It was a special day on Thursday, September 1, 2016 as Michele and I welcomed the new Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) to our home as a kick off to this exciting new academic year. The students enjoyed a variety of food and dessert items paired up with good company and conversation.

I took a moment to tell them how proud I am of their leadership that is already apparent around campus. Their list of activities for the year is phenomenal. Under the leadership of Augustine Nevarez, Director of Student Affairs, the last four years have improved immensely for the Office of Student Life. There is tremendous engagement and participation as result of student leadership. ASHC is promoting a climate of inclusion for all things Hartnell. Members of my Executive Cabinet were present, including Dr. Romero Jalomo, VP of Student Affairs; Dr. Lori Kildal, VP of Academic Affairs; Terri Pyer, Associate VP of Human Resources; and Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations.

Lots of activities and programs are planned for 2016-2017 and I encourage everyone to witness the power of student leadership.
Along with Romero Jalomo, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Jackie Cruz, Vice President of Advancement, I attended a workshop on August 30, 2016 to learn more about college promise programs. Over 400 hundred community college representatives from around the state met in Oakland to share effective models for strengthening and expanding the California College Promise, a bold effort to offer two years of tuition-free community college to hard-working students. The day-long event featured remarks from Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, incoming California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and national College Promise Campaign Executive Director Martha Kanter. The workshop highlighted College Promise programs already in place and offered ideas to college leaders looking to start their own programs. College Promise programs are community-based partnerships that address the problem of college affordability by offering higher education funding for students.

We will continue to assess the possibility of a college promise program for the communities served by the Hartnell CCD.

The College Smoke/Tobacco-Free Policy Report Card is a joint project of CYAN (California Youth Advocacy Network) and COUGH (Campuses Organized and United for Good Health). The report card assigns letter grades to all public colleges in California based on their current tobacco use policy and Hartnell was awarded an “A” grade. Grades are based on policies adopted by May 15, 2016. The report includes an overview of how the policies were collected and assessed, an analysis of all public colleges and universities in California, and a summary of the state of smoke/tobacco-free campus policies in our state. You can access the report at http://cyanonline.org/collegereportcard/.
4. THE PLANETARIUM RECEIVES A VISIT!

The planetarium received a visit from the sales representative and maintenance crew of Konica Minolta, the company that manufactured both the new and old planetarium projectors. We met to show off our new theater and talk about how Hartnell has used its planetarium over the years. “When I started up the system there were a couple of problems that they very competently fixed,” said Andrew Lindsey, Planetarium Coordinator. In one of the photos one of the maintenance guys is adjusting the vignette mask on the projector. They met with Phil Deutschle, one of our Astronomy instructors, who gave excellent feedback on how the planetarium is used by instructors as well as Dean Shannon Bliss who was representing Hartnell’s administration. After the tour, the team was gracious to gift a box of Japanese cookies to host Andrew.

5. CALWORKS TRAINING FOR STUDENT EMPLOYEES

On campus student employees are an asset to the many and various programs they assist. Currently, more than 30 CalWORKs students are working on campus and they all share that they truly enjoy their departments. Developing and strengthening students’ employment skills is a critical component of the CalWORKs program. Upon completion of their academic goals, students will enter the workforce and the mentorship and training support they receive from their departments is invaluable. A couple of weeks ago, CalWORKs students participated in a work study training workshop. The goal of the training session was for students to understand the important role they hold as student employees and review best practices. Topics addressed included: professional student employees, qualities of
professional student employees, the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act, ensuring security and confidentiality, phone etiquette, sexual harassment, workspace etiquette and attendance among other topics. Various scenarios were presented to students in which they had to share with their teams how they would proceed and then collectively decide the best way to react. Students engaged in a game of Kahoot! in which they applied some of the learning of the day. The CalWORKs student employee workshop will be held throughout the semester as students are still being interviewed for on campus jobs. Thank you to all of the departments for hiring our students and giving them this wonderful opportunity. Thank you for listening, for guiding, for inspiring, for encouraging and most importantly of all, thank you for mentoring!

6. COUNSELING 1 CLASS AT SOLEDAD H.S. BRINGS STUDENTS TOGETHER

This fall semester, two Hartnell College courses are being delivered and are embedded into the school day and semester at Soledad High School through the Assembly Bill 288 pilot program. One of those courses is the Counseling 1 Student Success Seminar which was designed to provide students with the knowledge and preparation tools that they will need to facilitate their college experience. This course will allow this senior class to obtain both high school and transferable college credit as well as allowing them to examine wellness and lifestyle choices, effective learning strategies, career exploration, educational and transfer planning and how to apply creative and critical thinking techniques (per course description). The cohort is made up of 39 high school seniors and taught by Counseling Instructor Gemma Uribe-Cruz. As part of the curriculum this group of students participated in team building activities on August 22, 2016 facilitated by Manuel Bersamin (TRiO) and Eric Becerra (HEP) at Soledad High. The purpose of these team building activities was to allow the students to use excellence, dedication, being a unique community, attitude, teamwork and expression, which are some of the values that the course instills and ingrains in the student population. The next day, I was there to welcome the students
and they received words of encouragement from Soledad USD Superintendent Jorge Guzman and Hartnell’s King City Education Center, Dean Renata Funke.

7. WELCOME NEW MESA COORDINATOR, NIHZONI CHOW-GARCIA!

It is a pleasure to introduce you to our new MESA Coordinator, Dr. Nihzoni Chow-Garcia. Nihzoni has been here for about 2 weeks and is originally from Ontario, CA. She earned an undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and a Master’s degree in Education from the University of New Haven and taught social studies in a Connecticut middle school for several years. After teaching in Connecticut, Nihzoni transitioned into teaching higher education at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), where she served as the Director of the Native American Future Stewards Program, the Collegiate Science Technology Entry Program (a NY state grant program), and most recently, as the Interim Director of the Multicultural Center for Academic Success. Recently, she completed her Ph. D. studies in Higher Education from the University of Rochester. As our MESA Coordinator, Nihzoni is here to provide the exposure opportunities, retention services, and academic support necessary to ensure that educationally disadvantaged students excel in math and science and graduate with four-year degrees and beyond. Nihzoni shared that she looks forward to working at Hartnell and getting to know the MESA students and working to connect them to opportunities in STEM! Nihzoni is married to her husband Ryan, who is a new faculty member at the Naval Post Graduate School. They have a son, Nolan, who is two-years-old. Welcome to Hartnell Nihzoni!

8. ACCREDITATION TEAM TO EVALUATE VOCATIONAL NURSING

Hartnell College will host a site review for initial accreditation of its Associate and Vocational Nursing Programs by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). This public meeting is on: September 21, 2016 at 3:00 PM in Building B, Room 222

Written comments are welcomed by email at mstoll@acenursing.org or by mail to
Dr. Marsal Stoll, CEO
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 930326

9. VP PHILLIPS PROMOTES TEAM BUILDING

On September 1, Vice President of Information Technology Resources, David Phillips, provided Lunch to the IT Department and other colleagues. For about 2 years, David has held an IT Department Luncheon every third week of each new semester. The purpose of the luncheon is to welcome the IT Department into the new semester and celebrate all of their hard work and dedication into making sure that the entire school is connected. I commend David for his leadership and comradery; not only does he provide chocolates to his team and whoever visits his office, but this
speak to his appreciation of our Hartnell family. (No District funds are used for these traditions.)

10. MEN SECOND AT OXNARD INVITE, LADIES DEBUT IN FOURTH

The Hartnell College cross country team traveled south to Oxnard College for the OCC Invitational held on the campus and adjacent College Park last Friday. Competing against schools from the Western State Conference plus Coast Conference rival DeAnza College, the men came away with a second place team finish and the ladies a solid fourth.

In the men's four mile race, the Panthers were led by a three sophomores in Jorge Sanchez, Oscar Mora, and Andrew Martinez. Sanchez, a state championship qualifier last spring at 10,000 meters, lead most of the race until slipping to fifth overall (21:18) behind four runners from team champion Glendale College.

Oscar Mora, a Norcal all-region honoree from last fall, placed ninth overall (21:44) followed by teammate Martinez in tenth (21:48). The race was won by Shane Thompson of Glendale College in 20:57. Freshman Jonathan Saldana (22:13), sophomore Jose Ruiz (22:14), frosh Jaime Garcia (22:17) and fellow frosh Christian Aldape (22:22) rounded out the scoring seven for the Panthers. Hartnell College easily outdistanced conference foe DeAnza College scoring 57 points to the Dons with 154. The Panthers were without All-American Edgar Bonilla along with former King City teammates Eduardo Orozco and Williams Ordaz but will look to plug in the trio for the remainder of the season.

For the ladies, sophomore Yvette Felix assumed the top position for the Lady Panthers with the departure of All-Americans Malena Grover and Rachel Shimabukuro along with Nancy Rodriguez, Lizette Garcia, and Maria Rodriguez from last year's Northern California Championship squad. Felix placed 19th overall (20:12) out of 82 women and second among Coast Conference competitors. She trailed only Michelle Perez-Lopez of DeAnza College was crossed the line in 13th. Fellow sophomore Beatriz Duarte also assumed a leadership role as the second finishing Lady Panther in 24th place (20:57). Thanks to the performances of Alyssa Sanchez (21:24), Yvette Tavarez (21:31) and Jocelyn Cervantes (21:32) the Lady Panthers maintained their advantage over conference rival DeAnza College by tallying 129 points to the Dons 140 points. The remaining
Panthers Adriana Jimenez (21:58), Leslie Oseguera (22:24), and Tanya Campos (22:40) also competed well. The Panthers will travel next to the ARC Invitational/Northern CA Preview Meet on Friday, September 2nd at Sierra College. The Lady Panthers are the two-time defending regional champions with the Panther men last year's team runner-up.

11. Panther Fall Sports Gearing Up

Hartnell College Athletics is getting the fall sports season off the ground. Women’s Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country will compete at away games this weekend, as well as Men’s Cross Country. Men’s Soccer will host its annual Soccer tournament at Rabobank Stadium and the main campus. Men’s Football will have its first home game at Rabobank Stadium. The Panthers have been practicing throughout the year and are ready to bring it on! We would like to remind our students that admission to these games is free with a valid Hartnell Student ID. A schedule of local games is available at the Office of Student Life.

12. Nominate Your Favorites for Student, Faculty, Staff Award 2016 – Deadline Extended!

We need more nominations for the Student-Faculty-Staff (S-F-S) Recognition Award 2016. We are extending the deadline to September 9, 2016 in hopes to get a few dozen more! We are celebrating its second year thanks to the Hartnell College Foundation in collaboration with the Advancement Council and a gracious donor. This program is to recognize one student, two faculty (one full time and one adjunct), and four staff members (CSEA, Confidential, L-39, and management (new this year)) who embody the "I am Hartnell" motto for 2016. The seven (7) awardees will receive:

- Hartnell Heart memento
- Engraved brick for recognition walkway (by Library)
- $100 gift card
- Certificate of Recognition

To nominate those you believe should receive this special recognition, go to: [http://goo.gl/forms/ard4K3aKz28cKWhA2](http://goo.gl/forms/ard4K3aKz28cKWhA2)

Once you submit the nomination, you will receive a link confirming your submission. You are allowed to nominate as many individuals as you’d like, but no more than one nomination for the same person.
13. WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS

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For more information, please contact the EOPS/CARE/CAWORK office at (831) 755-4840.
All workshops are hosted by the EOPS/CARE/CAWORK Department.
** Light refreshments and prizes at the conclusion of all workshops. **

14. UPCOMING EVENTS

9-11 Remembrance and Call to Action
Friday, September 9, 2016
Student Center – 10:00 a.m.
The Western Stage presents: Bandido  
September 10, 2016 through October 1, 2016  
For tickets and information, visit westernstage.com or call 831-755-6816

Library 10th Birthday Celebration  
Tuesday, September 13, 2016  
Hartnell College Library  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Celebrate the building’s birthday with cake and giveaways, including copies of Sun, Stone, and Shadows

Troker from Mexico  
Thursday, September 15, 2016  
Mainstage at 6:00 PM – Free (Tickets at Office of Student Life and at Box Office)  
In partnership with the Monterey Jazz Festival  
For more about Troker, go to:  
http://www.montereyjazzfestival.org/artists/troker

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

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

The Western Stage Gala  
November 19, 2016  
Call 831-755-6810 for tickets

15. IN THE NEWS

Crystal persuasion at Hartnell  
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/09/02/crystal-persuasion-hartnell/89729936/

Hartnell helps kick off Monterey Jazz Festival  

VIDEO: Medida T ampliaría instalaciones del Colegio Hartnell  
http://noticias.entravision.com/monterey-salinas/2016/08/29/video-medida-t-ampliar%C3%ADa-instalaciones-del-colegio-hartnell/

Hartnell men’s soccer out to repeat conference run  

Hartnell women’s soccer out to top last season’s success  

Dodd left behind much more than footprints
Lake Tahoe CC men’s soccer notches first win of season, beats Mendocino 1-0 at Lake Tahoe Invitational

Cross-Country Off to a Strong Start
http://scvnews.com/2016/08/27/coc-cross-country-off-to-strong-start/

Men’s JC Soccer Preview: Cabrillo aims for state with local stars bolstering roster

Hartnell football ready to add to recent string of wins

Delia Saldivar
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/people/face_to_face/delia-saldivar/article_1d6c83ec-6fbd-11e6-8138-e326ea89ca21.html