Dr. Lewallen announces retirement in September and start of search

On Jan. 4, after 40 years as a professional in higher education, I announced my intention to retire as superintendent/president of the Hartnell Community College District, effective Sept. 30, 2019. Hartnell is about to begin its second 100 years, and I believe a new college leader should help chart that future.

Given the growing success of our students, the momentum of Measure T’s $167 million for new and modernized facilities, the anticipated seven-year renewal of our accreditation following an evaluation visit in March, and the launch of our new five-year Strategic Plan, this feels like the right time to pass the leadership reins.

The Governing Board will begin a national search process, with the goal of having a new leader in place when I step down. Michele and I love the Salinas area, and we look forward to continuing to explore all it has to offer. We intend to remain involved in the community, and I likely will do some teaching and consulting, as well. Passion for education is a hard habit to break. It has been my honor and privilege to serve our students, our communities and our employees. I look forward to our work together in the months ahead—and to an enduring legacy of success for Hartnell College.

College employees attend celebration in memory of colleague Laura Warren

I, along with many Hartnell employees, attended a Jan. 13 Celebration of Life at Weather Tech Raceway for Laura Warren, who passed away on Dec. 21. Laura, who worked at the college from 2010-18, was an executive assistant in the Office of Administrative Services. She was 55.
Laura Anne (Hardman) Warren left the physical world on Friday, December 21st at 8:21 a.m. surrounded by family and close friends at her home in Marina.

Laura was born at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula on March 18, 1963 to Earl and Lily Hardman, both now deceased. Laura spent her entire life living on the Monterey Peninsula; she attended local schools and graduated from Monterey High in 1981. While working at the Naval Post Graduate School’s Exchange, she met and married the love of her life, Archie Warren. Thereafter, Laura worked at several local businesses including the House of Fabrics; the Slattenback Corporation; Johnson, Gauer & Leach and, most recently, Hartnell College where she was an executive assistant to one of Hartnell’s vice-presidents. She was a Notary Public and was always taking college courses to further her education.

Laura was known for her quick wit and her ability to light up any room she entered. She loved to shop, buy and sell expensive purses, adopt small rescue dogs and drive fancy cars although, much to her chagrin, she was never able to fully master the art of driving a manual transmission. Laura also loved to travel and her favorite destinations were London, Hawaii, Paris and any Disney location.

Besides her loving and endlessly devoted husband Archie; Laura leaves in this world her big sister, Susan Moore (Arken) of Monterey; her adored niece Pamela Meachum (Danny) of Marina; her cherished nephew Andrew Robbins (Sharleen) of Millbrae; her intelligent and banjo-playing grand-nephew, Daniel Meachum of Marina; and her precious grand-niece, Lillie Robbins of Millbrae; as well as numerous treasured friends and relatives.

Laura’s family would like to sincerely thank the entire staff at Community Hospital and a special thank you to Dr. Anna Ganeles who made Laura’s transition to her next life as peaceful and pain-free as possible.

The family is planning a Celebration of Life potluck luncheon to take place on Sunday, January 13th at a location to be announced. In lieu of flowers, please send monetary donations in Laura’s honor to: Animal Friends Rescue Project, Post Office Box 51083, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 or online at animalfriendsrescue.org.

Laura: You will never, ever be forgotten and remember, it is always Thursday night in Heaven.
Rest in Peace.

The family welcomes monetary donations in Laura’s honor to: Animal Friends Rescue Project, Post Office Box 51083, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 or online at animalfriendsrescue.org.

Office of Student Life starts spring with resources and welcome events

Heading into Hartnell’s Spring 2019 semester, which starts on Jan. 14, the Office of Student Life welcomed new and returning students with special events and a few important announcements:
• **Student IDs (CATcard):** Office hours in the Student Center, C-140, are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Be prepared to show proof of payment for the Student Activities fee and a current class schedule. Returning students should have a current Hartnell ID.

• **Textbook boucher:** The application is now open. Please read the criteria carefully: [Spring 2019 Book Voucher Application](#)

• **Calculator rental:** Rent a TI-84 calculator for math class ($20 per semester). Apply in Student Center, C-140.

• **Week Of Welcome (WOW):** Fun and helpful activities in the Student Center include a Department Resource Fair on Jan. 15-16, the launch of the new “HC GO” mobile app and a Welcome Back Lunch from 12-2 p.m. on Jan. 23.

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**Employees for Student Success kicks off new year with new goal**

The Employees for Student Success program rallied Hartnell College employees at a breakfast for managers on Jan. 9 (pictured) and in a presentation at the Student Success Conference on Jan. 10.

More than 200 faculty and staff participate in the effort, and they contributed more than $120,000 in 2018. That support goes for student scholarships, a student emergency fund and other areas of high need to help put "Students First" at Hartnell.

The goal for 2019 is to have 225 participating donors and total giving of at least $125,000.

In her presentation at the conference, Vice President of Advancement and Development Jackie Cruz reminded her audience in the Main Stage Theater that a monthly payroll
deduction of just $20 a month – equivalent to a movie for two – generates enough to purchase one or more textbooks and supplies for one student.

**Student Success Conference covers wide range of subjects**

Hartnell’s Eighth Annual Student Success Conference on Jan. 10-11 included presentations about continuing projects such as preparing for Guided Pathways and AB 705 (pictured), as well as faculty-focused topics such as “Building Inclusive Online Environments.”

The keynote speaker on Jan. 10 was Dr. Melissa Salazar, founder of ESCALA Educational Services Inc., a minority- and woman-owned business based in northern New Mexico. Salazar, who spoke on “Hispanic-Serving Institutions,” worked for 10 years in the East Bay and Sacramento regions as a K-12 math and science instructor, as well as in other roles.

Dr. Sonja Lolland, vice president of academic affairs, opened the conference with welcoming remarks and an update on Hartnell’s accreditation process, including a visit by the AACJC team on March 4-7, which she predicted would go well.

“Its purpose is to improve our institution and help us better serve students,” Dr. Lolland said.

A particular highlight on Friday was an on-stage interview by English Professor Michael Hooper of recent Hartnell graduate Darrell Sinclair. Now a student at CSU Monterey Bay, Sinclair is a Navy vet who just completed a congressional internship in the office of U.S. Rep. Sue Davis (D-San Diego) through the Panetta Institute.

**Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee releases annual report on Measure T**

The 2017-18 Annual Report of the Measure T Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (COBC) is available online and will be shared publicly through notices in Salinas-area media.

The four-page report includes updates on the five projects in Phase I of Measure T, which total $70 million. They are: expansion of the King City Education Center, construction of a new education center in Soledad, construction of a new Nursing and Health Sciences Building on the Main
Campus (pictured) and the renovation of Building D and E on the Main Campus, which includes a redesign of the Main Campus quad from D and E west Building S, and construction of a North Monterey County education center in Castroville. All are scheduled to be under construction this year.

The Hartnell Governing Board formed and appointed the COBC in April 2017 to monitor expenditure and management of Measure T bond funds, approved by Hartnell Community College District voters in November 2016.

Mi CASA staff and students attend Catalyst grant training in Long Beach

The Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA) team traveled to Long Beach on Jan. 10-11 to attend the First CA Campus Catalyst Fund Grantee Convening. The team from Hartnell and representatives from 31 other California institutions that received the Catalyst Fund in August gathered to expand their knowledge on how to best serve and support undocumented students and their families.

Director Bronwyn Moreno, Program Assistant II-Catalyst Project Lead Miriam Vazquez-Gonzalez, Communication Specialist Adriana Gonzalez-Sebastian and Mi CASA Counselor Yuliana Vazquez were joined by Hartnell Catalyst Student Fellows Estefania Escalante and Dayana Maravillo.

Moreno was also a guest presenter, sharing Hartnell’s current practices for establishing and developing strong partnerships and collaborations within and outside of the college. The Mi CASA team is excited and looking forward to enhancing the services already in place as well as implementing new strategies to continue serving Hartnell Dreamers.

Faulkner performs Jalisco harp at First Night fest in Monterey

Hartnell music faculty member William Faulkner, who is also a world-renowned Jalisco harpist, performed in a traditional Mexican ensemble on New Year’s Eve at First Night Monterey. Michele and I were able to catch the first performance, and we were barely able to get in the room due to the interest in the performance.
Faulkner performed with folkloric dancer Pilar Mendoza and vocalist Carlos Villagomez, and they filled the room with the sounds and sights of melodies and dance. Sponsored by the city of Monterey, “First Night” has rung in the New Year with a celebration of the arts for the past 26 years. For 2019, there were 65 music, art and dance performances at numerous venues in and around the Portola Hotel and Alvarado Street.

Galvan chosen to serve on statewide Guided Pathways advisory board
Adjunct Counselor and Instructor Monica Galvan was selected in December to serve on the statewide Guided Pathways Advisory Board and began training in December. Galvan also works a full-time lead transfer outreach representative for UC Santa Cruz.

Basketball teams look ahead after tough opening stretch
Hartnell Men’s and Women’s basketball are both looking for their first conference win. The Panther men are 7-11 overall and 0-2 in conference. They beat Ohlone at home on Jan. 3, 79-69, but lost road games against Gavilan (55-84) on Jan. 9 and Allan Hancock (82-85) on Jan. 12. The women are 3-11 overall and 0-2 in conference. They lost an away game to Gavilan (42-59) on Jan. 9 and struggled against Cabrillo at home (36-79) on Jan. 11. The men will play San Jose City at home on Jan. 16, and both squads will play at Monterey Peninsula on Jan. 25.

Diaz Leal joins CSUMB team after pacing Panthers at state
Sophomore cross country runner Arlene Diaz Leal earlier this month signed a letter of intent to transfer to CSU Monterey Bay beginning this semester and compete for the Otters’ program in NCAA Division II. She will major in business.

Diaz Leal capped her outstanding career at Hartnell by placing 19th in a field of 164 at the CCCAA Championship on Nov. 17 in Fresno. That helped her team to a second-place statewide finish, its best ever. Her time of 19:05 over the 5k course at Woodward Park is the seventh best in program history.
Upcoming Events

Photo exhibition: Farm Service Agency collection
Hartnell Gallery
Weekdays
Opened Jan. 14
Hartnell Gallery, Building K

Administration
Department Resource Fair
Thursday and Friday, Jan. 10-11
Student Center

Men’s Basketball vs. San Jose City
7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 16
Hartnell Gymnasium

Welcome Back Lunch for Students
12-2 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 23
Hartnell Gymnasium

Women’s Basketball @ Monterey Peninsula
5 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25
Monterey Peninsula College

Men’s Basketball @ Monterey Peninsula
7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25
Monterey Peninsula College

Middle School Track & Field Clinics
Saturdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 9
Hartnell Track

Final deadline to petition for Spring 2019 graduation
Jan. 31
In the News

How Hartnell is trying to fight the impact of homelessness, hunger on its students:

Hartnell board searching for new president after Lewallen announces retirement:

Hartnell College Superintendent/President Dr. Willard Lewallen to retire in September:

Hartnell President Willard Lewallen set to retire in September:

California-based food safety company lauds the benefits of internships:

JC roundup, 1/11: Cabrillo men’s hoops routs San Jose in conference opener: