Campus and community gather for Walk of Honor ceremony

With appreciation for individuals who have made a mark at Hartnell College and sadness for those we have lost, we dedicated new commemorative bricks in our Walk of Honor on March 22. Twenty-six engraved bricks, with 26 names, have been added to the curved path in front of the Library/Learning Resource Center.

Joined at the ceremony by Board of Trustees President Aurelio Salazar Jr. and Trustee Candi DePauw, I recalled how the tragic death of student Daisy Ramirez-Martinez in January 2013 inspired creation of the Walk of Honor. Daisy, from Watsonville, died on Christmas Day 2013 after being struck by a car while crossing North Main Street in Salinas. As a student in the newly created CSin3 program, which enables students to complete a bachelor’s degree in computer science in three years, she was a pioneer blazing the trail for others, particularly young girls and women interested in technology.

“I’m lucky that I have this opportunity and know for sure that I will not take it for granted,” Daisy wrote not long before the accident.

There are many individuals who have passed through Hartnell College and made a difference in the lives of others – who have made significant contributions to the evolution of Hartnell over the years. There are students and others who have lost their lives way before they had a chance to make their full mark on Hartnell and the world. The Walk of Honor is our way of remembering and honoring them.
Reception honors 10 faculty newly tenured at Hartnell

We were pleased to recognize 10 faculty who have received tenure for the 2019-20 academic year and others advancing on the track to tenure at a March 19 reception in the Staff Lounge at the Student Center.

Joined by Board of Trustee member Manuel Osorio, I congratulated the newly tenured group for what is truly the greatest honor the college can bestow on its faculty. We look forward to all the contributions they will make in the future.

Pictured here are: Violeta Wenger (counseling), Mark Dehart (diesel technology), Jamie Pedroza (physical education), Francisco Corchado (counseling), Dr. Michael Hooper (English), Alicia Edelen (psychology), Gabriela Lopez (counseling), Academic Senate President Lisa Storm, Dr. Lewallen and Trustee Osorio. Tenured but not pictured: Jose Coria (computer science & information), Diane Harley (ESL/English) and Mary Rayappan (mathematics).

In addition to approving the tenured group, the Governing Board on March 5 also tenure-track advancement for 33 other faculty members.

Dual enrollment students receive Salinas Valley Promise T-shirts

From March 18-22, Hartnell’s dual enrollment program distributed Salinas Valley Promise T-shirts to nearly 700 students at high schools in the Hartnell Community College District. Pictured are members of a Dual Enrollment Counseling 1 class at King City High School. The shirts were shared during Dual Enrollment Digital Week of Action.

For first-time, full-time students in Fall 2019, the Salinas Valley Promise will provide a full year of free in-state tuition, a free computer or similar support, participation in a summer leadership institute and quarterly workshops and mentoring by local professionals. It is not limited by household income.

Hartnell outreach staff are actively working to guide 2019 graduates at district high school scholarship program to take advantage of this initiative, which seeks to increase degree
completion by transfer and career-technical education students. Participants will likely receive the same benefits during their second year as well.

Celebration recognizes employees who worked on accreditation effort

Hartnell Board of Trustees President Aurelio Salazar Jr. joined me at a March 18 celebration to thank college employees who played a direct role in preparing for and hosting a successful accreditation visit on March 4-7.

The visiting external team reported that our college meets all standards of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, virtually assuring a seven-year renewal of accreditation when the commission makes its final decision in June.

Salazar Jr., who attended Hartnell from 1992-95, spoke on behalf of his fellow trustees as he praised everyone involved for the hard work that went into this outstanding result.

“What we are being told is that we are doing great,” he said, “that you guys are doing great, that you guys are transforming and changing the lives of the hundreds and thousands of students that are coming here, and for that we applaud you – and I thank you.”

Driscoll’s film ‘The Last Harvest’ to be shown April 4 in planetarium

On April 4, Hartnell will host an exclusive showing of a compelling new film, "The Last Harvest," concerning the critical shortage of farm labor for hand harvesting.

Driscoll's, which produced the film, is inviting all students and employees to attend the screening and a panel Q&A/discussion with its executives and a grower who is featured in the production. The event is scheduled for 4-6 p.m. in the planetarium (Building S).

Students and faculty in the following programs may find this film and discussion particularly interesting and relevant to their fields: all agriculture-related programs, Communication Studies, Business Administration, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Ethnic Studies, Nursing, Public Health, Theatre Arts & Cinema and Administration of Justice.
Engineering club recognized as active chapter of national SHPE

After six years of effort, Hartnell’s student engineering club SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) has received word that it has been designated an active chapter within the society’s national organization.

Dr. Melissa Hornstein, instructor of engineering, mathematics and physics, is the club advisor, and student Eduardo Diaz is its current president. Club members are pictured following the announcement.

In a March 13 email, SHPE membership coordinator Alexis Medrano wrote, “SHPE recognizes and commends you for your commitment to the recruitment and advancement of Hispanics in STEM and where we are changing lives, empowering communities and impacting the world.”

SHPE was founded in 1974 by a group of engineers employed by the city of Los Angeles. Their objective was to form a national organization of professional engineers to serve as role models in the Hispanic community.

Mi CASA introduces new ambassador for King City

Mi CASA (Center for Student Achievement and Advancement) has selected sophomore Jaime Garcia to be its student ambassador at the King City Education Center.

Garcia, who plans to transfer to CSU Monterey Bay this fall in the Teacher Pathway Program, is a DACA recipient and first-generation students. He has been a member of the Hartnell Cross Country team, a MILE (Men’s Institute for Leadership and Education) Scholar and has made the dean’s and president’s lists multiple times, receiving more than $3,000 in scholarships over the past year.

Mi CASA staff said this about him: “Once an individual who lacked academic confidence, Jaime attacked those challenges with vigor and excitement. He has grown tremendously during his time at Hartnell College and now seeks an opportunity to impart his knowledge concerning success to others while gaining valuable employment experience. This was his motivation for becoming a student ambassador.”
Veterans and DSP&S staff share learning from veterans summit

Staff from the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) and Department of Supportive Program & Services (DSP&S) at Hartnell attended the California Community College Veterans Summit on March 21-22 at the Monterey Marriott. The eighth annual event was a collaborative effort between the Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, the Foundation for California Community Colleges and the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges.

The joint attendance reflected both Hartnell departments’ commitment to identify and develop ways to help veteran students access disability support services through the VRC. The group was able to attend all sessions, which included veteran counselor training, defining what a veteran resource center should be, offering Vet Net Ally training for employees, and providing credit for prior learning. Hartnell attendees were: Valerie Maturino-Lopez, Michelle Peters, Mary Dominguez, Ligia Polio and Gemma Uribe-Cruz.

A highlight was the discovery that Hartnell graduate and veteran Ryan Sparks has a special connection with Eloy Ortiz Oakley, chancellor of the California Community Colleges system, who gave the keynote address to nearly 350 administrators, staff and faculty. Ortiz Oakley talked about his Army service at Ft. Bragg, N.C., home to the Army Airborne School, where both experienced paratrooper training. Sparks, a junior at CSU Monterey Bay, told the Monterey Herald: “You can’t come and see this and then go back and say they’re not doing anything or they don’t care.”

Pictured, from left: Maturino-Lopez, Peters, Dominguez, Chancellor Ortiz-Oakley, Sparks, Polio and Uribe-Cruz.

Oliva and Jimenez co-author chapter in ‘Chicana Motherwork’ collection

Hartnell faculty Dr. Nereida Oliva, ethnic studies, and Dr. Hortencia Jimenez, sociology, announced the publication of their co-authored chapter in “The Chicana Motherwork Anthology,” published this year by the University of Arizona Press. The pair’s chapter is titled “Herstories of Sobrevivenica: Chicanx/Latinx Community College Student-Mothers (Re)claiming and (Re)defining the Educational Pipeline and CalWORKS.”

A description of the anthology says it “weaves together emerging scholarship and testimonies by and about self-identified Chicana and Women of Color mother-scholars, activists and allies who center mothering as transformational labor through an intersectional lens.”
**Free tax prep help available at Hartnell through mid-April**

United Way’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance service (VITA) is available at both Hartnell’s Main Campus and Alisal Campus for families and individuals who earned less than $55,000 in 2018.

Assistance is available on the Main Campus from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through April 11 in the Student Services Building, room B-110, and on the Alisal Campus from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays through April 13 in room C-205.

**North Salinas students tour NAH; nursing holds Job & Career Fair**

On March 15, 33 students from the Health Academy at North Salinas High School visited Hartnell and participated in three workshops on Nursing and Allied Health programs.

They visited the simulation lab, where sim lab tech Juan Morales showed students how the lab works and introduced them to some mannequins. Respiratory care practitioner and registered nursing students led a workshop in both intubation and how to properly give compressions. Iris Gamez, coordinator of the Salinas Valley Health Professions Pathway Partnership, expressed her thanks to NAH staff, RCP and RN students.

Also, on March 18, registered nursing students hosted a Job & Career Fair for NAH students. Among participating partners were the physician’s assistant master’s program and nursing program at CSU Monterey Bay, the Hartnell Transfer and Career Center and industry partners Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, the Visiting Nurses Association and Alsana. Gamez also extended special thanks to Jessica Thompson, Maria Gamboa, Analisa Burgos, Denise Gonzalez and Jazmin Osorio for putting together this meaningful event.
Delegation attends workshop on data-informed planning

Eight Hartnell representatives attended “Connecting the Dots: Data-Informed Integrated Planning,” a March 11-12 workshop in Goleta offered by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office.

Attending were deans Dr. Celine Pinet, Mostafa Ghous and Mary Dominguez; directors Matthew Trengove, Jainesh Singh and Ana Gonzales; Articulation Officer Gabriela Lopez; and Vice Presidents Dave Philips and Dr. Sonja Lolland (pictured). They reviewed available data on student success metrics and discussed how to align resources and programs to put students first.

The workshop focus was on students and their educational journeys from recruitment to completion, with metrics broken into three categories: access (input), practices (process) and student outcomes (output).

Hernandez will play for Dakota Wesleyan in S.D.

Men’s Head Soccer Coach Daniel Ortega announced that sophomore forward Brandon Hernandez signed a letter of intent on March 19 to continue his education and playing career this fall at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D.

Hernandez had a tremendous year for the Panthers, scoring 11 goals in 12 attempts – five of which were game-winners. He also had six assists.
Softball and Baseball in final stretch with just a few home games to go

Hartnell Softball notched another win at home on March 21, defeating Mission 14-2 at home with a strong showing at the plate. Catcher Alexis Andrade had three hits, and centerfielder Amber Duplisse and second baseman Nicole Martinez each had a pair. With an overall record of 4-20 as of March 25, the Panthers will host Foothill on March 28 and Chabot on April 4.

Hartnell Baseball fell to a 10-13 overall record and 3-5 in conference play after losing three straight to Coast Conference powerhouse Ohlone. The Panthers will begin a five-game stretch of non-league play, starting with a home game against San Mateo on March 26. They will also be at home on March 30 to face West Valley.

In the News


Two former opponents are racing together to help Hartnell track become the best: https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2019/03/20/track-athletes-deantae-williams-timothy-hunter-hartnell-college-california/3181212002/

Pena in the center of Pirate line: http://www.reflector.com/ECU/2019/03/20/Pena-anchor-on-Pirate-line.html

Upcoming Events
Notes:

- All locations are Main Campus unless otherwise indicated.
- 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).

Hartnell Spring Break
March 25-30

Baseball vs. San Mateo
2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26
Tony Teresa Diamond, Hartnell

Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit
March 26-27
STEM Center Building (S)
**Drop-In Immigration Legal Services**
6-8 p.m.
Wednesday, March 27
Building D, room 385

**Mobile Maker Lab**
1:30-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 27
Greenfield Cultural Arts Center

**Softball vs. Foothill**
3 p.m.
Thursday, March 28
Hartnell Field

**Campus closed:**
**Cesar Chavez Day** (observed)
Friday, March 29

**Hartnell Bay Area Overflow Meet**
Friday, March 29
Hartnell Track

**Baseball vs. West Valley**
1 p.m.
Saturday, March 30
Tony Teresa Diamond, Hartnell

**Presentation:**
“**What is Public Health?**”
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Monday, April 1
Steinbeck Hall (Building C, Main Campus)

**Public Health Career & Wellness Day**
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 3
Steinbeck Hall (Building C, Main Campus)

**Mi CASA Scholarship Workshop**
3-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 3
Building D, room 383

**Career Development Workshop**
3-5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 3
Building C, room 132
Fresno State Transfer Advising  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 3  
Building C, Room 132

UC Admissions: What’s Next?  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Thursday, April 4  
Building C, Room 132

Softball vs. Chabot  
3 p.m.  
Thursday, April 4  
Hartnell field

2X4 Bash auditions: “The Wolves” and “Hand to God”  
2-4 p.m.  
Saturday, April 6  
Band Room, Building K

“SOUTH: A Nautical Musical”  
7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 6  
Studio Theater (K-116)

“SOUTH: A Nautical Musical”  
2 p.m.  
Sunday, April 7  
Studio Theater (K-116)

The Assembly: College Re-Design Teams  
1-2:30 p.m.  
Monday, April 8  
Building A, room 116

Baseball vs. Cabrillo  
2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 9  
Tony Teresa Diamond, Hartnell

EOPS/CalWORKS Financial Literacy Workshop  
2-3 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 10  
Building B, room 110
Career Development Workshop
3-5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 10
Building C, room 132

Mobile Maker Lab
1:30-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 10
Greenfield Cultural Arts Center