

HARTNELLCOLLEGE

President's Weekly Report to the Board of Trustees

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Mission:

Focusing on the education and workforce development needs of communities in the Salinas Valley, Hartnell College strengthens communities by providing opportunities for students to reach career and/or academic goals (associate degrees, certificates of achievement, transfer to four-year institutions) in an environment committed to student learning, achievement and success.

Farewell to all, with many thanks – and welcome to a new leader

Dear Hartnell College Community,

Nine months is a long time to say goodbye. But on the other hand, there is never time enough to properly thank everyone who has joined with me and our entire community over the past seven years in working to ensure the best possible future for the students of Hartnell College.

Michele and I will have the good fortune to remain engaged as true believers in this remarkable place. Though we have a busy travel schedule, including time with our kids, their partners and our precious granddaughter, we'll still be there to root for the Panthers, marvel at the incredible productions of The Western Stage and stand in awe of students' academic and career achievements. Most importantly, we'll remain loyal champions of Hartnell's mission of student access and success.

In just a few days, on Sept. 16, executive assistant Lucy Serrano and administrative assistant Cristina Zavala will begin supporting a new superintendent-president. And I will do the same, helping introduce Dr. Patricia Hsieh to some of the many community partners and other friends who support the mission of Hartnell College through their generosity and expertise.

Witnessing Dr. Hsieh's talents firsthand as a former colleague at Antelope Valley College, and knowing her accomplishments as president of San Diego Miramar College, I am absolutely confident that Hartnell is gaining a thoughtful and conscientious new leader – one who shares the fundamental commitment to students that we describe as "students first." Your welcoming encouragement will help her more quickly plug in and continue to spark the life-changing power of higher education at Hartnell College.



I will forever be thankful for your support, for our wonderful students, for our innovative and talented employees, for our courageous Governing Board and for the many people and organizations who have humbled me with their kind words and generous tributes. One such honor came to me on Sept. 6, when LULAC Council #2055 presented me with a Presidential Service Award. Receiving such an award from the oldest Latino civil rights organization in the United States is something I will cherish forever. All of the overwhelming recognition I have received since announcing my retirement plans in January truly is a credit to what we have achieved together.

I thank you for supporting me and for enriching my life through your professionalism, dedication and friendship. I wish for all of you nothing but continued success, and I look forward to hearing about your many accomplishments and achievements in support of our students, employees and communities.

Please remember that the ongoing project we call Hartnell will always be more about tomorrow than yesterday. You, who truly *are* Hartnell, can join with Dr. Hsieh to create newly amazing tomorrows, including our historic Centennial Celebration in 2020. Michele and I will be there, too – just a few rows back – cheering with pride.

Sincerely,

Willard Lewallen

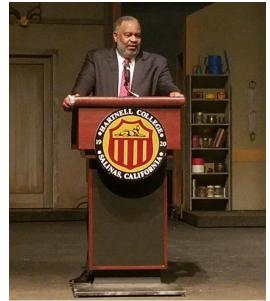
Willard Clark Lewallen, Ph.D. Superintendent / President

Hinton asks audience to embrace compassion and face up to racism

Exonerated death row prisoner, author and anti-capital punishment activist Anthony Ray Hinton did not mince words when he spoke to a packed audience on Sept. 12 in the Mainstage Theater.

He bluntly recounted the institutional racism that kept him behind bars for 28 years in his native Alabama for two 1985 murders he did not commit.

"I wish I could tell you that being born black and poor had nothing to do with me spending 30 years in a fiveby-seven [cell]," Hinton said. "But the State of Alabama did not make an honest mistake, and being born poor



and black had everything to do with me spending 30 years in a five by seven."

During remarks of more than an hour, followed by lengthy answers to audience questions, he thanked Hartnell English students who wrote him letters last academic year to express how moved they were by his book, "The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row," and to invite him to come and speak in Salinas.

Hinton said he found racism to be worse across the United States after his release in 2015 than it was when he was imprisoned. He recounted decades of legal work on his



behalf, riddled with wrenching setbacks. He said his religious faith gave him the strength to forgive even those who had sought his execution while knowing he was innocent. To chuckles, he described being baffled as a friend drove him away from prison, guided by the mysterious voice of a "white lady" delivering directions via GPS.

At a brief reception before his appearance in the Steinbeck Hall lounge, Hinton was able to meet with students who had written him and members of the Associated Students of Hartnell College, which helped finance his visit to Hartnell (pictured).

Students, employees line up for faves at on-campus Starbucks

After two weeks of intense training and practice by student baristas, a new full-service Starbucks store at Hartnell College opened for business at 7 a.m. Sept. 9 in the Student Center. Top seller during the first week: caramel macchiatos.

To begin with, the store will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, then expand into the evening and on Saturday at a later date.

The first customer was Jennifer Elias, a vocational nursing student from Soledad, who ordered a matcha green tea latte (pictured). "I had a lot of homework, so I was going to see if they're open." I was not far behind, as you can see of this





photo of me, student employees, store manager Lea Miller and dining services director Kenneth Skinner. Miller has only praise for her staff of 15 baristas, who handled quite a few rushes during their first week.

"They have shown an outstanding work ethic," she said. "They all get along and help each other, they problem solve, and get the job done. It's really been amazing to watch their growth and to be a part of it!"

Measure T schedule updated with tentative groundbreakings



The ongoing process of approving and finalizing plans for Hartnell construction projects funded by Measure T bonds Soledad Project has yielded new estimated dates for groundbreakings. Information about groundbreaking ceremonies will be shared as specific dates are confirmed.

- Nursing and Health Sciences Building and Main Quad (pictured, looking south): Groundbreaking estimated for weeks of Oct. 7 or 14.
- Soledad Education Center: groundbreaking estimated for weeks of Oct. 21 or 28.
- King City Education Center expansion: Groundbreaking estimated for weeks of Nov. 11 or 18.
- North County Education Center: Groundbreaking estimated for spring 2020.

Athletics is first month's stop for First Friday group of recent hires

On Friday, September 6, Hartnell's first-year employee orientation program--First Year, First Friday-- kicked off the year with a get-to know-you reception followed by an indepth look at the physical education and athletics programs and facilities offered for students and employees. Dan Teresa (pictured, front left), dean of Academic Affairs for athletics, physical education and health, toured the group around the facilities and fields, with a brief stop at the Athletics Hall of Fame wall for a historical perspective. He shared stories of the rich athletic tradition at Hartnell College, demonstrating how our top-notch facilities are providing some of the best outdoor "classrooms" in the state. The First Year, First Friday program will continue on Oct. 4.



CSUMB internship symposium recognizes CSin3 participants

Students in Cohort 5 of the CSin3 (Computer Science in 3) baccalaureate partnership between Hartnell and Cal State Monterey Bay participated in the CSUMB School of Computing & Design 2019 Computer Science Internship Symposium.

This event celebrated the experiences of nearly 50 students who completed



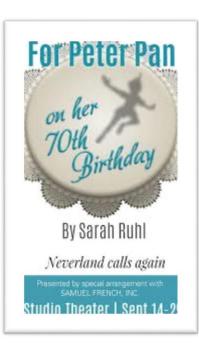
summer internships with organizations throughout California and across the country, with remarks by keynote speaker Matthew Glotzbach, CEO of Quizlet.

CSin3 students completed internships at: Visa, Pandora, Delos, Naval Postgraduate School, Google, Food Origins, Procore, Capital Insurance Group, Facebook, Twitch, VMware, Uber and the California Public Utilities Commission.

"CSin3's internship success wouldn't be possible without Hartnell's staff and faculty support," said Program Assistant Mindy Sanchez-Ryan. "Thank you for all you do!"

Western Stage opens 'For Peter Pan,' a comedic look at the stages of life

Beginning Sept. 14, The Western Stage presents Sarah Ruhl's "For Peter Pan on her 70th Birthday," a tale both touching and surreal, where the refusal to grow up confronts the inevitability of growing old. In the wake of their father's death, five siblings in their golden years reconnect with childhood dreams between family slice-of-life comedy and a Neverland fantasia.



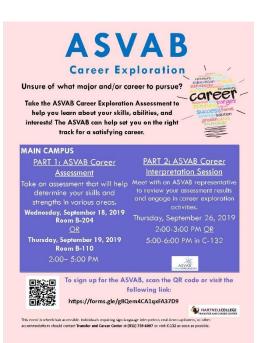
Performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays in the Studio Theater in the Center for Performing Arts (Building K), room 116. On Sept. 15, the cast will follow the performance with audience engagement known as ReActions.

Tickets are \$26 general admission, \$24 for seniors and military and \$12 for children age 5-15. Hartnell students are free with student I.D. Other students are \$20 with ID, or \$5 Student Rush (cash only) on the day of performance. For single or group tickets and information, go to <u>westernstage.com</u> or call (831)-755-6816 (5-8 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday).

Career planning assessment to be offered Sept. 18-19

Students who are undecided on a major or career goal may benefit from taking the ASVAB Career Exploration Assessment, which will be facilitated at no cost by the Career & Transfer Center on Sept. 18-19. The ASVAB Career Assessment can provide insights into individual skills, abilities and interests and set students on the right track for a satisfying career.

Part I of the ASVAB Career Assessment will be offered from 2-5 p.m. on Sept. 18 in room B-204 and on Sept. 19 in room B-110. The second part of the assessment, in which students meet with an ASVAB representative to review their results and engage in career exploration activities, will take place from 2-3 or 5-6 p.m. on Sept. 26 in room C-132. Students can sign up at this <u>link</u>.



Employees learn and bond at first-ever south county retreat

The King City Education Center hosted more than 30 faculty, staff and administrators on Sept. 4 at Scheid Winery for the first Hartnell College South County all-day retreat.

This event was designed to help all employees get to know each other, as well as learn about the recent and upcoming changes that will be taking place as Hartnell prepares to break ground on an expansion that will double the size of the existing center in King City.



Three staff will pursue doctorate from Brandman University

Hartnell staff Erica Rowe, human resources analyst (pictured at right); Marina Reyes, curriculum and scheduling specialist (far left); and Gabriela Lopez, academic counselor and articulation officer (second from right), formally joined the doctoral program at Brandman University over Labor Day weekend. They met with their cohort mentor, Dr. Kathleen Rose, president of Gavilan College (second from left), for their first program immersion.



Rowe reports that Dr. Rose will be working with and supporting the three new prospective Ph.D. recipients over the next three years. "We are all very excited," Rowe said.

New arts hub plans pop-up festival on Sept. 29 in Salinas

The Salinas Valley Arts and Innovation Hub (SVAIH), in partnership with the Hartnell College Foundation, the Digital Nest and other community organizations and artist/innovators will present the SVAIH Pop-Up Art Festival from 2-5 p.m. on Sept. 29 at The Digital Nest in the Cesar Chavez Library, 615 Williams Road in Salinas.

This inaugural event will include food, artists' exhibitions and community building. It is free and open to the public.

"Our vision is the creation of in-community wealth-creation ecosystems to bridge the gaps forcing potential future leaders out of the region," said Dr. Marnie Glazier, founder of SVAIH and professor of theater and cinema at Hartnell.

This event will help launch the Hub and its first major initiative, "Make Art Your Day Job." Work by artists and student artists from the Salinas Valley will be exhibited and information will be shared on how you can support the SVAIH. For more information, contact Dr. Glazier at <u>mglazier@hartnell.edu</u>.

Fall season in full gear as teams seek early momentum

Football: Following a road game at Foothill on Sept. 14, the Panthers return to Rabobank Stadium to host Redwoods in their second home game, starting at 1 p.m. The team opened strong on Sept. 7 with a 28-3 victory over Yuba, including three touchdown passes and an interception runback for a score. (Pictured: Running back David Freeman is congratulated after 60-yard touchdown reception.)



Volleyball: The team has held onto a winning record, 5-4, through an extended road trip. At the

Delta Classic, on Sept. 6-7, they defeated Santa Rosa, 3 sets to 2, lost to Fresno, 0-3, beat Delta, 3-2, and lost to Cabrillo, 2-3. On Nov. 11, the Panthers beat Diablo Valley and Siskiyou, both 3-0, and defeated San Joaquin Delta on Sept. 13, also 3-0. They will next play at home in the second Hartnell Classic on Sept. 18, facing both Santa Rosa and Mission.

Women's Soccer: The team has opened its season with a 1-3-1 record, falling to Sierra at home on Sept. 6, 0-3, and at Cuesta Tournament on Sept. 10. They will be home against Evergreen Valley on Sept. 17 and Feather River on Sept. 19.

Men's Soccer: In its first three games, the men were 1-2, including a 1-0 home loss to Lake Tahoe on Sept. 6. They will take on Consumnes River on Sept. 17 at Rabobank Stadium in Salinas, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Cross Country: The women placed second in team results on Sept. 7 at the Fresno Invitational, considered a preview of statewide matchups. The Panthers were led by Daniela Salazar, who ran fourth with an overall time of 19:28.6, and Isabelle Torres, who placed eighth with an overall time of 19:37.4.

Men's Cross Country: Panther runner Jesus Avalos, a sophomore from King City H.S., placed 10th at the Fresno Invitational on Sept. 7 with an overall time of 21:18.5. That's an average of 5:19.7 per mile. The Hartnell men placed sixth overall.

In the News

A former death row inmate takes us through his story:

https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/entertainment/art/a-former-death-rowinmate-takes-us-through-his-story/article_86215d12-d4dd-11e9-a62f-4b8e65125e3c.html

Upcoming Events

Note: All event locations are on the Main Campus in Salinas unless otherwise noted.

"Addressing Our PAINDEMIC with Modern Pain Science"

Dr. Melissa Cady 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 16 Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Mexican Independence Celebration

12 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16 Student Center

Women's Soccer vs. Evergreen Valley

4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 Hartnell Soccer Field

Men's Soccer vs. Cosumnes River

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 Rabobank Stadium

Women's Volleyball vs. Santa Rosa

1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 Hartnell Gymnasium

Women's Volleyball vs. Mission

5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18



Hartnell Gymnasium

Veterans Club Baked Potato Sale

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 (Pre-sale ticket Veterans Office, Sept. 16-17) Student Center

Women's Soccer vs. Feather River

5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 Hartnell Soccer Field

Xicanx Institute for Teaching and Organization (XITO) Institute

Sept. 20-21 Alisal Campus

Football vs. Redwoods

1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 Rabobank Stadium

Respiratory Care Practitioner Informational Session

4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30 Building N, room 4

Certificate, Vocational Nursing Informational Session

2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 Building B, 2nd Floor, Room 204B

Associate Degree, Registered Nursing Informational Session

3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 Building B, 2nd Floor, Room 204B

Transfer Day, College Night

9 a.m.-12 p.m. community college students 6-8 p.m. high school students Wednesday, Oct. 30 Student Center (Building C)