Hartnell’s Walk of Honor

On Thursday, December 7, 2017, we held a ceremony in honor of those who left a mark on the institution. The Walk of Honor is a site dedicated to honoring former Hartnell College students, employees, and board members. It is designed as a place for remembrance and reflection. Many individuals who have passed through Hartnell College have made a difference in the lives of others, and have made significant contributions to the evolution of Hartnell over the years. We want to remember students whose lives were cut short. Pavers were installed outside of the Library to honor these individuals. Dozens of family and friends were in attendance. Some, took time to take pictures of the pavers, while others shared stories about their loved one. Guests enjoyed refreshments and cake.

I shared the mic for the remarks and dedication with President of the Board of Trustees, Manuel Osorio; also in attendance were Trustees Pat Donohue and Candi DePauw.

Walk of Honor Honorees 2017

- Andrews, Marilyn
- Bautista, Vanessa
- Beals, Chuck
- Brandson, Alexis David
- Casillas Muñoz, Rene
- Cook, LeVerne
- Coussineau, Mary
- CSEA Employees
- Dairekuno, Richard
- Duran, Salvador
- Gachett, Dominique
- Gutierrez, Linda
- Herenda, Martin Jr.
- Kenyon, Reggie
- Lachona, Anthony
- Martínez, Ana F.
- Milligan, Olajumool
- Dr. Pardo, Ignacio
- Pessaqno, Janet
- Ramirez, Darcy
- Ramirez, Heidi
- Raye, David
- Rosales, Christian
- Salvezio, Michael
- Silveira, John
- Steinhardt, Anne
- Tijerina, Gabriel
- Valdez, Thomas
Holiday Feast
Prizes and surprises to be had
On Friday, December 8, 2017, we hosted the Holiday Feast for all employees. Steinbeck Hall was festive with Holiday cheer and beautifully packed with faculty and staff. This has become a tradition to celebrate the Holidays and the end of another year.
As part of the program, the ‘I am Hartnell’ awards were given to a student, faculty, staff, and administrator.
Employees and students submitted nominations during the fall semester to recognize those who are making an impact in the institution. The 59 nominations were reviewed by student, faculty, and staff members of the committee; these committee members were the winners from last year. Those awarded were:
- Herbert Cortez, CSEA
- Jacqueline Flores, Confidential
- Dr. Yoshiko Matsushita-Arao, FT Faculty
- Daisy Nunez, PT Faculty
- Cody Steele, Student
- Ismael Ramirez, L-39
- Bronwyn Moreno, Management
Trustees Manuel Osorio, Pat Donohue, and Candi DePauw were present and helped congratulate the recipients. In addition, retirees Mary Cousineau and Carol Kimbrough were recognized for their years of work at the institution.
As an added bonus, I had a surprise for everybody! A branded pull-over for all employees, including part-time faculty. These can be claimed at the President’s Office.
Happy Holidays and a happy New Year to you and yours!

Congrats to Liz Estrella!

What a great time to celebrate the achievements of our own! You may now call her, Dr. Liz Estrella. On November 29, 2017, Dr. Estrella performed her oral defense of dissertation for University of La Verne’s Organizational Leadership Program. She has earned a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership.
In her oral defense, per her abstract, she talked about:
Actions faculty experts recommend for California Community Colleges to ensure maximum effectiveness of instructional strategies and related academic support programs in developmental mathematics by the year 2020: A Delphi study.
“It was the ultimate challenge and that I could say I accomplished it,” Dr. Estrella said. “I love hearing about best teaching strategies and it was a joy to hear from mathematics instructors across the state. I believe it is great information other colleges could use as well.” Her family is really proud of her achievements and continue to celebrate. The dissertation committee included retired Hartnell Superintendent/President, Dr. Phoebe Helm. Congratulations!

Psychology Research Symposium

The Psychology Research Symposium was held in the Office of Student Life at Hartnell College, December 5-7, 2017. Psychology students presented their semester-long research projects to the Hartnell College Community. Seventeen research projects were displayed and oral presentations of the experimental findings were shared with hundreds of students, faculty and staff in attendance. Professor Alicia Edelen crafted this symposium for students and the campus to learn about different topics affecting us today.

Differential Equations Seminar – an interesting approach to love

We had another great Differential Equations session on Saturday, December 2, 2017, with more than 30 students in attendance. Nai-Chia Chen presented a great talk that was both accessible and interesting for all students. Her primary example was the dynamics of love, showing several models that predict the outcome of a relationship based on the interactions of various "types" of people. She then showed videos describing real-world examples of population dynamics, and applied the Lotka-Voltera competing populations model to two competing gangs. The students were very receptive to the talk, and clearly enjoyed learning how differential equations can be applied to model these interactions.

“I am very grateful that the STEM departments have clearly been supporting this program,” said Professor of Mathematics, Brian Palmer. “There is no way we would have this many participants without their support.”
Collaboration: Theater Arts & Cinema and Nursing and Allied Health

Students and faculty from Nursing and Allied Health and Theatre Arts & Cinema (TAC) have been collaborating this year in a number of exciting ways, involving student actors helping with patient simulations throughout the fall term, and culminating in a one-day workshop. The workshop, held on November 29, 2017, was facilitated by students of the Theatre & Cinema Team, and the Theatre for Social Change class, as well as by TAC and Nursing faculty. Drawing from Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed, forum theatre techniques, students were able to share experiences and develop tools for advocacy and problem-solving through performance and discussion. We are excited to continue this work in the spring, among TAC, Nursing & Allied Health, and Agricultural Business.

Antigone Production a success!

The Theatre & Cinema Program produced their adaptation of Sophocles' Antigone for appreciative audiences on December 1-2, 2017, in Hartnell's Studio Theatre. The show has been entered into the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) and KCACTF Respondent Bree Valle from Cuesta College was in attendance on opening night and provided an engaging talk-back with students. Michele and I were in attendance on opening night. The group hopes to perform the show again, in a live televised production later this month at the MCAET Black Box Theatre. The show's Stage Manager, Miranda Rodriguez, has been nominated for the KCACTF Stage Management Fellowship, and Honorable mention has gone to Costume Designer Gwen Woods, and Lead supporting actor, Briana Sandoval. Additionally, Actors nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Competition include: Jonathan Perez, James Marshall, and Daisy Barajas. Congratulations to all of the talented and dedicated students who helped make the show a success!
Forensics Team Hosts Speech Tournament

On Friday December 1, 2017, the Hartnell Forensics team hosted the first Intramural Speech Tournament on campus. Students from various Communication Studies courses participated in the tournament by competing with speeches they prepared for their classes. Students could perform with an informative or persuasive speech. Rounds were judged by Hartnell Forensics team members who volunteered to lend their expertise to the event. After two preliminary rounds, five students earned the opportunity to compete in the final round: Laura Ayala, Pamela Fernandez, Kim Granados, Elizabeth Sandoval, and Daniel Dietz.

Hartnell Team member Adriana Gonzalez observed, “It was a great experience to share with others what the Hartnell Speech Team can do. I loved seeing the excitement from the competitors!”

Mr. Dietz earned first place by receiving the first place rank from all three judges who evaluated the final round performances. Kim Granados came in second, and Elizabeth Sandoval placed third.

Forensics Coach, Daniel López shared his view of the tournament, “Forensics is an important and impactful activity that can offer countless rewards for students. As coaches and instructors, we also know not all of our students have the opportunity to commit the long hours of practice it takes to be competitive at the intercollegiate level. We wanted to provide those students a chance to glimpse what Hartnell Forensics team members experience when they go to tournaments and sample some of the benefits of competitive speaking for themselves.”

The Hartnell Forensics Team Intramural Tournament will be an ongoing event near the end of each semester. Instructors or Administrators seeking information on participating should direct their inquiries to Daniel López in the Communication Studies Department.

iAgriculture – Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

On December 1, 2017, several Hartnell students were given the opportunity to visit California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, along with instructor Aileen Rickert-Ehn. Students participated in Discovering Agriculture: The Transfer Experience. The special program was developed by a group of students at Cal Poly for community college students who might have an interest in transferring to Cal Poly. They had the opportunity to attend workshops on Animal Identification, Meat Science and Production, Crops Science, Bio Resource & Agriculture Engineering, and Robotics and Automation in Agriculture. This event invited Hartnell students to meet faculty, students, and become immersed in the “Learn by Doing” environment.
Hands-On Friday – presentation for Aptos HS

On November 29, 2017, Belen Gonzales along with automotive students Arturo Rivera and Michael Diaz presented to a group of students from Aptos High School. Belen presented on the Advanced Automotive Technology and Advanced Diesel Technology programs, introduced students to the Alisal Campus, and steps to enroll at Hartnell. Michael and Arturo had the opportunity to share their experiences as Hartnell Automotive students as well as share why they chose Hartnell. They also provided a hands on activity for students. The group of students from Aptos High School ranged from 9th - 12th grade.

Collaboration on best practices in recruiting future teachers

Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Celine Pinet took a team from the Teacher Talent Incubator to the Chancellor's office last week to review regional and statewide teacher pathways labor market data and ecosystem maps to assess regional priorities. With her were Dr. Mayra Almodovar and Sergio Diaz from Hartnell College, Dr. Mark O'Shea from CSUMB, and Kristine Vasquez, Educational Administrator, Monterey County Office of Education.

Vice Chancellor Van Ton-Quinlivan spoke to the group about Chancellor’s office vision and introduced the Education Futures pipeline being created. The regional Communities of Practice used a consultancy protocol, and presented their plan to expand and diversify the number of students entering the teaching profession. The groups provided feedback to one another, asking questions of the presenters to guide a honing of the plans, in light of the data reviewed earlier on in the day.

From right to left: Dr. Pinet; Kathleen White, Program and Pathways Coordinator for San Francisco City College and co-lead for the Regional Initiative; Dr. Annie Johnston, Technical Assistance Provider - Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and Coordinator of Public Programs at the University of California – Berkeley; and Mary Solstis, Program and Pathways Coordinator for Cabrillo College and co-lead for the Regional Initiative.
Volleyball Season Closing

Volleyball season has come to an end for the 2017-2018 academic year. The team finished 3rd in league, with an overall record of 18-11 and 7-5 in conference play, and ranked 15th in Northern California CCCAA.

“We maintained a high level of play this season with a freshman heavy team. Our sophomores set the bar high and led this group throughout the season. We overcame some ups and downs, yet continued the tradition of elite level volleyball at Hartnell,” stated Head Coach Jamie Pedroza.

During the springtime, the team will get to play in three tournaments and will train two days a week. The focus will be on rebuilding by lifting weights, doing plyometrics, and continuing to develop their skills. The following players were selected onto the Coast-North All Conference team.

First Team All-League: Samantha Shaffer
Sam came to Hartnell from Salinas High School. She was a co-captain for this year’s team and was a starting outside hitter. She is ranked 4th in the Coast-North conference for kills per set (3.16) and 5th in the conference for kills. Sam led this year’s team with 291 kills. She was second on the team with 219 digs.

First Team All-League: Daniela Gonzalez
Daniela Gonzalez is finishing up her sophomore season and came to Hartnell from Alvarez High School. Daniela played Middle Blocker and accumulated 147 kills and maintained one of the highest hitting percentages on the team. She is ranked 3rd in the Coast-North conference for Blocks Per Set (0.83). She was this year’s top blocker with 19 solo blocks, and 56 block assists. She will be looking to transfer to a four-year university to continue playing and majoring in Kinesiology.

First Team All-League: Megan Gonzalez
Megan Gonzalez came to Hartnell from Carmel High School. She led the offense as a setter and dished out 622 setting assists. Megan is ranked 4th in the Coast-North conference for assists per set (8.41).

Second Team All-League: Marlene Morales
Marlene Morales hometown is King City where she attended King City High School. As a sophomore she played outside hitter for the team and totaled 144 kills. She is ranked 4th in the Coast-North conference for service aces per set. She will be looking to transfer to a four-year to continue playing volleyball and majoring in biology.
Women’s Soccer Season Closing
The 2017-2018 Women Soccer season has come to an end. The team closed the season with an overall record of 10-11-1 and 4-6-1 in conference. The following players were announced as First and Second Team-All conference:

First Team: Maria goalkeeper Isabel Pozos (#99)
Maria’s hometown is Watsonville, CA, and she attended Pajaro High School. She is currently a sophomore here at Hartnell. Maria is majoring in sociology.

First Team: Diana Lopez (#13)
Maria is currently finishing off her second year here at Hartnell. Maria attend Alisal High School in her hometown Salinas, Ca. Diana’s positions are midfielder and forward. She had a total of 12 assists and 3 goals, and 2 of those were the game-winning goals.

First Team: Chace Miguel (#16)
Current sophomore, Chace came to Hartnell from Hollister, Ca. She attended San Benito High School. Chace was named Coast Conference Player of the Year 2017. Chace had a total of 25 goals and 7 assists this season, 7 of those goals were the game-winning goals.

Second Team: Cassidy Shiveley (#7)
Cassidy’s home town is Salinas and she attended Salinas High School. Cassidy is currently a freshman here at Hartnell majoring in sociology. She is a midfielder and had a total of 3 goals.

Second Team: Maria Zaragoza (#5)
Sophomore defender Maria is preparing to be a police officer. Her hometown is Salinas and she attended North Salinas High School and El Puente.

Second Team: Brenda Avila (#18)
Freshman defender Brenda attended Everett Alvarez High School in her hometown Salinas, Ca. She had a total of 4 goals and 2 assists.

“We were able to host a playoff game here at home for the first time ever and it was against Foothill who were the conference
champions and we beat them,” said Head Coach Ivan Guerrero. “Now we are just looking forward to spring and getting ready for next season and recruiting the best players out there.”

During the spring the players will be focusing on getting faster, stronger, getting better technically individually and to hopefully help prevent less injuries for next season. They will be facing some universities in March and April to showcase the team and give players a taste of what it's like to play at the next level.

Hartnell Prevails Through 3 Game Road Trip in Monterey

Between November 30 and December 2, 2017, our Panthers Men's Basketball team went on the road for a 3 game stretch in which they prevailed with a positive record of 2-1.

vs Irvine Valley

On November 30, 2017 Hartnell began its road journey against Irvine Valley as they took part in the Monterey Bay Classic Tournament at MPC. The team suffered a loss for the first time this year, falling to Irvine Valley 72-57. Despite the loss, the Panthers shot the ball well, recording 53.7% on field goals and 38.9% on 3-points. Hartnell only trailed by 6 points at the half; however, Irvine Valley prevailed by recording a 64-41 victory by the end of the contest. Notable contributors for the Panthers were (#24) Rene Hurtado who lead the team in points with 16 and (#22) Spencer Conrad who recorded 7 assists with his 12 points.

vs West Valley

On December 1, 2017 our Hartnell Panthers bounced back against West Valley at the Monterey Bay Classic Tournament with a convincing 70-60 win. (#11) Mathis Sellins scored 14 points and 12 rebounds, allowing the Panthers to pick up the W, and recover from the previous loss to Irvine Valley. Hartnell’s shooting percentage was right around their season average as they shot the ball at 46.3% and continued to move the ball to record 20 assists for the game. When it came to beyond the 3-point line, the Panthers shot percentage was low at 27.8%. Overall, they were more than capable to get the job done with help from (#5) Kishon Rogers who contributed 16 points off the bench to give the team a big boost and allow them to stay upfront and seal the win.

Vs. Santa Barbara

On December 2, 2017 the Panthers took on Santa Barbara in the Monterey Bay Classic Consolation Final in which they comfortably won 67-56. (#22) Spencer Conrad exploded for 18 points and 6 assists to go along with (#5) Kishon Rogers 15 points off the bench to give the Panthers their second straight win. Hartnell shot the ball exquisitely recording a 52% field goal percentage and 40% on 3-pt shots to dominate the court against a (1-7) Santa Barbara. The Panthers racked up 21 assists with ease to help four players record double digits in points. With all this firepower Hartnell improved to (5-1) for their overall record.

Hartnell hopes to keep its momentum going. Congratulations and keep up the good work team!
Hartnell Looks to Improve
Cristeta Almorade scores season-high 12 points

From November 30 - December 1, 2017 the Women’s Basketball team went on the road to Cuesta Community College for Cuesta’s Annual Tournament. Hartnell’s Women’s Basketball team looked to not only enjoy a team bonding experience, but also to compete against some of the most tough Southern California teams. Hartnell started the tournament by playing against home team Cuesta and LA Pierce. Unfortunately, the Panthers fell short against both teams falling 71-49 to Cuesta and 88-66 to LA Pierce.

The Panthers (1-5) continued with season play on December 6, 2017 against Reedley College (6-3). Reedley had an impressive start to the game, however in the second Quarter, Hartnell scored 16 points, compared to Reedley’s 24, making the game interesting going into the half 20-44 with Reedley on the lead. Freshman Cristeta Almorade (#3) scored 12 points, 2 assists and 1 rebound as soon as she went on to the court. At the start of the second half, Reedley was on a roll not allowing any type of momentum for Hartnell. Davaughna Thompson (#24) helped the Panthers score by adding 12 points; Davaughna currently Ranks 4th in conference play in scoring, averaging 12.8 points per game. Top Rebounder for Hartnell Illyanna Hendricks (#30) currently ranks 2nd in Conference with 11.5 rebounds per game, unfortunately she was unavailable for this match. Freshmen Alexus Andrade (#21) and Valeria Quinones Liddy (#33) both combined for 5 rebounds and took over the role. Hartnell fell short 42-80 against Reedley. The Panthers now sit at 1-6 (.143) their next game is on the road against Marin on December, 12.

Meet our new Parent Organizer
Salinas Valley Health Professions Pathway Partnership

Alma Loredo has joined the family of the Salinas Valley Health Professions Pathway Partnership as Parent Organizer and Coordinator. She was born in San Luis Potosí, Mexico and has lived in Salinas for 13 years; she is a wife and mother of 3 children who are her inspiration and example to achieve her goals. As a parent who was involved in her children’s education, she encountered many obstacles including not knowing how to navigate the school system in this country. Through these obstacles, she discovered a passion for advocacy for children and young people in education and social-emotional health. Because of this, she has been involved in numerous committees and organizations geared toward education initiatives in Salinas. “I feel very hopeful and motivated to give the best of myself to the community. I believe that with enthusiasm and energy we will be able to empower and inspire other parents to take that step and advocate for their children,” commented Alma. “Together we can make a systematic change to create a great positive impact in the community of Salinas, which needs a lot of our work and support.” Welcome Alma!
Accreditation Visit fast approaching by Dr. Lori Kildal, VP Academic Affairs

Hartnell College continues to embrace the future through the daily work of our dedicated employees. Student learning, faculty dedication, strength in administrative guidance, and community participation are but a few of the daily experiences one might enjoy while visiting Hartnell campuses. Each of these elements form a cohesive educative model that welcomes the challenges of a diverse student populous. These truths are evidenced in the many measured successes of Hartnell graduates, but also through the continued analysis of each learning discipline in our current accreditation process. As members of an ACCJC accredited college, Hartnell constituents strive to offer learning environments that challenge the students to seek better, more sustainable ways to impact the local community and the greater world.

As we mentioned in the September communiqué, faculty, staff, and administrators alike are working tirelessly to prepare an Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) that highlights the many successes of the college from North County to South County. The first task of the Hartnell Accreditation Council members was to find evidence in support of one hundred and twenty-six elements that the school must fulfill. The good news you ask? In spite of many hectic schedules, the team members’ searches of the far reaches of the community established lists of evidence that support nearly every one of the ACCJC measures of college success.

As all of us know, semesters go by quickly. The ACCJC March 2019 visit to the Hartnell campus is fast upon us, and much work is still in need of completion. We look to you as active members of the college community to fully participate in the development of your governance council’s reporting. This is accomplished through your continued service model of excellence in regards to students, colleagues, and community members alike. The process of accreditation also gives you, the members of our community, a unique opportunity to tackle areas of improvement that might hinder the continued success of the most important element of the college, the student. You can make an even larger impact by paying particular attention to the requests of your accreditation team leaders, as they represent the good work that you continue to accomplish in our Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) development.

Your Accreditation committee members look forward to sharing more of this process as it develops over the next year. Keep a sharp eye for emails and direct contact that asks for your continued contribution to accreditation at Hartnell College.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Instrumental and Jazz Ensemble
Wednesday, December 13, 2017
K-125, 11:45 a.m.
**Orchestra Concert**  
Thursday, December 14, 2017  
Mainstage, 7:30 p.m.

**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

**Winter Closure**  
December 18, 2017 – January 1, 2018

**IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK**

Hartnell’s Orozco heads to Alaska  

Volleyball repeats success this year  

Kansas gets a commitment from Ferguson, who is rare find at the juco level  

Jeremiah McCullough followed the signs and committed to Kansas  

John Devine, County Clipboard: Freshman Bouyea starting for USF  

Hartnell teams up with cities to look at workforce development  

Spanish – Segment about adult education via Univision  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkcYVf0uRdq](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkcYVf0uRdq)