Welcome to the 2017-18 academic year! BBQ and other activities are a hit

Over 400 students and staff gathered at the Quad in front of the STEM Center on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 to enjoy a free meal at the Welcome Back Lunch. The luncheon was coordinated by the Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC), with the help from the Foster and Kinship Care Education and TRiO staff. The luncheon is held during the second week of every semester. Students had the choice of either chile verde with rice and beans or chicken fajitas with a side of rice and beans. Both options included a side of chips and salsa and either jamaica, horchata or cucumber water. Tables and chairs were set up for extra comfort and delight. The next day, the ASHC selected one male and one female winners of a mountain bike along with a helmet and bike lock for playing in the scavenger hunt raffle. The winners are Jason Reyes Topete and Alexis Leigh Perez. Have a great year!

The eclipse is blocked by fog and clouds but the Planetarium welcomed the community

The Hartnell Planetarium was ready for the Solar Eclipse Viewing Party on Monday, August 21, 2017 outside the STEM Center. Dozens of students, staff, and community members gathered inside and outside of the Planetarium to view this magnificent event. Although the weather did not cooperate in our area, everyone was prepared thanks to Planetarium Coordinator, Andrew Lindsey who had the eclipse glasses, solar telescopes, and sun spotters set and ready. The Planetarium was packed with the curious! A live
stream of the eclipse was offered as seen from the path of totality. For the first time in 38 years, the solar eclipse was visible across North America. The path of the total eclipse stretched from Portland, Oregon across the United States to Charleston, South Carolina.

Launch of Strategic Planning Process
A monthly update from the Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness
This year Hartnell is launching the process for developing Strategic Plan 2019-2024. Activities will include planning retreats for college leaders, forums and surveys for employees and students, and the opportunity to discuss important research, such as results of the organizational climate study. Web pages will contain research study documents and all relevant information about the planning process. Academic Year (AY) 2017-18 also marks the final year of implementing Strategic Plan 2013-2018. AY 2018-19 will serve as an intervening year between plans during which an assessment of the current strategic plan will be conducted, and the content of the next strategic plan will be finalized. Strategic Plan 2019-2024 will be implemented starting in AY 2019-20. Hartnell has made incredible progress over the past several years – now we begin to set our sights on reaching the next level of greatness!

Board Approval of Core Outcomes for Strategic Plan 2019-2024
The governing board has approved core outcomes to serve as the foundation for building the next strategic plan:

1. Completion of Degrees and Certificates
2. Time and Units to Degree Completion
3. Transfer to Four-Year Institutions
4. Student Employment Following Training or Degree/Certificate Completion

These outcomes are aligned with the Chancellor’s Office’s recently established strategic plan for California community colleges, entitled Vision for Success. A critically important aim is to reduce the amount of time and units that students are taking to complete their degree; all college divisions have a role in achieving this result.

Meet Joel Torres
New counselor for TRiO

TRiO has a new counselor starting this academic year. Joel Torres was raised in Salinas and attended Sacramento State University, where he majored in Sociology and received his Master’s Degree in Counseling. He says that he always wanted to work at Hartnell.

“The atmosphere, students’ drive to attend a university, and academic support services available at Hartnell really drew me in,” he stated. “Being able to guide students in the right direction is my passion.”

Prior to joining Hartnell, Joel worked for the Salinas Union HSD as a middle school counselor. After three years there, he decided to expand his services as a counselor by working for Hartnell. Joel enjoys fitness such as Cross fit, hiking, going to football games and caring for his younger sister. Joel is also involved in the community. He is an active member of the Salinas Valley Dream Academy, in which he organizes marches for advocacy and equity and also works with high school students by taking them out on field trips to explore potential universities, and helps them explore career options. Welcome to the Team Joel!

A salute to our retiring faculty
JOHN HIMELRIGHT

Over the summer, a few faculty members announced their retirement. Here are three of them who have shared a little bit of themselves as they say ‘so long Panthers.” Philosophy Instructor John Himelright has taught at Hartnell for 32 years, beginning in 1985. He also taught at the University of San Francisco for 21 years. John organized and moderated two public forums at the College, one on violence and another on the nature of the soul.

Once retired, John looks forward to reading, writing, hiking, traveling, and enjoying his cats. He also plans on spending time with his wife, Lizzy, two daughters and two grandchildren.
“I’ll miss the students and my friends across the Hartnell community. I’ll miss Salinas. I’ll miss the grand view of the Gavilan Mountains from the third floor walkway, and I will miss the majestic pine tree next to the great panther statue,” said John.

JERRI NEMIRO

Jerri Nemiro (standing on left) began working for Hartnell in 1986 as a full-time faculty member in the photography and graphic design department. Jeri made an amazing contribution to the photography program curriculum by adding a specialized workshop which offered Hartnell College photography workshops in Yosemite National Park and Big Sur. Jeri also expanded and developed the Hartnell College Digital Arts Program. In 2010, she was the founding Director of the Central Coast New Media Center at Hartnell College. This allowed the placement of over 75 students in digital art related internships; offered summer academies in animation and digital video; and offered 2 game jams in collaboration with CSUMB.

“An additional highlight of my career was producing an animation titled ‘New Horizons for a Little Planet’ about the New Horizons mission to Pluto. A group of Hartnell College students and I created the animation which was sent out for international planetarium viewing,” Jerri stated. After retirement, Jeri plans to work on freelance projects in motion graphics, animation and graphic design, teach part-time, do photography, and drawing; plus, spend time husband Bruce, to whom she has been married to for 31 years.

“I will miss the amazing students of Hartnell College. They are all very close to my heart! The dedication, creativity and energy of all the students that came into room J-216, made each day a delight for me,” she shared

“No teacher was more focused, more caring, and in all ways more committed to her students than Jerri Nemiro. She will be greatly missed by the many students whose lives she touched. They, along with all of us, wish her all the best in a happy retirement,” said Photography Instructor, Eric Bosler.

LAVERNE COOK

LaVerne has been at Hartnell College for 22 years. She was originally hired as an Assessment Specialist then as an adjunct General Counselor assigned to Nursing at the Natividad site for one year before she became a full-time counselor. She was designated primary counselor for Nursing and Allied Health and Articulation Officer for the college. In her tenure, she has also worked as the Student-Athlete Counselor and Veteran’s Counselor. LaVerne states that her greatest pleasure has been working with the
students and giving support to their aspirations, tribulations, and successes. “Close family and friends have asked if I am going to be bored, but I can honestly say I have never been bored in my life. Too much to do! I will say the stereotype retirement statement and say, I want to travel again. First trip planned is a Panama Canal and Cape Horn cruise; but really, I just want to spend more time with my family and friends,” she said. LaVerne will spend time with husband of 43 years Sanford, daughter Melissa and son Ben and grandchildren, Olivia and Brady.

“There is no question, I will miss the students the most. All of us that have the opportunity to work at a community college are so fortunate to work in a place that really does change lives for the better. I will miss the counseling and discipline faculty, administrators and staff; after 22 years I have known many, some are gone, and others have just arrived,” she added.

**Nominations needed for Student-Faculty-Staff-Manager Award 2017**

We are looking for your nominations for the Student-Faculty-Staff-Manager Recognition Award 2017. 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) who embody the "I am Hartnell" motto for 2017. The nomination form is simple and user-friendly; it consists of short answers to just 4 questions. To nominate, go to:

[https://goo.gl/forms/bz6yGMbQCeuTtvK62](https://goo.gl/forms/bz6yGMbQCeuTtvK62)

We hope you participate in this great program to recognize those who go above and beyond their call of duty at Hartnell. We are looking forward to all your submissions. If you have any questions, contact Laura Warren at lwarren@hartnell.edu

**Innovation Grant, Travel & Conference funds, Educator in Residence nominations**

On behalf of the Professional Development Committee, they would like to remind you about three important professional development funding opportunities whose deadlines are approaching:

- The next cycle of **Conference and Travel grants** are due **September 15th**
- Applications for the **2017-2018 Innovation Grants** are due **September 15th**
- Nominations for the **2017-2018 Educator-in-Residence** by **September 18th**

For more information on these programs and for the materials to apply and nominate, please visit the [Professional Development Program webpage](https://professionaldevelopmentprogram.hartnell.edu).
THANK YOU! On behalf of the Employees for Student Success Committee
Your support truly impacts the lives of our students, their families, and the road to their success. Please take a moment to view the video; you are making a difference.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fs31CdAELGk

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Home: Veterans on Campus Training
Friday, September 8, 2017
Check-in at 8:00 a.m.; Training from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Building C – Steinbeck Hall

Mr. & Mrs. Al and Jane Nakatani
Thursday, October 12, 2017
9:30 – 10:45a.m. – Building K-125

Family STEM and Arts Day
October 15, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
STEM, health, athletics, and the arts come together!

The Western Stage presents
In the Heights
August 26 – September 16, 2017
Mainstage; Details are at westernstage.com.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

VIDEO: Central Coast eclipse eclipsed by fog

VIDEO: Eclipse Solar Total deja a la Costa Central desilusionada
A total eclipse is coming – and a reason to party on Monday morning

Healthy Ronnie Turner making plays on outside for UAB

Football: Expectations high for Gonzales Spartans
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2017/08/22/football-expectations-high-gonzales-spartans/587857001/

Immigration, Farm Bill Top D.C. Agenda

Lin-Manuel Miranda’s ‘In the Heights’ opens at The Western Stage