Strong presence at Bridging the Gap (BtG) fall convening

The first Bridging the Gap partnership convening occurred this past Thursday, September 21, 2017, at CSU Long Beach and Long Beach City College. Representatives from Hartnell, CSU Monterey Bay, MCOE, CSULB, Long Beach City College, and Long Beach Unified School District gathered to present and share ideas in student success. The purpose of the convening was to work together to build relationships, share knowledge about effective regional partnerships, and focus on strategies that can support successful transitions for students between high school and college. Day 1 consisted of discussing contextual factors that frame the work for the partnerships, including current reform efforts, principles of practice, levels for change, and constraints facing the partnerships. A dinner was hosted by CSULB at the Japanese Garden which is adjacent the campus.

Day 2’s objective was to learn about effective college transition practices, including Long Beach and Salinas Valley efforts in dual enrollment, summer bridge programs and “prep days.” The
participants engaged in activities where they shared their practices and informed the group of their own work. Representatives from the James Irvine Foundation were there to hear about the strategies we are implementing to improve student access and success.

It was an honor for me to be there with Vice President of Advancement, Jackie Cruz; Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo; VP of Information Technology, Dave Phillips; Dean of Student Affairs, Antonio Alarcon; Dean of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, Dr. Brian Lofman; Dean of Academic Affairs, Kathy Mendelsohn; Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen; Director of TRiO, Manuel Bersamin; and Philanthropy Office, Ashton Clarke.

**Majors Fair – a great time for career exploration**

On Friday, September 22, 2017, more than 200 Hartnell students visited the Student Center to attend the Fall Majors Fair. Over 16 different departments representatives RSVP’d to set up information tables for the students to explore and gain insight on the various majors and programs that Hartnell has to offer. The Student Center was a perfect space for departments who displayed pictures, program brochures, props and even had sweet goodies to hand out to our students. Counseling staff was available to assist students who needed assistance in developing a career or educational plan or those who had questions about the transfer process. The Early Support Program, along with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and MESA were also available to offer information, guidance and career exploration opportunities. The Transfer and Career Center offered a raffle for the students who attended and participated. The winners received a Starbucks gift card and other Hartnell memorabilia.
A big *thank you* to Hartnell Transfer Center, faculty, and staff for going above and beyond for our students. We hope that you will all join us November 1<sup>st</sup> for our *Transfer Day/College Night* at the Student Center.

**Observation of Constitution Day sponsored by the Hartnell Prelaw Club**

Each year the United States as a nation celebrates and observes Constitution Day, which occurs on September 17<sup>th</sup>, the date that the United States’ Constitution was signed by our founding fathers in 1787. This is a very important day in history, when our form of government was created. Since the 17<sup>th</sup> occurred on Sunday this year, our day of celebration at Hartnell was Monday, September 18, 2017. The Hartnell Prelaw Club and members of the LAW-41 class set up a table and poster display of facts about the Constitution in the Student Center. At our table were free copies of the U.S. Constitution, additional handouts with information about the Constitution, and lots of patriotically themed souvenirs for Hartnell students who visited the display, which was set up and manned by members of the Prelaw Club and the LAW-41 class.

**Strategic Planning Brief for September**

**By Dr. Brian Lofman, Dean of IPE**

Over the past year and one-half, Dr. Brian Lofman completed all three Planning Institutes of the Society for College and University Planning, including Planning Institute 1 in April 2016; 2 in July 2016; and 3 in January 2017, in addition to the Association of California Community College Administrator's Admin 201 program on Transformational Leadership in July 2017. The College Planning Council approved the following six guidelines for the strategic planning process at its meeting on September 20, 2017:

1. Institutional mission, vision, and values statements, and core outcomes adopted by the governing board, will form the foundation upon which Strategic Plan 2019-2024 is developed.
2. Strategies vetted and included in the Plan will be aimed to achieving marked improvement in core outcomes.
3. Discussion and decision making about plan content will be informed substantially by pertinent data and the results of research studies.
4. Communicating information and decisions across the college on timely basis will be instrumental to increasing awareness about the process and providing opportunities for input and participation.
5. Engagement of stakeholders across the college will ensure that diverse voices are represented in developing the plan, and that a strong sense of commitment is established in implementing the plan.
6. A high level of collaboration in executing the plan will be especially critical to improving student and institutional success.

Decision makers in the planning process will include the College Planning Council, the Superintendent/President, and the Governing Board. They and other key stakeholders, including college leaders/constituent groups, students, and employees will contribute to the planning process.

Monthly report - Accreditation Visit
By Dr. Lori Kildal, VP of Academic Affairs

It is with enthusiasm that we bring to your attention an update from the Accreditation Team. As many of you are aware, Hartnell’s next ISER report is due March 2019. Although 2019 seems a great distance in the future, Hartnell College administrators, staff, faculty and students have already started down the path toward a successful visit by accreditation council members from all over the state. Before the summer even began, a new accreditation team was formed here at Hartnell. These hardworking faculty, staff, and managers volunteered to represent the school at training seminars held by both the ACCJC and Hartnell College. These individuals also began the arduous task of creating a report that speaks to the many successes of our Hartnell community and supports the information with direct evidence from all corners of our institution.

But what does this mean you ask?
This means that we are poised for a group of visitors from the ACCJC to visit the Hartnell College campus in 2019. This means that we have begun the diligent work of creating a document that outlines the many successes of our community in serving the students of South County. While our college is much deserved of its forthcoming accolades, we have much work to do to exemplify them in a document that speaks to such success. This means that the praise we all deserve for overwhelmingly achieving the mission of our college continues to rest in all of our hands.

So what has been done and what needs doing?
The simplest answer is to keep working as hard as you already do. The kinds of dramatic effort each of you exemplify exceeds the standards that the ACCJC will be looking for when they visit the college, and at the same time, there is always room for us to tidy up any loose ends as we look to the future.

Your Hartnell Accreditation Team is counting on the full engagement of all college constituencies throughout the process of preparation for our 2019 visit. This means all of us rolling up our sleeves and digging in! The recommendations of the visiting team and the potential for professed accolades they may offer can benefit Hartnell College dramatically. So let’s keep doing what we do best as teachers, administrators, and staff, and Hartnell College will only have more to show of its excellence for many years to follow. Your Accreditation Team looks forward to sharing more of this process as it develops over the next year. Keep a sharp eye for emails and direct contact that ask for your continued commitment to Hartnell College.

Retirement awaits!
Farewell to Program Assistant Debra Pyle!

In celebration of Debra Pyle’s career with Hartnell, the faculty, staff and students gathered together in the MESA room on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, for a retirement party. Debra Pyle has been the Program Assistant for STEM, MESA and internship programs for the past 5 years. She was raised in California, but has lived in various states such as Michigan, Alaska, and Oregon. Before joining Hartnell, Debra worked in education institutions for 13 years in various states. After retirement, Debra plans on spending time with her dog, travelling and studying and practicing art. Debra will miss the Hartnell environment and said “I love the students and staff; they have become my family. I love watching the light in the student’s eyes when they find out what they are capable of becoming.” Debra is such a kind and loving soul to the staff and to the students plus a major donor to the Hartnell College Foundation. She will truly be missed, but promises to visit often. All the best to you Deb!
Deadline extended!
Nominate your favorite people by this Friday

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 part-time), and four staff members (CSEA, Confidential, L-39, and Administration) who embody the "I am Hartnell" motto for 2017.

To nominate those you believe should receive this special recognition, go to: https://goo.gl/forms/bz6yGMbQCeuTtvK62
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.
If you have any questions, please contact Laura Warren at 755-6995 or lwarren@hartnell.edu.

Student-Athlete Spotlight:
Chace Miguel
In this week’s Student- Athlete Spotlight, we recognize, Chace Miguel from Hartnell College Women’s Soccer team, in her second year of college. She grew up in Hollister, CA and attended San Benito High School. There, she played varsity soccer all four years. Before Hartnell, she attended Gavilan College, but her passion for soccer led her to transfer here. “My motivation to play soccer would have to be the passion I have for the sport. I also really enjoy the relationships that I make with my teammates and the coaches,” explained Chace. Miguel is currently majoring in Communication Studies, “I chose to study communication because it is a broad subject that I can go any direction career wise.” When asked about her long term goal in soccer she explained, “My long-term goal is to transfer and play soccer at a 4-year university that’s close to home and hopefully coach her future kids in the sport; fingers crossed.”
As a captain of the team, she is portrayed to be a team player and a leader on the field.
“I am hardworking and persistent and I try to keep the same intensity throughout the
whole game so that my teammates are motivated to keep going even when they are exhausted,” she said.

Not only does Chase attend her classes, goes to practice, spends time studying, she also works a part-time job at Mars Hill Coffeehouse in Hollister. Altogether, she spends around 8-9 hours a day at school, at practice, and then doing homework.

“Balancing all of that with work can be tough but it is definitely worth it,” she assured. Her family is her major supporter as well as her friends. They attend most of her games possible and travel the distance just to be there for her. However, her best friend Greg is another member if her biggest supporters, always there for her. After last week’s loss, Chace reminisced on how the team could improve, “In our game against Clovis, I think we played well as a team. Personally, I need to work on finishing all my shots because that is what my team is depending on. As a team, all we need to work on is keeping our intensity up throughout the whole game and we would have come out with a Win that game.”

The coaching staff is a very important aspect of a student-athlete’s life, “Our coaching staff makes sure that we are all on top of our academics and expect us to dedicate 3 hours a week minimum in the Panther Learning Lab and if we don't, we get playing time taken away. It really motivates us to keep our grades up!” stated Chase. Her biggest inspiration to be better is her younger brother Brady, “He is similar to myself in a lot of ways, we share the mental aspect of sports, the way he goes about his life, and his attitude with basically everything. He inspires me to be a good role-model and someone he can look up to as a person and an athlete.”

Here at Hartnell we are proud of all our student-athletes; they are hard-working and motivated to succeed in both education and sports. We wish Chace and the team the best!

**Community engagement!**
**Cross Country Teams help at the Food Bank**

Before their departure for the Fresno Invitational, the Hartnell College Cross Country teams packed 700 food bags for the Food Bank of Monterey County. With a little competitive spirit, the men's team packed more total bags than the women's team while a separate combined group bagged fresh produce bags. The Fresno Invitational was a successful affair that catapulted the women’s team to their first ever #1 ranking in the state. The men currently enjoy a #4 statewide ranking one spot ahead of where they have placed the last two CCCAA state championships.
Panthers place second at Las Positas Invitational

Las Positas College played host to its first ever cross country meet at its Livermore campus in preparation for future hosting of conference and regional events. The Hartnell College Panthers came out with two second place team finishes and were led by six top 7 individual placings. Their only opponent came in the form of NCAA DIII UC Santa Cruz who won both the men’s and women’s team competitions.

Freshman Patrick Olson and Ricky Esqueda placed in the top two spots, but the Panthers couldn’t overcome five Banana Slugs in the top 12 and were outdistanced 26 to 39. UCSC is currently ranked #5 in the West Region for NCAA DIII programs. Olson completed the 4.06 mile course in 21:03 with Esqueda right behind in 21:09. Sophomore Sergio Coronel (21:39) finished in his customary third runner position in tenth place overall. Jonathan Saldana (22:14) and Luis Perez (22:20) were the fourth and fifth scoring runners. Sophomore Christian Aldape (22:23) and freshman Alfredo Mejia, Jr. (22:40) were the final two runners in the top seven for the Panthers.

For the ladies, Yvette Tavarez did much of the early work along with teammates Arlene Diaz Leal and Leslie Oseguera. A trio of Lady Banana Slugs from UCSC would pull away over the final mile of the 5k course, but the Hartnell women finished all together along with fast improving sophomore Jocelyn Cervantes. Tavarez (20:23) crossed the line in fourth, Oseguera (20:30) enjoyed her best race of the 2017 season in fifth, Diaz Leal (20:31) in sixth and Cervantes (20:43) would pick up the final top 7 t-shirt award in seventh. Freshman Monica Ruelas completed the team scoring in ninth (21:19). Panthers placed six in the top twelve to match UCSC but came out behind 24 to 31 as the two were the only two teams represented in the top 12. Freshman Lauryn Orozco (21:31) and Maria Aceves (21:47) rounded out the top seven. Freshman Christina Shimabukuro was the only Lady Panther to not compete.

For full Las Positas Invitational results:
https://www.directathletics.com/results/xc/11507.html

This running-based website is starting to cover our meets more statewide and giving CA community college national and even worldwide exposure thanks to social media.

Men’s Team Interview
Exciting weeks for Women’s Soccer

In the past two weeks, our Hartnell Women’s Soccer Team played against Clovis. With just 20 minutes into the first half of the game, Hartnell’s teamwork, mindset and skills led #16 Chace Miguel to open the game with the right foot by scoring the first goal of the game, putting Hartnell on the scoreboard, 1-0. In the first half, #23 Claudia Alcantar suffered an injury, nonetheless she turned out to be okay and was eager to get back into the game. Shortly after, Clovis scored its first goal. They had a really good cut-out technique that helped them get on the scoreboard. After many attempts and strong efforts from both teams to score, the first half came to an end.

Clovis eagerly tried to score their second goal only to be offside, leaving the game on a tie. Hartnell had its second injured player, #5 Maria Zaragoza, who had to be escorted out, but was seen back in the game after recovery. With 25 minutes remaining in the game, Hartnell fought hard and kept openly communicating to come out as leaders of the game. Unfortunately for the Lady Panthers, Clovis took its chances and scored for a second time, leading the game 1-2.

With only a couple minutes left, the Lady Panthers tried to give it their all to catch up, but time did not allow for it.

This past week, the Hartnell Women’s Team went 2-1 in 3 games facing quality teams. The Lady Panthers traveled to play against Cañada College on September 15, 2017 in a full team effort. Diana Lopez scored the first and only goal of the game at the 30th minute. On the defense, Maria Isabel Pozos stood out with six saves on cage ensuring a 1-0 win against Cañada.

Then, on September 19, 2017 the Lady Panthers visited Cabrillo College for their first Conference game. Unfortunately for Hartnell, the Seahawks came out on top beating the Lady Panthers 2-1. This was a very competitive game keeping the crowd glued to their seats. The only Goal for the Lady Panthers was scored by Brenda Avila and assisted by Chace Miguel at the 20th minute. Later on September 21, 2017 the team faced Cuesta College. Seconds into the game, Lady Panther Brenda Avila scored to set up the tempo of the game, in the 10th minute Chace Miguel scored the second goal of the game for Hartnell. Before the end of the first half of the game, Cuesta
replied back with a goal. During the second half, Chace Miguel scored her second personal goal of the game and the third, game-winning goal for the Panthers. Alondra Sanchez, Teresa Aleman, and Alondra Partida each assisted with all the goals. With this last win, the Lady Panthers record now stands as 4-4-0. The team is looking forward to league play as they host DeAnza College on September 26 at 4:00 PM. Go Panthers!

Panthers split a pair of tough road games
On September 15, 2017, Hartnell Men’s Soccer Team headed down to sunny Irvine Valley. The team previously played on September 3, 2017 and our Panthers definitely appreciated the home field advantage. With goals in the second half from Luis Mendoza, and the winning goal from Santiago Morales, helped lift the Panthers record to a 2-1 victory. During the second game between these teams, the defense struggled in the first half; Irvine Valley had its way, scoring two goals! However, in the second half the Panther defense stepped up, blocking all goal attempts from Irvine. The game was intensely competitive and the Panthers fell 2-0 to Irvine Valley.
Following the loss to Irvine, on September 17th the Panthers visited Bakersfield City College. Hartnell fiercely started the game with a goal from Brandon Hernandez in the 21st minute, with an assist from Jefferson Escobar. At the 37th minute, Bakersfield fired back with its own goal, but the Panthers did not look back as both Goalies Jesus Para and Ronaldo Aguilera contributed with a pair of saves to the dominant defensive effort by the Renegade Knights. The Panthers emerged victorious as Santiago Morales scored the winning goal at minute 52, assisted by Jorge Cerna. With the win, the team record is now 4-1-1 preparing for league.

Board of Trustees meetings – now at Steinbeck hall
Governing Board meetings on Main Campus will now be in Steinbeck Hall. The Trustees gave it a test run last week during their Development meeting and all went smoothly. The next meeting on October 3, 2017 will be at the Alisal Campus.
Great opportunity – mental health first aid
Spaces are still available for the 8-hour Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training and certification from the National Council on Behavioral Health scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2017 and Friday November 3, 2017 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. (participants must attend both sessions), and a few slots left for the all-day training on Friday, October 6, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. here at Hartnell College. MHFA is a course aimed at helping individuals identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The training gives participants the skills they need to reach out and provide initial help and support to students, friends, family members or colleagues who may be developing a mental health problem or experiencing a crisis. The training leads to a 3-year certification.
Read more about the course here: http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/cs/about/
All faculty and staff interested in attending this training, should contact alehman@hartnell.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Al and Jane Nakatani
A talk about resiliency
Thursday, October 12, 2017
9:30 – 10:45 a.m. – Building K-125

Family STEM and Arts Day
October 15, 2017 – 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
STEM, health, athletics, and the arts!

The Western Stage presents:
The Boondawgle Estate
September 22 through October 8, 2017
Studio Theater; Details are at westernstage.com.
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

He will help Dreamers tell their story
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20170922/NEWS/170929933

State ranked Hartnell dashes to team cross country title
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20170922/SPORTS/170929955

Bryant Canyon Channel improvements making progress
https://soledadbee.com/article/bryant-canyon-channel-improvements-making-progress

Local Roundup: Soquel sinks SC in water polo
http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/article/NE/20170919/SPORTS/170919572

The annual Monterey County open studio tour corrals 87 artists and arts organizations

Hartnell alum Wally Lowry dies