Hartnell prepares to host accreditation visit on March 4-7

Hartnell will host a visit on March 4-7 from an evaluation team for its regional accrediting agency, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

As part of a seven-review cycle that included submission of a 326-page Institutional Self-Evaluation Report in early January, the visiting team will review the Hartnell Community College District’s ongoing ability to meet accreditation standards, eligibility requirements and commission policies.

The visit will include a public forum with opportunity for employees and students to share input with the team, and a culminating session at which the team will share its preliminary observations. The times and locations for these two public sessions has yet to be announced. Team members may also request to meet with individual faculty and staff to learn more the college.

Hartnell’s last accreditation review was in 2013, when the college received 12 recommendations for improvement. Everybody in the Hartnell community rolled up their sleeves, and we went to work to resolve all those recommendation, which led to a reaffirmation of our accreditation.

Trustees hire firm PPL Inc. for Lewallen successor search

The Hartnell Community College District Governing Board voted unanimously on Feb. 19 to hire PPL Inc., a search firm that specializes in work for California Community Colleges, to coordinate its search for the college’s next superintendent/president, following my retirement effective Sept. 30.

Trustees approved a contract for $28,000, plus travel and other expenses, for services that include development of a candidate/district profile, advertisement and recruitment, first-level and finalist-level candidate consideration, negotiations and appointment.
Board Vice President Patricia Donohue, who chaired a subcommittee that recommended the firm, said PPL will be attuned to board preferences and the interests of campus and community stakeholders. “I believe we will be pleased with their approach,” Donohue said.

**MST considers express route for South County-Salinas bus**

Monterey Salinas-Transit is seeking input on an express bus route that would cut the 2 1/2-hour trip from King City to Salinas in half while providing more runs with fewer stops. To share your opinion, complete this MST survey by Feb. 28.

According to a Feb. 20 report by South County newspapers, Line 23 now serves about 18,000 riders a month has stops in Chualar, Gonzales, Soledad and Greenfield.

In King City, the new route would only stop at Canal and Bassett. It would eliminate the Greenfield stops at El Camino Real and Tyler. Soledad would lose the stops at Front and San Vicente and Monterey and East but add a stop at Front and Main streets. Only one stop would remain in Gonzales, along Fifth Street at the shopping center. Chualar would retain its single stop. The only Salinas stops would be at Hartnell and the Salinas Transit Center.

A draft of the Salinas Valley Express Transit Corridor Study is scheduled for review in March by the Monterey-Salinas Transit Board of Directors, with the final study being expected in May.

**Barbecue on Feb. 28 is another chance to support students**

In support of this year’s employee giving campaign, the Employees for Student Success Committee is selling tickets for a chicken barbecue prepared by our own master BBQ chef, Art Alvarado.

This is the last campaign push for 2019, and we hope you can support our students. The event is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 28 in the Quad (lawn area). Tickets are $10 and can be purchased in the Hartnell College Foundation office. The plate includes a quarter chicken, beans, salad and roll.

Please consider supporting this year’s campaign by purchasing a barbecue ticket. If you are unable to, you can still support our students by pledging a one-time or monthly donation. If you are already
participating, I encourage you to join me in increasing your gift to help us have a greater impact on students and programs.

For more information, contact Priscilla Amao Herrera at (831) 755-6810 or pamao@hartnell.edu.

**Cash for College helps dozens with FAFSA, Dream Act apps**

Hartnell served about 70 college-bound students and parents during Cash for College Day, a free financial aid workshop, on Feb. 23.

The event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Services Building was open to the public, with help available in English and Spanish, regardless of what college a student plans to attend in the fall.

It provided a drop-in opportunity for parents and students to complete online applications for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or the CA Dream Act, as well as the Cal Grant, which has a March 2 deadline.

In addition to staff from the Office of Financial Aid, visitors were served by representatives of the Office of Special Programs, who shared information about services for undocumented students and the new Salinas Valley Promise program, which in 2019-20 will provide free in-state tuition, mentoring and life-skills training for first-time, full-time students regardless of family income.

**Respiratory care students provide nebulizer training for school nurses**

Four students in Hartnell's respiratory care practitioner program provided nebulizer training at a Feb. 11 meeting of school nurses in the Salinas City Elementary School District.

Jael Bucio, Rachelle Navarette, Shiv Sharma and Michael Saaks presented information about the nebulizer, which turns liquid medicine into a mist that is inhaled through a mouthpiece or mask, and proper use of an asthma inhaler.

Staff in the Department of Nursing & Allied Health extended special thanks to Paulette Deyo-Stohlman, a public health nurse for the school district, who invited our students to participate in the training.
Youth Orchestra Salinas impresses in performance with Italian visitors

Hartnell was proud and grateful to welcome Italian performers Francesco Attesti, Matteo Galli and Lorenzo Iosco for teaching and performances on Feb. 19-21.

This was the seventh time Attesti and Galli have presented and performed at the college. Attesti, from Cortona, Italy, is a pianist of international acclaim. Galli, from Milan, is the chief organist at local basilicas in his hometown. They were joined by Iosco, a clarinetist who is assistant director at the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, and assisted by Galli’s wife, Chiara Gibillini.

I expressed my appreciation to parents of musicians from Youth Orchestra Salinas, who performed two impressive pieces under Iosco’s direction during the free public performance in the Mainstage Theater on Feb. 21. One of the compositions, “Gears – A Mechanical Bolero” by Galli, was a world premiere performance dedicated to me as a friend and supporter, and the group presented me with the original score.

As reported by the Monterey Herald, Attesti, Galli and Iosco also gave workshop performances for more than 1,500 Salinas City Elementary School District fourth-and fifth-graders on Feb. 19-20.

Exhibition by Nancy Sevier opens in gallery on March 4

Hartnell photography instructor Nancy Sevier will present a show of her mixed-media sculpture, titled “Resampled & Rearranged: Musical Objects Recomposed” in the Hartnell Gallery on the first floor of Building J from March 4 through April 11.

Sevier, who has taught at Hartnell since 2011, envisions the show as a reimagining of musical instruments that jostles cultural assumptions about their sanctity as objects.

“We have assigned value to these objects, so what happens when they have lost their value as
instruments?” she wrote in her artist’s statement. “Even in their brokenness, our connection runs deep.”

The exhibition will be open from 9 a.m. to noon and 4-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Sevier has scheduled an opening reception in the gallery from 5-7 p.m. on March 8.

Student profile: Shana Winborn finds strength in CalWORKS
A 26-year-old mother of three, Hartnell student Shana Winborn of Salinas said she “never thought I’d be here,” completing requirements for application to the registered nursing program. As a participant in CalWORKS, she receives counseling, childcare assistance and access to such resources as priority registration, workshops and vouchers for all required textbooks.

Winborn found joy in helping others while working as a custodian in a nursing home, and she realized she wanted to provide a greater depth of care. As she pursues her nursing career as a full-time student, while completing work-study at The Grille, she is “truly a champion,” said CalWORKS academic counselor Dr. Nancy Reyes. “Shana has a very positive outlook on life, and it is her resilience which will allow her to overcome life’s valleys,” Reyes said.

Describing herself as someone who “never had very high aspirations for herself,” the second-year student said she is grateful for the hope and encouragement she receives from Reyes and others. “I want to be the person she sees in me,” she said.

Hartnell Athletics seeks nominees for Hall of Fame
Hartnell Athletics Hall of Fame Committee is accepting team and individual nominations until March 15 for its 2019 for induction into the Hall of Fame at a luncheon ceremony on Nov 2.

Individual awards, which go to athletes and coaches as well supporters and volunteers, are for individuals who have been inactive with the athletics program for a period of time. While athletic and academic achievement as an undergraduate is of prime importance, outstanding accomplishments after leaving Hartnell will also serve as a factor in choices made by a selection committee made of
employees, supporters and former athletes. Outstanding teams are also eligible for induction.

Please, complete the nomination form and provide as much detail as possible. Complete background information will help in the evaluation of the nominee. Posthumous considered in all categories.

**Baseball and softball lose ground, while track makes mark at home**

**Panther Baseball** ended the week with an even record, 6-6, after dropping a home doubleheader against perennial powerhouse Fresno City, 6-1 and 4-0, on Feb. 18 and an 11-inning thriller on Feb. 23 at De Anza, 6-5. Sophomore pitcher Tommy Castro (Gilroy H.S.) regained the state strikeout lead by downing seven in his start in the second game against Fresno City.

**Hartnell Softball** continues to look for its first win after a challenging home doubleheader with Foothill on Feb. 22 at home, losing 17-4 and 16-3. They have five more straight home games, beginning with a doubleheader against West Hills Coalinga on Feb. 26, followed by Cabrillo on Feb. 28, and then another doubleheader with Porterville on March 1.

As the track and field season picks up speed, the men’s and women’s teams hosted the Gary Shaw Multi-Event and 10k Qualifier on Feb. 18-19. A men’s foursome of Isaiah Guerra, Jack Fling, Conlyn Pattison and Julian Resendiz completed their first full decathlon. Guerra, a freshman from North Salinas High School, won the 100 meters, long jump, shotput, 400m, discus and javelin. Women’s teammates Monica Ruelas (sophomore, Gilroy H.S.) and Daniela Salazar (freshman, Watsonville H.S.) completed the 10,000 meters in nearly identical times, 39:28:30 and 39:29:80, becoming just the eighth and ninth women in program history to cover the 25 laps in under 40 minutes. Both teams competed at the Diablo Valley College Hall of Fame Classic on Feb. 22 in Pleasant Hill and will travel next to Chabot for the Wildcat Cup on March 2.

In basketball, the men’s and women’s teams both split their final two games. The men defeated Monterey Peninsula at home on Feb. 20, 85-72, but fell at De Anza on Feb. 22, 93-89. They finished their season with a 12-17 record overall and 5-7 in conference play. The women lost to Monterey Peninsula on Feb. 20, 80-47, but finished with a win at De Anza, 68-64. Their season record was 4-19 overall and 1-9 in conference.
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Italian musicians, perform at Hartnell College:

Upcoming Events

Note: Occasionally there are changes to dates/times for athletic contests due to weather and other circumstances. Check the Hartnell Athletics website for the most current schedule information (http://www.hartnellpanthers.com).

**Black History Month choir performance**
6 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 26
Student Center (Building C)

**Drop-In Legal Immigration Services**
6-8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 27
Building D, Room 385

**College Re-Design Forum**
3-5 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 27
Alisal Campus, C-212

**Employees for Student Success BBQ**
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 28
Meal tickets $10 ($20 to also provide student meal)
(831) 755-6810

**Softball vs. Cabrillo**
3 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 28
Hartnell Field

**Softball vs. Porterville**
12 and 2 p.m.
Friday, March 1
Hartnell Field

**Arts Hub: Learn to Crochet**
2-4 p.m.
Saturday, March 2
Room N-7 (old planetarium)

**ACCJC Accreditation Site Visit**
March 4-7
Main Campus, Alisal Campus and King City center

**Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium Open House**
3-4:30 p.m.
March 5
Building C, room 135 (new location)

**Baseball vs. Gavilan**
2 p.m.
Thursday, March 7
Tony Teresa Diamond, Hartnell

**Music Extravaganza**
6-9 p.m.
Friday, March 8
Center for Performing Arts (Building K)

**Women’s Empowerment Conference**
8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturday, March 9
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**Softball vs. West Valley**
3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12

**Educator in Residence Dr. Melissa Salazar**
“The Role of Culture in Learning”
9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**Baseball vs. Canada**
2:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 14
Tony Teresa Diamond, Hartnell

**Softball vs. West Valley**
3 p.m.
Thursday, March 14
Hartnell field