Happy new year!

In 2018 I look forward to witnessing the great work of all employees focused on student success and institutional effectiveness. I know it will be a year filled with energy, creativity, innovation, and commitment. Here’s to an inspiring 2018!

– Willard Lewallen, Ph.D., Superintendent/President

Sunrise at Hartnell — a beautiful day, everyday

The beauty of our campus is visible here at sunrise this week.

[Photo by Supervisor of Security, Douglas Castro]
Hartnell alum appointed judge by Gov. Brown

A big congratulation to alumnus Rafael Vasquez who was appointed last week by Gov. Jerry Brown to serve as judge in the Monterey County Superior Court. He will be filling the post left by Judge Albert Maldonado, who retired in June 2017. He has been practicing law for 13 years and for him, this is a huge honor.

Vasquez graduated from King City High School in 1993 and started his higher education at Hartnell College. He transferred to San Jose State University and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2000 and a masters in 2001. He completed his juris doctor degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law in 2004. For more on Vasquez, read the following story:

http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/article/NE/20171222/NEWS/171229904

Welcome new employee!
Michele Peregrin

The Office of Institutional Advancement starts a prosperous New Year with a new team member: Director of Public Grants Development, Michele Peregrin. In this post, she will be working closely with the Hartnell College Foundation, the District, and partners in our area. She is inspired by the dynamics behind Hartnell College and enjoys the campus environment. Michelle is eager to work closely with the students, staff and faculty, so that she can make a difference and provide her unique and useful experience.

Michele comes from Santa Cruz County and worked nine years for the US Department of State in the Bureau of Educational Affairs as manager of several international grants in the arts.
She holds a Masters of Arts in International Education, obtained at New York University. She completed her undergrad credentials at the University of California Los Angeles as an anthropology major. Michele is passionate about cultural exchange and enjoys travel, swing-dance, playing classical piano, camping, and spending time with her husband and their cat Marbles.

“I look forward to becoming a member of the community and I am excited about the initiatives of this office that I hope to participate in and support,” she expressed.

Welcome home Michele!
Early signing of scholarships for our student-athletes

We are so proud of our student-athletes! In the last few days, four of our football players have received scholarship offers and they have signed them! This is an exciting time for them to explore the possibilities of transferring to a university.

Congratulations to:

- Davon Ferguson - University of Kansas
- Jeremiah McCullough - University of Kansas
- Darren Jones - Dixie State University
- Martin Cintora - Kansas Wesleyan University

We wish them all much success and thank them for their contributions to Hartnell Athletics. We look forward to hearing of their success at the national level.

Congratulations!
Hartnell Men’s Basketball win back to back in packed schedule

On December 29, 2017 and January 3, 2018, our Hartnell Panthers faced three other colleges in which they won 2 out of the 3 games played. On December 29th, the Panthers fell to Foothill College 78-62 but bounced back the next day when they took Reedley College on the road with a final score of 82-74.

The Panthers returned home on January 3rd to close out a tight overtime game against Cabrillo College, during which Hartnell prevailed 62-60. With this excellence of play, Hartnell's overall record improved to (9-6) for the season and still (1-0) in conference. Under Head Coach Andrew Vasher, the team has an average of 65 points per game, largely thanks to the ability within the players to move the ball around and holding a season average of 18 assists.

The Panthers have taken advantage of the opportunities they are given with a 46.8% field goal percentage and 34% from beyond the arc. The season has reached a crucial stretch as there are only 11 games left in the season and all conference games will hold huge power in deciding the Panthers’ playoff hopes. Hartnell looks to run in all gears as they take on San Jose City College on the road January 10th @7:00 p.m., before returning home January 12th to take on West Valley College @7:00 p.m.

Lady Panthers Score Season High over Ohlone

On December 20, 2017 the lady Panthers traveled to Ohlone to face the Renegades for a second time this season. The Lady Panthers had no issue getting on the scoreboard early in the game. Hartnell’s starting five consisted of Cristeta Almorade (#3), Carolina Sandoval (#10), Alexus Andrade (#21), Davaughna Thompson (#24), and Dallana Pantoja Perez (#31). Hartnell had a 40-26 lead at the half.

Ohlone had 26 turnovers compared to Hartnell’s 8, that allowed for more opportunities for Hartnell’s offense to have more offensive possessions to score. Davaughna Thompson led the team in scoring with her season high of 25 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assist and 7 steals. However, the Hartnell bench helped the team to earn a huge victory over Ohlone for the second time this season. Hartnell's bench outscored Ohlone’s bench by the margin of 52-7. Alexus Ortiz went 5-8 in the three-point line giving her a season high 15 points; she now ranks second in 3-point percentage in the conference with a 46.2%. Defensively, Valeria Quinones Liddy (#33) also went 8-16 from the field that helped her score 18 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assist, 7 steals and the only block of the game. Overall the Lady Panthers scored their season high with 91 points, in win against Ohlone.
Mandatory meeting

Introduction to Guided Pathways

In conjunction with the development of the Strategic Plan 2019-2024, Hartnell College is embarking on a journey to join a growing national movement aimed at improving student completion called "Guided Pathways." I cannot overstate the importance to our students and the community we serve of embracing the Guided Pathways (GP) framework in markedly increasing transfer and completion of degrees and certificates, and reducing the amount of time it takes for students to complete their educational goals.

The good news is that the College has already been implementing certain approaches that fall under the Guided Pathways umbrella for several years, and we've clearly been making great strides in improving student success. Thanks to all college employees for their ongoing work in this regard. But now, with the support of the Chancellor's Office, we have an unparalleled opportunity to integrate across initiatives, and take up the challenge to focus our collective efforts on student success like never before.

An Introduction to Guided Pathways will be presented on the first day of the Student Success Conference, Thursday, January 11, 2018, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., at the Main Stage Theater, Building K.

An email was sent to all last week with more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Main Campus – Steinbeck Hall – 5:00 p.m.

7th Annual Student Success Conference
January 11 – 12, 2018
Main Campus

Things to look forward to this semester:
- Welcome Back Lunch, January 24, 2018
- Black History Month in February
- Week of Love, February 7-14
- Women’s History Month in March
- Stay tuned for more and for details!
2018 Schedule of Sports’ home games
Available during Student Success Conference

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Hartnell alum appointed judge in Monterey County
http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/article/NE/20171222/NEWS/171229904

Alumnus Rowland getting better with age
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20171224/SPORTS/171229919
Football earns commitments in early signing period

Kansas ads community college athletes to roster in 2018

Football beef coming to Kansas

Breaking down impact of each signee in KU

Sacramento Marathon
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20171217/SPORTS/171219863

Chace Miguel goes back to her home turf to play soccer
https://benitolink.com/opinion/baler-girls-soccer-hosts-second-annual-alumni-game

Escobar goes home for the Holidays to find soccer team improving
http://www.bakersfield.com/sports/leaders-for-south-soccer-seeking-new-level-of-success/article_f4b0dd50-f1ab-11e7-a9e6-df7fb97ef8e0.html

Opening doors to Latinos interested in Law

Speech Team in the news
http://www.independentnews.com/community/talk-hawks-take-first-place/article_67ea811c-e5d7-11e7-b78d-b3b68ca8ff80.html

E. Alisal – Street safety

Pedestrian deaths unacceptable
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/opinion/2017/12/21/pedestrian-deaths-unacceptable-says-salinas-resident/973373001/

Remembering Alumnus Richard Henderson

Trump might end TPS protection for Salvadorans