

President's Weekly Report

October 11, 2019

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.

Recognized for gift, Taylor names STEM Center for Dr. Lewallen

It was my privilege on Oct. 8 to thank Taylor Farms Chairman and CEO Bruce Taylor for his company's \$1.1 million gift to Hartnell at a ceremony that included the renaming of our STEM Center in honor of retired superintendent-president Dr. Willard Lewallen.

Although Dr. Lewallen had planned for the building to bear the Taylor Farms name, symbolizing the growing importance of STEM fields in agriculture, Taylor chose to redirect that opportunity to Dr. Lewallen in tribute to his many contributions to Hartnell over the past seven years. (Pictured: Dr. Lewallen thanks Taylor for the honor.)

Jackie Cruz, vice president for advancement and development and the Hartnell College Foundation, noted that the college will formally recognize the Taylor Farms gift with a plaque on a rock to be placed outside the STEM Center.

I announced Hartnell will use the generous Taylor Farms' gift to establish new pathways to a four-year degree and career readiness for students pursuing engineering and engineering technology. We are excited by the opportunity to develop new career opportunities for our students right here in the Salinas Valley.

During the event, representatives of State Sen. Anna Caballero and Assembly Member Robert Rivas

presented Taylor with a certificate of recognition. Likewise, the Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees presented Dr. Lewallen with a resolution of commendation they unanimously approved at their Oct. 1 meeting. (Pictured: Salazar presents the award as, from left, Hartnell College Foundation President Kurt Gollnick, Dr. Hsieh and Cruz look on.)





Hartnell makes strong showing at LULAC's Black & White Ball

Hartnell was well represented on Oct. 5 at the LULAC Salinas Council #2055 Black & White Ball, held in our Student Center, which was transformed with beautiful decorations.

I was joined by Board of Trustees members Aurelio Salazar Jr.; Erica Padilla-Chavez and her guest, Soledad Mayor Pro Tempore Alejandro Chavez; and Irma Lopez and Student Trustee Samantha Saldana and their guests, as well as Vice President for Student Affairs Romero Jalomo and his wife, Rosie, Senior Executive Assistant Lucy Serrano, Director of Communications and Marketing Scott Faust,



Student Life Program Assistant Selso Ruiz and students Daniela Salazar, ASHC senator, and Jessica Sorto, ASHC treasurer. (Pictured: Dr. Hsieh, left, with

Lopez, Padilla-Chavez, Saldana, Lopez and Salazar.)



Hartnell adjunct music instructor William Faulkner performed mariachi harp before the dinner, and I gave welcoming remarks to the large crowd of guests. We were all proud to watch 2019 Hartnell graduate Adriana Gonzalez (pictured), now a student at San Jose State, share her personal and educational journey as a keynote speaker on behalf of the Hartnell Dreamers Club, which she helped found.

We greatly appreciate LULAC's strong support for education and its ongoing commitment to raising money for scholarships to students in the Salinas Valley.

Employee recognition awards to be presented in December

With support from the Hartnell College Foundation in collaboration with the college's Advancement Council and a gracious donor, Hartnell is resuming its annual employee recognition program this year.

I have invited employee nominations to recognize a student, two faculty (full-time and adjunct) and four staff members who embody the "I am Hartnell" motto, who represent Hartnell as a community ambassador and/or perform amazing work as an unsung hero behind the scenes. We also will seek to honor individuals who exemplify our major strategic goals of increasing and streamlining student completion, transfer and job placement.

I look forward to presenting these awards, which will include a \$100 gift certificate, at our Holiday Feast for employees on Dec. 6. To learn more about the nomination process, contact Cristina Zavala at (831) 755-6900 or czavala@hartnell.edu.

Pop-Up Pantries continue for students in need of assistance

Pop-Up Pantries for food assistance to students in need, which are now on a twice-monthly schedule, were held Oct. 11 and will continue at noon on Oct. 25 in the Office of Student Life in the Student Center (Building C) on the Main Campus.

Students are asked to stop by the office at C-140 to pick up a voucher, which will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone who received a Hartnell College bag at a past distribution is asked to bring that bag with them for reuse.

Each bag of food contains ingredients to prepare three to four meals and includes pasta and pasta sauce, beans, rice, canned food, vegetables and fruit (in season) and bread. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at (831) 755-6734.



Campus visit by filmmaker is among highlights of advocacy week

Award-winning filmmaker Dario Guerrero (pictured) will make a special appearance at Hartnell at 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 to share and discuss his work "Rocio," which tells his own story as an undocumented student. When his mother was diagnosed with terminal kidney cancer, Guerrero took a leave of absence from Harvard College, part of Harvard University, to visit her in Mexico.

Guerrero's appearance and the film screening, open to the public at the Center for Performing Arts (Building K), will conclude Hartnell's participation in Undocumented Student Week of Action, Oct. 14-18. Hartnell joins with other community colleges across California to advocate and provide support services for undocumented students in light of continued uncertainty regarding their status and

future.

As the nation's largest post-secondary education system in the nation and serving the largest number of undocumented students within the state, California Community Colleges are committed to serving all students, regardless of immigration status.

Performance Night on Oct. 18 will kick off fall concert series

The Hartnell Department of Music's Fall 2019 concert schedule will continue Oct. 18 with Performance Night, starting at 7 p.m. in the Mainstage Theater (Building K), with individual and group performances by students and faculty in the music program.

The fall series began on Sept. 23, when the Jazz Band performed in the Student Center. Their audience included preschoolers from the college's Child Development Center, who presented cookies to the performers (pictured).

Other upcoming dates to mark on your calendar are:

- 3 p.m. Oct. 27, Hartnell Orchestra at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 315 E. Alvin Drive, Salinas
- 6 p.m. Nov. 21, Piano Recital, K-125
- 7 p.m. Dec. 2, Vocal Recital, K-125
- 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4, Choral Concerts, Mainstage Theater
- 7 p.m. Dec. 8, Hawaiian Concert, Mainstage Theater
- 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, Jazz Band Concert, Mainstage Theater
- 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12, Orchestra Concert, Mainstage Theater

All these events are free and open to the public.

Prison University Project director to engage staff, faculty on Nov. 1

Hartnell staff, faculty and administrators are invited to attend a workshop on teaching and learning with Dr. Jody Lewen, founder and executive director of the Prison University Project at San Quentin State Prison, from 1-3 p.m. on Nov. 1 in room B-208 on the Main Campus.

Dr. Lewen will be sharing her perspective on conscious and unconscious biases gained through her work at San Quentin Prison for the past 20 years. She is a recipient of the National Humanities Medal awarded by President Obama and the National Endowment for the Humanities, as well as the James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award.

Lunch will be provided, and registration is required. To register,

visit https://hartnellcollegereflections.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Maria De Leon at (831) 770-6051 or mdeleon@hartnell.edu.

Gala for the Arts promises opulent evening on Nov. 16

With more than a touch of star quality, Hartnell will present its 14th Annual Black & White Gala for the Arts on Nov. 16, featuring a performance of the musical "Evita" by The Western Stage theatre company.

This benefit for the college's arts programs will begin with an opulent reception and silent auction and conclude with the musical performance in the Center for Performing Arts. Gourmet





desserts and wines will be served during intermission.

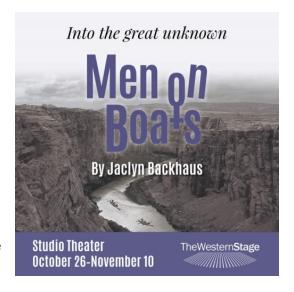
A special flamenco dance performance by Jessica Iglesias will add to the flamboyant passion of the evening. Iglesias, who has trained with Spanish masters, will perform her interpretations of such traditional flamenco dances as the alegria, solea, sevillana and rumba.

Gala tickets are \$100 each, and sponsorship packages are still available. For tickets and more information, visit give.hartnell.edu/galatickets or call (831) 755-6810. Reservations are requested by Nov. 9. Hartnell employees who achieve the President's Circle level in the Employee Giving Campaign receive free admission for themselves and a guest.

Western Stage preps all-women production of 'Men on Boats'

Spinning historical, theatrical and gender conventions on their heads, the Western Stage production of this subversive tale of 10 men, four boats and two rivers will contain none of the above when it opens Oct. 26 on the Hartnell Main Campus. The show will continue on Oct. 27, Nov. 1-3 and Nov. 9-10, starting at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Pack your gear for the true(ish) history of 19th-century American explorer and one-armed Civil War veteran John Wesley Powell, who assembles a brawny band of soldiers, trappers and adventurers to explore the waterways of the American West. This is laugh-out-loud theater, written by Jaclyn Backhaus and performed by a diverse cast of women who infuse America's historic myths of male conquest with a sly blast of subtext.



Order tickets online at www.westernstage.com/tickets or call the Western Stage box office from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday at (831) 759-6816.

Panther Athletics scores wins in all sports over past week

Volleyball: With an overall record of 11-9 as of Oct. 10, the Panthers opened their conference season on Oct. 9 with a resounding 3-0 home-court victory over Ohlone -- 25-14, 25-20, 26-24. The match was also a Breast Cancer Awareness event, with a good crowd of Hartnell supporters in the Main Gym. The victory followed a 3-2 win over West Valley on Oct. 2. The team's next home match will be Oct. 23 against Las Positas. (Pictured: Aixa Crespo, center, slams the ball against Ohlone.)

Men's and Women's Cross Country: The women's team won at home on Oct. 4 in the Toro Park Invitational, taking four of the top five individual



places. Sophomores Daniela Salaza, Isabelle Torres and Shantal Martinez and freshman Valeria Gomez-Lozario placed second through fifth, respectively. The Monterey Herald named Salazar its <u>College Athlete of the Week</u> for her performance. The Panther men placed a strong fifth in the team competition, led by freshman Isaac Gensel, who placed 11th, and sophomore Jesus Avalos, in 14th place.

<u>Football:</u> The Panthers achieved a decisive 41-3 win over Gavilan College on Oct. 5, with three touchdown passes by quarterback Robbie Santa Ana. Their next game will be at home against San Jose on Oct. 19, as they seek to improve their record to 4-2.

Men's Soccer: Hartnell has a 4-3-2 overall record and is 1-0-1 in conference play after a 0-0 tie against De Anza on Oct. 4 and a great 4-0 victory at Evergreen Valley on Oct. 8. They will play Las Positas at home on Oct. 12.

<u>Women's Soccer:</u> The Panther women are 6-4-3 overall and 2-1-1 in conference action following an Oct. 4 home win over West Valley and a loss to Canada at home on Oct. 4. Following a road game at San Francisco on Oct. 11, they will face Chabot at home on Oct. 14.

Upcoming Events

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

Women's Soccer vs. Chabot

4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15 Hartnell Soccer Field

Entrepreneurship Chat

2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 Building K, Room 125

Audience: Hartnell Dreamers, Allies

(students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community

members)

Panther Pink Day

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 Student Center – Building C

Reception and Film Screening of Rocio with a special appearance by Dario Guerrero



2:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18

Building K, Atrium and 125

Audience: Hartnell Dreamers, Allies

(students, staff, faculty, administrators, and

community members)

Men's Soccer vs. Chabot

4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18

Hartnell Soccer Field

Children's Planetarium Show – The Little Star that Could

5:15 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18

Planetarium, (Building S, Room 101)

Planetarium Evening Show – Sunstruck

6:45 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18

Planetarium, (Building S, Room 101)

Music Performance Night

7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Football vs. San Jose City

6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Rabobank Stadium

Family Science Day

11 a.m-4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 20

STEM Center (Building S)

Fall Ceramics Sale

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 22, and Wednesday, Oct. 23

Student Center (Building C)



Volleyball vs. Las Positas

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 Hartnell Gymnasium

Children's Planetarium Show - The Little Star that Could

5:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 Planetarium, (Building S, Room 101)

Planetarium Evening Show – Sunstruck

6:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 Planetarium, (Building S, Room 101)

Hartnell Orchestra in Concert

3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27 Northminster Presbyterian Church 315 E. Alvin Drive, Salinas

Women's Soccer vs. Skyline

4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29 Hartnell Soccer Field

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)