




WEEKLY UPDATE

TO: Mr. Greg Pensa
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: August 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week

Information Booths: Information booths under the easy-up canopies were set up in five different locations at the Santa Maria Campus to help make the first two days of classes a success for students. Staff volunteers and student ambassadors helped answer students' questions, find their classes, and give them campus maps. The attached photo of an information booth was submitted by a student.

Special Board Meeting Information: Mike Black is working to prepare budget information for the special board meeting on Wednesday. We will email you the information on Monday or Tuesday. The agenda will be posted on Monday. The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided.

Closed Session: As discussed, the time for closed session has been pushed back to 5 p.m. If additional time is needed for closed session, the time will be moved to 4:30 p.m. or closed session may be added to the end of the meeting.

Evacuation of Administration Buildings: The evacuation of the buildings as a result of the suspicious box went very well Friday. Some evacuated students and staff went home. The event was a good exercise of our emergency preparedness. We will use what we learned to improve our emergency response procedures.

Mentoring Program: The TRIO-CAN program has launched a new mentor pilot program to work one on one with the Hancock's first-generation students, low-income students, and students with verifiable disabilities to help them achieve and experience academic and life success. Staff and faculty have been invited to join this [Serve Santa Maria](#) initiative and an informational dinner and launch was held at the Moxie Café on Thursday, August 13.

New Exhibit at the Ann Foxworthy Gallery: A unique new exhibit is currently on display at the Ann Foxworthy Gallery. "Earth Gowns" features art dresses using a variety of non-conventional materials that each tell a story and represent aspects of the natural world. The public is invited to meet the artists at a gallery reception on Thursday, August 27, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and the exhibit will be on display from Wednesday, August 19 through September 24.

New Dental Insurance Premiums: The new contributions and deductions as a result of the dental insurance premium rate increase that was approved on August 11, 2015 are listed below:

<u>EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION FOR DENTAL</u>					Dental Rates
					Effective 10/1/20
	Mgmt	Conf/Sup	Faculty	CSEA	#211
Single	53.12	53.12	47.00	55.53	
Two-Party	100.44	100.44	97.00	114.06	
Family	140.64	140.64	139.00	163.80	
<u>EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION FOR DENTAL</u>					
	Mgmt	Conf/Sup	Faculty	CSEA	
Single	15.73	15.73	21.85	13.32	68.85
Two-Party	40.98	40.98	44.42	27.36	141.42
Family	62.45	62.45	64.09	39.29	203.09
Note: Table rates shown above are based on 12 monthly paychecks. If you receive your paycheck over 9 months, 10 months or 11 months, rates will be slightly higher. Monthly deductions are effective September 30. Rates are subject to change.					

Student Health Services: There are a number of free health services available to our students through the Student Health Center this year including the following: Presentations on Student Health Services orientation, sexually transmitted infections, alcohol awareness, stress management, and suicide prevention; Flu Vaccines; TB skin tests; cholesterol screenings; personal counseling; tobacco cessation programs; acupuncture and massage.


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Earth Gowns Gallery Reception: The Earth Gowns exhibit reception took place Thursday evening at the Ann Foxworthy Gallery from 4:30-6:30 p.m. All ten artists were there and there was a good turnout of students and patrons. If you haven't had a chance to see the exhibit, it will be on display until September 24 and is a beautiful exhibit worth seeing. A photo from the reception is attached to this email.

Home Football Game: Plans are underway to make AHC's first home football game and tailgate party on September 5 a success. An image of the tailgate party invitation is attached to this email.

Four Year Degree Options: Dr. Railey and I met with the provost of CSU-Channel Islands this week to discuss options for bringing a four year degree to Santa Maria. They are confident they can provide a bachelor's degree in early childhood studies and will have a proposal to us by the end of September at the latest.

Residence Hall Planning: Dr. Railey, Vice President Hernandez and I made a day trip to Reedley College to meet with the managers operating their residence halls. It was a very positive meeting and we were able to get ideas that will help inform our final decision as we move forward.

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A few items of interest this week – and lots of attachments!

YELL Conference for High School Students: The Young Educated Latino Leaders (YELL) Conference will be taking place Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the Marian Theatre. The meeting is for high school students in the area and special guest speakers include Carlos Pratts, actor and producer best known for playing Thomas Valles in the film *McFarland, USA*. Counselor David Hernandez will present on career technical education, and new dance instructor Jesus Solorio is working on a heart-thumping dance piece. Yvonne Teniente, chair of the Counseling Department will emcee the event and we have confirmed a speaking slot for Trustee Zacarias.

Insider Higher Ed story commends California Trustees: According to a recent article in *Inside Higher Education* entitled, “New Push for Trustee Training”, California stands out in offering regular educational opportunities to trustees both throughout the year online and at League conferences without a statutory mandate. The article also indicated that California trustees are proactive and transparent in their commitment to good governance. [See the article here.](#)

CCCCO Task Force on Accreditation: Last week the Chancellor’s Office released a report from the [Task Force on Accreditation](#) that recommends moving away from the ACCJC as the CCC accrediting body (page 8). As you can imagine, it has created quite a buzz – both positive and negative. In talking to a few other presidents around the state, the two primary issues surrounding the report are that few people even knew the task force was working and that the report is less a report on accreditation than it is a report on the ACCJC. I think both concerns are fair – a report on accreditation should also contain recommendations for colleges and recommendations for how colleges and the ACCJC can work together.

While these concerns are valid, I also think that the analysis of a good accrediting system found in the report (beginning on page 5) is something the ACCJC should take seriously. In particular, the ACCJC would better serve the institutions if our process focused on collegiality and improvement rather than compliance and punishment. The report has certainly gotten the attention of the ACCJC Commissioners – they have scheduled a special meeting on October 9 to discuss the report. A copy of the letter sent by Commission Chair Steve Kinsella and ACCJC President Barbara Beno is attached to the weekly email.

Home Football!: We have special guest passes for you that will get you (and a guest) into all home games. We will have the passes for you at the tailgate (starting at 11:30 by the tennis courts) and at the main gate when you enter. Kickoff is at 2:00!

Labor Day Picnic: The Second Annual Santa Maria Valley Labor Day Union Picnic is scheduled for Monday, September 7, in Pioneer Park (Santa Maria), from 12-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The attached flyer has more information.

AHC Development Assessment: As you are aware, Hancock is undertaking a series of activities to examine and better coordinate our resource development strategies. Phase One was the “development assessment” that took place in July. We received the final report from the consultant and it is attached.

This report will provide the foundation for the planning sessions that will be held at the college on September 15 (9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) in G-106 A-B. The planning session will be facilitated by Polly Binns and Marsha Drennon (www.binnsdrennon.com). Please let Carmen know if you can attend the planning sessions.

Transition Planning at the AHC Foundation: In a letter sent to Terry Dworacyk, president of the Allan Hancock College Foundation Board, I shared some thoughts regarding possible directions for a new Foundation Executive Director, including restructuring the position to be a more integral part of college outreach functions as recommended in the consultant report mentioned above.

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Student Success and Support Program Plans: Student services faculty in collaboration with our 3SP & Student Equity Committee have drafted our Student Success and Support Program Plans (3SP) for Credit and Noncredit. The 3SP Plans are being reviewed and must be submitted to the Chancellor's Office by October 30, 2015. You can access the plans through these links (hold CTRL to click):

[Draft copy of the Noncredit 3SP Plan](#)

[Draft copy of the Credit 3SP Plan](#)

Financial Aid Awards: 3,016 students have received financial aid awards for the 2015-2016 school year. A summary of the totals are below:

Fund	Number of awards	Amount
Pell	2,328	11,785,216
SEOG	214	149,550
Cal B	348	575,375
Cal C	36	19,692
Sub Loans	45	178,102
Unsub Loans	45	204,277
Totals	3,016	\$12,912,212

Campus Graphics Copier Lease Options: At the board meeting on Tuesday there was public comment regarding item 13D, a lease of copiers for campus graphics. We have attached to the weekly email the analysis performed by staff to determine the best value for the college. You will see that the objection raised by the speaker compared the cost of the copier bid only to the total cost of the lease (which includes per-copy charges). Comparing just copier bids reveals that the winning bidder actually offered the copier leases for \$413 per month less than the second place bidder. With all costs factored in, the winning bid is actually \$3,600 less per year. I am comfortable that the staff recommendation should be supported.

Bond Interest and Redemption Fund Budget: In answer to Trustee Lahr's question regarding the Bond Interest and Redemption Fund Budget, Michael Black sent the spreadsheet that is attached to this weekly email. AHC's estimate of repayment of principle and debt service on the bond is \$6,161,735 and AHC's estimate of property taxes that will be collected by the county treasury for repayment of principle and debt service on the bond is \$6,000,000

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Boundary Map: Kim Shegetani from Community College League of California sent us an updated google map where you can see the district boundaries at the street level. [Here is a link to the map.](#)


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YELL Conference for High School Students: The trustees are formally invited to the YELL Conference Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the Marian Theatre. A flyer is again attached (“YELL Conference Flyer”). [Here is a link to the news release](#) on the conference that went out this week. Please notify Diana Perez 805-922-6966 ext. 3710, dperez@hancockcollege.edu if you plan on attending so that she can reserve a seat for you.

Accreditation Task Force Report: The State Chancellors Accreditation Task Force Report was released. [Here is a link to the document.](#) We included this link in the last weekly memo, but want to send a reminder as the report was shared at the CCCT meeting last week. The full document is 274 pages, including appendices, but the actual report is about 10 pages.

ACCT Leadership Meeting – Travel and Lodging: The ACCT meeting is quickly approaching. We have reserved rooms for each of you through Friday night (the meeting ends at noon on Saturday). If you would like to stay over Saturday (the college cannot cover the Saturday stay), please contact Melinda and she will extend your reservation. *Important travel note* – if you are planning on taking the train, please note that the return trip will include a bus ride from San Diego to Irvine due to track maintenance and construction.

Women’s water polo: The new women’s water polo team picked up its first victory in program history last weekend. The Bulldogs defeated Pasadena City College 10-9. Their inaugural season is just getting under way. The team’s first home game is next Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. at the Paul Nelson Pool. Attached is a historic photo of the first AHC women’s water polo team.

AHC Football: The football team is hosting Chaffey College this Saturday at 2 p.m. Chaffey is undefeated and ranked 11th in the state. It is Youth Football Day, so kids wearing their jerseys get in free.

AHC Bulldog Seal: Attached (“Santec.pdf”) is a Santec promo piece featuring the campus track, football field, and parking lot. Santec is AHC’s civil engineer for the parking lot renovation project that also included the Bulldog Seal located in the center of the photo.

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“Heroes Reborn”: A show created by Hancock graduate Tim Kring premiered this week on NBC. “Heroes Reborn” is a reboot of Kring’s Emmy nominated series “Heroes” that ran from 2006-2011. Kring took classes at Hancock College in the mid-70s and early 80s. His father, Ray Kring, was a long-time track and cross country coach at Hancock. You can catch “Heroes Reborn” on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. on KSBY. It’s a show that follows ordinary people who possess extraordinary powers.

Career Exploration Day: We are expecting a record number of high school students for this year’s Career Exploration Day. More than 2,000 high school students from San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties have signed up for the event. It is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. So far, about 60 businesses and campus organizations have registered for booths. We are still accepting applications from businesses, so help spread the word. They just need to fill out a form at www.hancockcollege.edu/careerexploration as soon as possible. It is free for businesses to participate.

AHC Foundation Scholarship: The period to apply online for scholarships awarded by the AHC Foundation is now under way. The site went “live” on Monday and several students have already completed the online application. The deadline to apply is February 2, 2016. Last year, a record 363 students received \$537,000 in scholarships.

Short-Term October Classes: The on-campus push for short-term classes that start in mid-October is in full swing. ASBG students are helping spread the word by distributing brochures that include every available class. They are making announcements in classes and speaking to students on campus. The data shows nearly 80 percent of students who take mid-semester classes are existing students.

Artisan Market: The 1st Friday Artisan Market returns next Friday, October 2, from 4-7 p.m. in the parking lot between the Community Education building and the Humanities Complex. It’ll be a “spooktacular” event with trick or treating for kids around 6 p.m., dozens of vendors, as well as a live band.

University Transfer Center (UTC) College Application Kickoff: On Thursday, October 1, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the UTC is hosting a transfer kickoff party to open the college application season and help students get on the right path to transferring to a four-year university. Former Hancock students who have transferred to four-year universities will be on hand to share their words of wisdom with current students.

Institutional Effectiveness Planning Retreat: The trustees are invited along with AHC faculty, staff, and students to participate in the annual Institutional Effectiveness Council planning retreat. The planning retreat is a key component in our council and committee structure that leads to prioritized institutional planning objections. The retreat will be held on **Thursday, November 12 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm and Friday, November 13 from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm** at the Lompoc Valley Center.

Update on Copier Award: – We have reviewed the documents related to the copier award. As you know, Linda Shelby is a very talented and professional purchasing manager – it is very frustrating for a potential vendor make these types of assertions. The information provided to the board during the meeting does not match the bid document received from Ultrex. Now, after the fact, Ultrex is asking us to consider a new offer that would make them the low bidder (of course, they don't want us to go back to the other bidders and give them the same option!). Even if we did go back to the other vendors, this would essentially tell the business community that our bid opportunities aren't really the "final" opportunity. I am comfortable that we awarded the contract to the appropriate vendor.


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Governance Institute for Student Success: Trustees Lahr and Zacarias attended the Governance Institute on Student Success sponsored by the ACCT. We developed a proposed action plan to improve trustee understanding of student success efforts. That plan focused on these three items:

1. Incorporating a dashboard with metrics that will include disaggregated data related to student success and equity;
2. Establishing opportunities for the Board to engage in meaningful discussions and reflection related to priorities and progress in achieving student success and equity; and,
3. Committing to ongoing professional development opportunities related to student success and equity.

Annual Convention: The Community College League of California Convention will be taking place November 19-21 at the Hyatt Regency SFO, Burlingame. Please see the attached program (“Annual League Convention in Burlingame”). If you are interested in attending, please contact Carmen.

Military Appreciation Day Home Football Game: The home football on Saturday, October 24 at 2 p.m. will be Military Appreciation Day. The trustees have been invited to attend. If you plan on attending please contact Carmen. Trustee Jones will be in charge of the coin toss!

Accreditation Update: I have shared with you the Chancellor’s Office [Report on Accreditation](#). This document is becoming something of a polarizing issue and some Districts are formally taking sides. So far, these districts are those that are intimately involved in the debate (trustees and chancellors who served on the report task force are seeking support while chancellors that work closely with the ACCJC are putting out resolutions challenging the report). My personal view is that AHC should not wade into this fight. I certainly have frustrations with some aspects of how accreditation works in California (and I have shared those with ACCJC), but the task force report was developed without input from all colleges and, as a result, I think it overstates the views of the system as a whole.

Trustee Open Hour: The following message went out to students, faculty, and staff regarding the upcoming Trustee Open Hour: *“Meet one of your trustees -- one of those people who makes decisions about Allan Hancock College's policies and procedures. Trustee Larry Lahr will be available Thursday, Oct. 8, from 12 to 1 p.m. in G-106 in the Student Center. He will be there to answer questions from Allan Hancock College students, faculty, and staff.*”

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Our faculty and staff continued serving students this week, but we were all a little more quiet and thoughtful as we did it. Karisa held a special place in this college and everywhere I go, people are asking me to pass on good thoughts to Tim.

Scholarship for Karisa Bennett: In honor of Karisa, and at Tim's request, the college has established the Karisa Bennett Scholarship with the AHC Foundation. I remember Tim telling me early on how proud he was to hand her a diploma at graduation. Donations can be made online at www.ahcfoundation.org. Faculty, staff and administrators are collecting donations that will be matched up to \$5,000 from the President's Circle.

Staff and Student Town Hall Meeting: There will be a town hall meeting on Monday, Oct. 12 from 12-1:30 p.m. in G106A to talk address the recent tragedy at Umpqua Community College in Oregon. Participants are invited to learn what safeguards we have in place, share their concerns, and ask questions from our panel which consists of Alex Bell, coordinator of Student Health Services, Deborah Redding Stewart, personal counselor, Student Health Services, and John Staugaard, interim chief of police.

Career Exploration: Today we welcomed more than 1700 high school students to visit with more than 70 businesses and 50 programs. Today we moved the needle a little bit in our effort to change the odds for our community. It was a team effort from instructional faculty, counseling, student services staff, facilities and grounds, ASBG, student ambassadors, program staff, media services, campus safety, and administrators.

AHC Football Team Ranked: The football team is ranked No. 12 in the state this week. The Bulldogs are 3-1 and play this Saturday at undefeated Long Beach City College, the second ranked team in California. The game starts at 6 p.m. and is streamed live by [clicking here](#).

Faculty Arts Show: The annual fine arts faculty art show opens on Monday, Oct. 12, in the Ann Foxworthy Gallery. This year's show includes the work of design instructor Nancy Jo Ward, photography program coordinator David Passage, art instructor John Hood, illustrator Laura-Susan Thomas, and art instructor Deborah West.

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Wine Labelling and Selling: Viticulture & enology students labeled and boxed more than 6,000 bottles of Captain's Reserve wine this week. See the attached photo (captains reserve.jpg). The wine was all made by Hancock students. There are 11 different types of wine, including Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon. The college will soon begin to sell the wine in the enology lab and online. An announcement will be coming soon as to how to get your own bottles.

Business Appreciation Lunch: The annual Business Appreciation Luncheon will be held next week at the Elks Lodge. Dr. Railey will present CoastHills Credit Union with a plaque recognizing them as special business partners of the college.

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President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: October 16, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Flu Shots for Students: The health center is taking walk-in and appointments for free flu shots this week at the Santa Maria campus and next week at the Lompoc Valley Center. Faculty and Staff can currently go to Costco and receive free flu shots and the health center is arranging for a flu shot clinic on campus.

Miller Elementary School Tour: On Tuesday, October 13, over 135 fourth graders from Miller Elementary School arrived on campus for a tour of the Santa Maria Campus. They were greeted and given pencils by the President's Office and Public Affairs, who happened to be dressed up as Toy Story characters. Some photos are attached (kids_on_lawn_10_2015.jpg, toy_story.jpg)

Title V Progress: As you all know, in the Fall of 2014, the U.S. Department of Education: Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program awarded Allan Hancock a \$2.4 million, five-year grant. The grant, Advance, Innovate, Maintain (AIM) was developed to support the neediest of students at AHC. The overarching themes of AIM include: Advancement, both in terms of student progress and success, and in resource development to support them; Innovation, in pedagogy and technology as well as re-visioning development-focused organizational structures; and Maintaining successful strategies in approaches to student persistence and success. Attached (titleV_fall2015.pdf) is the first newsletter providing information regarding the progress we have made.

AIM Center Launch: This week the Title V AIM Center website was also launched <http://www.hancockcollege.edu/aim/index.php> The virtual AIM center provides 24/7 resources to help the neediest students at Hancock. It is a basic skills practice site targeting math, ESL, English, and reading. Most of the contents are open educational resources (OERS), which are free. Access to Rosetta Stone language software and Smarthinking online tutoring is available to remedial students through the AIM Center. In addition, there are links to support services and a section for instructor resources. It is also listed on the drop-down quick links on the AHC home page under "AIM". Special thanks go to Nancy Meddings, Maria Solis, Vilma Contreras, and Phil Hamer for serving our students by getting the AIM Center up and running!

AHC Football Game Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day: This Saturday, October 17, the Hancock football team hosts Cerritos at 2 p.m. at Hancock Football Field. The Bulldogs are ranked No. 12 in the state and Cerritos is ranked No. 7. AHC Staff members Petra Gomez, Tyson Aye, and Holly Nolan Chavez are among the brave and talented who will play against the students. They will take to the field at halftime during the annual Student vs. Staff flag football game. Last year, the staff creamed the students...but we will find out if the staff can win for the second straight year. Faculty, staff, and trustees get into the game for free with ID.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: October 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Financial Aid Appreciation Day: Wednesday, October 21 was Financial Aid Appreciation Day – the national day to recognize the contributions of Financial Aid Professionals for helping students and their families.

Our dedicated financial aid staff have gone above and beyond to assist students and families in the financial aid process and help them overcome their financial barriers to become successful students. Special thanks to Robert, Lori, Joan, Shirley, Dana, Joyce, Greg, Karen, Raul, Jeannette, and Paula! This dedication is demonstrated in the data below for 2014-15:

MIS data on staff accomplishments in 2014-15. (Total aid awarded approximately \$20.7 million)

1. Processed 13,050 financial aid applications (FAFSA)
2. Awarded 9,519 students the Board of Governor Fee Waivers (BOG) totaling \$6.7 million
3. Awarded and disbursed \$14 million in grant, loans and scholarships in direct aid to students.
4. Certified 275 Veterans for their educational benefits under the GI Bill

Viticulture and Enology Foundation: The Viticulture and Enology Foundation will host an invite-only wine tasting and sale on Sunday, November 8, from 1-4:30 p.m. inside the enology lab. Eleven varieties of wine will be available to taste and purchase. They range from \$16-23 per bottle. A formal invitation will be sent to you early next week.



PGE&E Donation: PG&E presented a check for \$16,500 to the AHC Foundation Board on Thursday. The money helped pay for the STEM program's Discovery Week, as well as provide start-up money for the Student Emergency Fund. They will make a formal presentation to the Board of Trustees at our November meeting.



Military Appreciation Home Football Game: The football team, which is ranked 18th in the state, hosts No. 6 College of the Canyons on Saturday at 2 p.m. It will also be our Military Appreciation Day so active military and veterans receive free admission and a BBQ lunch. A commander from Vandenberg Air Force Base will address the team before the game and participate in the coin toss along with Trustee Jones.

CCCCO Foster Youth Grant: Allan Hancock College was one of about 10 colleges to receive the CCCC Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Education Support Program grant. Hancock will receive \$1 million over three years to support our foster youth students. Currently, we have more than 40 foster youth students taking classes at Hancock.

Frightmare Forest: More than 250 people went through Frightmare Forest last weekend. The three-acre haunted maze is a fundraiser for the men's and women's basketball programs. They received some nice media coverage this week in the [newspaper](#) and on TV. The gates are open from 6:30-10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays for the rest of the month. Tickets are \$10.

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President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: October 30, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Council for Resource Development: I attended the CRD Executive Institute this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was a short trip, but well worth it as I was able to develop some ideas for our outreach and fundraising efforts. As we prepare to finalize the position for the Executive Director of College Advancement, the training session provided a good framework for strategically planning our outreach and development efforts.

New Boundary Map on Website: The trustee area boundaries have been updated on the website: <http://www.hancockcollege.edu/board/boundary-map.php>. You can now zoom in at the street level to see the precise boundaries. Great thanks to Carmen and Kimi Shigetani from the League for getting this done!

Hall of Fame Award for Will Bruce: At the CCCEOPSA Conference, Will Bruce received the Hall of Fame award for invaluable contributions during his tenure serving on the board and his “passion and collaborative spirit guiding the association through difficult time and always maintaining the mission of EOPS with Heart and Pride.” Congratulations to Will!

Transfer Day/College Night: The college will host two big events on campus next Tuesday, Nov. 3, when nearly 40 colleges and universities, including Cal Poly, Fresno State, UCSB, UC Berkeley and UC Davis will be on campus. University Transfer Day will take place in the Commons from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The college is providing free bus service from the Lompoc Valley Center to Santa Maria for the event. College Night will take place from 6-8 p.m. in the gym. The event targets local high school students.





Mentor Program: The college launched its mentor pilot program this week. Eleven students, nearly all are first-generation college students, were selected for the program. They will each receive two mentors, one from the college, as well as a community volunteer. Vice President George Railey, Santa Maria City Manager Rick Haydon, Jay Hardy and Pat Cusack are some of the people who will be mentors. The program received media coverage from [KCOY/KEYT](#), [Santa Maria Times](#) and [Noozhawk](#).

Basketball Season Begins: The basketball teams start their seasons next Friday, Nov. 6. The men will open at the Cuesta Tournament at 2 p.m. against the *College of the Sequoias*. The women host Porterville on Friday at 11 a.m. before battling West Hills Lemoore on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.

Women's Water Polo Conference Win: Women's water polo scored the first conference win in program history. The Bulldogs edged LA Pierce 12-11 on Wednesday. They host Santa Monica on Wed., Nov. 4, at 3 p.m. at the Paul Nelson Aquatic Center. It'll be the final home game of their inaugural season.


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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: November 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

University Transfer Day: Hundreds of students, high school and college-aged, attended our University Transfer Day and College Night events this week. Representatives from nearly 40 universities and colleges, including nearly every campus from the UC and CSU systems, were available to answer questions from students. The Public Affairs office organized a phone call blast that went to every registered student to let them know about Transfer Day. Several students who attended the event said it was due to the phone call.



Faculty Hiring: Attached at the end of this memo is the list of faculty positions that have been vetted through the shared governance process. The incremental cost matches the amount provided by the state last year. Even though we are over our faculty obligation number (FON), we need more instructional faculty to clear bottlenecks and rebuild programs that have not had full time faculty for some time. We anticipate a few more retirements in key areas as we move closer to the year-end, so the list may grow. We are hearing that as many as 2,000 faculty members may be hired statewide, so we intend to be aggressive in our recruiting.

Property Tax Projection: You may have seen the story in the Santa Maria Times about the tax revenue impact of shutting down the pipeline in Refugio following the oil spill (unfortunately, there is no web link). Mark Schniepp of the California Economic Forecast says the district stands to lose about \$1.2 million over four years. I have emailed him to ask for background information on how he calculated that number. Assuming it is accurate, that is not a large number to absorb as we move forward. However, if oil prices continue to remain low, we may see a reduction in taxable values on land with oil reserves. We will look into this more and give you an update soon.

Athletics Update: Saturday will be a very busy day for Hancock athletics. The football team hosts Ventura at 1 p.m. at Hancock Football Field in the team's final home game of the season. The Bulldogs need a win to keep their postseason chances alive. Then, at 7 p.m., the women's basketball team will take on West Hills Lemoore inside Joe White Memorial Gymnasium. The men's basketball team will play at a tournament hosted by Cuesta College this week. Their first home game is next Saturday, Nov. 14, against the junior varsity team of William Jessup University, at 3 p.m.

Annual Frightmare Forest: The Frightmare Forest was a success! The men's and women's Basketball teams were able to raise money for their programs while having fun interacting with our community. Approximately 1,200 visitors walked through the forest. Staff hopes to make the Frightmare Forest an annual tradition for our campus and community.



Honor Society: Nearly 20 Hancock students representing the college's Alpha Gamma Sigma honor society took part in national Make a Difference Day. They provided a makeover at the Central Coast Aquarium in Avila Beach. It is a part of the club's commitment to community service projects.

Food for our Students: Dozens of our students received a bag full of free fruit, vegetables and other food items thanks to the help of ASBG, our student ambassadors, Carmen Camacho, Stephanie Robb, and other volunteers. They helped to distribute food to our students that was donated by the local Food Bank. Each student who walked away with a bag left with smile on their face and was grateful for the donation.



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TO: Dr. George Railey

COPIES TO: Academic Senate Executive Team
Deans and Department Chairs

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: November 2, 2015

SUBJECT: Faculty Hiring

Dr. Railey,

Thank you for the thorough conversation with the deans and department chairs regarding faculty prioritization. Based on our conversation, I asked Shelly Allen to calculate the incremental cost for hiring new faculty members based on the proposal. The result of that analysis is here:

Faculty Priority List

October 21, 2015

Current Vacancy	Proposed Position	Status	Current Cost	Projected Cost	Net Increase (savings)
CNA	CNA	In budget	\$91,098	\$91,098	\$0
Language	Speech	In budget	\$91,098	\$91,098	\$0
Art	Art	In budget	\$91,098	\$91,098	\$0
Dance	Dance	In budget	\$91,098	\$91,098	\$0
Library	Library	In budget	\$91,098	\$91,098	\$0
Public Safety	Fire Tech	In budget	\$91,098	\$91,098	\$0
Counseling	Couns/PD	In budget	\$133,007	\$91,098	(\$41,909)
Accounting	ACCT	In budget	\$123,305	\$91,098	(\$32,207)
English	English	Full cost (No adjunct offset)	\$0	\$91,098	\$91,098
Math	Math	Full cost (No adjunct offset)	\$0	\$91,098	\$91,098
Chemistry	Chemistry	Full cost (No adjunct offset)	\$0	\$91,098	\$91,098
Geography	Geography	Net cost (Deduct Adjunct Cost)	\$35,000	\$91,098	\$56,098
Architecture	Architecture	Net cost (Deduct Adjunct Cost)	\$35,000	\$91,098	\$56,098
Food Science/Nutrition	Food Science/Nutrition	Net cost (Deduct Adjunct Cost)	\$35,000	\$91,098	\$56,098
Kinesiology	Kinesiology	Net cost (Deduct Adjunct Cost)	\$35,000	\$91,098	\$56,098
Agriculture	Agriculture	Grant Funded	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$942,900	\$1,366,470	\$423,570

In addition, we will be transitioning the astronomy position added last year to general fund, adding another \$91,000. If all of these positions are added in 2016-2017, we will see an increase in costs of approximately \$515,000 for new faculty positions.

As we discussed during the prioritization meeting, the Board of Trustees is supportive of the need to add instructional faculty and understands that there will be a cost associated with it. I am comfortable taking this proposal to the Board, but we need to remind the campus that the additional \$515,000 is on top of the increased costs for next year (e.g., salary schedule movement, longevity, PERS/STRS). At this point, FY 2016-2017 budget projection shows a deficit of \$1.4 million, so we will be pushing that estimate to approximately \$2 million. As we move into spring and see the Governor's budget, we will need to monitor and assess the steps that will need to be taken to get us balanced.


My plan is to work with the Academic Senate to set a priority order for advertising these positions, beginning with announcements and advertisements at the end of the fall semester or immediately at the start of the spring semester.



WEEKLY UPDATE

TO: Mr. Greg Pensa
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: November 13, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Student Success: Anh Nguyen, one of our fire academy graduates, recently graduated from the LAFD academy. She is now employed as a firefighter for Los Angeles! Good story for us - and more evidence that we are changing the odds for our community! Pictures are included in the weekly email – provided by Phil Bailey, a dean at Cal Poly.

Board Retreat: Carmen will contact you to schedule the mid-year board retreat. Please let her know if you would like to add anything to the agenda. We will try to set up a doodle schedule page. This web service allows you to view meeting options and select which dates work for your schedule and is a very efficient way to schedule more than five people. Carmen will send you the link soon.

Graduations: Soon you will receive formal invitations for the firefighter and law enforcement graduations. The dates have been added to the Save the Dates section below.

Planning Retreat: This year's planning retreat had a new feel as Paul Murphy and his staff took over management of the event. With a focus on data analysis and results, the two days were a look at how we can improve our outcomes. Presentations from faculty, staff and administrators shed light on the opportunities we have to continually improve our service to students.

Blaine Johnson Golf Tournament: The annual fundraiser will be held Wednesday at the Santa Maria Country Club with a dinner and auction at the Elks later in the evening. We have a whole host of faculty, administrators and students volunteering to support the program.

Santa Maria Chamber 2016 Business Forecast: The Santa Maria Chamber's annual forecast will be held on Wednesday at the Fair Park. I will participate on a panel to discuss issues important to the valley's economy in the coming year.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: November 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week. For links, hold "ctrl" button to click!

Educational Benefits: In concert with CSEA, the District is actively encouraging employees to further their education. HR sent the attached "Educational Benefits" flyer (Educational Benefits Flier.jpg) in an email to all staff on Monday. In addition, Fresno State and Channel Islands' Collaborative Online Doctorate in Educational Leadership (CODEL) staff hosted an information session on the 19th at AHC. An email was sent inviting anyone interested in this topic to attend.

Spring Hiring: Human Resources has been preparing for spring hiring, including a large number of full-time faculty positions. Kelly Underwood presented the attached flyer (AS Recruitment Flyer.jpg) along with our new recruitment video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLqf0BibT9s&feature=youtu.be>) to Academic Senate on Tuesday. We are excited for the opportunity to represent AHC at the statewide California Community College Registry job fairs in January.

Ardis Neilsen Retirement Celebration: A celebration for Ardis Neilsen, Dean of Academic Affairs (Community Education, Applied Social Sciences, and Languages/Communications) on the occasion of her retirement after 29 years of service to Hancock will take place Thursday, December 1, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Ann Foxworthy Gallery. Please see the attached flyer (Ardis Neilsen.jpg).

Nursing Graduation: The 2015 RN/LVN Nursing Graduation will take place December 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Marian Theatre. Please confirm with Carmen if you are able to attend.

CTE Programs Article: I wanted to share the linked UC Davis article entitled "[Community College Career Technical Education Programs Significantly Increase Earnings on Career Technical Education](#)." The article reveals some interesting findings on the economic return of CTE programs.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: November 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Foster Youth Grant: Hancock was one of 10 community college districts in the entire state to be awarded a grant to assist foster youth succeed in college. The college will receive \$1.2 million to ramp up its CARE-For-You program over the next three years. Studies show 43 percent of foster youth who compete high school enroll in college and of those, only 40 percent continue to the second year. Currently, there are about 200 current and former foster youth enrolled at Hancock. The grant will allow us to provide more comprehensive services on and off campus.

AHC was selected for this in large part because of our prior work to prepare for the grant. Last year we allocated \$15,000 from the President's Circle to support an effort led by Will Bruce to build a community support system for local foster youth. Our advisory committee is making a difference and was a key factor in receiving the grant.

CARE Turkey Feast: Thanks to the generosity of our staff and community members, 75 single-parent families received a turkey and all the trimmings on Tuesday. EOPS/CARE held its seventh annual CARE Turkey Feast. Trustee Lahr and I helped distribute the food to students on campus. Nearly \$3,500 in donations from faculty and staff contributed to making sure our students feel valued and nurtured this holiday. We also received great media coverage from all the television stations, The Santa Maria Times, and Noozhawk.

Hometown Buffet Dinners for Students: Athletes and PCPA Students who are unable to go home for Thanksgiving Day were given a ticket to enjoy a complimentary lunch or dinner at the Hometown Buffet on behalf of the board of trustees and president (supported by the President's Circle). A copy of the ticket is attached to this email (Hometown Buffet Tickets.pdf).

Richard Carmody Retirement Celebration: A retirement celebration for Richard Carmody, Director, Business services, will take place Tuesday, December 1, 2-4 p.m. in the Captains Room. Richard has been with the college for 12 years. Please see the attached flyer (rcarmodyretirment.pdf).

Concurrent Enrollment Pilot Program Presentation: As requested we've attached Rick Rantz' presentation from the November board meeting. (Concurrent Enrollment 11.10.2015.pdf)

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Choir Concert: The fall choir concert will be held next week at First United Methodist Church. The theme is *Holiday Cheer* and you are invited to the show on Thursday, December 3 at 7:30 PM.

Dance Program: Dream Catcher, an entertaining and innovative dance show that takes the audience on a trip around world, will debut at Allan Hancock College's Severson Theatre beginning Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015. There will be evening performances Wednesday through Sunday (no 7 p.m. show on Sunday). There will also be 1:30 p.m. matinees Saturday and Sunday. Please let Carmen if you would like complimentary tickets for one of the shows. (Dance Program Jesus Solorio.pdf)


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I hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday and weekend!

TO: Mr. Greg Pensa
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: December 4, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Orfalea Foundation Grant: On Friday the college announced we received a \$785,000 grant from the Orfalea Foundation to benefit the early childhood studies program and Children's Center Lab School. The money will go toward hiring an ECS teacher, updating the curriculum, adding some features like a serenity garden and a mud center to our outdoor classroom. Orfalea also donated \$150,000 in 2013 to help us complete our outdoor classroom and water wall. The gift includes a request to rename the Children's Center Lab School as the Orfalea Children's Center Lab School at Allan Hancock College. With Board approval, a renaming ceremony will take place on campus in the spring.



ASBG End of Semester Dinner: We celebrated the last day of class with ASBG on Wednesday. Approximately 30 students came over to our house for a Santa Maria BBQ. We are fortunate to have such committed student leadership – and they are fortunate to have support from Stephanie Robb, Henry Schroff and Dr. Henry Davis.

UC Application Deadline Extension: A campus-wide push took place to let students know the University of California extended its transfer application deadline until January 4. Students were notified via emails, messages were posted all over social media, and flyers were posted around campus. Just in case you were wondering, last year nearly 150 students applied to schools in the UC system and about 70 percent were admitted.

PTK Scholarship Application: The Phi Theta Kappa honor society supports the Academic All American program, the most prestigious scholarship competition for community college students. Last year AHC had its first entrant named to the All California team. This year I will be able to submit two nominees for the award thanks to the amazing efforts of Kathy Headtke and Mary Alice Majoue. They are also recruiting students to apply for the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, which offers support based on financial need. We will keep you updated on the progress of the nominations.

Football Recruiting: It's early in the college football recruiting period, but our big kick returner and running back Malik Williams is already getting some attention from four-year universities. He has received three scholarship offers already, including one from Purdue University which plays in the powerful Big Ten Conference. Malik and six other football players also received All-Conference recognition this week.



Child Abuse Reporting Training: The Central Coast Cal-SOAP Project is hosting a training for AHC college employees/tutors/peer advisors on child abuse reporting laws. Faculty and staff have been encouraged to send their student employees to this two-hour training on January 14, 2016 at the Student Center G 106 A&B (10 a.m.). The more adults we inform of their responsibilities as residents of our community, the more likely we can curtail the abuse. See attached flyer (CBSpdf.pdf) for additional information.

Student and Faculty Pottery Sale: The Student and Faculty Pottery Sale is taking place Friday, December 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the student center. The sale is also featuring Bedazzled: decorative metal work made by students/staff in the welding program.



Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

- Law Enforcement Graduation – **December 10 at 10:30 a.m.** Public Safety Training Complex
- RN/LVN Nursing Graduation – **December 10 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Marian Theatre.
- Firefighter Graduation – **December 11 at 10:00 a.m.** Public Safety Training Complex
- Administrative Offices/Campus closed – Winter break - **December 24, 2015 – January 1, 2016**
- *Board Retreat – January 29, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – Boardroom


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WEEKLY UPDATE

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President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: December 11, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Food for Students: Arrangements have been made to provide food from the county food bank to our low-income students. The cost to provide items such as peanut butter, bread, Pop Tarts, granola bars, Top Ramen noodles, canned tuna, and other non-perishable items is nominal. Funds from the President's Circle have been set aside to pay for items that students who do not cook, do not have access to a kitchen, or are homeless, can eat. Produce such as apples, pears, oranges, avocados, broccoli, potatoes, etc. are free. This is a team effort as our office orders and pays for the food, our maintenance staff picks it up, and ASBG students assist Stephanie Robb in distributing it. Sign-in sheets indicate 256 students received free food on November 5 and 19. The sheets also tell us we have lots of single parents, two homeless students, and 52 households with six to ten people. We plan to help feed students on the first and third Thursday of the month and will resume this assistance when students return for the spring semester.

CSEA/District 2015/16 Contract Reopeners - Come to a Close: The District and CSEA have agreed to withdraw their 2015-16 Contract Reopeners thus mutually agreeing to bring the 2015-16 negotiations process to a close.

Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation On Campus: The student services office has collaborated with the SB Scholarship Foundation to have a staff member present on our campus on a weekly basis. The Foundation's Jose Olivera will be on the Santa Maria Campus on Tuesdays and the Lompoc Valley Campus on Wednesdays.

New Commercial: The Public Affairs office just wrote and produced a new 30 second television commercial to promote the college and spring registration. It'll run throughout cable television over the next six weeks, as well as on Univision and on online/mobile sites like YouTube. Last year's commercial called "I Chose" was voted as the top community college television commercial in the state and third best among colleges on the west coast. [Here is a link to the new commercial.](#)

Classified Professional Development: At Tuesday night's Board meeting, Jessica Parker reported that HR -- primarily Coordinator of HR and Professional Development Sharan Kelly with support from HR Assistant Terilyn Hall -- has been working with CSEA to develop a process for classified professional development. This process included input from the Professional Development Committee, which is where the effort began. I am happy to report that the process is now complete. HR posted the classified professional development process documents for employee use today.

Student Health Survey: Every three years Student Health Services in consortium with Health Services Association California Community Colleges conducts a campus wide survey using the American College Association National College Health Assessment. This spring semester, between February 22 and March 16, the survey will be conducted online for the first time. Here are some facts gathered from the last survey:

- *Students reported that the top three factors that had resulted in a negative impact on their academics are **stress** (23.4%), **work** (18.6%) and **sleep difficulties** (16.1%)?*
- *Did you know that students reported being in a **physical fight** (12.8%), **experienced a verbal threat** (21.4%), and **experienced an emotionally abusive intimate relationship** (14.1%)?*
- *Did you know that **4.2%** of our students experienced an **unintentional pregnancy** in the last 12 months?*
- *Did you know that **52%** of our students reported **not** having any **alcohol** in the past 30 days?*

If you are curious about our last survey results, [here is a link to the executive summary](#).

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Campus Bookstore Holiday Hours: The Santa Maria bookstore will be closed from Dec 22- Jan 3 and open December 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Lompoc bookstore will be closed Dec 21 through January 3.

CSEA/District 2015/16 Contract Reopeners - Come to a Close: The District and CSEA have agreed to withdraw their 2015-16 Contract Reopeners thus mutually agreeing to bring the 2015-16 negotiations process to a close.

Sanctions for Accreditation Organization: The US Department of Education's accreditation unit has recommended that the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges should lose some of its existing authority and not be allowed to expand its jurisdiction. [See more about this in the linked article on Inside Higher Ed.](#)

Benefits Reporting: The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires a large amount of employee tracking, data gathering, and reporting from the District. For 2015, if the District was not at least 70% compliant in offering benefits to employees who work 30 hours or more per week on average annually, we would owe what is called a "Play or Pay" penalty. Over the last several weeks we were worried about a substantial penalty – perhaps as much as \$1.8 million – from an inability to track hours for employees (a combination of new county payment processing and lack of key staff). Benefits Technician Pam Blanchard – with the help of Holly Barrett – gathered all of the necessary data within a few weeks, keeping AHC in compliance for 2015.

Transfer Center News: Attached is the most recent report (CCTCC report CalPoly.pdf) from Cal Poly, SLO for fall 2015 admissions. Per usual, AHC has the highest transfer acceptance rate. The transfer center is in the process of planning an "admitted transfer students" day for Friday, April 1 and preparing for a Cal Poly open house April 14-16 for local AHC and Cuesta students who have been accepted to Cal Poly, SLO.

News2Know: Every month Public Affairs puts out News2Know a newsletter of information submitted by various departments on campus. A copy of this month's News2Know is attached (New2Know—Dec 9 2015.pdf).


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- Board Retreat – January 29, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – Boardroom (tentative location).

I hope you have a great weekend!

TO: Mr. Greg Pensa
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: December 18, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

ACCJC in the News: The struggle with the ACCJC continues. The attached article (*Why California is trying to Ditch Its Community-College Accreditor.pdf*) from the Chronicle of Higher Education reports that Brice Harris will be testifying before the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity in regards to the ACCJC.

CCCT Board Elections: The CCCT board election process has begun. The nomination period is January 1 through February 16, 2016. Attached is a file (CCCT Election Materials.zip) that contains a PDF of the nomination packet, as well as fillable word documents of the candidate forms.

Football Recruiting: Football's Malik Williams has now received seven offers from four-year universities. He led the state this season for most all-purpose yards per game and was an All-Conference First Team pick. So far, he's received offers from University of Alabama Birmingham, Texas State (BeeJay – weigh in for your boys!), Purdue, Valdosta State, Southeastern Louisiana and West Georgia.

Women's Basketball: The women's basketball team is off to a 9-2 start, its best start in nearly 20 years. The Bulldogs are ranked No. 13 in the South Region Poll for the program's first regional ranking in at least 15 years. The team is comprised almost entirely of local athletes and ranks second in the state for best defense. The women's next home game is Jan. 6 in their conference opener against Santa Barbara.



Hancock Alumnus on National Television: You will see former Hancock All-American Cameron Artis-Payne on national television playing for the undefeated Carolina Panthers. The rookie will be the back-up running back and has 12 carries for 31 yards so far this season. The Panthers play the New York Giants this Sunday. Kickoff is at 10 a.m. PST on FOX.



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- Administrative Offices/Campus closed – Winter break - **December 24, 2015 – January 1, 2016**
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The weekly update will take a short hiatus during the holidays – as always, you can reach me any time if you need something!



WEEKLY UPDATE

TO: Mr. Greg Pensa
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: January 8, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Happy new year! We are back on campus and excited for the new year!

Governor's Budget Released: The outlook for the coming year budget is positive – albeit not at the record setting levels we saw last year. The budget assumes a 0.47 percent COLA, two percent enrollment growth and additional funding for CTE Pathways. Even with the good budget news, the Chancellor's office offers the following warning (emphasis added):

While the 2016-17 fiscal year appears to be a strong one for the California Community Colleges, we need to remember that districts will face substantial challenges in the coming years due to increases in the STRS and PERS employer contribution rates. Further, these increases will need to be addressed by colleges at the same time that Proposition 30 revenues phase out (the sales tax provision expires on December 31 of this year and the income tax provision expires at the end of 2018).

Analysis and information from the Chancellor's Office is included as an attachment to the weekly email along with an email from Larry Galizio at CCLC with their analysis.

New year, new laws. Answers to questions asked about our response to new laws going into effect this month:

1. We are required to provide a place for breastfeeding students/parents. How do we do this?
 - a. We allocate private space for breastfeeding employees and try, when possible, to provide that space near the employees work area. Most recently, we allocated a private/shielded/lockable breakroom with a couch and chairs in Bldg. A-2 and provided a sign for them to put on the door. Felix is on vacation this week and will provide an update on efforts to find a space for students soon.
2. Related to this, it appears that the Marian Theater offers no changing tables in the restrooms.
 - a. Felix is on vacation this week. We will look into the possibility and respond soon.
3. The minimum wage increases to \$10/hr.
 - a. The Board approved the changes to the classified exempt salary schedule (SS80) in November and to the student salary schedule in October to account for the \$10.00 minimum wage. Those are the only two salary schedules that include minimum wage.
4. Homeless students cannot be charged for proficiency or entrance exams.
 - a. Yes, that is correct we do not charge homeless students for these services.

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5. Legislation struck the use of the word "Alien" from the California Labor Code and that they require history textbooks to include the deportation of Mexicans.
 - a. We are aware of the new legislation and will ensure compliance as we move forward with adoption of new textbooks.
 6. California community colleges can suspend or expel students accused of sexual assault off campus.
 - a. We revised our policies last year and are currently working with HR to establish procedures related to these violations. Click here for a [copy of our Standards of Student Conduct Board Policy and Administrative Procedure](#)

ACCJC Loses Appeal: The decision that California's community college accreditor was not meeting federal accreditation standards was upheld by the Education Department and the ACCJC has a year to resolve their issues. Read more in the [Inside Higher Ed article](#).

Day in the Life of a First Responder: Saturday, January 9 the Public Safety Training Complex will be hosting the "Day in the Life of a First Responder" auction item from the Joe White Memorial Dinner and Auction.

Record-breaking Recruitment: Human Resources is currently on a record-breaking pace for recruitment job postings for fiscal year 2015-2016. Today, Liz Phillips posted her 58th recruitment. To put that in context, HR posted 65 recruitments total for fiscal year 2014-2015, and that was our second busiest year to date. In order to encourage diverse and robust applicant pools for faculty positions, HR staff (Liz, Terilyn Hall, and Stefanie Aye) will be attending recruitment fairs in San Francisco and Los Angeles the last two weekends of the month. Three full-time faculty members will attend each job fair with HR staff. Kevin will join them for the LA fair. The faculty participating in the job fairs are:

San Francisco on Jan 23:

Linda Metaxas, Life/Physical Sciences
Deborah West, Fine Arts
Debbie Strance, Mathematical Sciences

Los Angeles on Jan. 30:

Rob Senior, English
John Hood, Fine Art
Karen Tait, Mathematical Sciences

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- Board Retreat – January 29, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – Boardroom


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WEEKLY UPDATE

TO: Mr. Greg Pensa
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: January 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Hancock a Top College: We received some exciting news Friday. The college has once again been selected as one of the top 150 colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute! We have been invited to apply for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's highest recognition. Our application is due March 4, 2016. More details about how many other California colleges are in the top 2015 will be released next week by the Aspen Institute. The invitation email is attached to the weekly email.

Campus Safety Workshop: In light of the recent national headlines, the college will host a campus safety workshop open to all faculty and staff on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon in the C-40 Forum. Felix Hernandez, John Staugaard, Deb Annibali, Rex Van Den Berg, Alex Bell, Roger Hall, and Mike Perkins, a SWAT commander and a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's lieutenant, will give presentations. It'll be the first in a series of campus safety training workshops scheduled for the spring term.

Student Lighting Concern: A student expressed concern during the most recent Trustee Open Hour. The concern was due to the lack of lighting on the Santa Maria Campus' ADA access ramps. Although no specific area was identified, Vice President Hernandez surveyed the campus at night and identified the need for lighting at the walkway ramp southwest of Building D, Severson Theatre. Rex Van Den Berg, director of plant services, and his staff will work on providing lighting in this area.

Summary of District Practices: The Community College League of California shared the summary of district organizational practices. It's attached for your review (Survey15Sum.pdf).

Fielding Graduate School Community College Roundtable – On Friday I attended a roundtable conversation hosted by the Fielding Graduate School in Santa Barbara. The conversation was led by Walter Bumphus, president of the American Association of Community Colleges. We discussed developmental education, building a diverse leadership capacity for community colleges, and STEM education. I was one of three district CEOs, along with a half dozen college presidents from LACCD, representatives of the Department of Education and the leadership team from Fielding.

Artis-Payne Panthers Game: Be sure to tune into FOX (KKFX) on Sunday when the Carolina Panthers host the Seattle Seahawks in a NFL playoff game. The game starts at 10 a.m. One of our very own, Cameron Artis-Payne should see some playing time for the Panthers. He's a rookie running back and wears #34. He played a lot in the team's last three games and even scored his first NFL touchdown earlier this month.



Hancock Faculty Member Competes on “Wheel of Fortune”:
Tune in to KSBY on January 18, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. as Diane Auten, one of Hancock’s own speech instructors, competes on “Wheel of Fortune” for “Bed and Breakfast Week.”


Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week’s update)

- *College closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance Monday, January 18, 2016
- *Campus Safety Workshop, Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 9 a.m. to noon – C-40 forum.
- *Spring Semester classes begin January 25, 2016
- Board Retreat – January 29, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – Boardroom

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TO: Mr. Greg Pensa
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: January 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Lola Ardelia Dority Reading Area: The Allan Hancock College Library (building L) will be dedicating the Lola Ardelia Dority reading area on January 29, 2016 at 12 p.m. The trustees are invited to attend. Please see attached flier (Lola Dority Event.pdf).

University Visits: The University Transfer Center will begin accepting pre-registration for the spring “Road Trips” starting next Friday, January 29. It will be first come, first serve. Here is the breakdown of the spring trips:

1. Cal Poly, SLO – Friday, February 19th
2. CSU Bakersfield/CSU Fresno- March 17th & 18th (overnight)
3. Cal Poly, SLO ADMITTED students day- Friday, April 1st (this is only for admitted students)
4. UC Davis/CSU Chico – April 14th & 15th (overnight)

Artis-Payne Panthers Game: Former Hancock football star Cameron Artis-Payne will look to help the Carolina Panthers reach the Super Bowl this weekend. The Panthers play Arizona in the NFC Championship game at 3:40 p.m. on Sunday. The game will air live on FOX-KKFX. Last week, Cameron had three carries for seven yards and one catch. If the Panthers advance to the Super Bowl, a special TV commercial recognizing Cameron and his connection to Hancock will air on FOX during the game and throughout the day. If Carolina doesn’t make the Super Bowl, another Hancock ad will air instead.

Leadership Academy Presentation: During All-Staff Day, the Leadership Academy made a presentation. Part of their charge was asking employees to pledge to change the odds for student success. Six posters, including the one attached, are now filled with signatures of employees who made the pledge. Once we have all of your signatures on them, they will be framed and displayed throughout our campuses.




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SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Black History Celebration: ASBG students are planning a celebration on Wednesday, February 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in G106 (old boardroom in Student Center). They plan to have a speaker, student entertainment and a small reception. Please let Carmen know if you can attend.

Annual Trustees Conference: The Annual Trustees Conference will take place April 29 through May 1, 2016 in Desert Springs, California. Please contact Carmen if you are interested in attending as soon as possible to ensure that hotel rooms are reserved.

CWA STEM Donation: The California Women of Agriculture (CWA) presented a check for \$2,000 this week for the Girls STEM Conference. The event will be on March 13 and is in collaboration with the Migrant Education Program, so it is targeting families involved in agriculture. Already 200 girls in sixth through eighth grade and their parents have signed up for the first-of-its-kind event.



Baseball and Softball Season Begins:

The baseball and softball teams open their seasons this weekend. Softball, the two-time defending conference champions, are home and play Taft on Friday, and San Diego City College at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday. Baseball starts in Bakersfield Saturday. Next Tuesday, baseball will be home against West Hills Coalinga at 2 p.m. Thanks to our partners, a new sign welcoming fans to the baseball and softball complex went up this week in time for opening day. The sign was the work of Jim Glines and the Hancock Boosters.



Professional Dancers Visit Hancock: Jonathan Platero and his wife, Oksana, both of *Dancing with the Stars* fame, visited the campus to choreograph a Latin ballroom samba/salsa dance for the college's annual Dance Spectrum event in March. The Santa Maria Times covered their visit [in this article](#).

2016 Student Success Summit: Student Services, Academic Affairs, and the Office of Institutional Effectiveness would like to invite the trustees to attend the 2016 Student Success Summit. The event is scheduled April 15, 2016 at Allan Hancock College, Student Center, Bldg. G106. Invitation and agenda to come in a future update.

Senior Parent Night at PVHS: As part of our outreach to the local high schools, two of our counselors, Margeret Shigenaka and Raquel Orozco, presented at Pioneer Valley High School's senior parent night on January 20. As you can see from this photo, there was a great turnout at the event.



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WEEKLY UPDATE

TO: Mr. Greg Pensa
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: February 5, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A somewhat longer list of items this week.

Senior Days: We are excited to announce the return of Senior Days to the Lompoc Valley Center. This March, we will be hosting all area high schools within the Lompoc and Santa Ynez Valleys. This is a great opportunity to showcase departments, clubs, and services to our future Bulldogs. Over 120 students will be in attendance on Friday March 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Friday, March 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday Athletics: Saturday is a busy day for Hancock athletics. The two-time defending conference champion softball team will host Mt. San Jacinto at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The basketball teams will host Moorpark with the women playing at 3 p.m. and the men at 5 p.m.

Health Insurance Accessibility: I attended the League's Legislative conference in Sacramento and took the opportunity to meet with Secretary of Health and Human Services Diane Dooley, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson and Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian. Among the issues we discussed was the college's accessibility to health insurance benefits. Attached is a copy of the letter (HHS Sec Dooley – SISC ACA Summary.pdf) I hand delivered to the state's health secretary and gave to the senator and the assemblyman. The letter provides an overview of the recent health insurance problems we've experienced and solicits her assistance on behalf of all educational sectors on the Central Coast.

North County Coalition Black History Month Celebration: The North County Coalition will host its annual celebration at Preisker Park on February 20 at noon (flyer attached). The event will feature music and performances from local students. Dr. Denise A. Isom (Cal Poly Ethnic Studies) will be the featured speaker. Lunch is provided – please let Carmen know if you would like to attend and we will reserve your spot!

Recruitment Fairs: In order to encourage diverse and robust applicant pools for faculty positions, HR staff (Liz, Terilyn Hall, and Stefanie Aye) along with faculty members (Linda Metaxes, Life/Physical Sciences; Deborah West and John Hood, fine arts; Debbie Strance and Karen Tait, Mathematical Sciences; Rob Senior, English) from various disciplines recently attended recruitment fairs in San Francisco on Jan. 23 and Los Angeles on Jan. 30. The San Francisco fair was not well attended with approximately 168 attendees. However, the Los Angeles job fair had over 1,000 attendees! Attached are a few pictures from the two events. (Jobfair1, jobfair2, jobfair3, jobfair4)

SM Times School Bond Article: A Santa Maria Times article entitled, "School bond issue drowning in push-me pull-you politics" [found here](#), discusses the \$9 billion school bond proposal for the November ballots. The bond is being pushed because funds from the last bond measure are exhausted leaving a \$2 billion backlog. The ballot measure includes a Hancock project and is supported by the California Chamber of Commerce which you can read about in the [release found here](#).

Cameron Artis-Payne: Be sure to catch a special story on Cameron Artis-Payne on KCOY and KEYT Friday night. They caught up with our football star before Sunday's Super Bowl. He is the second former Hancock football player to be on a Super Bowl team, and the first since Wymon Henderson played with Denver in the Super Bowl against the 49ers in 1990. We've also had three former coaches coach in the Super Bowl. If you're watching the game Sunday, which kicks off at 3:30 pm, you'll see our commercial play around 3:58 pm on CBS.

Football Signings: Three football players signed national letters of intent on Wednesday, which was National Signing Day. Malik Williams signed with University of Louisville, Kevon Perry is headed to Louisiana-Lafayette and DaMarion King signed with Louisiana Tech. All three schools are Division I-level programs. A few other student-athletes will sign over the coming weeks with four-year universities. It's a great testament to the hard work of Kim Ensing, coach Kris Dutra and his coaching staff, and countless others on campus.



SLO Film Festival: A short film made by electrical engineering major and film buff Samuel Solis has been selected to be shown during next month's San Luis Obispo International Film Festival. **Running Away** features physics instructor Rob Jorstad and several other faculty, staff and students. It will be screened at the Film Fest on Wednesday, March 16 in SLO. If you would like to go, please let me know and we will get tickets.

McKenzie Junior High School Presentation: Hancock Student Support and Services Program staff participated in an education, career, and leadership presentation to students at McKenzie Junior High School on Friday, February 5, 2016, at 11:00 AM. Also presenting were former Kermit McKenzie Junior High School alumni, community leaders and representatives of the Barajas Foundation. The purpose of the presentation was to encourage and motivate students to pursue higher education, be involved in the community, and be community leaders.

ACCJC Action on Institutions: The ACCJC released the results of its visits from Fall 2015. This is the first time the Commission used the status of "Reaffirmed for 18 Months On the Basis of a Comprehensive Evaluation." Eight schools received this level of accreditation – it appears no schools were fully reaffirmed for accreditation. The action letter and explanation of the new level of reaffirmation are attached.

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- *North County Coalition Celebration, February 20 from noon to 3:00 p.m.
- Black History Celebration, February 24, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in G106.
- Student Success Summit, April 15, 2016 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in G-106 A/B.


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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: February 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

“Seizing the Moment” Report: The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) and Higher Ed *for* Higher Standards released [Seizing the Moment: Community Colleges Collaborating with K-12 to Improve Student Success](#). The report calls on community college presidents and trustees to embrace the higher standards many K-12 school systems have adopted and implement strategies to increase college readiness and success. The report recommends that community college presidents and trustees:

1. Partner with K-12 to bring more substantial college readiness supports and interventions into high schools;
2. Identify college-readiness measures that can be used in high school to trigger these supports and acceleration strategies for students;
3. Revise institutional placement practices to honor college-ready achievements;
4. Provide first-year students who are not yet college ready with co-requisite and other evidence-based remediation opportunities and guided pathways; and
5. Work with system leaders and policymakers to adopt statewide policies that encourage these practices.

Fundraising Since 2013: On Thursday the Foundation had its annual organizational meeting. I was pleased to share with them that we have raised some \$12 million in new funds since the summer of 2013. The memo we shared with them is attached to the weekly email.

Dance Spectrum: The dance department has offered two complimentary tickets for each trustee to attend *Dance Spectrum 2016*. The performance dates are:

DANCE SPECTRUM PERFORMANCE		
DATE	2:00 P.M. Matinee	7:00 P.M. Show
Thursday, March 17, 2016	NO	YES
Friday, March 18, 2016	NO	YES
Saturday, March 19, 2016	YES	YES
Sunday, March 20, 2016	YES	NO


Please let Carmen know if you would like two tickets as soon as possible in order to get good seats.

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- *Bulldog Bow-WOW! at LVC, February 17, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the student lounge.
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TO: Mr. Greg Pensa
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: February 19, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Basketball Season Ends: The basketball season ended this week. The women beat Cuesta 60-55 for the team's 16th win of the season, which is the highest single-season win total for the program in 20 years. While the men lost to Cuesta in overtime, Matt Willkomm broke two 22-year-old records. The Arroyo Grande High School graduate now owns the AHC record for most three-point baskets in a season with 87, and most career three-pointers with 148.

New EOPS Commercial: The EOPS program has developed a commercial to highlight and advertise the program. You [can see it here](#).

CAPP Demonstration Grant: The great outreach work that our counseling department has been doing in reaching out to high schools for new Student Orientations and Academic Advising Workshops is being used to apply for a CAPP demonstration grant. The grant proposal will be sent in by the end of the month. [Here is some more information on CAPP](#).

Tobacco-Free Campus Webinar: Allan Hancock Health Services Coordinator, Alex Bell gave a strong, informative presentation on February 3 for the Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative (TFCCI) Webinar Series - Smoking Cessation: Strategies to help your Campus Quit! You can visit www.tobaccofreecampus.org/webinar-series to view the webinar, and access a portable document format "pdf" of the slides.

Cash for College workshops: CalSOAP has recently been very busy participating in Cash for College workshops at [high schools throughout the Central Coast](#). Financial aid professionals are available on a walk-in basis to assist parents and seniors in completing the FAFSA. Assistance is available in Spanish. This is a photo from one of the workshops




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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: February 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

All-California Academic Team: For the first time in Hancock history, two students have been selected to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's All-California Academic First Team. Only 30 students in the state received the recognition out of the more than 2.4 million enrolled in California's 113 community colleges. Congratulations to Jeremiah Hernandez and Rie Waldon, who have both overcome huge obstacles to succeed. Jeremiah had been dismissed from Hancock multiple times before he got his life on track. Rie moved to Lompoc from Japan in 2012 without knowing English. Read more about their stories, by [clicking here](#). Both students are members of the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society and now eligible to be named to the All-American Scholarship Team.

Get Focused Stay Focused Approved: AP&P finalized the approval for GFSF this week, allowing the program to come to the Board in March. With Trustee approval, we can send it on to the state and be ready to offer classes to ninth graders as soon as this Fall! This program will help high school freshmen develop a personalized ten-year plan for their education and career. It will also be a chance for students to earn college credit and give them a sense of what is available to them at AHC. Great thanks go to Dave Degroot for his leadership in getting GFSF through the system and also to Nohemy Ornelas, Lydia Maxwell, George Railey, Sofia Ramirez-Gelpi and Yvonne Teniente for their work on the project.

Black History Month Event: Black History Month was celebrated with barbecue, poetry, music, and dance in Santa Maria on Saturday February 20 at Priesker Park. The Santa Maria/Lompoc branch of the NAACP was joined by the United Domestic Workers, Santa Maria Valley Democratic Club and Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy, and of course Allan Hancock College also took part. Student ambassadors Michele Burns, Daniel Hernandez, and Jennifer Bombardier worked the event.





Health Fair:

Allan Hancock College took part in the Pacific Pride Health Fair for the migrant monolingual Hispanic community on February 20, 2016. Erick Arciga and Lucerito Salgado from non-credit counseling represented Hancock College at the fair.


Flight Program Conversation: We met this week with three representatives of the Santa Maria Airport. They are interested in having a flight academy that would include ground operations, maintenance, and flight training. I shared with them our process for approving new programs. I also was very clear that prior to us even considering such a program that they would need to bring verifiable research showing demand for an aviation program and a proposal for how it would be funded, noting that the college could not be the source of any seed capital. These men were very excited about the prospect, so I am sure you will hear tidbits around the community of their plan. I want to be sure you know that this is an external proposal and that we have made no commitment to it – no letter of support, no staff time and no capital expenditures.

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DATE: March 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Aspen Prize: We submitted our application Friday morning for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The application is attached to your weekly email (along with the template that has the questions). A selection committee will identify about 50 community colleges for follow-up interviews, which will take place this May. Ten community colleges will be selected as finalists and notified in August. As part of the application this year, the college also submitted Siemens Technical Scholars data about our CTE programs. A selection committee will review all data and invite a few community colleges to submit a second, more in-depth application in April that could result in student scholarships and program recognition.

Athletic Signing: Three more football players signed national letters of intent this week. Emose Haukoulua (left) who grew up in Fiji, as well as Isaiah Hill (center), a Pioneer Valley High School graduate, signed with McPherson College in Kansas. Elijah Holt (right), an Arroyo Grande High School graduate, will play at Southern Utah, which is in the same conference as Cal Poly. Six football players have now signed with four-year universities in the last month. We know a few more Hancock athletes from other sports should make their decisions in the coming weeks.



Women's Swim Team: The women's swim team will host its only home meet of the season next Thursday, March 10, at 2:15 p.m. inside the Paul Nelson Aquatic Center. The squad will face Clovis. The ladies are a much more experienced team this season with a handful of athletes who should contend for conference titles in individual events. The meet should run until about 4 p.m.



Mentor Mondays at the Veteran Success Center: The first Mentor Monday at the Veteran Center took place on February 29. Ten veterans and dependents came to talk to Dr. Sal about his transition from Vietnam to becoming an educator on campus. Mentor Mondays will take place every Monday this semester from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Future speakers will include local community agencies, Vietnam vets, financial aid representatives, VA, job and financial coaching, and Raytheon employment representatives just to name a few.

Spring Career Fair: The Spring Career Fair will be taking place next Wednesday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Commons, outside the Student Center on the Santa Maria campus. If it rains, the event will move into the Student Center. Students will have the opportunity to meet with over 50 exhibitors, including representatives from private industry, government, universities, and non-profit. At this career fair students are being encouraged to be more prepared including dressing well and having a resume ready. <http://www.hancockcollege.edu/cwe/CareerFairPrep.php> The flyer for this event is attached (Spring Career Fair Flyer.jpg).

Executive Director, College Advancement – We have identified a final candidate for the Executive Director of College Advancement. We will complete the process on Monday and have the candidate for your approval on Tuesday.


Commencement 2016: May 27, 2016 has been finalized as the date for our commencement ceremony. Please mark your calendars.

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DATE: March 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

2016 Shell Beach Conference: A conference on advanced labor negotiations and personnel will be held on April 20-22, 2016 at the Cliffs Resort at Shell Beach. Attached is the brochure. If you are interested in attending the conference, please contact Carmen

Community Speaks: PCPA - Pacific Conservatory Theatre is proud to present, "Community Speaks! For Free Speech," a conservatory project that creates original performances centered around a local event or conflict using the form of Verbatim Theater, in which the play is composed of the precise words spoken in interviews conducted within the community.

03 / 09 / 16	7:30pm	Cuesta College Theater Department, San Luis Obispo
03 / 14 / 16	11:00am	St. Joseph High School, Santa Maria
03 / 21 / 16	3:30 pm	Lompoc High School, Lompoc
03 / 28 / 16	7:00pm	Cal Poly Theatre Department 'Black Box', San Luis Obispo

There have been a couple of good newspaper articles about the project in the [Santa Maria Sun](#) and the [Santa Maria Times](#).

Athletic Signing: Congrats to Adrian Diaz who became the first AHC men's soccer player in at least five years to sign with a four-year university. He is headed to Cal State. LA, a great Division II Program. The news release on Adrian can be [found here](#).




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DATE: March 18, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Math Club PI Day: The Math Club held a PI throwing fundraiser. Students and staff paid \$5 to throw a PI at volunteers. Linda Metaxas, Liz West, Christine Reed and approximately eight others volunteered to be hit with a PI. The club raised close to \$600 in just six hours. The club uses the proceeds for future events & fundraisers, host speakers, UCSB trips, and of course, to feed hungry math students at club meetings & AMATYC SML problem sessions.



Congresswoman Lois Capps: Ms. Capps will visit with our ASBG Leadership Class on Wednesday, March 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Instructor Ben Britten invited the congresswoman to talk about being leaders on campus and in the community, as well as other words of wisdom.

5K Color Run/Walk: The college has agreed to sponsor a Fun Run for the North County Rape Crisis Center. The organization is planning a 5K Color Run/Walk in Orcutt Community Park on Saturday, August 6. This is one of the races where they blast you with dye as you run by. The college is helping design a logo for the event, as well as print and design posters, banners and other promotional items at no cost. ASBG students and our student ambassadors will also help during race day. The college will also put together a team to participate so let me know if you are interested.

New Grant: This week, the college learned it was one of 100 schools in the nation to receive a grant from New Matter, a technology company. The college will receive three state-of-the-art 3D printers and supplies to allow more students in the graphics, architecture, and design classes to see their creativity come to life with 3D figures. Hancock is the only community college in California to receive the grant.


Community Meetings at AHC: On Friday, March 18 the Workforce Development Board will hold their meeting in our boardroom. In addition, the Santa Maria Valley Chamber Board is holding their annual planning meeting in the boardroom on Monday, March 21. We may also work out the use of the boardroom by the Santa Barbara Foodbank for their quarterly meetings in exchange for free food delivery for our students.

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DATE: March 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Administrative Team Building: About 15 members of the admin team hiked to the Port San Luis Lighthouse this week with our good friend and former dean David Humphreys and his wife, Deb, serving as our tour guides. We hiked about 1.5 miles each way and ate lunch at the lighthouse. David and Deb stopped along the way to tell us about the plant life, as well as history of the area and the lighthouse. It was a beautiful day, as well as a great bonding experience. A special thanks to Carmen and Melinda for helping organize the event and lunch. A few pictures from the event are attached to the weekly email.

Priority Registration Push Continues: The counseling department continues its outreach efforts to local high schools. Counselors are holding academic advising workshops on high school campuses to help students complete the three steps to qualify for priority registration before the summer and fall registration period opens April 18.



Bookstore Transition Update: The Follett team has been on campus all week preparing to open its doors next week to students. Overall, they say the move is going smoothly. The layout in both stores has changed a little. Textbooks and supplies will be available to students Monday. New clothing items and imprinted supplies will also be arriving in waves. We will send a message to all students this week, as well as a separate note to faculty and staff.

College Signing Day: The Public Affairs office is working with Counseling, EOPS and other departments to plan a first-of-its-kind event on campus that will take place on Tuesday, April 26. The college will invite our students who are transferring to a four-year university next fall as part of National College Signing Day. Not only will we recognize our students for their hard work with free lunch and a few activities, but we will also hope to inspire other students on campus to follow in their footsteps. We will provide more details in the coming weeks.

Human Resources Retreat: On Wednesday, Human Resources staff spent the afternoon team building. Orcutt Wine and Design provides team building options specific for businesses. (The college did not provide the 'wine' portion of the usual options.) In addition to other team building exercises, staff tried to replicate an original painting of a bulldog created by the artist. Staff plan to hang the finished works in the HR office. A picture of the event (including big smiles) is attached.

Boy Scouts Earn Welding Badge at Hancock: Thanks to the help of welding instructor Gabriel Marquez, some welding students and industry volunteers, 10 area boy scouts received their welding merit badges this month. They spent three Saturdays learning about safety precautions and industry before they were able to work on a project with a mentor. They plan to make this an annual event.

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DATE: April 1, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.



Cal Poly Admitted Students Day: Cal Poly hosted a Welcome Day on Friday for recently admitted transfer students. About 30 of our students attended the event that included a tour and a transfer student panel. Our students got a kick out of the fact that three students on the panel transferred to Poly from Hancock. According to the University Transfer Center, 134 Hancock students were admitted to Cal Poly for fall 2016.

Marc Garcia-Martinez's documentary on his sabbatical: English professor Marc Garcia-Martinez has returned from his sabbatical. His research focused on starting a new degree in Latino/Latina Studies at Hancock. He interviewed Trustee Zacarías, Dean Yvonne Teniente and a few others. At Marc's request, we mailed you a DVD with the documentary. We have also loaded it on YouTube for you to view. You can access the link here: <http://tinyurl.com/ahcmgm>.

Bookstore Transition Update: As scheduled, the Follett team opened its doors in Santa Maria and Lompoc on Monday. Books were available to rent or buy. Overall, Follett staff believe the transition has gone smoothly. The store at the Lompoc Valley Center moved upstairs to a bigger space to better serve our students. It also extended its hours to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

CAN/TRiO Promotional Video: The College Achievement Now (CAN) office put together a rap music video to promote the program. The song was written and performed by Robert Martinez, who is the son of Melinda Martinez. Everyone in the video is a CAN student. You can watch the video by clicking on the link <https://youtu.be/hL6SOgmBEoA>

Wine Tasting and Sale: The Enology and Viticulture Foundation is hosting a wine tasting and sale event from noon to 5:00 on Sunday, May 7. All 11 varietals made on our campus by Hancock students will be available. You will receive a formal invitation in the coming weeks.

Annual Joe White Dinner and Auction: The 15th annual Joe White Memorial Dinner and Auction is set for Saturday, August 27 at the Elks Lodge in Santa Maria. Last year, the event raised nearly \$100,000 for the athletics department. The event has raised almost \$750,000 for Bulldog athletics.

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DATE: April 8, 2016

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President's Roundtable: About 25 principals and superintendents from our district, as well as southern San Luis Obispo County attended the annual President's Roundtable Thursday morning. We updated them on concurrent enrollment, Get Focused...Stay Focused!, and other topics. We received some valuable feedback and suggestions. They expressed gratitude for the college's increased outreach and communication.

LEED Certification: Three of our Measure I projects have received LEED certification! The Student Services Center and Early Childhood Studies Child Care Center received Gold certifications. The Public Safety Training Complex earned Silver certification. They are our first LEED-certified buildings. LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the national benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of green buildings.

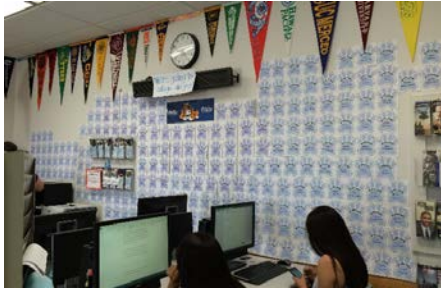
A Little Paint Goes A Long Way: Facilities and maintenance crews gave building K some new life this week with a fresh coat of paint. And yes, it dried before it rained. Check out the before and after photos.



BEFORE



AFTER



High School Outreach: Our counselors have been busy the last few months visiting with students at district high schools. Check out the wall in the guidance office at Pioneer Valley High School. Each paw print on the wall represents a PVHS senior who has already applied to Hancock College for either the summer or the fall. It's more than 125 students, and growing each week. Most of them have also qualified for priority registration. Nearly 100 Orcutt Academy seniors toured the campus on Friday. Last

Saturday, nearly 200 students from Santa Maria High School attended an outreach event led by our counselors and other staff.

CCCT Board Election: Attached are the statements and biographies of all the candidates for the eight seats on the CCCT board. As before, this will be an action item on next week's board agenda. After you have placed your votes, Carmen will send your ballot to the league.



SkillsUSA State Conference: Eleven students represented Hancock at the SkillsUSA California state competition in San Diego. Two students brought home gold medals, one in technical drafting and the other in welding. A team of four won a silver medal in automated manufacturing. Three students won bronze, two were in welding, and the other was in automotive service tech. Wyatt Allen advanced to Nationals to be held in Kentucky this summer. It's the first year we've had a SkillsUSA team. It was all made possible thanks to donations from area businesses. We are offering

SkillsUSA classes in the fall in various programs so students can prepare for the competitions.

Chris Hite's Sabbatical Presentation (Take 2): You may recall last year, there was a glitch in film instructor Chris Hite's sabbatical presentation. Well, here's a chance to see his work His documentary, *Ghosts in the Mountains*, was recently selected to screen at the 2016 SLO International Film Festival, and the 2016 Star Doc International Documentary Film Festival. It already screened at two film festivals last year. The documentary is about Jeffrey Frazier, an expert on the stories of the Alleghany region, who have lived in the mountains of Pennsylvania for generations. You can watch the documentary at <https://vimeo.com/142173518> and enter the password Ghosts.

Folklorico 2016

You are all invited to the annual Folklorico performance. Please choose one of the dates noted on the attached certificate and let Carmen know which day you have selected.

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DATE: April 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Student Success Summit: G-106 was full today with faculty, staff, administrators and representatives of partner organizations. The group gathered to learn about accelerated programs designed to help students complete basic skills sequences in a timely manner. Katie Hern from Chabot College presented the latest research on improving outcomes for students who start below college level. We know that time is the enemy for our students – and our faculty are making significant changes to help students complete their programs more quickly so they can get on to work or to their transfer university. A highlight of the day was the student panel comprised of “acceleration graduates.” Each will be transferring and credited the time saved in acceleration as a key factor in their success.



Week of the Young Child: The early childhood studies program celebrated national Week of the Young Child by planning an event each day for Children’s Center preschoolers. As part of Music Monday, the children



played music in the commons. During Taco Tuesday, children learned about healthy eating and completed a few yoga stretches. They built block buildings during Work Together Wednesday, created chalk drawings on Artsy Thursday, and enjoyed a family picnic on Family Friday.

Architecture Competition: The architecture program will represent Hancock this weekend during Cal Poly’s Experimental Structures Lab Design Village competition. This year’s theme, aura, explores the metaphysical properties of designed space. Over the last several weeks,

students designed a structure they had to build today. They’ll spend the next two nights in the structure, alongside hundreds of other participants in Poly Canyon.

Mr. and Ms. Hancock: ASBG held the first Mr. and Ms. Hancock College pageant. Three young men and six women competed for the title. The candidates were judged on their dress, introduction, talent, and response to a bonus question. The winners are: Michael Huggins and Alexis Kazianka.

Meet and Greet for New Administrators: The President's office hosted a meet and greet event for four of our new administrators this week. The event welcomed Jessica Blazer, director of business services; Susan Houghton, executive director of college advancement; Jennifer Schwartz, managing director of PCPA; and Yvonne Teniente-Cuello, dean of student services.




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DATE: April 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

Community Pride: Be sure to check out the Santa Maria Times next Friday, April 29. Hancock will be featured in an eight-page spread that will include student profiles, a story on how completing CTE classes results in increased wages, as well as information about Community Education, summer/fall registration, online classes and financial aid.

Nursing Grant: The certified nursing assistant (CNA) program received a \$55,000 grant from the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation. The money will fund scholarships for all 45 of our students next year to pay for fees, books, State Board exams, uniforms, and blood pressure cuffs. It'll also help pay for part-time instructors, and a new mobile patient lift. The foundation has awarded more than \$120,000 to the program over the last five years

Design Village Competition: Two teams of Hancock architecture students participated in Cal Poly's annual Design Village competition April 16-18. The theme was "Aura" and the teams created a spirit tree structure that included four stabilized hammocks. Students spent two nights in the structures they designed and constructed as part of the event.



California Mini Corps: California Mini Corps, a program that utilizes students as role models to raise the aspirations of migrant students is up and running at Hancock, their [website is located here](#). More information on the program can be found at the [Butte County Office of Education website](#).

Commencement Banner Carriers: The college asked Jeremiah Hernandez and Rie Waldon to carry the banners into the 2016 Commencement. Both students were All-California Academic First Team selections, and prove we are changing the odds. Hernandez was dismissed multiple times from Hancock for academic reasons before he turned his life around. He raised his GPA from a 0.40 to 3.78. He will transfer to Cal Poly in the fall. Waldon did not know English when she moved from Japan to Lompoc in 2012. She started at Hancock with a non-credit ESL class, and four years later she has a 4.0 GPA and is transferring to UCSB.




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TO: Mr. Greg Pensa
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: April 29, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.

College Signing Day: Nearly 100 students who are transferring to four-year institutions in the fall attended the inaugural College Signing Day on Tuesday. The Public Affairs office organized the event and asked students to sign commemorative posters that will be displayed in counseling and the University Transfer Center. Students wrote thank you cards to faculty and staff who helped them succeed at AHC. We received great media coverage, including a nice feature piece on two of our transfer students that aired on KCOY, KKFX, and KEYT. To view, [click here](#).



Swimmer Success: For the first time in the history of the women's swim program, three athletes qualified and were invited to the State Championships. Dria Kwong (left) and Madi Diaz (center) will swim in three events, and Rebecca Gonzalez (right) will compete in two. Kwong won three conference titles last week. All three women are freshman and graduated from area high schools. The state meet is next Thursday-Saturday at East LA College.



Track Athletes: Two track athletes won Western State Conference titles last week, and they have could win another this weekend. Luke Nickelson (left) won the men's long jump, and Taylor Nevitt (right) won the women's shot put. This weekend, Luke will compete in the triple jump and Nevitt in the discus throw at the WSC Championships in Bakersfield. They are both Nipomo High graduates.



CSEA Week: CSEA Week is May 16-20, The annual BBQ will be Thursday May 19 from 12-2 p.m. in the commons. Please see the attached flier (CSEA BBQ.pdf) for more information.

UCSB Economic Forum: I hope you can make the UCSB forum on Friday, May 6th. I will be addressing the issues surrounding four year education options for our region – this may be an opportunity to make some substantial progress on this issue. If you need tickets or know someone who does, let us know!

LLN Conference: The 29th Annual Latina Leadership Network Conference, “Cadena: Linking & Strengthening Our Culture, Our Students & Our Future” was held at Modesto Junior College April 7-9, 2016. Here is a photo of the Hancock faculty and students who attended.



ASBG Elections: The Associated Student Body Government election took place this week. Nearly 1,000 students voted and the results were as follows:

President: Michael Huggins

Executive Vice President: Mia Alvara

Student Trustee: Carson Link

Executive Director: Elizabeth Pompa

Executive Secretary: Fernando Robles, Jr

VP of External Affairs: Victor DeAlba

Director of Student Organizations: MariaElena Garcia

Director of Academic Affairs: Valentina Alvarado

Director of Public Affairs: Allie Shea


Director of Campus Environment: Gary Panther

Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

- Annual Trustees Conference, April 29 – May 1, Desert Springs
- Friday Night Science, May 6, 6-8:30 p.m. in and around Building M, SM Campus
- *EOPS/CARE/CAFYES and CalWORKs Recognition Event, May 7, 5 p.m., Elks Lodge
- Wine Tasting and Sale, May 7, 12-5 p.m. at the Winery
- Retirements and Recognition Reception, May 12, 2:30-4:30 p.m., courtyard between A&B
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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 6, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.



Elementary School Tours: Three large groups of elementary students toured the Santa Maria campus this week: On Tuesday, 90 fifth graders from Sanchez Elementary School visited; on Wednesday, 83 fourth graders from Fairlawn Elementary School visited; and on Thursday, May 5, 72 students from Tunnel School visited.

Facility Improvements: Based on the board request, district staff have installed additional exterior lighting at the ADA ramp on the southwest side of building D to improve visibility for students. In addition, a wall-mounted baby changing station has been installed in the Marian Theatre lobby family restroom. If you have any questions please contact Felix Hernandez at fhernandez@hancockcollege.edu



SMHS Recognition Wall: A display is currently hanging in the hallway at Santa Maria High School recognizing students who will be attending Allan Hancock College after high school graduation. Since this display was posted an additional 300 students from the school applied for admission.



Retirements and Recognitions: The retirements and recognitions ceremony will be held Thursday, May 12 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the courtyard between buildings A and B. We will be celebrating 15 retirees this year.

UCSB Economic Forum: This morning I presented on the topic of *California's Higher Education Desert*. The slides are attached to the weekly email. For context, the theme is as follows:

1. There are economic issues facing north county;
2. The CSU and UC systems do not have capacity to meet demand for highly skilled workers (because of state funding cuts);
3. The problem of access is especially acute in north county;
4. We have three options to address the issue, but all need state support: university center, CSU satellite campus, or expansion of the community college baccalaureate.

The presentation was well received and I think we might get a little traction in our efforts to improve access for north county.

Firefighter Academy Graduation: The graduation ceremony for State of California Certified Firefighter 1 Academy Class 137 will be held Friday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Public Safety Training Complex.

Transfer Stars Reception: A reception will be held in honor of students who have been accepted to universities on Friday, May 27 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the building A courtyard. Students who will be transferring are recognized by a star on the graduation program and will be celebrated at the reception. Light refreshments will be provided.

Noncredit Recognition Ceremony: A noncredit recognition ceremony will be held for students who have completed their community education and noncredit programs. The ceremony will be held Friday, May 20 in the courtyard between buildings G and A from 5-6 p.m. and a reception will be held in the student center from 6-7 p.m. in room G 106 A-B.

Lompoc Flower Festival: The 64th Annual Lompoc Flower Festival parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 25. Parade starts at 10 a.m. Please let Carmen know if you are interested in participating in the parade.

High School Outreach: We are implementing the "Get Focused Stay Focused" course with our high schools. On May 2 we hosted training for our local high school teachers who will be teaching the course.

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WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 13, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

May Revise Budget Update: The Governor released the May revise today. Estimates from the Chancellor’s Office and the Community College League of California indicate the following notable changes from January:

	Gov. Budget	AHC	Gov. Revise	AHC
	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2016
Funding				
COLA	0.47%	\$250,000	0%	0%
Growth (2%)	\$ 114.7m	No growth	\$114.7m	No growth
Base (Ongoing!)	none	0	\$ 75m	\$630,000
Mandates (One-time)	\$ 76.3m	\$610,000	\$ 76.3m	\$610,000
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Equipment (One-time)	\$ 289m	\$ 2.405 K	\$ 219.4m	\$1,865,000

Fifteen and Counting: The streak continues. Cal Poly’s Region 6 Fall Community College data shows 48 percent of Hancock students who applied to transfer for fall 2016 were accepted. Our transfer acceptance rate is the highest in the state for the 15th straight year, and nearly triple the state average of 16.7 percent. Cuesta’s transfer acceptance rate was 39 percent and Santa Barbara’s was 20 percent. The streak is further evidence the college is changing the odds for students in our community. It’s also a testament to our counseling and instructional staff.

Retirements and Recognition Reception: The College celebrated 15 retirees Thursday afternoon and Human Resources was awarded department of the year. Photos from the event can be found [at this link](#).

Inter-city Roadway Grid: Work has been completed on a simulated city roadway grid located inside the existing high speed track at Hancock's public safety training complex (PSTC) to benefit students training in police and emergency vehicles. [See photos](#).

PCPA Foundation and Auxiliary Corp.: A report attached to this email entitled “Developing a Common Understanding of the Roles and Responsibilities of the PCPA Foundation and the PCPA Auxiliary Corporation” discusses ways in which the two organizations might integrate their fundraising efforts in order to broaden and coordinate resource development activities in the future. The report is a result of a discussion that took place on Thursday, April 21, 2016 on campus.

Food Share Because We Care Update: The bi-monthly food giveaway, known as Food Share Because We Care, wrapped up this month. Since it started in February, the college delivered 25,633 pounds of food to nearly 1,500 students. The college teamed up with the Santa Barbara County Food Bank to deliver fresh produce and other items to students on the first and third Thursdays of the month. A big thanks to

Carmen Camacho, Stephanie Robb, Henry Schroff, Christine Bisson, the student ambassadors, and dozens of other volunteers for making it happen. The program was funded by the Allan Hancock College Foundation.

Hancock to Host SB County Food Action Plan Event: The college will host the unveiling of the Santa Barbara County Food Action Plan on Tuesday, May 24, at 9:30 a.m. on the patio outside the Student Center. The plan is a strategy-based community blueprint for an accessible, thriving, sustainable and healthy food system. It accounts for the entire food system – production, processing, distribution, access and waste management. Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers is a member of the Advisory Board that is co-chaired by county supervisors Salud Carbajal and Steve Lavagnino.

Making a Splash: Three Allan Hancock College swimmers, all freshmen, represented Hancock at the State Championships last weekend. Alexandria Kwong finished fourth in the state in the women’s 100-yard butterfly, ninth in the 200-yard backstroke and 11th in the 200-yard butterfly. The Orcutt Academy graduate won conference titles in all three events last month. Madalena Diaz came in seventh in the state in the 1,650-yard freestyle, 13th in the 500-yard free, and 14th in the 400-yard individual medley. Rebecca Gonzalez finished 22nd in the 200-yard breaststroke and 17th in the 100-yard breaststroke. Diaz and Kwong broke school records in each of their events. Together they led the Bulldogs to their highest finish in program history, which was 18th out of 42 teams.



Record-Breaking Year: The 47th annual Allan Hancock College Foundation Scholarship Banquet promises to be another epic event. The foundation will award 456 scholarships to 375 students for a total of more than \$546,000. All three figures are new AHC Foundation records. There will be 24 new scholarships awarded this year. Among the guest speakers will be Jesus Sanchez, who received the Marian Hancock Scholarship in 2014, and Yesenia DeCasas, who established a new scholarship this year to honor her son Nicolas, a former film student who passed away from cancer in 2014. The banquet is Thursday, May 26, at 6 p.m. inside the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium.

Family Math Day: A California Mini-Corps family math event took place in Guadalupe on April 30th. Students were able to teach math and science lessons to migrant students in grades 1-8 from Guadalupe, Lompoc, Los Alamos, and San Miguel. Everyone had a great time.




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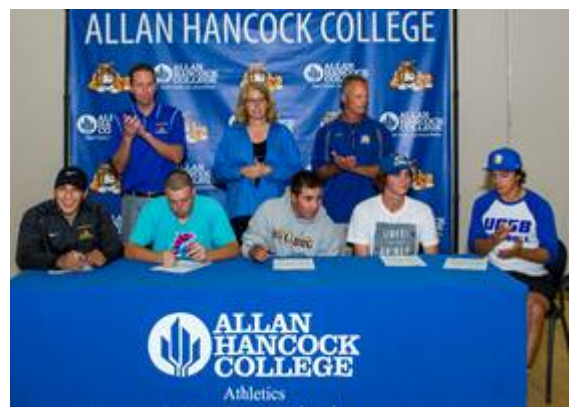
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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Scholarship Banquet: Don't forget, the 47th annual AHC Foundation Scholarship Banquet is next Thursday, May 26, at 6 p.m. inside the gym. This year, the foundation will award 456 scholarships worth more than \$546,000 to 375 students. All three of those numbers are records! Jesus Sanchez, a former Marian Hancock Scholarship winner and recent UC Berkeley graduate, will speak, as well as donor Yesenia DeCasaus, whose late son was a film major at Hancock.



Fantastic Five: This week, five student-athletes signed scholarships to play at four-year universities. Matt Willkomm (Arroyo Grande HS) will play men's basketball at Arizona Christian. Four baseball players also signed: Skylar Bischoff (Righetti) to Jarvis Christian, Chance Miranda (Clarion Univ.), Colby Barrick (Santa Ynez HS) to UCSB, and Isaiah Ramos (Righetti) to Chico State. We'll have at least three more athletes sign in the next week.


SB County Food Action Plan: An 18-month effort by dozens of people from across the county will culminate Tuesday, May 24 on our campus. We will host the unveiling of the Santa Barbara County Food Action Plan, which discusses how to develop a better and more efficient food system in the county. Supervisor Steve Lavagnino and agribusiness student Nelly Guerra will speak at the event.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: June 3, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Commencement Photos: [Photos from Commencement](#) can be found on the new Hancock Flickr page.

Scholarship Banquet Photos: [Photos from the Scholarship banquet](#) can also be found on the new Hancock Flickr page. More photos will be added to this album before Tuesday.



Northern Santa Barbara Roundtable President's Award: Joni Gray recognized Kim Ensing with the President's Award at the annual awards banquet. She noted that Kim has done tremendous work to help our local student athletes achieve success.

Softball Athletic Signing: Hancock softball athlete Judith Salazar just signed to play softball at McPherson College in Kansas. She plans to major in elementary education to become a kindergarten or preschool teacher. She was a two-time All-Conference First Team pick for Hancock and finished third all-time in program history with 86 career RBI. She was [featured in the Santa Maria Times](#).



New START Test Video: Our new [START Preparation Video](#) is available online in English and Spanish. It is attached to the right side of the [START testing web pages](#).

SOAR Club Grant: The Fund for Santa Barbara awarded a \$4,800 grant to the Students Organizing for Advocacy and Retention (SOAR) club. Newly-elected ASBG President Michael Huggins spearheaded the effort to impact educational opportunities and student life at the Lompoc Valley Center. The SOAR club is comprised of a group of LVC students, who plan to organize events with community-based organizations to help infuse life to the LVC culture.

AHC at the Rodeo: I was able to get a good shot of our banner representing at the Elks Rodeo yesterday. This is Allison Wahling from Nipomo High School.



All-Region Honors: Two baseball players, Colby Barrick and Isaiah Ramos, were selected to All-Southern California Region teams this week. Ramos, a Righetti High School graduate who will pitch at Chico State next season, was named to the First Team. He is eligible for All-American status. Barrick, a Santa Ynez native who earned a scholarship to UCSB, was a Second Team pick.

Fine Arts Complex Update: The college received promising news last week that the Fine Arts Complex was included in the 2017-18 Capital Outlay Spending Plan that was approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. It's in anticipation of the statewide bond that is on the ballot in November. We are the only community college from Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties included in the spending plan. I have sent letters to our local lawmakers in Sacramento to ensure this priority position remains in the spending plan.

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DATE: June 10, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Law Enforcement Graduation: The 110th class of Allan Hancock College's Law Enforcement Training Academy graduated on Thursday. Twenty-one recruits, including 17 who already have jobs lined up with area agencies, received their certificates. [Photos of the event can be seen on our Flickr site.](#)


New Television Commercial: Here's a sneak preview of the new Hancock commercial which will be airing on cable television, shown before each movie at the Edwards cinema in Santa Maria, and will also be airing on KCOY. <https://vimeo.com/170090060>

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- Summer classes begin June 13.
- Lompoc Flower Festival, June 25, 10 a.m.
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DATE: June 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Underwood Becomes Chancellor's Office EEO Team Member: Last week Kelly Underwood received web training as a Chancellor's Office Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Plan Peer Review team member. She is one of seven Chief Human Resources Officers from across the state who will peer review 5-6 EEO plans each in order to give colleagues technical assistance in completing their plans to meet the legal mandate. Kelly volunteered for this role in order to bring best practices back to AHC and to ensure that the District's EEO Plan is finely tuned. She will provide an update on this effort along with the District's diversity data (for this fiscal year and longitudinally) by the October Board meeting.

MLB Drafts Former Student: Former Hancock pitcher Nathan Thompson was drafted by the Houston Astros during the 2016 MLB Draft last week. The left-handed pitcher was selected in the 27th round after an outstanding senior season at Oklahoma Baptist University. The Santa Ynez High School alumnus still ranks in the Top 10 in Hancock history for most career innings pitcher and strikeouts. He is the first Bulldog taken in the MLB Draft since 2013.



Athlete Recruitments: In the last two weeks, three more student-athletes have earned opportunities to play for four-year institutions. Softball's Judith Salazar (Righetti HS, pictured on left) will play at McPherson College. Quarterback Curry Parham (St. Joseph HS, pictured in center) is headed to Tabor College, a NAIA-program ranked in the Top 10. Baseball's Kyle King (pictured on right) is headed to Long Beach State and Jacob Tonascia to Cal State Monterey Bay. All told, nearly 20 student-athletes have signed with four-year institutions this year, including eight football and seven baseball players.



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- Lompoc Flower Festival, June 25, 10 a.m.
- *Orfalea Children's Center Rededication, Thursday, July 28, 1 p.m.
- Joe White Memorial Dinner and Auction, Saturday, August 27, 6 p.m.