach, Travis Babin, organized the camp along with some student-athlete volunteers.

This same week, the Women’s Softball team hosted its annual summer camp. About 30 girls from the ages of 7 to 18 years old attended the camp. Women’s Softball Head Coach Andrew Watt along with some student-athlete volunteers organized this camp. Softball campers learned the basic skills about softball, such as: pitching, catching, and batting. Hartnell College will be hosting other summer camps in the next few weeks, so don't forget to sign up your panther cubs!
10. JOANNE TREVINO MOVES ON TO A NEW CHAPTER IN HER LIFE

On Friday, July 1, 2016, the Program Assistant for Athletics, Joanne Trevino, bid farewell to Hartnell College. Joanne has been a part of the Hartnell family for the past 30 years. She spent 26 of those years serving the athletics department. “She was our M.V.P. in this program,” said Director of Athletics, Dan Teresa. Joanne dedicated much of her time to ensure that the athletic programs, such as the Hartnell Athletics Hall of Fame, were managed successfully. She also dedicated her time to help out during athletic events and all sports playoffs. “She has been instrumental in the growth and success of the Physical Education and Athletic department over the years. We are going to miss her dearly,” as reflected upon by Teresa. Joanne will be moving to Sacramento and opening the door to a new chapter in her life. We wish her success in her new endeavors and she will always be a proud Panther. Good luck, you will be missed by your friends and family here at Hartnell!

11. MEET OUR INTERIM CONTROLLER

Hartnell welcomes our interim Controller for the Business Office, Ramona Sue Payne (Suzie)! Suzie is from Southern California and received her bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Cal State Los Angeles and was introduced to us by our former Controller, Tracy Richardson, who completed her MBA along with Suzy. Having retired from 13 years at Cerritos Community College, she started in the college’s budget department as an account technician, where she monitored the spending and prepared the fiscal reports for numerous grants. Before joining Cerritos College, Suzie worked in the private industry and held various positions from cashier, to manager, to vice president, and co-owner. Suzie’s passion for mentorship and life coaching serves as the foundation for her work ethic - an ambitious quality that she displays in her collaborative efforts to provide services to the college community and its students. During her time away from work, Suzie lives an active life of
Cross Fit, marathons, and volunteer work that she is able to share with her husband, Chris. Welcome to the Hartnell Family Suzie!

### 12. UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Western Stage presents Carrie: The Musical**  
July 16 through August 6, 2016  
Students are free with a valid I.D. (CatCard)  
For tickets and information, visit westernstage.com or call 831-755-6816  
Watch the trailer here: [https://vimeo.com/173089793](https://vimeo.com/173089793)

**Hartnell CCD Governing Board Meeting**  
July 26, 2016, 5:00 p.m.  
Main Campus in Building B, Room 208  
2016 Board Meeting Dates: [Calendar](#)

**Women’s Education and Leadership Institute Forum**  
September 29, 2016 at Tehama Country Club  
Call 831-755-6810 for tickets

**Grand Opening of Science Center!**  
September 30, 2016  
More information to come!

**Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016**  
Saturday, October 29, 2016

**The Western Stage Gala**  
November 19, 2016

### 13. IN THE NEWS

Time’s nearly up for school bonds  

Windy Salinas is perfect spot for this Olympic sport  

County Clipboard: Carl Nicks to be enshrined into Hartnell Hall of Fame  