

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: July 7, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Preview Our Fall Promotions: Our fall credit and noncredit registration commercials will debut soon on cable, KCOY and Telemundo. You may also see them at the movie theater or online as a pre-roll for a YouTube video. Here are the links to our [credit](#) and [noncredit](#) promotions. [Click here](#) to view the noncredit commercial in Spanish.



**Take the first step—
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Fall classes begin the
week of August 21.

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Chemistry in the Kitchen: Our *College for Kids* students enjoyed learning about chemical reactions while making their own root beer. AHC faculty Molly Machin guided the future scientists through the soda-making process. Community Education will also host a Seed to Table Family Cooking class on July 15 where parents and their children can learn how to plant a kitchen garden and prepare home-grown meals.



Lend Me a Tenor: The Musical

On with the Shows: PCPA wrapped up a successful run of *Beauty and the Beast* and is now showing *Lend Me a Tenor: The Musical* at the Solvang Festival Theater through July 23. The season will continue with Disney's *Newsies: The Musical* beginning July 27 - August 20.



Disney's Newsies: The Musical

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Makerspace Grant Awarded

AHC is one of 35 schools participating in the [CCC Maker project](#). The “makerspace” movement is a concept designed to foster creativity, ingenuity and entrepreneurship that can help students prepare for the creative economy. Earlier this year we submitted a proposal to the state for expanded funding for our project – we are partnering with the Santa Maria Library and the Discovery Museum to create a program that will encourage innovation. Today we received word that our project was awarded \$350,000 for implementation! As we move forward, we will keep you updated on our progress.

**Hancock Hello!**

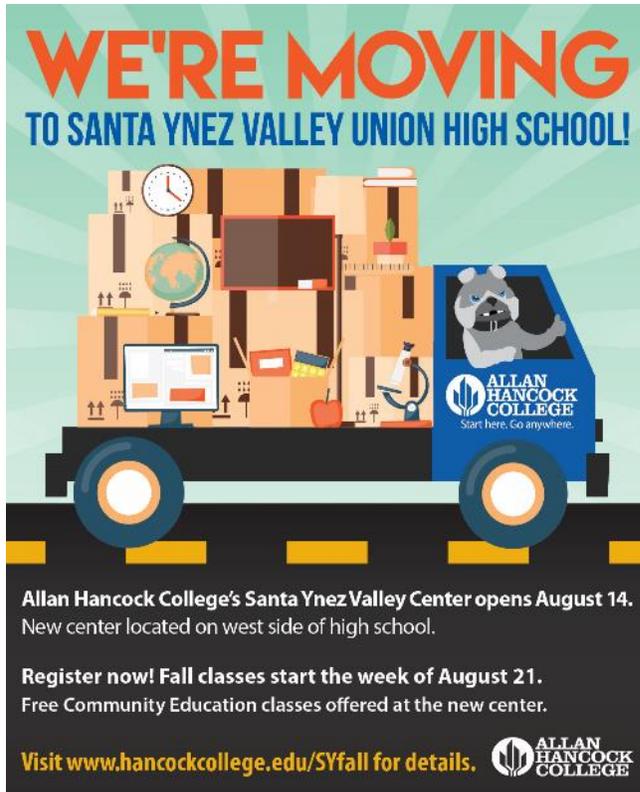
AHC’s new student orientation, Hancock Hello!, will be held on Tuesday, August 15, from 4-7 p.m. at the Student Center on the Santa Maria campus. New students are encouraged to take a campus tour, attend workshops, learn about student life and much more! Parents are also encouraged to come. There will be free food and parking, and students can receive their college ID card.



Athletics Scores with Grant Funds: The Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously supported the athletic department’s application to the Community Partnership Grant Program. The commission awarded the maximum grant amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of a new scoreboard at the track and field. Recreation and Parks



director Alex Posada said the project fits into the guidelines of the program because the facilities are open to the public and available for the public to reserve.



New Location! AHC has moved its center from the city of Solvang to Santa Ynez Valley Union High School. The Santa Ynez Valley Center will open Monday, August 14, in time to help people register for fall classes. For the last few years, Hancock has offered a variety of concurrent enrollment classes at the high school, which allow students to earn high school and college credit by completing courses during normal school hours. The center, which will be open Monday through Friday, features two classrooms, including a computer lab, and two offices. In addition to a full-time student services technician at the center, an academic counselor will be available to assist. The college's Community Education program will offer more than one dozen noncredit classes at the Santa Ynez Valley Center as well. Noncredit classes start the week of August 21, and are free to the public.

16th Annual Joe White Memorial Dinner & Auction:

Get in the game and support a great tradition! The 16th Annual Joe White Memorial Dinner & Auction will be held Saturday, August 26, at 5 p.m. at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge. Guests will be able to bid on dozens of items including rooms at luxury resorts, sports memorabilia and dining experiences for up to 50 people. Tickets to a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game, a San Francisco 49ers football game and to a taping of *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* will also be auctioned off to the highest bidder. [Click here for more details.](#)



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Transformational Leadership: Hancock Dean of Student Services Yvonne Teniente has been selected from a competitive field of candidates to participate in the *Admin 201: Transformational Leadership Program*, a new summer academy of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA). Teniente is one of 37 participants in the inaugural class of this newly developed program designed specifically to identify and nurture administrative talent in the California community college system. ACCCA has declared these individuals the *Future Leaders* of the system who will ultimately be called upon to implement the innovative changes necessary to improve student success.

Campaigning for Career & Technical Education: The California Community Colleges system is embarking on a new endeavor to highlight the value of *career education*. As part of the campaign, Hancock was invited to participate in a “Salary Surfer video campaign” that will highlight career education programs available throughout the state. The promotional campaign is an output of the Strong Workforce Program, a \$200 million recurring investment made by Governor Jerry Brown and the California legislature to create one million more middle-skilled workers, thereby producing a job-ready workforce for employers and enabling social mobility for more Californians. Attached, you will also find an article from The Chronicle of Higher Education addressing the focus of the campaign.



Community Ambassador Program Ready for Take Off: The inaugural Community Ambassador Program launches next month. 26 members of the district, including assistant CEOs, business managers and high school principals will participate in the program. This leadership opportunity is designed specifically for community influencers and local business executives to provide them with an overview of campus operations, programs and student success.

Like Father, Like Son: Louie Quintana Jr., son of Hancock's track and field head coach Louie Quintana Sr., accepted the head coaching position for Oregon State's cross country team and the school's track and field squad. Quintana Jr. is the current cross country head coach and assistant track and field coach at Arizona State University. He earned All-American honors in both cross country and track as a senior at Arroyo Grande High School. He continued his running career at Villanova University, where he earned five All-American awards.



Bulldog Pride: Former Hancock men's basketball star Matt Willkomm received a national honor for his performance as a student-athlete this past season at Arizona Christian University. Willkomm, who recently completed his junior season for the Firestorm, was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Honor Court. To be eligible, student-athletes needed to be a junior or senior, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher,

compete at the NCAA or NAIA level, and have attended the institution for at least one year. The business major played at Hancock from 2014-16. A two-time All-Conference First Team selection with the Bulldogs, Willkomm finished his Hancock career as the all-time leader in most 3-pointers made in a single-season (90) and most career 3-pointers made (150).

Moving In: L.A. Lakers director of scouting/basketball consultant Bill Bertka is getting ready for a major move to the team's new practice facility. The brand new UCLA Health Training Center will be the Lakers' home, located down the street from their previous practice facility at the Toyota Center. In an interview with the Santa Maria Times, the former Hancock head basketball coaching legend said he plans to attend the Joe White Memorial Dinner on Saturday, August 26.



Bill Bertka speaks with Rick Blaemire during the annual Joe White Memorial Dinner, Aug. 21, 2010.

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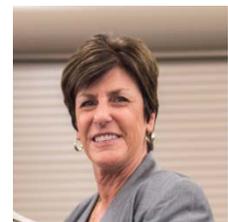
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Equity Award Honors: Allan Hancock College received the Equity Award for the Pacific Region from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). Hancock is the only community college in California to receive a regional award from ACCT this year. Three programs, two built entirely with community support, epitomize the college's efforts to change the odds for students in the community: Food Share...Because We Care, the Veterans Success Center's Veterans Emergency Loan Program and the Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES) program. Criteria for the award required evidence of leadership in setting policies that promote and enhance opportunities for underrepresented or underserved populations. Please see the full application attached to the weekly email for additional information. AHC will be recognized at the ACCT annual conference. The national winner will be named at the gala reception during the conference.



Retirements: Michael Black, Felix Hernandez, and Deb Annibali have been planning to retire for some time now. After much consideration of their long-term plans, they have decided to announce their retirement. There will be a board item in the August agenda. Mike and Felix have been key in successfully maintaining our budget and facilities and Deb has done a great job with the law enforcement academy. Replacing them will be a challenge.



Santa Ynez Valley Center Open House: Please save the date for the Open House of our Center at Santa Ynez High School. We have selected Wednesday, September 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. This coincides with their Back-to-School night.

All Staff Day: This semester's All Staff Day will be held on Friday, August 18 in the Marian Theatre. Program will begin at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 8:30 a.m. Below: Fall 2016 All Staff Day's backdrop featured the stage settings from PCPA's production of *In the Heights*.



Community Education Registration: Noncredit registration opened on Monday, July 24. Learners of all ages may enroll in various basic skills and vocational courses, computer classes, English as a Second Language and American Sign Language courses. Community Ed is also featuring a few new options, such as a Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) Makeup class. Residents all over the Central Coast received the fall Spectrum schedule of classes this week. Fall noncredit classes begin the week of August 21.

Outreach at the Fair: Our noncredit counselors recently participated in the Santa Barbara County Fair. Our staff distributed over 200 bilingual registration workshop flyers to members of the community. Community Ed will host a series of registration assistance workshops the week of August 14.

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Full STEAM Ahead: Public Information Specialist Marna Lombardi and AHC student ambassador Liz Pompa spoke at the annual Sandpiper Girl Scout Day Camp held at the Nipomo Park on Monday, July 31. Marna and Liz facilitated four workshops for the Monarchs by the Sea Girl Scouts from the Five Cities and Nipomo area, which are part of Girl Scouts of the Central Coast in California (GSCCC). They led 91 campers from the ages of five through 14 in a series of interactive activities related to the theme: “Go East with Girl Scouts” with a focus on STEAM education (science, technology, engineering, art and math). The girl scouts learned team-building skills while earning badges through hands-on activities.



Lasting Impressions: Hancock student Jake Abraham recently completed a special project during his internship for the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. As an expansion of the Valley Oak Mural project, Jake hand-painted animal tracks on the stairway up to the second floor gallery and on a nearby wall using templates he created for nine different animals including bears and grey squirrels. He also created a key for the tracks for the front desk. The Los Olivos Rotary Club helped fund Jake’s internship.



Water Polo: Five-time Hungarian Female Player of the Year Rita Keszthelyi and Olympian Greg Enloe coached 16 girls and approximately 24 boys at two *Enloe Academy* water polo clinics hosted by the Hancock water polo program at the Paul Nelson Aquatic Center. Hancock women's coach Dominique Miller also assisted with the clinics. The Hancock women's water polo season opens

this September. This is the third year for the program.

National Night Out: AHC participated in the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1. The two-hour event at the Veterans' Memorial Community Center focused on encouraging residents to become neighborhood watchdogs. Our own watchdog Spike made an appearance during the activities and demonstrations for families provided by local law enforcement, fire services and medical response agencies.



August Board Meeting: The August board meeting will be held on Monday, August 14 on the Santa Maria campus. Closed Session will begin at 4:00 p.m.

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Photography Exhibit: Images from photojournalist Theresa Gingras will be on display at the Ann Foxworthy Gallery starting Wednesday, August 23 through Friday, September 29. The photographer recently returned from a trek to Southeast Asia and will exhibit her one-woman show called “Myanmar: Moments in Life.” Myanmar (formerly Burma) is comprised of 135 ethnic groups.

The exhibit will include photos of the various cultural regions and Buddhist monks from Myanmar (right). The timing for the exhibit coincides well with the arrival of the Tibetan monks and the creation of the sand mandala (below).



Medicine Buddha Sand Mandala: Tibetan monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery in South India will return to the Ann Foxworthy Gallery at Hancock to create a sacred sand mandala from September 5-8. The gallery will be open for viewing each day from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This is the third visit from the monks who will create a Medicine Buddha mandala in the center of the gallery floor. Sand paintings are an ancient art form of Tibetan Buddhism. “Mandala” is a Sanskrit word meaning “cosmogram,” or “world in harmony.”

California Online Community College: Governor Brown has asked the system to develop a completely online community college. This seems to me to duplicate the efforts of our colleges already. I have attached a letter I shared with Chancellor Oakley and the Community College League that suggests another option – leverage the existing online programs throughout the state and coordinate those efforts.

Basketball Camp: Approximately 30 youth, ages eight to 17, participated in this week's basketball camp hosted by the Hancock men's basketball program at the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium. Head coach Tyson Aye, lead assistant coach Josh Motenko and assistant coach Vic Armendariz helped players work on basketball fundamentals such as pivoting, shooting, passing and dribbling. Hancock forward Shemarr Parker, who played on the 2016-17 men's basketball team, also assisted with the camp.



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Hancock Promise: The word is out! AHC launched the Hancock Promise at a press conference on Friday, August 18. The program encompasses and fulfills the vision of Captain G. Allan Hancock by allowing the college to provide high school students with free tuition and fees during their first year of attendance. Our promise program also has the unique component in providing early outreach for fifth through eighth-grade students via Bulldog Bound.



Hancock Hello! More than 700 students attended our second annual new student orientation event on Tuesday, August 14. 200 of those students obtained their student ID cards and attended a University Transfer Center workshop. Incoming freshmen also took advantage of the campus tours, financial aid workshops and the opportunity to get to know some of the campus clubs.



Community Ed Registration: Community Education held several registration workshops from August 14-17 on the Santa Maria campus in front of building S and one workshop at the Lompoc Valley Center on Monday, August 14. More than 165 students received registration assistance from start to finish, as well as an evening meal. Community Ed teamed up with the Santa Maria Bonita School District to bus-in prospective ESL students. 13 schools participated in the event.



Pathways Summit: The AHC Pathways to Preparedness Summit is set for Wednesday, September 13 at the Dick DeWees Community Center in Lompoc.

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¡Viva La Promesa!: The Public Affairs team helped spread the word about the Hancock Promise this week by securing interviews on two radio stations (La Buena, 105.1 FM; Radio Ranchito, 1600 AM) and two television news programs (Univision and Telemundo) for Vice President Nohemy Ornelas and Dean Yvonne Teniente. We will continue to spread the word around the community about the Promise throughout the District.



Santa Maria Times Promise Editorial: Attached to the weekly email you will find a copy of an editorial featuring the Promise.

New Scoreboard: The new state-of-the-art scoreboard was installed this week at the football field in time for this weekend's scrimmage against Compton. The video scoreboard is about 24 feet wide and about 30 feet tall. The Hancock Boosters, Inc., as well as a grant from the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Commission paid for the scoreboard. The football team opens the season next Saturday at Bakersfield. The Bulldogs' home opener is Saturday, September 9 against East Los Angeles at 2 p.m.



Bookstore Review: We had a bit of a rocky start for some classes due to issues with the bookstore. This is the second fall rush for Follett, so we are surprised that issues arose at all. Several members of the admin team – including me, Nohemy, Mike and Yvonne Teniente – have been directly involved in addressing the issue. Mike Black and his staff are now working directly with executives from Follett to correct problems and implement systems that will prevent future issues. We have shared our efforts with faculty. Follett will provide a written action plan addressing how their staff will correct the immediate situation to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. A manager from the Cal Poly bookstore will also lend their expertise via a site visit.



Broadway Bound: Nipomo High School grad Joanna Jones will make her Broadway debut in *Hamilton: An American Musical*. Joanna will play the dual role of Peggy Schuyler and Maria Reynolds. Joanna participated in PCPA's 2011 Summer Company as a guest artist. Right: Joanna is pictured in PCPA's production of the musical, *Caroline, Or Change*. Joanna is the second PCPA graduate to perform in *Hamilton* on Broadway.

Director to the Stage: Former Hancock superintendent/president Ann Foxworthy Lewellen has joined the Solvang Theaterfest Board of Directors at the Solvang Festival Theater. She will lend her fundraising expertise to the



nonprofit corporation.

Twelfth Night: PCPA's take on Shakespeare's romantic comedy *Twelfth Night* is [receiving rave reviews from local critics](#). Catch *Twelfth Night* at the Solvang Festival Theater now through September 10. PCPA's season finishes with *Fences* at the Marian Theatre from September 15-October 1. Season 54 begins in November with Disney's musical *Freaky Friday* based on the two film versions from 1976 and 2003.



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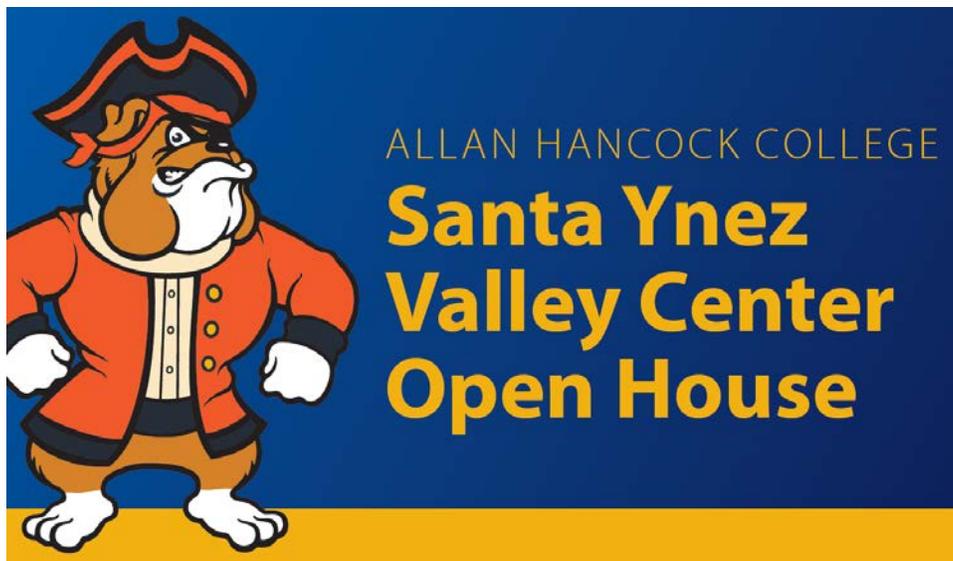
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Open House: Hancock's open house at the Santa Ynez Valley Center is Wednesday, September 6, from 4-8 p.m. Please see the enclosed evite for more information and directions to the center. Representatives from Admissions and Records, Counseling, Concurrent Enrollment, Community Education, Promise and Public Affairs will welcome parents and the greater community to our newest location.



Pathways to Preparedness Summit: Felix Hernandez and his staff have put together a *Pathways to Preparedness Summit*. The purpose of the summit is to work with local educators and employers to create partnerships that provide internships. The internships will provide students the opportunity to learn, first hand, what skills are needed in the workforce. The summit will be held on September 13, from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Dick DeWees Community Center in Lompoc. If you are able to attend, please let Carmen know. The agenda is attached for your review.

Design Build Option for Fine Arts Classroom Building: I have been working with our legislators, the Department of Finance and the Chancellor's Office to get authorization for design-build on the fine arts project. We made some progress early in the week, but by the end had run into a bureaucratic wall. We are not giving up yet and we have received great support from Asm. Limon and her staff.

Closed on Monday: In observance of Labor Day, the college will be closed on Monday, September 4.

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Special Board Meeting: The special board meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the boardroom. Mike Black will go over the multi-year budget.



Bow-WOW! More than 1,000 students came to the Commons on the Santa Maria campus to take in the sights and sounds of Hancock’s annual Week of Welcome: Bow-WOW! Approximately 60 vendors participated in Bow-WOW. They included about 50 campus clubs and Student Services tables. Offsite vendors, such as Verizon Wireless, also offered employment opportunities for students. Dancers from the dance department promoted the upcoming “Dimensions in Dance” show by performing next to the ASBG table. ASBG and Student Activities collected donations for Hurricane Harvey and Irma victims and will continue to collect funds through next Friday.

Open House: Representatives from Admissions and Records, Counseling, Concurrent Enrollment, Community Education, Promise and Public Affairs welcomed parents and students to the new Santa Ynez Valley Center on Wednesday, September 6. Hancock presented Superintendent Scott Cory with an honorary proclamation, thanking the administrators and faculty at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School for their partnership. The center features two classrooms including a state-of-the-art computer lab, counseling office and admissions office. Students as well as members of the community can drop by during normal business hours.





Below: A few noncredit students at the Santa Ynez Valley Center pose for the camera before jumping on the bus that would take them to *Estudiantes Unidos*—our noncredit new student orientation event.



UTC Transfer Kickoff: The courtyard between buildings A and B filled up with more than 135 students on Thursday, September 7, for the UTC's Transfer Kickoff event. A panel of previous transferees spoke with students during a question and answer session. Hancock counselors passed informational handouts to students and provided them with snacks and prizes. University representatives from Cal Poly and UCSB also gave students counseling on the transfer process.



Bond Refunding: We are preparing to refund about \$11.5 million worth of outstanding bonds. The Board will get a refunding resolution at the October board meeting. This week's agreement to raise the debt ceiling will provide stability and should enhance the return provided to our taxpayers. Since these are general obligation bonds paid through property, the refunding does not directly benefit the college budget. We manage the process to provide savings for our neighbors.

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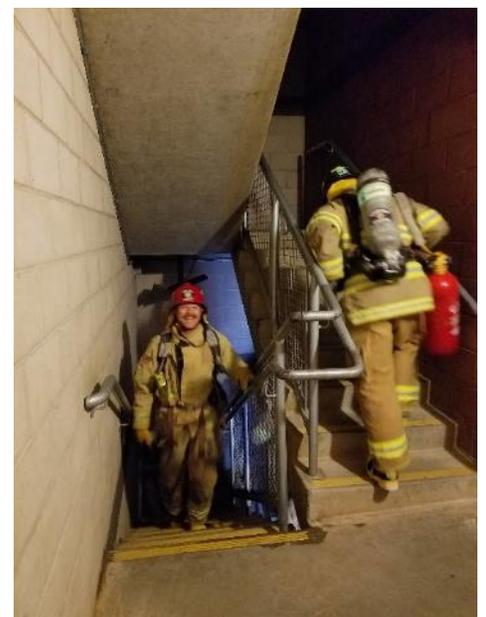
Strong Workforce Program Presentation: You will find Dean Margaret Lau's board presentation as an attachment to this week's update.

Pathways to Preparedness Summit: More than 60 community leaders participated in the Pathways to Preparedness Summit in Lompoc on Wednesday, September 13. [Click here](#), or on the link below, to watch the video played at the summit before the internship breakout session: <https://youtu.be/Te-2v-WXjzg>

Financial Aid Disbursements: On September 11, the financial aid office disbursed almost \$2.4 million in aid to approximately 1,800 students. Students will receive 100% of their disbursement for the fall 2017 semester. Financial aid will no longer process two 50% disbursements. All students completing their files now will get one, 100% disbursement of their aid. 350 student files are also being reviewed for Cal Grant eligibility. These students will receive one disbursement from that funding in the next few weeks. Finally, we anticipate the Community College Completion Grant funds soon. This grant will be for students taking 15 units or more who have a Cal Grant and the Full-time Student Success Grant.



Tower Climb Tribute: At 7 a.m. on September 11, the Allan Hancock Fire Academy cadets made a symbolic Tower Climb at the Public Safety Training Complex to honor the first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice 16 years ago. The Tower Climb of 110 stories (16 times up and down the training tower) symbolically completed the heroic journey of the 343 firefighters who died while trying to save others.



Community Ambassadors: The second Community Ambassador meeting was held Friday, September 15. Twenty-seven business and industry community members learned about academic affairs at Hancock. Today's meeting included two classroom visits, a tour of the library, and presentations by Hancock deans, student services, financial aid, and counseling. The next meeting will be held on November 17.



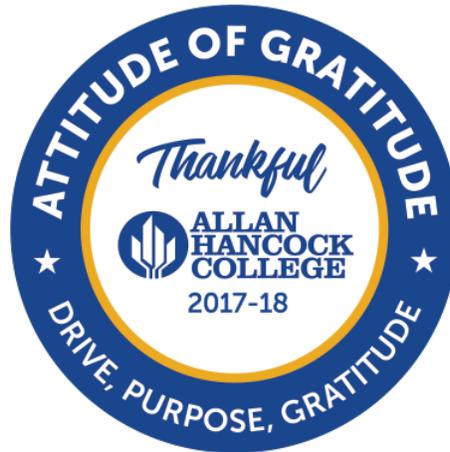
Students Take the Lead: Neda Zayer, principal planner for the City of Santa Maria planning division, gave a presentation about the city's revitalization plan to our Leadership 111 and 112 students on September 13. Zayer asked students to provide feedback on the proposed changes to downtown Santa Maria. Students were asked to contribute their opinions and to join the planning commission's advisory committee. Hancock instructor Ben Britton encouraged the students to participate in the committee and report on their experiences to their classmates.



Oath of Office: Hancock's Interim Police Chief Ron Schram was officially sworn in on Tuesday, September 12. Ron is a veteran law enforcement officer with nearly 40 years of experience. From December 2015 through July 2017, Schram served as a law enforcement consultant for the Santa Maria Police Department. He wrote best practices for policies and procedures and investigated missing persons cases.



Spreading Gratitude: The President’s Leadership Academy is encouraging employees to spread the message of gratitude throughout Hancock by providing thank you card stations. The stations are located throughout the Santa Maria campus and the extended campus centers. Showing gratitude for small acts of kindness reaffirms the academy’s mission to make every employee feel valued, driven and full of purpose. In addition to the cards, the academy is encouraging participation in a social media campaign with the hashtag, #AttitudeOfGratitude. Don’t forget to wear your challenge pin, too!



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sat., October 21 	5 to 11 p.m.	Allan Hancock College Foundation 40th Anniversary Gala	ArtCraft Paint Hangar at the Santa Maria Airport (Updated Location)

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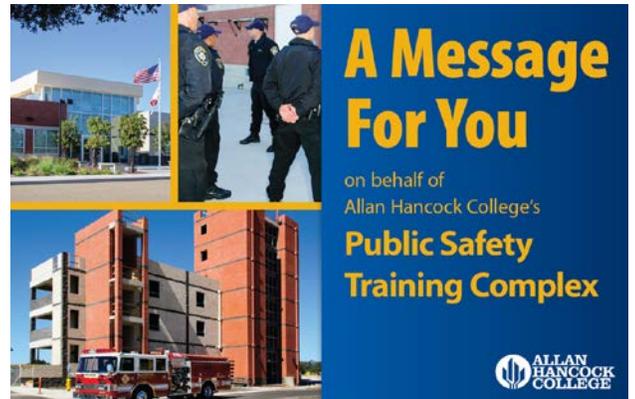
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Promise Outreach: Efforts to reach our Spanish-speaking community continued this week as Vice President of Student Services Nohemy Ornelas and Dean of Student Services Yvonne Teniente visited the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Office and Santa Maria High School. More than 250 parents and students received information on the Promise and watched a PowerPoint presentation. Several faculty and staff have also attended Promise workshops on campus as part of ongoing outreach training.

Firing Range Re-opens: Firearms training resumed this week at the Lompoc Valley Center Public Safety Training Complex. The resumption of activity follows an extensive remodeling and retrofit process with a 95 percent sound absorption. Training will occur approximately once a week during day and evening hours as part of the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) requirements. All neighbors of the Lompoc Valley Center were informed via postcard.



Blood Donations: 75 Hancock students and employees donated blood to the Tri-Counties Blood Bank. The United Blood Services truck parked in front of the Student Center on Tuesday and Wednesday this week from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The blood drive coincided with the Cal Fresh food-sharing event.



Cal Fresh: EOPS student peers and staff helped more than 300 students sign in for a Cal Fresh food-sharing event on Wednesday, September 27. Cal Fresh supplied fresh vegetables and whole wheat breads to students as part of the supplemental nutrition assistance program. The goal was to introduce students to better choices for healthier eating habits and encourage them to sign up for the program. A total of six students applied to the Cal Fresh program that day. Jaffa Café gave students samples of Mediterranean food, pita bread and baklava. The café also passed out gift cards to students.



Mentorship Kickoff: The AHC Mentorship Program’s third year started strong with a kickoff event at the Children’s Discovery Museum on Thursday, September 28. 25 mentors were matched with 25 student mentees. ASBG Coordinator Stephanie Robb encouraged groups to find activities to fit mentor and mentee schedules. There will also be a series of outings for the entire program.

Career Exploration Day Preview: The 13th Annual Career Exploration Day will take place next Friday, October 6 at the Commons (behind the Student Center). More than 25 AHC departments and 45 companies will be present. We anticipate more than 1200 high school and junior high school students. This is the first time Hancock has invited junior high students to attend as part of our Bulldog Bound outreach initiative.



Open Hours: Trustee Hilker will host Trustee Open Hour on Thursday, October 5, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in building G, Student Center.

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• Thurs., October 5	12 to 1 p.m.	Trustee Hilker Open Hour	Student Center, Bldg. G
• Fri., October 6	9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.	13th Annual Career Exploration Day	Hancock Commons
• Sat., October 21	5 to 11 p.m.	Allan Hancock College Foundation 40th Anniversary Gala	ArtCraft Paint Hangar at the Santa Maria Airport (Updated Location)

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**President's Circle Tailgate**

More than 50 members of the President's Circle attended a special tailgate party before the Bulldog's football game on Saturday, September 30. The Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary provided a barbecued rib eye and chicken lunch complete with margaritas. Spike also made an appearance, posing for the camera with our President's Circle members.

Bulldog Bound Football Game

September 30 was also our first Bulldog Bound Football Game. More than 57 fifth- and sixth-graders from our district's schools brought their families for a day of fun. 216 people enjoyed a free meal and learned about the Hancock Promise. Each student received a Bulldog Bound lanyard and temporary tattoo. Many students also took photos with Spike and gave him a high-five. St. Mary of the Assumption School's Squire Choir led the National Anthem before kickoff. The fifth- and sixth-



graders took to the field for a special halftime game. The crowd cheered them on as each student threw a set of small, blue, Bulldog Bound footballs through a hula-hoop. Each student took home a football. We have more than 1,900 students committed to future Bulldog Bound events!

Zero Textbook Cost Degree

Hancock received a grant for \$149,687 to implement the Zero Textbook Cost Program. Through the project, at least 23 key general education courses and three Associate Degrees for Transfer will be configured to solely use open educational resources. Twelve faculty committed to participate during the writing of the grant with a goal to have 25 faculty work on the project. It is estimated that during, and three years after, implementation the program will save 39,985 students between \$4-8 million in textbook costs, based on saving students \$100-\$200 on textbooks each semester.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

ASBG held a special Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on Wednesday, October 4, at the Student Center. Speaker Dr. Ana Gomez de Torres gave a keynote address called “Shaping the Bright Future for AHC Students.” Joanna Contreras (left) sang a classic mariachi song *El Herradero*, and the Drama Club performed a scene from *Los Dorados*, a play by UCSB professor of theater, Carlos Morton. ASBG also led a dance lesson for *El Caballo Dorado*, a Mexican, country line dance.



Cal Poly English Advisory Board’s New Member



Kelly Underwood has accepted a seat on the Cal Poly English Advisory Board. Per its bylaws, “The mission of the Cal Poly English Department Advisory Board is to assist the department in maintaining and promoting the excellence of its undergraduate and graduate programs.” As a member of the board, Kelly will assist the English department in mentoring students, support the department’s internship program, and assist with fundraising activities and outreach efforts. This role allows Kelly to give back as an alumna of Cal Poly while also recruiting future Bulldogs.

Career Exploration Day

More than 90 exhibitors from within the college and the greater community gathered at the Commons in the center of the Santa Maria campus for our 13th annual Career Exploration Day, October 6. More than 2,000 junior high and high school students attended the event. This is the first time Hancock has invited junior high students as part of our Bulldog Bound outreach initiative and the Hancock Promise. Local community exhibitors included Aera Energy, Driscoll’s, Hardy Diagnostics, Mindbody, Chumash Careers, Local 114 Plumbers, Pipefitters & Welders, Dignity Health and many more.



New Data on Student Debt

The National Center for Education Statistics [released a report](#) this week on student debt and default rates. The report shows the importance of keeping college affordable. Most importantly, it shows that the for-profit sector continues to prey on students who are not well versed in pursuing a college degree:

Among borrowers in the 2003–04 cohort, the percentage of students who defaulted on a loan within 12 years was 17 percent for those who first attended a public 4-year institution, 18 percent for those who first attended a private nonprofit 4-year institution, 26 percent for those who first attended a public 2-year institution, **and 52 percent for those who first attended a private for-profit institution** (page 5, emphasis added).

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Aspen Prize: We are thrilled to announce that Allan Hancock College was again recognized as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program. This marks the third straight nomination for AHC (and our fourth overall!). You can see a list of the other 149 colleges (including 15 other California colleges) here. The nomination criteria identify "exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion (including of a bachelor's degree after transfer), employment and earnings, and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students."

Institutional Learning Outcomes: What does Allan Hancock College contribute to the lives of its students? This question has inspired a dialog among our faculty, staff and students. Upon receiving an associate degree from Hancock, students will have achieved proficiency in communication; critical thinking and problem solving; global awareness and cultural competence; information and technology literacy; quantitative literacy; scientific literacy and personal responsibility and development. Follow the link to see a breakdown of our institutional learning outcomes:
http://www.hancockcollege.edu/institutional_effectiveness/ilo.php.

Bruce Elementary is Bulldog Bound: Junior high students from Bruce Elementary toured Hancock on Wednesday. Students had the chance to visit with dancers from Dimensions in Dance, the ceramics studio, outdoor artwork and the library. Here are the student's responses in their own words:

"There are so many things to do here [at AHC]. I don't know if I want to be an engineer or take ceramics." – Anthony, age 10.

"This is where I saw the football game!" – Giovanni, age 10, who attended the football game against San Bernardino as part of the Bulldog Bound program.

"Look, Ms. Duran! An airplane for Allan Hancock!" – Bryan, age 10, after receiving his lanyard and learning Captain Hancock was a pilot.

With every event, we are creating a college-going culture for our community!





Bulldog Basketball Visits Guadalupe: The men’s basketball team visited students in Guadalupe as part of our Bulldog Bound initiative.

Open House at the LVC: The Lompoc Valley Center held a carnival-themed open house on Tuesday. This was the first event that specifically highlighted the remodeled space that houses all student services from admissions to noncredit counseling and other assistance programs. One of the main attractions for the amusement-park setting: an inflatable Velcro



wall. Student attendees received a passport at the start of the open house. After visiting six offices, students had their passports validated for a chance to put on a Velcro jumpsuit, jump and stick to the Velcro wall. EOPS also hosted a “paint your path” activity. Students were able to creatively express the future they envision for themselves by solidifying it on canvas.

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• Fri., October 27	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Intersections Equity Summit	Radisson Hotel, Santa Maria

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CA Promise: There has been a great deal of talk about AB 19, “The California Promise,” that was signed by Governor Brown. We shared preliminary information earlier this week and we have more details now. Rob Parisi created a chart that is attached at the end of this memo that lays out the parameters of AB 19 and shows how AHC is already compliant with the new law. However, we are still awaiting guidance on how this program will be funded. I am optimistic that we will be able to implement the new program as a supplement to the Hancock Promise. As we get more details, we will share those with you.



Spirit Week: Bulldog Pride was on display this week as students participated in multiple events hosted by Student Activities and ASBG. Monday and Tuesday focused on physical and mental health. Students also signed up for the *Hancock’s Got Talent* contest on Tuesday. Club rush and sports were the theme on Wednesday. Students and staff participated in Thankful Thursday’s Attitude of Gratitude activities. Frightmare Forest opens tonight, October 20. Students brave enough to enter the haunted maze will receive a discounted ticket.

DACA Advocacy Week: The Dream Club and AB 540 Working Group for Undocumented Students arranged several workshops and events this week in solidarity with DACA Advocacy Week, an initiative of the CCC Chancellor’s Office. The week started with a Foundation Knowledge Workshop aimed at providing participants with information and resources on how to best support undocumented students in accordance with state and federal laws. Diana Villaneuva, district representative for Congressman Salud Carbajal, spoke to students during a Dreamers Support Forum. The week wrapped up with a Dreamers transfer workshop and special AB 540 Working Group meeting.



Harvest Celebration: The Viticulture and Enology Club invites you to their Harvest Celebration on Thursday, October 26 from 12-2 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Hancock Winery. The festivities will include wood-fired pizzas for \$5 (cash only), wine tasting, wine for sale and music.



CORE Graduation: 14 recruits from Class #03 graduated from the CORE Custody Academy on Thursday, October 19, at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Recruits completed the 220-hour course of instruction to satisfy State of California Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) requirements.

Meet the Bulldogs: Bulldog fans received their first look at the 2017-18 Allan Hancock College basketball teams on Wednesday, October 18, during the college's annual Meet the Bulldogs event inside Joe White Memorial Gymnasium. The men and women's teams each had their own scrimmage, as well as a three-point shooting and slam-dunk contest.



The Bulldogs pose with Home Motors before heading into the gym for the intra-squad games.

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• Thurs., October 26	12-2 p.m. & 4:30-6:30 p.m.	Harvest Celebration	Hancock Winery
• Fri., October 27	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Intersections Equity Summit	Radisson Hotel, Santa Maria

AB 19

The California College Promise (Assembly Bill 19) was signed by Governor Brown on October 13, 2017. The California College Promise (CCP) is contingent upon an appropriation of funds from the Legislature in next year's budget. It is estimated approximately \$31 million will be needed.

While the bill will pay for the \$46 per unit fee for students, it will not cover additional campus or class fees. In addition, to be eligible, the college must meet certain criteria.

AB 19 requirement	Requirement Met
a. (a) Partnering with one or more local educational agencies to establish an Early Commitment to College Program	College has established Bulldog Bound program
b. Partnering with one or more local educational agencies to support and improve high school student preparation for college and reduce postsecondary remediation through practices that may include, concurrent enrollment	College has established Concurrent Enrollment and College Now programs
c. Utilizing evidence-based assessment and placement practices at the community college that include multiple measures	College has implemented multiple measures for assessment and placement.
d. Participating in the California Community College Guided Pathways Grant Program	College will be submitting an application for California Community College Guided Pathways Grant Program.
e. Maximizing student access to need-based financial aid by participating in a federal loan program authorized under Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070 et seq.).	College participates in the Federal Direct Loan programs as authorized under Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070 et seq.).

This chart provides a comparison of the California College Promise and the Hancock Promise. Note there is a difference in eligibility, geographical area and GPA.

	California College Promise	Hancock Promise
Funding	Legislature must appropriate funding for 2018/19 fiscal year	Local fundraising in progress
Eligibility	<p>*All first-time, full-time students in California (12 units). This means Nipomo and out of district and/or older students would be eligible as long as they are first-time students.</p> <p>*Must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid or Dream Act Application – (Not need based)</p>	<p>*First-time, full-time students (12 units) graduating from high schools in college district enrolling directly to college</p> <p>*Must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid or Dream Act Application – (Not need based)</p> <p>*Complete Online Orientation and Academic Advising Workshop</p> <p>* Enroll in English or Math</p> <p>*Maintain 2.0 GPA</p>
Costs covered	Registration fees for California resident - no limit No other fees paid	Registration fees for California residents – up to 30 units. Health fees and course materials fees covered
Duration of fee waiver	First year summer, fall and spring semester	First year summer, fall and spring semester
Implementation date	Possibly as early as July 1, 2018 if Legislature appropriates funds for 2018/19 year	Summer 2018 and fall 2018 registration

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Gala: Saturday night we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the AHC Foundation and recognized Agnes Grogan for her role as its founding dean. The College Advancement team and Foundation volunteers transformed the Art Craft Hanger at the airport into an elegant venue for an aviation-themed evening.

PCPA students portrayed Captain Hancock, Amelia Earhart and others aviation pioneers while the AHC Jazz Band performed a range of standards from the tarmac outside the hangar. The evening wrapped up with amazing desserts provided by our own culinary students! Our campus graphics department surpassed their own lofty standards with a “history wall” of AHC and Allan Hancock (behind the students in the picture). All told, the Gala raised more than \$130,000 to support our students!



Bulldog Bound 3E Experience: Today, we had 400 fifth and sixth grade students attend our Bulldog Bound *Elementary. Exploration. Event.* 3E. Students from Adam, Miller, Sanchez and Olive Grove were put into groups of 40 and taken to four out of 10 workshops with hands-on activities. Our Promise partner, Aera Energy, gave a presentation on geology and oil production. Our nutrition students showed the future Bulldogs how to make graham cracker mosaics during the Bulldog Tasty Bites workshop. The elementary students learned the basics of structure in Bulldog Builders. Four groups of 40 students ran the Hancock track with Spike in our Sports with Spike workshop as well.



Frightmare Forest: More than 200 valiant souls braved the three-acre haunted maze during Frightmare Forest’s opening weekend October 20 and 21. This is the third year the men’s basketball program has coordinated the event. It continues to grow in popularity each year.



Intersections: More than 200 educators, counselors and staff participated in the 2017 Equity Summit, Intersections. The event was a collaboration between Hancock and Cuesta College to help empower staff to serve and understand marginalized populations such as foster youth, men of color and students with disabilities. The event featured several keynote speakers. Dr. Luke Wood discussed “Supporting Students who Experience Food and Housing Insecurities;” and Dr. Nika Hogan presented “The Empathy Gap and its Effects on Equity.”

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Tues., Oct. 31	4:30-6:30 p.m.	College Night	Joe White Memorial Gymnasium

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Transfer Day: Nearly 500 students gathered around the Commons on Tuesday to talk about the transfer process and meet representatives from four-year universities. The University Transfer Center (UTC) invited reps from institutions such as Fresno State, Cal Poly, SLO and UCSB. The university employees were pleased with the increased attendance at Transfer Day this year. Approximately 150 high school students from the Orcutt area and 70 from Lompoc and Cabrillo also attended.



College Night: Although we competed against Halloween festivities, about 200 students attended College Night in the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium Tuesday evening. Some of our students and staff brought their families dressed in costumes to trick-or-treat in the gym. Of the 200 students who attended, 150 of those students braved Frightmare Forest after visiting the university information tables.

Frightmare Forest Update: The men's basketball program brought 1,200 community members together over two weekends and Halloween night to run through the haunted maze. The event also financially supports both basketball programs. We hope to see year four in 2018!

Haunted Open House: Frightmare Forest was not the only frightening experience on-campus this week. Campus Graphics hosted a haunted open house as part of a professional development course to educate staff on daily operations, design and printing. The crew dressed up in their best Star Trek attire and guided guests through the design studio, and around the printers and laser cutter with a few spooky surprises.



Lean Machine: Campus Graphics Photocopy Technician Josue Santos received his certificate in Lean/Six Sigma basic training. To receive this certificate, Josue completed 40 hours of instruction and was successfully tested for appropriate application. Josue is the third employee at Hancock to complete Lean/Six Sigma training from BEE Enterprises (located in Templeton). Lean/Six Sigma is a customer-centric methodology used to perfect a process or system in order to meet the requirements of the customer.



Dia de los Muertos: Students and staff honored their loved ones and furry friends during the Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration on Wednesday, hosted by the campus Writing Center. The Academic Resource Center (ARC) housed a large altar with traditional Mexican imagery, flowers and foods to honor the deceased. Many pictures of relatives, faculty and servicepersons were on display. Participants enjoyed Mexican hot chocolate and sweet bread at the ARC courtyard.

Philanthropy Honors: Dean Emerita Agnes Grogan and AHC Foundation Board Member Jim Bray received distinguished honors at the annual Celebrate Philanthropy luncheon on Thursday, November 2. The event took place at the Santa Maria Country Club. Both Agnes and Jim were recognized for their passion and service to the community. We are personally grateful for their continued commitment and service to the college.

Hancock Promise Presentation: Today I was in Lincoln City, Oregon to speak to Oregon Community College trustees. I presented our Promise program and spoke to the implementation of our college advancement model.



Fire When Ready: Fifteen city of Lompoc staff, four foundation board members and Trustee Jeff Hall toured the Public Safety Training Complex Friday to get an in-depth look at the new firing range and overall facility. Trustee Hall had the opportunity to experience one of the simulator stations as well. Leadership Lompoc Valley also toured the range in the afternoon.



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November 11	2:00 p.m.	Military Appreciation Day Football Game	Hancock Field
December 2	7:30 p.m.	AHC Choir & Santa Maria Philharmonic Orchestra	First Baptist Church 2970 Santa Maria Way, Santa Maria

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Heart and Soul: President's Circle member Sue Sword was honored at Marian Regional Medical Center for her generous donation to the hospital's heart center. The hospital dedicated the Sue J. Sword Heart Center Thursday morning. Sue's donation will enhance and expand the heart center, which is currently ranked in the top 10 percent nationally.



Econ Alliance Innovation Award: At its fall meeting on Thursday, the North County Economic Alliance presented its Innovation Award to the college in recognition of the Hancock Promise. Representatives from Congressman Carbajal and Assemblyman Cunningham's (pictured left) office also provided recognition for the award.

Five Cities Rotary: Public Information Specialist Marna Lombardi attended a Five Cities Rotary Club event on Wednesday at F. McLintocks Saloon and Dining House in Shell Beach. Marna was a featured guest speaker. She shared a bit of Hancock's history, as well as our programs of study. Marna also spoke about the Hancock Promise and scholarship opportunities available to students.



Business & Education Partnerships: Marna also attended the 2017 Business and Education Partnerships Breakfast at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara on Wednesday along with Student Activities Coordinator Stephanie Robb. "Corporate Philanthropy" was the topic of discussion with a focus on "Connecting for Student Success" with volunteers throughout Santa Barbara County. We are very grateful to see our staff representing Hancock in our greater

community.



Veterans Appreciation Day: Students and staff lined the halls of the Student Center Thursday afternoon for Veterans Appreciation Day. Exhibitors had resources and giveaways for veterans. The event also featured an honor wall with pictures of Hancock faculty and staff who have served in the military.



Hancock Student Garden Sale:

Students from Erin Krier’s Intro to Agribusiness class shared the fruits (and vegetables) of their labors on Thursday. This was the first time students had their organic produce for sale on the campus. Our agribusiness students manage one-third of the Santa Maria community garden located behind the college vineyard. They water, weed and harvest the produce themselves.

The Place Between: There will be a staged reading of a new, one-act play by Hancock faculty member Wendy-Marie Martin. Drama 189 students will lend their voices to the characters on December 5 and 7 at 3:30 p.m. and again on December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center, room G-106. The event is free and open to the public.



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*December 8	7:30 p.m.	The Place Between	Student Center, bldg. G

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Conference Champions: The football team clinched its first outright conference championship in 20 years with a 29-24 win last Saturday (Nov. 11) over Citrus during Military Appreciation Day. The team will host Southwestern on Saturday (Nov. 18) at 4 p.m. in the American Championship Bowl at Santa Maria High School. The game features the top two teams in the American Division. This is the first time our team has hosted a bowl game since 2011.

Bulldog Bound Success: More than 450 students from four Lompoc area schools (Fillmore, Buena Vista, Hapgood and La Cañada) visited the Lompoc Valley Center today as part of the Bulldog Bound program. Each student experienced four of the 11 available workshops led by Hancock faculty and staff. We also had a very special guest—Susan Salcido, the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools, stopped by to observe the event. Andrew Masuda escorted her around campus and said she had a great time seeing the children smiling, laughing and learning on a college campus. This was the second of five scheduled 3E: Bulldog Bound experiences. The first one, held in October, included 375 students from four Santa Maria area schools.



Bond Refunding: We completed the second part of the bond refunding this week. Through this process, we will save our taxpayers approximately \$10.2 million over the life of the bonds.

Promise Partner: Aera Energy recently produced a promotional video for their East Cat Canyon facility. The video highlights Aera's partnership with the Hancock Promise and features footage of the campus and our students. You can view the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iyrN7OQftw>.



Great American Smokeout: Allan Hancock College Student Health Services promoted tobacco free living at the Great American Smokeout event in the Student Center on November 16. They provided "stop smoking" kits and other handouts on how to be tobacco free.



Arts and Crafts Fair: Students and community members sold their handmade wares during ASBG's Arts and Crafts Fair on Wednesday. Creators displayed decorative ornaments, blankets, photo frames, crocheted hats, AHC pottery and jewelry in the Student Center.



Holiday Celebration: Our annual Angel Tree Holiday Celebration is coming up. Our AHC family will be spreading good cheer by donating a wrapped gift for children of our students in limited income families. Beginning Monday, gift tags with a child's gift idea be available from the Angel Tree in the Santa Maria Student Center or the LVC Student Services building (bldg. 1). Bring the wrapped gift (with the tag taped on the outside) to one of the locations listed under the Save the Date section and enjoy the celebration!



CARE Turkey Drive: It's turkey time! Hancock's CARE office and the AHC Foundation are currently collecting donations through the end of November for our yearly turkey dinner drive event. This year, CARE plans to provide 75 meals to our single-parent students. They will distribute the dinner items on Tuesday, November 21 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in front of the administration building (bldg. B).

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December 2	7:30 p.m.	AHC Choir & Santa Maria Philharmonic Orchestra	First Baptist Church 2970 Santa Maria Way, Santa Maria
December 5 & 7	3:30 p.m.	The Place Between	Student Center, bldg. G
*December 5	1-3 p.m.	Holiday Celebration	Lompoc Valley Center, room 1-202
*December 6	2:30-4:30 p.m.	Holiday Celebration	Student Center, room G-106 A & B
December 8	7:30 p.m.	The Place Between	Student Center, bldg. G

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*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



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December 8	7:30 p.m.	The Place Between	Student Center, bldg. G

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Spoken Word Poetry: The AHC Bookstore, in conjunction with the English department, hosted a Spoken Word poetry event on Monday, November 27. Students shared their poetic prowess during the open mic session. The event also included a raffle for prizes and refreshments for attendees. This was the first open mic night presented by the bookstore and department.

Pottery Sale: Our fine arts students showcased their ceramic and wrought iron wears during the AHC winter pottery sale on Friday, December 1. Students displayed their beautiful works of art in the Student Center. The sale continues into Saturday, December 2. Stop by building G-106 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to support our student artists!



Rejoice! Winter Concert: The Allan Hancock College Singers will perform with the Santa Maria Philharmonic Orchestra tomorrow evening, December 2, at the First Baptist Church in Santa Maria. Under the direction of Dr. Ann Lucas, our AHC choir will sing familiar choral works such as Handel's "Hallelujah" from his oratorio *Messiah*. Tickets are \$35 for general admission. For more information, visit www.santamariaphilharmonic.org.

Community Ed Spring Registration: A crowd of students gathered at the entrance to building S this morning (December 1) as spring registration opened for Community Education. Michael Messina is teaching two new photography classes in the spring: *Food Photography* and *Photography for Online Sales*. The spring Spectrum schedule of classes is available online at www.hancockcollege.edu/communityeducation. Printed copies will be delivered to mailboxes next week.



Local Leaders: I was recently interviewed by Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools, Susan Salcido, during her weekly television segment, *Local Leaders*. [Click here to watch the interview.](#)



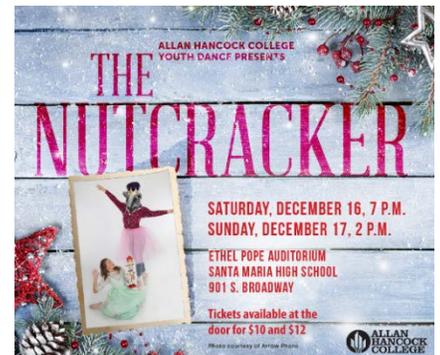
Bulldog Bound: The College Advancement team will hosts its third 3E Bulldog Bound Experience event as part of the Bulldog Bound program next Friday, Dec. 8, from 9-11 a.m. on the SM campus. More than 300 fifth- and sixth- grade students from Oakley, Cuyama, Pine Grove, Miller and St. Mary’s schools will be on campus. Each student will participate in four of the 10 available workshops. As you recall, two weeks ago, more than 400 visited the Lompoc Valley Center. [Here are pictures from that event.](#) It truly is an amazing time to see all the smiles on the children’s faces. If you’d like to stop by, please let me know and I

will arrange a guided tour of the festivities.



Toys for Tots Tournament: The women’s basketball team will get into the holiday spirit and team up with Toys for Tots once again during its 20th annual Lady Bulldog Classic next week. The tournament runs from Thursday, Dec. 7 through Saturday, Dec. 9. The Bulldogs open Thursday at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Fans who bring an unwrapped toy worth \$10 or more receive free admission.

The Nutcracker: The AHC Youth Dance Company will present two performances of *The Nutcracker* in the Ethel Pope Auditorium at Santa Maria High School on December 16, at 7 p.m., and December 17 at 2 p.m. Pre-sale tickets may be purchased at building S. \$10 for children, \$12 for adults. The dance company is part of the College for Kids program within Community Education.



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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
December 2	7:30 p.m.	AHC Choir & Santa Maria Philharmonic Orchestra	First Baptist Church 2970 Santa Maria Way
December 5 & 7	3:30 p.m.	The Place Between	Student Center, bldg. G
December 5	1-3 p.m.	Holiday Celebration	Lompoc Valley Center, room 1-202
December 6	2:30-4:30 p.m.	Holiday Celebration	Student Center, room G-106 A & B
December 8	7:30 p.m.	The Place Between	Student Center, bldg. G
*December 16	7 p.m.	The Nutcracker	Ethel Pope Auditorium
*December 17	2 p.m.		Santa Maria High School

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Hancock Promise workshops: Vice President Nohemy Ornelas, Dean Yvonne Teniente and other staff hosted information sessions this week about the Hancock Promise throughout the district. About 60 high school students and parents turned out to learn more about the Promise. Workshops were held in both English and Spanish at the Lompoc Valley and Santa Ynez Valley centers, as well as on the Santa Maria campus.

Bulldog Bound Experience: The College Advancement team hosted its third Bulldog Bound Experience of the semester today on the Santa Maria campus. Nearly 400 fifth- and sixth- grade students from Oakley, Cuyama, Pine Grove, Miller and St. Mary's schools will be on campus. Each student participated in four of the 10 available workshops.



Bulldog Bound Basketball Bonanza: Fifth- and sixth-grade students and their families from the area have been invited to Saturday's Bulldog Bound Basketball Bonanza. They will receive free admission to the final day of our women's basketball tournament, as well as to the men's basketball team's game against Cerritos at 5 p.m. It's all part of the Bulldog Bound program to bring area youth and their families to campus.



Honoring Coach Maytag: During the football team's end-of-the-year banquet, Frank Maltagliati was honored for his 40 years as an assistant coach with the Bulldogs. Since he started here in 1977, he has been a part of 224 victories and a total of 409 football games. Prior to that, Coach Maytag seven years coaching at Lompoc High School.

Angel Tree Program: One of the most heartwarming traditions continued this week with the Angel Tree event. Hundreds of faculty and staff helped brighten the holidays for children of single-parent students. They purchased and wrapped gifts off the children's wish lists. The gifts will be distributed to the parents and children next week on the Lompoc and Santa Maria campuses.





Fire Academy Graduation: Twenty-nine cadets graduated from Hancock’s Fire Academy this morning at the Public Safety Training Complex. There were plenty of oohs and aahs as they showed off their skills with live demonstrations before walking across stage to receive their degrees. Members of Battalion #140 already have jobs lined up with Vandenberg, Cal Fire, Atascadero, SB County and Santa Margarita fire departments. .

Law Enforcement Training Academy Graduation: Twenty-four recruits graduated from the college’s Law Enforcement Training Academy this afternoon. Twenty-two of them already have jobs lined up with area law enforcement agencies : 6 – SM Police, 5 – SB Sheriff’s Office; 4- Lompoc PD; 3 – UCSB PD; 2 - SLO Sheriff’s Office; 1 – SB Airport PD; 1 – Cal Poly Police. Together, the class completed 120 hours with TAC officers, 2,400 memorandums, 40,000 pull-ups and ran 1,300 miles.



Santa Maria Christmas Parade of Lights: Thanks to the creativity and holiday spirit of students from ASBG/Leadership, Student Ambassadors and various clubs, Hancock won second place in the Santa Maria Christmas Parade of Lights last weekend. They turned a Hancock firetruck into a holiday float. It was a great way to get students connected and engaged, as well as to promote the college, Bulldog Bound, the Promise and community pride.



Fine Arts Architect Agreement: We met with DLR architects to draft a fee agreement for the fine arts project. As you can see from the table below, DLR anticipated charging more than ten percent for total design services. Michael Black and I spent more than an hour working with DLR to come to a fee that reasonably reflected the work needed. Based on this agreement, we issued a notice to proceed and will finalize a contract over the next couple of weeks.

Notice to Proceed - Fine Arts Design			
Base A/E Fees			
		Original	Negotiated
Preliminary Plans	35%	\$1,082,810	\$1,097,000
Working Plans	40%	\$1,237,497	\$1,245,000
Construction Observation	25%	\$773,436	\$750,000
Total A/E Base Fees		\$3,093,743	\$2,900,000
		7.95%	7.45%
Special A/E Fees			
		Original	Negotiated
CEQA Processing		\$80,000	\$40,000
Acoustical Engineering		\$140,000	\$70,000
Performance / Lighting		\$140,000	\$70,000
A/V specialties and equipment		\$120,000	Incl. in Base
FFE design Group 2		\$120,000	Optional
LEED		\$120,000	Optional
Enhanced Construction Obs.		\$140,000	Optional
Cost Estimating		\$80,000	\$80,000
Total A/E Base Fees		\$940,000	\$260,000
		2.42%	0.67%
Total Fee		\$4,033,743	\$3,160,000
		10.37%	8.12%

Base fee includes 2% maximum for change orders from errors and omissions

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
December 8	7:30 p.m.	The Place Between	Student Center, bldg. G
December 13	2-3 p.m.	Hancock Promise announcement	Boardroom, B-100
*December 16	7 p.m.	The Nutcracker	Ethel Pope Auditorium
*December 17	2 p.m.		Santa Maria High School

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SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report



Launching the Campaign for Hancock Promise Endowment: The college officially launched the campaign for a five-year, \$10 million endowment to support The Hancock Promise. With the support of more than 70 Promise Partners, the college has already received gifts and pledges totaling more than \$2.1 million. The college hosted a press conference on Dec. 13 to announce the endowment and recognize recent contributions from throughout the county: Noontime Kiwanis of Santa

Maria, Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley and the Santa Barbara Foundation. The SB Foundation awarded a one-year, \$250,000 grant to directly fund Hancock Promise students. We received great media coverage, including the [Santa Maria Times](#), [Noozhawk](#), [KSBY](#) and [SLO Tribune](#).

It takes a village... : Due to the Thomas Fire and the closure of several area school districts, the administrative team developed and executed a plan of action. Messages went out to the media, as well as all students, faculty and staff. The college distributed more than 1,000 face masks to students taking finals on the Santa Maria and Lompoc campuses. Three finals scheduled to take place at Santa Ynez High School were relocated to the Hotel Corque or our center at the high school, and every student received an email and phone message alerting them of the changes. They even scheduled a study session ahead of their Econ 101 final inside the ballroom at the Hotel Corque (pictured).



Genuine Article: Campus Graphics supervisor Gordon Rivera recently submitted an article to *In-Plant Graphics*, a graphic arts magazine written specifically for in-plant production facilities. The article details the creative process and production behind the wide-format printing of the *Time Flies* timeline wall created for the AHC Foundation's 40th Anniversary Gala. [Click here to read the article.](#)



Bulldog Bound Basketball Bonanza: Our Bulldog Bound students and their families came out to the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday, December 9, for Hancock’s Basketball Bonanza. The fifth- and sixth-graders (and their families) received free admission to the games. The students took to the court during halftime to play a few games with some of our basketball players.

Angel Tree Wrap: 119 students registered their children for gifts through the Angel Tree program this year. 211 children will receive those gifts thanks to generous donations from our Hancock staff. EOPS held a children’s celebration at the Student Center in Santa Maria. Although the party was canceled at the Lompoc Valley Center due to poor air quality, parents were still able to pick up gifts at the EOPS office in bldg. 1.



Soccer Honors: The Hancock men’s soccer team scored some significant honors this week. Sophomore Mario Delgado (pictured) was one of 22 soccer players in the nation named to the United Soccer Coaches Association’s Scholar All-America Team. The Pioneer Valley High School graduate was one of four all-Americans selected from California. He is a recreation management major with a 3.4 GPA. Lompoc native Migel Gomez, who was already named the league’s MVP, received All-West Region and All-State recognition this week. Freshman Saul Ayuso joined Gomez on the all-region team.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
December 16	7 p.m.	The Nutcracker	Ethel Pope Auditorium
December 17	2 p.m.		Santa Maria High School

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College of the Canyons: The college continues to hear praise from colleagues across the state for the success and uniqueness of The Hancock Promise. So much so, they are asking for guidance and advice. This week, we hosted six representatives from the College of the Canyons, including Chancellor Dianne Van Hook, and Steven Corn, chair of the Canyons Foundation. They heard Susan Houghton present at a conference about the success of our Bulldog Bound and Promise and requested a special meeting. During their visit, they commended our team for the marketing, branding, endowment campaign and overall execution of The Hancock Promise.

Dean's List: My office sent out congratulation letters to more than 700 of our students who made the Dean's List in the fall semester. More than 300 of the students earned 4.0 GPAs. To be eligible, students must complete at least 12 units and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Nearly 50 student-athletes made the Dean's List. The teams with the most athletes on the list included football, men's basketball and women's water polo. The men's basketball team had a cumulative 3.4 GPA.

Community News: Public Affairs' annual publication has reached thousands of homes in the district. Issues of *Community News* will also be available throughout our campus locations and distributed to the community partners. This year, we are proud to feature information on The Hancock Promise and our Bulldog Bound program. In addition, the publication includes our 2016-17 Annual Report.

Commercials: Our spring commercials for credit and noncredit classes are currently airing on various channels through Charter Spectrum. The Community Education commercial is also playing in Spanish on Telemundo. You can view the [credit commercial here](#). To see the commercial for Community Education [follow this link](#).



Scholarship Application Open: The AHC Foundation scholarship application period is open. Students can complete the entire application process and view all scholarship opportunities online. The scholarship application is available at www.hancockcollege.edu/scholarships. Students can submit their applications through the February 21 deadline. Last year, the foundation awarded more than \$500,000 to a record 394 students.



Promise Training: Public information specialist Marna Lombardi gave a presentation on The Hancock Promise and Bulldog Bound program to the student ambassadors’ training class on Thursday. The class has six new students with 16 ambassadors total.

All Staff Day: Mark your calendars for our spring All Staff Day. The event is next Friday, January 19. Refreshments will be served at 8:30 a.m. with lunch at noon.

Save the Date for the Marian Regional Medical Center Building Dedication:

We will be dedicating building M in honor of Marian Medical’s generous financial support of the college, totaling more than \$3.75 million. The dedication will be Thursday, May 10.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Friday, January 19	8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	All Staff Day	Marian Theatre
*Thursday, May 10	11 a.m.	Building M dedication in honor of Marian Regional Medical Center	Building M, Santa Maria campus

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All Staff Day: January's All Staff Day kicked-off with a performance by our PCPA students. The musical theatre class presented a number from Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*. We welcomed 14 new staff and congratulated 10 on promotions within the college. We look forward to spring 2018 as we continue to change the odds for our students.

Taking the LEAP: During All Staff Day, a committee composed of faculty, CSEA staff and administrators unveiled a new mentorship program for college employees called LEAP. The name reflects what the program wants participants to accomplish: learn, empower, advise and partner. The idea is that everyone has something to learn and something to offer one another. Andrew Masuda and Bob Curry are co-chairing the program with former dean Dave Humphreys and his wife, Deb, helping with the implementation. Already, more than 80 employees pledged to take the LEAP and join the new program.



***Save the Date for the Annual Planning Retreat:** The Institutional Effectiveness Council will hold our Annual Planning Retreat on Friday, February 9, at the Santa Maria Country Club from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.



Carney's Coaches vs. Cancer: The college will host its annual Carney's Coaches vs. Cancer event Saturday, February 3, when the basketball teams host Ventura. The annual event raises money for the Mission Hope Cancer Center that provides support and programs to local people battling cancer and their families. The college renamed its event after Larry Carney, an assistant coach of the women's basketball team and five-time cancer survivor. The women's game starts at 3 p.m. with the men following at 5 p.m.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, January 19	8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.	All Staff Day	Marian Theatre
*Friday, February 9	8 a.m. –3 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Santa Maria Country Club 505 W Waller Lane, Santa Maria
Thursday, May 10	11 a.m.	Building M dedication in honor of Marian Regional Medical Center	Building M, Santa Maria campus

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DATE: January 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report



Aspen Prize Interview: As you recall, the college was one of 150 community colleges in the nation eligible for the 2019 Aspen Prize of \$1 million. After submitting a strong application, the college has been selected for a follow-up interview. Vice presidents Murphy, Ornelas, and I will speak with the Aspen Prize interview team over the telephone on Tuesday afternoon. The interview is a big deal and a testament to our dedicated faculty and staff. This interview, supported by the data and narrative submitted in our application, will help the interview team select the 10 finalist colleges. That announcement will be made this summer.

Telling Our Stories: Andy Goodman of The Goodman Center in Los Angeles met with members of our Foundation board, staff and administration to discuss the power of storytelling. Andy explained how telling stories about our students, faculty, staff, donors and alumni is the single most powerful tool we have to convey our mission as a college to our community.



Young Professional: Foundation advancement specialist Natalie Rucobo was recognized in the Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce's January edition of the *Chamber Connection*. You may find a copy of the article attached to the email.

Promise Ambassador: Public information specialist Marna Lombardi spoke to our Community Ambassadors during a meeting in Lompoc. Marna discussed The Hancock Promise and distributed copies of our *Community News* publication



Play Ball! : The college's baseball and softball teams open their 2018 seasons at home this week. The baseball team will host LA Pierce Saturday at 2 p.m. and Cabrillo at 1 p.m. Softball, the defending conference champion, starts the season

with a doubleheader Saturday at 10 a.m. and noon against San Diego City College. Vice president Ornelas' daughter, Sabrina, is a freshman outfielder on our softball team.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, February 9	8 a.m.–3 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Santa Maria Country Club 505 W Waller Lane, Santa Maria
Thursday, May 10	11 a.m.	Building M dedication in honor of Marian Regional Medical Center	Building M, Santa Maria campus

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Zero Textbook Press Conference: On Wednesday, we announced the donations of up to \$40,000 from the President's Circle that purchased more than 250 textbooks for students to use in the library at no cost. The books will be available to students to use for two hours at a time at the Santa Maria and Lompoc Valley Center libraries. We also announced three Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) degree programs that will begin fall 2018. Dean Bob Curry, professor Jessica Scarffe and ASBG president Janet Cruz-Reyes spoke during the conference on how these new endeavors will change the odds for our students.

Promise Workshops: Dean Yvonne Teniente-Cuello, along with the help of technical services specialist Shelda Reyes, hosted two Hancock Promise information sessions this week. The first workshop took place on Tuesday at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc with more than 25 students and parents in attendance. Yvonne gave the second presentation in G-106 to almost 90 students and parents. Many of the students have already completed several steps of the Promise student checklist.



Love Your Inplant: Print your heart out! February is "Inplant Awareness Month," and to celebrate, our Campus Graphics department is offering a raffle prize for staff and community members, and a separate raffle for students. One lucky winner will receive an engraved malt beverage glass set, and the student winner will receive an embroidered Campus Graphics baseball cap. For contest details, call Gordon Rivera at extension 3447. Our colorful weekly update features images by designer Lauren DuBose.

Makerspace Open House: Instructor Bob Mabry and library faculty Trevor Passage and Susie Kopecky brought the magic of "making" to the Santa Maria campus Friday with a Makerspace open house in O-112. Attendees got a sneak peek of the Makerspace 3D printers, the laser engraver and the campus button maker. Culinary Arts students also baked delicious pizzas in a portable oven. The event was open to the community, with more events to come. On the left: students Annalise Ketz, Richard Cota and Emily Paiz work on 3D printouts.



***Carney’s Coaches vs. Cancer:** Join Bulldog Nation in the fight against cancer! Our Coaches vs. Cancer night is this Saturday, February 3. The Lady Bulldogs will face Ventura at 3 p.m. in the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium. The men’s game starts at 5 p.m. All proceeds from tickets, t-shirts and the snack bar will go directly to the Mission Hope Cancer Center to help local residents fight cancer. If you are unable to attend, athletic director Kim Ensing is accepting donations at the event or through the athletics’ office.



Scholarship Deadline Approaching: The deadline for AHC Foundation Scholarships is approaching quickly! Students only have a few more weeks to submit their applications before the February 21 deadline.



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Saturday, February 3	3 p.m. & 5 p.m.	Carney’s Coaches v. Cancer	Joe White Memorial Gymnasium
Friday, February 9	8 a.m.–3 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Santa Maria Country Club 505 W Waller Lane, Santa Maria
Thursday, May 10	11 a.m.	Building M dedication in honor of Marian Regional Medical Center	Building M, Santa Maria campus

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Planning Retreat: The annual planning retreat occurred on Friday, with more than 60 individuals gathering to discuss challenges and opportunities facing the college. Led by Dr. Paul Murphy, the day included presentations from Institutional Effectiveness staff members Erica Biely and Armando Cortez, Academic Senate president Marla Allegre, Vice President Nohemy Ornelas and dean Yvonne Teniente. Topics included guided pathways planning and updating our resource allocation model to align with state funding cycles (this was part of our Quality Focus Essay when we completed our accreditation work). Special thanks to Holly Costello for skillfully organizing the event. When we discuss changing the odds – this is part of the work that goes into making that happen.

Dance Lompoc: I started practice this week for my role in [Dance Lompoc](#), benefitting the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce. For each ticket sold, the Lompoc Chamber will donate \$5 to the Hancock Promise (given that this will be only a few hundred dollars, we will have a challenge grant supplement this through the Foundation). Carmen Camacho has taken on the role of primary ticket seller for the college – she’s a little too excited about this! The event is at 6 PM on March 10.

Bulldog Bound 3E: More than 450 fifth- and sixth-graders came to our fourth Bulldog Bound 3E Elementary Exploration Event today. This was our largest group of Bulldog Bound students yet. We added two new workshops including the Makerspace High Tech Hounds and bookmaking Paw Printers.



Arts Fund Exhibit: Faculty artists Adrienne Allebe, Emily Baker, Amiko Matsuo and Patrick Trimbath will have their work on display at The Arts Fund Gallery in Santa Barbara.



The exhibit is called *Northern Exposure* and will run from February 9-March 10. Department chair John Hood curated the exhibit, which features diverse uses of media and subject matters.

Bow-WOW: Our spring semester welcome event took place Wednesday on the Santa Maria campus. More than a thousand new and returning students came through the Student Center to learn more about the college’s services, campus organizations and academic programs. We had 74 exhibitors total. Bow-WOW at the LVC is next Wednesday, February 14.





Dean’s List: Nearly 50 Hancock student-athletes made the dean’s list for fall 2017, earning grade point averages of 3.50 or higher, including 11 who received 4.0 GPAs. Thirty student-athletes on the Dean’s List participated on in-season sports teams, which means they participated in intercollegiate competition during the fall semester. Those sports include football, men’s soccer, men’s and women’s basketball, women’s water polo and volleyball.

Letter of Intent: Hancock sophomore Taupule Asotau signed a national letter of intent this week to play NCAA Division II college football at Western State Colorado University. In seven games as a freshman, Asotau recorded 19 tackles, two sacks, forced one fumble and broke up two passes. Last fall as a sophomore, he recorded nine tackles, including two sacks, before suffering a season-ending injury in the fourth game.



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wednesday, February 14	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Bow-WOW	Lompoc Valley Center
Thursday, May 10	11 a.m.	Building M dedication in honor of Marian Regional Medical Center	Building M, Santa Maria campus

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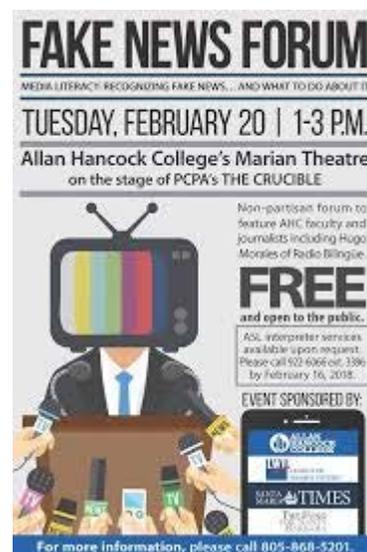
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A few items of interest this week.

Media Literacy – Fake News Forum: Late last year, the League of Women Voters in Santa Maria invited our college to partner with them on presenting an educational forum about media literacy and “fake news”. Since that initial invitation, the Fund for Santa Barbara, the *Santa Maria Times*, and PCPA have signed on as partners as well. The forum, which will feature three journalism professionals and two Hancock faculty members, will take place on February 20 in the Marian Theater from 1-3pm. The event is FREE and open to the public. Hancock faculty Kate Adams and Kellye Cohn will be part of the panel, as well as Hugo Morales of Radio Bilingüe.



2018 YELL! Conference: The annual YELL Conference will take place Friday, March 2 in the Marian Theatre from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. More than 400 area high school students will attend the Young Educated LatinX Leaders Conference that is



themed “Pave your path to The Promise” this year. Board President Zacarías, Vice President Nohemy Ornelas, ASBG President Janet Cruz-Reyes and student ambassador Fernando Robles, Jr., are guest speakers. The keynote speakers are comedian Ernie G and UCSB professor Victor Rios, an author of several books about the experiences of inner-city youth and authority figures. There will also be 15 workshops for students to attend with various topics such as AB-540, STEM and financial aid. Board President Zacarías will host a workshop about leadership.

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Taking the Leap! The college launched the LEAP Mentoring program during the spring All-Staff Day. Thanks to the hard work of Sharan Kelly and Stefanie Aye in H.R., Andrew Masuda and Bob Curry, we unveiled the inaugural class this week. It includes nine teams comprised of nearly 60 faculty, administrators and classified staff. The teams are all cross-functional learning communities with a mixture of people with a few months or years of experience at Hancock along with some who have spent decades at the college. LEAP is based on the idea that everyone is a mentor and everyone is a learner. The LEAPers will meet with their team members throughout the semester.



Makerspace Movement: Nearly 100 people attended a Central Coast Makerspace Open House on the Santa Maria campus. Students, staff, faculty and community members saw 3-D printers, laser engraver and a 3-D scanner in action. Monthly Makerspace events in our library will begin in March. Recently, *The Santa Maria Times* published [an article](#) about the Makerspace movement taking our campus and community by storm.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
* Tuesday, Feb. 27	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Dedication of Student Center and announcement of large gift to The Hancock Promise	The Commons, Santa Maria campus
*Friday, Mar. 2	8:30 a.m.– 1 p.m.	YELL! Conference	Marian Theatre
Thursday, Mar. 10	11 a.m.	Building M dedication in recognition of Marian Regional Media Center	Building M, Santa Maria campus
<i>Friday, May 25</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Commencement</i>	<i>The Commons</i>
*Saturday, Aug. 25	6 p.m.	18 th annual Joe White Memorial Dinner and Auction	Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538

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SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.



Glance at Fall 2018 Applications: It appears that the opportunity to receive their first year free through The Hancock Promise is resonating well with local high school seniors. Armando Cortez in VP Paul Murphy's Institutional Effectiveness office ran data comparing the number of first-time students applying to Hancock for fall 2018 with previous years. From October 1, 2017 through February 14, 2018, 1,085 students from our 10 largest feeder high schools applied to Hancock. That number represents a 154 percent increase from the 427 students who applied for fall 2017 during that same period, and a 107 percent jump from fall 2016. Already, more than 260 seniors at Pioneer Valley High School, 230 from Righetti, 190 from Santa Maria and 134 from Lompoc High School have applied. None of them had more than 82 students apply by this time last year. I've attached a PDF that includes all of the numbers for your review.

Retiree Taxable Benefit: In a recent review of retiree benefits, the District discovered that retirees who received a check from the District to cover Medicare premiums had not been provided with IRS Form 1099 tax documents in prior years as they should have been. That check is an annual payment of two-percent (2%) of their highest salary increased by 2% each year per Board Policy 7380, Retirement Benefit Policy, Group I-B-2. As that payment is in the form of a check paid directly to the retiree it is considered reportable income. Fifty-six retirees are eligible for this payment. For tax year 2017 reporting, HR provided a letter explaining the error and necessity for 1099-MISC IRS reporting. After receiving the letter and Form 1099-MISC, several retirees reached out to the Faculty Association to negotiate a change that would negate the payment as taxable income. The District did clarify to the FA that they do not represent retirees. The District is drafting another letter to retirees with further explanation, and HR is preparing an information item on benefits for the Board at the regular March Board meeting.



Black History Celebration: Trustee Hall was among the almost 130 students and staff who attended the annual Black History Celebration this week in the Student Center. ASBG hosted the event that featured music provided by the student jazz band, guest speakers, dance performances and delicious food. This year's theme was *A Legacy of Strength, a Future of Hope*.

Bulldog Bow-WOW at Lompoc Valley Center: Last week, nearly 100 students turned out for the Bulldog Bow-WOW event at the Lompoc Valley Center. Nearly two dozen departments and programs set up information booths to make sure students were aware of their services.



Fake News Forum: An estimated 300 people filled the Marian Theatre this week for the Fake News Forum co-sponsored by the college, the League of Women Voters, Fund for Santa Barbara and the Santa Maria Times. Faculty Kellye Cohn and Kate Adams represented the college on the five-person panel that also included Marga Cooley with the Santa Maria Times, Hugo Morales, founder of Radio Bilingüe, and Jerry Roberts of the Santa Barbara News-Press. [Click here](#) to read an article about the event.

PCPA Outreach in Santa Ynez Valley: Recently, the PCPA Outreach tour entertained students at the Solvang Veteran's Hall. PCPA students performed *The Purple Marble* with the author Alyssa Antoci in the audience. Antoci wrote the story when she was eight years old. Currently, she attends Santa Ynez High School. The story is about a boy named Max, who dreams of becoming a master chef until the class bully begins to pick on him. It isn't until he finds a special purple marble that his luck begins to change. Ultimately, Max must decide between keeping his lucky streak alive or confronting the bully.



Story of Changing the Odds: It's always great to share stories that remind us of the opportunities our faculty and staff create for students. Jamil Viaud, an all-conference lineman for our football team the last two years, received a phone call while working at our softball game on Thursday. He walked around the corner to talk on his cellphone. When his friends and our staff went to check on him a few minutes later, he was smiling from ear to ear and crying. The phone call was from the coach at Kent State University offering him a full-ride scholarship to play football for the Golden Flashes. Jamil came to Hancock for the opportunity to do well in school and earn a scholarship to a Football Bowl Championship (Div. I-A) program and he accomplished both goals. The college will host a signing ceremony for Jamil next month to recognize his success.



Men's Basketball in State Playoffs: The men's basketball team earned the No. 10 seed in the Southern California Regional for the state playoffs. Coach Tyson Aye's team won 21 games during the regular season, the program's highest win total in 17 years. Hancock received a first round bye and plays a second round game tonight at No. 7 Fullerton at 7 p.m. The college is providing a live web stream of the game that you can watch by [clicking here](#). The winner advances to next weekend's regional quarterfinals.



Surf & Turf Dinner: I had the pleasure of helping Jim Glines and Keith Pierce provide a surf and turf dinner to 22 people at the home of Bruce and Pam Lackey in Nipomo this week. They purchased the auction item during the Foundation's 40th Anniversary Gala last fall to support The Hancock Promise. On top of steak and lobster, Susan Houghton and the Foundation staff of Nancy Gastelum, Toni McCracken and Natalie Rucobo prepared the rest of the meal that included bacon wrapped asparagus, roasted potatoes and other tasty treats.

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Tuesday, Feb. 27	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Dedication of Student Center and announcement of large gift to The Hancock Promise	The Commons, Santa Maria campus
*Thursday, May 1	12 – 1 p.m.	Open Hour for Trustee Zacarías	Inside Student Center (bldg. G)
Friday, March. 2	8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	YELL! Conference	Marian Theatre
*Friday, May 4	10 a.m.	CORE Custody Graduation	Public Safety Training Complex
Thursday, May 10	11 a.m.	Building M dedication in recognition of Marian Regional Media Center	Building M, Santa Maria campus
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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: March 2, 2018

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week.



Y.E.L.L. Conference: Nearly 500 seniors from 12 local high schools attended the annual YELL Conference today. The goal of the event is to empower and inspire area youth, as well inform them about The Hancock Promise and the college's programs and services. I was joined by Trustee President Zacarías and VP Nohemy Ornelas in welcoming students to the Marian Theatre. UCSB professor Victor Rios, who studies the interactions of youth and authority figures and comic Ernie G were the keynote speakers. College staff and faculty also planned 15 workshops for students on various topics like self-empowerment, The Hancock Promise and careers in nursing. President Zacarías hosted a workshop about practicing leadership today and everyday.



Rabobank Gift to The Hancock Promise Endowment:

Tuesday was a memorable day on campus as we announced the largest cultivated gift in college history, a \$1 million donation by Rabobank to The Hancock Promise Endowment Fund. More than 100 people turned out, including several elected officials and representatives from the offices of U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal, Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham and Assemblymember Monique Limon. The event received coverage from [KSBY](#), [KCOY](#), [KEYT](#), [Telemundo](#), [The Santa Maria Times](#) and [Pacific Coast Business Times](#). To view pictures of the event, [check out our Flickr album](#).

The Hancock Promise Heads to Sacramento: Dean Yvonne Teniente and Marna Lombardi will present Sunday in Sacramento at a state conference called *Educating for Careers: Investing in the Future*. They will be talking about the success of the college's Bulldog Bound program and how the college incorporated The Hancock Promise in all high school outreach efforts.



Emergency Planning: Chief Chris Nartartez, Mitch McCann, Frank Ortiz, Rex Vandenberg and Kelly Underwood are leading the effort to step up the college’s emergency planning. The team established three areas of focus: training, technology and documentation. The plan is to begin slowly and ramp up the training with a campus-wide rollout. During the March 6 administrative team meeting, administrators will run through an emergency preparedness tabletop exercise in preparation for a natural disaster training exercise on March 20. The team plans to host an active shooter exercise during All-Staff Day in the fall. Flipcharts for classrooms and offices, as well as the emergency preparedness website will also be revised.

Estudiantes Unidos: The college hosted Estudiantes Unidos this week on our Santa Maria campus. Facilitated by our noncredit counseling department, the event provides a New Student Orientation to our students in noncredit ESL courses. We host 1,000 ESL students over six days. They tour our nursing, fine arts and industrial technology departments. For many of them, it’s their first time on our campus since they take ESL classes offsite.



Six Sigma Black Belt: Congratulations to Gordon Rivera, supervisor of Campus Graphics. He received his Six Sigma Black Belt for completing a high-level improvement project that saved the college more than \$50,000 over the last year. Since the college implemented his project last July, the numbers speak for themselves: \$151,000 in chargebacks captured to fund Campus Graphics operational costs; 86 percent reduction in staff time thanks to automated reporting; 98 percent drop in cost associated with the account payable process of Campus Graphics; and a 61 percent increase in turnaround time of invoices. Additional Campus Graphics employees have already completed or will soon undergo Six Sigma training.

Football Scholar-Athletes: Seven Hancock football players qualified for the 2017 Southern California Football Association (SCFA) Scholar-Athlete Team. To be eligible, student-athletes had to play for two seasons, have a cumulative 3.0 GPA and complete at least 36 units, 27 of which had to be in non-sport activity classes. Our seven include Dominic Chance (4.0 GPA), Taupule Asotau (3.16), Benjamin Willkomm (3.51), Nick Kimball (3.16), Lenny Roundtree, Jr. (3.09), Lesone Smith (3.01) and Kevin Stark (3.20). All seven should land scholarships to play football at four-year universities. Two of them, Dominic Chance and Taupule Asotau already signed with Western State Colorado University.

Basketball Regional Finals: Congrats to Head Coach Tyson Aye and the men’s basketball team for advancing into the Regional Finals of the state playoffs. Hancock won in overtime last week at Fullerton for the program’s first playoff win in 17 years and qualified for the regional finals for the first time since 1990. The Bulldogs play at San Bernardino Valley, the No. 2 seed on Saturday at 7 p.m. The Hancock Booster, Inc. are sponsoring a rooter bus to take students and fans to the game. You can watch the game on a live web stream provided by Hancock by [clicking here](#).

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Administrative Assistants Conference: The administrative support staff participated in an all-day conference on Thursday facilitated by Dana Davis from National Seminars Training. Topics covered included *Step into Leadership*, *Guerilla Problem Solving*, *Organize Everything in Your Life*, and *Juggle Multiple Projects with Ease*. Andrew Masuda also presented a workshop on the Allan Hancock College Stylebook and Publications Guidelines and grammar tips. The conference attendees participated in group work, team-building exercises and role-playing activities throughout the day.

LVC Launch to College: Our counseling staff hosted 90 Lompoc High School students at the Lompoc Valley Center today as part of our annual Launch to College event. Student ambassadors and counselors greeted our future Bulldogs who were excited about all of the support they are receiving at AHC. One student told Dean Teniente-Cuello, "I can't wait to start because everyone cares here." The high schoolers have officially become Promise students and have completed their online orientation and first year plans. The students also received information on financial aid and the zero textbook cost degree program.



The Lompoc High School students also heard directly from their peers in a video produced by Hancock counselor Antonio Ramirez and public information specialist Jessica Sheaff. The video focuses on services available at the LVC. [Click here to view the video.](#)

Int'l Women's Day: The college celebrated International Women's Day with a reception in the Student Center on Wednesday. ASBG hosted several speakers including Laura Edwards, Joelyn Lutz, and Alma Martinez. The topics for discussion included living intentionally, healing through music, and improving health by reducing stress and creating boundaries. The event was open to all.



Dynamic Duo: Two more Hancock football players earned opportunities to play at the four-year level. Linebackers Basiru Jobe and JD Smith signed with East Central University, a Division II program in Oklahoma. Jobe ranked fourth in the state in tackles last fall for the conference champion Bulldogs, and he earned all-conference and all-state recognition. The two bring the total number of student-athletes from the 2017 football team to sign with four-year universities to five with many more to come.



Men's Basketball Qualifies State Tournament: For the first time since 1974, the Hancock men's basketball team qualified for the CCCAA State Championship Tournament. The Bulldogs couldn't overcome the depth of City College of San Francisco, but they put up a good fight in a game that was closer than the score indicated. This is our first return to the state tournament in some forty years, so the team and Coach Aye should be proud of the great season. Hancock won state championships in men's basketball in 1957 and 1974.

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No Debate About It: Students in Allan Hancock College's new Spanish debate team earned first and second place during a Spanish debate competition, called Los Legados de Valladolid, hosted by Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo last week. The competition featured three teams of Hancock students and three teams from Cal Poly. Two Hancock teams advanced to the finals, where Adilene Rojas and Elisa Velasco defeated

Jennifer Camacho Tiburcio and Erick Ramirez Medina. Spanish faculty Claudia Díaz and Ana Gómez de Torres, Ed.D. are Spanish debate team coaches. The club started in fall 2017.

***Save the Date:** The Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program will host a student recognition reception on Friday, May 11, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Room G106.



Oscar-Nominated Director Visits Hancock: Director Feras Fayyad, an Academy Award nominee for *Last Men in Aleppo*, spoke to film club students and the public on Friday, March 16. *Last Men in Aleppo* is a documentary film about the Syrian Civil War. It sheds light on the search-and-rescue missions of the internationally recognized White Helmets, an organization consisting of ordinary citizens who are often the first people to respond to military strikes in the hope of saving lives. The film was the first Syrian produced and directed film nominated for an Oscar.

New Mural Dedicated: During a brief ceremony, the college's Art on Campus Committee dedicated a new mural outside of the Library. Created by Cheryl Clark, *Captured* depicts that moment people realize they are forgoing all plans in the near future until they finish their new book. The mural is the latest student mural installed on campus under the direction of the committee. Additional artwork by faculty and students will be installed at the Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center in the coming months.





All-State Recognition: After leading the Allan Hancock College men's basketball team to its deepest postseason run in 44 years, sophomore guard Shane Carney a spot on the California Community College Men's Basketball Coaches Association's (CCCMBCA) 2017-18 All-State Team. Carney was one of 27 players honored by the coaches' association with all-state honors this season. He is the first Bulldog to earn the all-state distinction since Ali Langford during the 2010-11 season. He led the team in scoring with 17.5 points and 5.2 assists per game.

Season to Remember: The Hancock men's basketball team advanced to the State Championship Tournament for the first time since 1974. Hancock fell 86-63 to City College of San Francisco in the Elite Eight. City College went on to win the state championship two days later. The Bulldogs, under the leadership of fifth-year Head Coach Tyson Aye, finished the season 23-10 overall. They racked up some impressive accomplishments along the way: most wins in a single-season since 2001; first playoff win since 2001; first regional finals appearance since 1990; and first state tournament game since 1974. Hancock's postseason included a first-round bye, an overtime win at No. 7 Fullerton and a double-overtime win at No. 2 San Bernardino.



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Intelligent Conversation: The Fine Arts department and PCPA provided the public with a unique pre-show event for *The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence* on March 16. The event included a panel discussion by technologists and artists. Fine Arts chair John Hood moderated the discussion. Panelists included public policy expert Arthur Goldiner, animator Ken Cope, inventor Marco Pinter and co-director of the Santa Barbara Center for Art, Science and Technology Maiza Hixson. Together, the group discussed how people use technology to connect and disconnect, a key theme in the play.

Emergency Exercise: All AHC staff participated in an earthquake emergency preparedness exercise on Tuesday, March 20. Staff exited buildings after Campus Police began the exercise over the phone system. After staff were released back into their offices, administrators were called to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the boardroom. The drill continued with real time situations called over hand radios from Plant Services to the EOC. The Public Affairs team tested our emergency communications systems. The exercise ended with a town hall meeting in the Marian Theater. The exercise was invaluable in showing us how we can improve our efforts to keep our staff and students safe.



Success Stories: Vice President Nohemy Ornelas shared her journey in education and path to being a key leader in our community at the Santa Maria Valley Emerging Professionals Network's March meeting. Nohemy shared personal and professional success stories, how to overcome adversity, and her goals to continue her work as an advocate for our students.

Grand Prize Winner: Academic Affairs technician Ricardo Lopez won a grand prize at the California Community College Banner Group (3CBG) conference in Ontario, Calif., this week. Along with additional Banner system knowledge, Ricardo walked away with a brand new quadcopter drone.



Update On Naming Protocol: At the last Trustee meeting, a question was raised in regard to the grant that funded equipment and the inner-city grid at the Public Safety Training Center. We reviewed the award letters and found no request to include a naming opportunity. Given that this was a grant initiated by AHC, we generally would not attach a naming request to the grant and I have no recollection of any conversations or communication making such a request. Board Policies 6620 and 3820 provide the framework for naming of campus facilities.

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Love Your Club: Our students are learning lessons in philanthropy and fundraising. The second Love Your Club crowdfunding campaign is underway. There are five student clubs raising funds for service projects. The Drama Club is requesting funding for a pageant wagon to bring theater arts to local schools. The Jazz and Pep Club is hoping to purchase new musical instruments and repair old ones. Alpha Gamma Sigma students are raising funds to serve breakfast at the Good Samaritan Shelter. The Architecture Club hopes to achieve their financial goals in order to compete at the Cal Poly

Design Village. And, the DREAM Club is fundraising to open a Dream Center on the campus to increase support for undocumented students. You can see all of the clubs' progress on the [crowdfunding page](#). The campaigns end April 9.



Chamber Awards Banquet: The Solvang Chamber of Commerce presented the award for "most philanthropic foundation" to our Foundation board on Thursday, March 29. The award was based on our work over the last three years in Solvang and the implementation of the Hancock Promise.

Diversity Day: ASBG hosted a multi-cultural event on Wednesday to celebrate campus diversity. Student clubs, as well as on- and off-campus organizations staffed different booths

with food, games and information on various cultures. Proceeds from concessions and other items for sale support campus clubs.



Transfer Thursday: The UTC hosted a transfer student panel this week. Our current students heard words of wisdom from previous transfer students who are now at



universities such as UC Riverside, Berkeley and UCLA. A separate event included students from the UC Berkeley Raíces Recruitment & Retention Center. The event was part of Berkeley's transfer outreach program for spring break. Former Hancock student Valentina Alvarado shared her experiences with students at the University Transfer Center. Current Hancock students gained valuable insight from Valentina and information on the UC admission process. She was also a part of the student panel for the UTC's Transfer Thursday event.

Transfer Thursday (above):



It Pays to Learn: Leana Bowman, our director of institutional grants, was recently interviewed by her alma mater, Walden University. Leana shared how she overcame the fear of going back to school and how earning her master's degree last year opened career opportunities in administration. You can [read the full article here.](#)

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Bulldogs on Broadway: My family and I traveled to New York City this week during Trey's spring break. We had a chance to catch former PCPA actor Roddy Kennedy on Broadway in the hit show *Hamilton*. It was a great show and it reaffirmed the opportunities PCPA and Allan Hancock College create for our students. Roddy was kind enough to invite us back stage after the show. He plays a few roles in the show, James Reynolds, Phillip Schuyler and a doctor. Another former PCPA actress, Joanna Jones, has played Peggy Schuyler and Maria Reynolds in the show.

All-State Academic Student-Athletes: Five Hancock baseball players were named to the 2018 Academic All-State Team by the California Community College Baseball Coaches Association. The five Bulldogs are pitchers Matt Hamon and Will Dowell; infielders Chad Jones and Quintin Perez; and outfielder Brian Dowell. Only 81 student-athletes in the state qualified for the prestigious list that required sophomore status and a 3.50 cumulative GPA. Hancock placed the third-most athletes on the team.



Ice Cream Makers: The STEM Center and library staff hosted a liquid nitrogen ice cream Makerspace on Wednesday. The demonstration was open to everyone from 1-9 p.m., right in front of the AHC library. Our STEM faculty handled the liquid nitrogen as the "makers" created their ice cream flavors.

Rising Stars: Join us for the annual Foundation Scholarship Banquet on Thursday, May 24, at 6 p.m. in the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium. Please see the attached evite.



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Student Success Summit: *Student Voices*, this year's Student Success Summit, drew more than 50 members of the community representing students, faculty staff and administrators. Organized by the Institutional Effectiveness Council, it was an opportunity to share important data along with anecdotal information about the challenges facing our students. Speakers included Dr. Paul Murphy, a faculty panel led by Jennifer Schroeder (speech) and a panel of students sharing how they fared on campus.



Bulldog Bound Baseball: Bulldog Bound hosted another successful athletic event on Saturday, April 7, for the Western State conference game.



Approximately twenty elementary school youth attended the men's baseball game against the Santa Barbara City College Vaqueros on the John Osborne Field. AHC athletes were on hand to sign personalized autograph books and to take photos with Spike and the attendees. The Sundevil softball team, a division one Santa Maria girls' team, sang the national anthem before the game. AHC student ambassadors let the students with pre-game activities. Bulldog Bond is the first step of The Hancock Promise that creates a college-going culture among area youth and their families.

Clothesline Project: A set of t-shirts hung in a visual display at the Commons on Monday. The Clothesline Project is an exhibit that raises awareness about violence against women and helps with the healing process. Student Health Services provided shirts for people to decorate in support of victims and survivors.



Bulldogs for Life: The University Transfer Center hosted the second Bulldog Day, a partnership between Hancock and Fresno State. Students who were accepted to Fresno attended an admitted student workshop. Fresno State also hosted a future student workshop for students who are interested in learning more about the CSU. Students received a free lunch and entered a raffle for some Fresno State gear.

Maker Space: On Friday, April 6, Community Education launched its first Makerspace for English language learners. Faculty member Tino Aleman geared this particular Makerspace toward noncredit students. It will be held over two more weeks on Fridays. Although 24 students applied initially, 31 students came and attended the event. Students learned how to use computers for 3D design and printing. [Click here to see a photo collage by Bob Mabry from the event.](#)



Maker Space, Part 2: Students from Rice School came to campus for a makerspace event in the Culinary Arts program. The “make your own mini-wedding cake” was hosted by culinary instructor Dawn Peters. Students were able to customize and decorate cupcakes then take a tour of campus.



Public Affairs Wins State Honors: The Public Affairs team was honored by its peers from across the state this week during the annual Community College Public Relations Organization’s (CCPRO) conference. They received eight awards in total: three first-place awards, three second-place awards and two third-place awards for their marketing, promotional and design work. They received first-place awards for best :30 TV commercial (“Changing the Odds” featured three student success stories); best logo design (The Hancock Promise); and best brochure series (The Hancock Promise brochures). They were also honored for planning and executing some of the state’s top promotional and marketing campaigns.

Mars Week: NASA and JPL are planning the first interplanetary launch from the West Coast on Saturday, May 5 from Vandenberg Air Force Base. NASA and JPL approached the college to host outreach events leading up to the historic launch. As a result, Allan Hancock College will host Mars Week from April 30-May 4 on our Santa Maria and Lompoc campuses. The week includes the dedication of two student murals at the Lompoc Valley Center at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1; the Mars and the Silver Screen Film Festival with a discussion led by Hancock faculty and screening of Mars-related films; special interplanetary exhibits provided by NASA and JPL. NASA’s Director of Planetary Science, Dr. Jim Green, will give a free presentation in the Marian Theatre at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. Mars Week culminates with our annual Friday Night Science on May 4. For a list of all Mars Week activities, [click here](#).

Transfer Degree MOU with University of California: The California Community Colleges and the University of California announced a joint agreement this week that will guarantee admission for qualifying students to the UC system similar to what already is in place with the CSU system. The memorandum of understanding will secure students, who complete one of the UC pathways through associate degrees for transfer (ADTs) and achieve the requisite GPA, a guaranteed place within the UC system. The guarantees will be in place for community college students in fall 2019, although it is not clear that the transfers will assure acceptance to UCSB rather than an “available” UC. Our understanding at this point is that only UC Merced has space available.

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Friday, April 27	9-11 a.m.	Bulldog Bound 3E: Elementary Exploration Event	Santa Maria campus
Tuesday, May 1 *	2 p.m.	Student Mural Dedications	Lompoc Valley Center
Friday, May 4	10 a.m.	CORE Custody Graduation	Public Safety Training Complex
Thursday, May 10	11 a.m.	Building M dedication in recognition of Marian Regional Media Center	Building M, Santa Maria campus
Friday, May 11	5:30-8:30 p.m.	MESA Student Recognition Reception	Student Center, Room G106
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TO: Ms. Hilda Zacarías
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: April 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report



AIM Awards: Sixteen students received recognition and financial assistance at the spring AIM awards banquet on Tuesday night. Contributions from employees, grants and gifts, as well as the resources available through our virtual AIM center, are helping our students progress from noncredit to credit classes and degrees

Latino Legacy Awards: CAN project director Petra Gomez received the Latino Legacy Award for education on Sunday, April 15. Community leaders nominated Gomez for her work as the director of Allan Hancock College's CAN-TRIO program and serving as a community advocate. Under her leadership, 92 percent of CAN students persist from year one of studies to year two at Hancock. Forty percent graduate with an associate degree and certificate within four years. Seventy-one percent of CAN scholars receive an associate degree and transfer to a four-year institution within four years at Hancock. Hancock student and CAN Scholar, Cristal Robles, was also recognized at the ceremony and received the youth leader award.



CAN Do: My office invited 10 CAN Scholars and two CAN staff members to the Strawberry Industry Dinner at the Santa Maria Fairpark on April 3. The event paid tribute to the companies and people who grow and harvest strawberries. The students were able to develop their communication skills at the event where they enjoyed each other's company and network with industry leaders. at Hancock.



Earth Day: Students and staff celebrated our beautiful Earth on Thursday in the Rabobank Student Center Courtyard. Clubs, vendors, on- and off-campus exhibitors provided educational activities, games and food while teaching about the importance of caring for Earth.



Made in Santa Maria: A one-day arts symposium brought local artists, students and arts consultants together for Creative Entrepreneurship: *Made in Santa Maria*. The event included guest speakers, lectures and panel discussions. The day culminates in an exhibit and reception to be held this evening, April 20, at the Santa Maria Business Development Center, 731 S. Lincoln Street, from 4-7 p.m. The event was funded through the a “Doing What Matters: Faculty Entrepreneurship Champion Mini-grant” from the California Community Colleges received by our 3D art and ceramics professor Amiko Mastuo.

Save the Date: Our Spring Gathering reception for community leaders will be held Wednesday, May 9, from 5-7 p.m. at the Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum & Parks-Janeway Carriage House. The invitation can be found in your board packets.

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DATE: April 27, 2018

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

College Signing Day: Public Affairs will host the third annual College Signing Day event on Tuesday, May 1. The event will give transfer students a chance to show their new school pride, meet other Hancock students transferring to the same university, as well as be recognized for their success.



Fund Your Future: More than 65 parents and students came to the University Transfer Center's financial literacy event on Wednesday. The



community enjoyed dinner while listening to presentations from Wells Fargo and Rabobank. Wells Fargo had several money-saving tricks and tools in their session on financial planning. Students and parents were also very engaged with Rabobank's advice on credit management. The evening ended with two breakout sessions on understanding financial aid at the community college and university levels.

Bulldog Bound: We had 466 fifth- and sixth-graders from around the district touring the Santa Maria campus today as part of final 3E Bulldog Bound event for the year. This was the largest group of students to date. Film faculty member Robin Smith led a new workshop entitled "Fido Flicks" and gave students a look a pre- and post-production operations for film and television. Look for Manzanita Charter School students in this Sunday's issue of the Santa Maria Times as well. These students posed with some special characters in anticipation of MARS WEEK.



Poetry Session: Hancock Acting II and Speech 108 students performed a series of poetic works for National Poetry Month on Thursday, April 26. Students also participated in an Open Mic session, a raffle for prizes, and enjoyed some light refreshments.

CELEBRATE MARS WEEK AT ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE

Mars Week: The college is counting down to NASA's historic launch to Mars from Vandenberg Air Force Base. MARS WEEK will take place from Monday, April 30, through Friday, May 4, with events on the Santa Maria campus and at the Lompoc Valley Center. The on-campus activities include a space-themed film festival, a kick-off party hosted by ASBG, a special presentation by NASA's chief scientist about the agency's mission to Mars, the dedication of student murals at the LVC, and out-of-this-world

interplanetary exhibits provided by NASA. The week will culminate with Friday Night Science.

ASBG Elections: The results are in! More than 670 students voted in this year's ASBG elections for the 2018-2019 school year. Students who voted at the LVC and on the Santa Maria campus in the Rabobank Student Center received free nachos as well.



Candid Conversations: I had the privilege of speaking with Rabobank CEO Dan Stevens on-camera Thursday. Dan shared how important education is to him and his mission as CEO. We also discussed The Hancock Promise and how our Promise Partners will change the odds for our students and community.

Save the Dates

CAN Recognition Reception: The reception for our CAN scholars will take place on Thursday, May 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Rabobank Student Center. Please see the attached invitation.

Law Enforcement Academy Graduation: You will also find an invitation to the graduation ceremony for Academy Class 114. The ceremony will be held on Friday, June 8, at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Agency swear-in ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. with the graduation following at 10 a.m.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 4, 2018

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Mars Week Highlights:

- The Associated Student Body Government kicked off the festivities with rover races and other fun activities in The Commons. The college also hosted a two-day film festival on the Santa Maria campus and at the Lompoc Valley Center. [The events received front-page coverage in *The Santa Maria Times*.](#)
- The college dedicated two space-themed murals created by Hancock graduate Ruben Espinoza. They are the first murals installed at the Lompoc Valley Center since it opened in 1999. [Read *The SM Times* article here](#) or check out [KSBY's story here](#).
- More than 200 people filled the Marian Theatre for an in-depth look at NASA's historic mission to Mars provided by Dr. Sue Smrekar, NASA's deputy principal investigator for the InSight mission. [Click here to read article in *The Santa Maria Times*](#). You [can watch the entire presentation here](#).
- Dr. Jim Green gave three presentations to packed houses in the Whale Room. One lecture discussed the movie *The Martian*, where Dr. Green served as an expert advisor. The other lecture described NASA's efforts to find water in our solar system and across the universe.



- Santa Maria High School's pre-engineering class (pictured below, left) toured the exhibits on Thursday. The class is in its first year as part of the engineering pathways program funded by the CTEIG grant. STEM counselor Angelica Eulloqui introduced the class to the STEM and MESA programs at AHC. LeeAnne del Rio provided transportation and Marna Lombardi gave the campus tour.



Friday Night Science: The Santa Maria campus was teeming with families participating in an evening of demos and activities with out-of-this-world exhibits by NASA and Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in the Rabobank Student Center. Events included a walk among the stars in the pop-up planetarium, an explosive stage show by our faculty and the design village created by our architecture students.

Welcoming Promise Students: Thanks to the leadership of Tom Lamica, Hancock participated in college signing day events at six local high schools. Hancock Promise students signed letters of intent, received congratulations from Hancock administrators and students, as well as signed a commemorative poster. Staff were on hand to answer any last-minute enrollment questions. We reached nearly 600 Promise students this week and they are in the process of scheduling signing day with four more area high schools.



Signing Season Continues: Nine student-athletes made their verbal commitments official this week during a special signing ceremony in the gym. The group includes five football players; two women's basketball players, including our former student-worker Karly Beyers; one men's soccer player and one track athlete. This brings the total number of student-athletes who have signed with four-year universities this year to 15 with more on the way. Here's a [Santa Maria Times article](#) and a [KSBY story](#).



Dance Students Up Early for Rotary: Diane McMahon and Jesus Solorio visited Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary on Thursday. They gave an overview of the program and brought several dancers to give short performances for the club. Getting up for a 7 AM meeting is never easy, but it is even more difficult for the two young women who had performed in Folklorico the night before!



College Signing Day: More than 100 students turned out for the college's third annual College Signing Day. Public Affairs hosts the event to recognize our students who are transferring next year to a four-year institution. Vice President Ornelas congratulated the students and shared some advice on taking the next step. Students received lunch and met other students transferring to the same universities.





LVC Open House: The counselors and staff at the Lompoc Valley Center held an open house on Tuesday afternoon. They helped nearly 300 students with registration and class selection. In the spirit of Mars Week, building 1 was covered in space-themed decorations. Many of the students are incoming Promise students.

NFL Dreams Come True: Former Hancock football star Malik Williams signed an undrafted free-agent contract with the Atlanta Falcons last weekend shortly after the 2018 NFL Draft concluded. Williams was an all-state and all-conference running back and kick returner for Hancock in 2015. He transferred to University of Louisville. There are now four former Hancock football players currently under contract with NFL teams: Williams; Cameron Artis-Payne (Carolina Panthers); Brian Price (Dallas Cowboys); and Joshua Thornton (Houston Texans).



Track Heads to Regionals: Four track and field athletes will continue their pursuit of state titles this weekend at the Southern California Regional Prelims in San Diego. Haleigh Batty, a Cabrillo High School graduate, qualified in the long jump after winning the conference title and breaking her college record in the event. Freshmen Amaris Baxter and Cherry Inay qualified in the hurdles, and Eduardo Uribe will compete in a new event, men's race walking. They will

try to qualify for next weekend's SoCal Regional Finals. [Here is an article about our athletes](#) from *The Santa Maria Times*.

Rising Stars Scholarship Banquet: The Foundation scholarship banquet will take place on Thursday, May 24, from 6-8 p.m. in the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium. Please see the attached invitation. [You may RSVP here.](#)

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 11, 2018

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report



The Streak Continues: For the seventeenth year in a row, transfer students from Allan Hancock College had the highest transfer acceptance rate in the state to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo among community colleges that transfer a significant number of students to the respected university. Hancock's transfer acceptance rate of 50.6 percent was more than triple the state average of 15.6 percent. Cal Poly's Region 6 Spring Community College Update

shows that 342 Hancock students applied to the university for fall 2018 and 173, or 50.6 percent, were accepted. The accepted students from Hancock had an average grade point average of 3.28.

Record-Breaking Commencement: The early numbers are in and it appears this will be another record-breaking year for our students. According to the Admissions and Records office, 1,009 graduates have earned a total number of 1,527 degrees in 96 different majors. This year, students also earned 853 certificates. All four of those numbers break the records we set last year. Thirty-one percent of our graduates, 311 of them, have earned more than one degree, including three with eight degrees.



Trustee Pensa Elected to State Board: Trustee Greg Pensa has been elected to the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) Board. The board consists of 21 members elected statewide by the 72 district governing boards and a student-member elected by the student trustees. The CCCT Board takes positions on and formulates education policy issues that come before the state legislature, California Community College Board of Governors and other important state-level boards and commissions. Pensa was one of five new trustees voted onto the board.

Bulldog Bound Year in Review: The first year of Bulldog Bound is in the books! The goal: to serve 500 local fifth and sixth grade students and encourage a college-going culture. The end result: 2,140 students from 22



different schools participated in five 3E Elementary Exploration Event workshops at our Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center. Fourteen workshops developed by Hancock instructors and staff engaged students in hands-on activities and in learning more about what programs the college has to offer. But, we're not done yet! Look for a Hancock Promise and Bulldog Bound booth at the Elk's Rodeo from May 31-June 3 and the mini-rodeo on May 31.



Meet Our State Champion: Lorena Hernandez is headed to the SkillsUSA National Championship next month in Louisville, Kentucky. Hernandez earned a spot by winning a gold medal in the computer numerical controlled (CNC) milling competition at the state competition. CNC milling performs the functions of both drilling and turning machines by programming a set of codes. Hernandez is honored to represent the college as a woman in a national competition. She hopes to inspire other women to pursue industrial technology careers and take introductory classes at Hancock.

Spring Gathering: Our President's Circle event was a great chance to make new friends in the Santa Ynez Valley. More than 100 community leaders from all over Santa Ynez and our Foundation board came together during the Spring Gathering. We heard the stories of two students from the Santa Ynez Valley: Parker Grand, who is a current student with Hancock, and Mikale Mikelson, who will be in the inaugural class of Promise students. Mikale shared how the Promise helped in his decision to attend Hancock over another community college.



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DATE: May 18, 2018

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report



ASBG Luncheon: ASBG held their year-end student recognition banquet on May 16 in G106. Student Activities Coordinator Stephanie Robb welcomed the crowd of more than 100 and shared some great statistics for the year. ASBG held 85 campus events and 467 on- and off-campus outreach events. Our student government also distributed more than 62,000 pounds of food through the Food Share Because We Care program. With 35 clubs on campus and many new events

established, including Bulldog Bound, the Student Ambassadors helped on an average of 58 events a month. Our student trustee, Yesenia Beas, was awarded the Student Council Member of the Year and the Joe White Scholarship.

Retirement and Recognition Reception: The college honored faculty and staff this week, including 22 retirees, during our annual Retirement and Recognition Reception. The 22 retirees combined to offer 429 years of service to the college, led by Mike Messina (37 years) and English Professor Karin Kappen (36 years). We recognized six new tenured faculty, gave the inaugural Supervisory/Confidential Achievement Award to Shelly Allen, and named the Banner Implementation Team as the college's Project of the Year.



Stress Relief: Our students enjoyed a little stress relief with some pet therapy this week...just in time for finals. Volunteers from Love a Leash visited the LVC and Santa Maria campus. Students were also treated to a little acupuncture through Student Health Services.

Math Bowl: Earlier this week more than 400 students from north county elementary schools gathered for the Math Bowl. Holly Eads from Orcutt Schools asked the assembled fourth, fifth and sixth graders if they had been on campus – at least 75% of the students raised their hands!



Fire Academy Graduation: Twenty-eight cadets graduated from our Fire Academy on Friday. Of the 28, about half already have jobs lined up with the U.S. Forest Service, Painted Caves FD, Morro Bay FD, Cal Fire SLO, Santa Barbara City FD and Santa Barbara County FD. Following the ceremony, 10 graduates received scholarships awarded by the Allan Hancock College Foundation that totaled nearly \$10,000.

Nerelli Inducted into Hall of Fame: Women's basketball Head Coach Cary Nerelli was inducted into the Northern Santa Barbara County Athletic Round Table (NSBCART) Hall of Fame this week. He was inducted with local basketball star Kristina Santiago and the late Joni Gray, who served as president of the NSBCART. In five seasons at Hancock, Nerelli has resurrected the program and posted an overall record of 73-62. Nerelli is already a member of the CIF Hall of Fame after he spent nearly 30 years coaching basketball, track and cross country at Morro Bay High School. In 31 seasons of coaching basketball at MBHS and Hancock, he has 529 career victories.



Chris Stevens Named State Coach of the Year: Allan Hancock College Head Coach Chris Stevens has received the highest honor from his peers across the state. Stevens was selected the 2018 Victory Coach of the Year by the California Community College Baseball Coaches Association (CCCBCA). The annual award honors members of the CCCBCA who show exemplary participation, dedication and contributions to the sport. They also exhibit leadership and values to serve as a role model for

student-athletes. In 17 seasons with Hancock, Stevens has 320 career wins. Over the last eight years, his sophomore classes have a remarkable 97 percent graduation and/or transfer rate. This year, all of his sophomores are moving on to four-year universities, including many with athletic scholarships.

Jumping at State: Freshman Haleigh Batty competes for a state title in the women's long jump this weekend at Bakersfield at the 2018 CCCAA Track and Field State Championships. The Cabrillo High School graduate won the Western State Conference title this season and broke the college record with a top jump of 19 feet, 10.25 inches. She ranks No. 2 in the state this season and could become our first state track and field champion since 2005. *The Santa Maria Times* previewed the meet in Friday's paper, [click here to read it](#).



Noncredit Recognition Ceremony: Community Education hosts its annual recognition ceremony tonight from 5-7 p.m. This year, more than 60 students from our noncredit program successfully completed the GED or HiSet exam. They are now eligible to receive their diplomas from the state of California, as well as eligible to receive their first year of college tuition free through The Hancock Promise. Community Education will award 73 career development certificates to 65 students. The certificates help prepare students for employment or to be successful in credit courses.

Community Action Award: On Thursday I had the honor of accepting the Community Action Champion award at the Community Action Commission’s annual dinner in Solvang. The award should recognize the work of the countless faculty, staff and administrators who have made the Hancock Promise a reality – my good fortune is to receive it on their behalf. You can click [here](#) to read more about the award and/or [click here](#) to download the interview video shown at the event.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report



97th Annual Commencement: Hundreds of Hancock students celebrated their accomplishments at the 97th annual Commencement ceremony today. The record-breaking class of 2018 saw 1,009 graduates, 1,527 degrees and 853 certificates of achievement from 96 different majors. Three of our students graduated with eight degrees in STEM.

Student Profile: The Santa Maria Times interviewed one of our students before the commencement ceremony

this week. [Click here to read the full story.](#)

Signings Continue: Two more student-athletes signed with four-year universities this week. Shane Carney, an all-state and all-conference guard, earned a full ride to Arizona Christian University. Football player Kevin Stark signed with the University of La Verne. He came to Santa Maria from Arizona to stay with family and earned a spot on our football team two years ago. Now, he's at least the 16th student-athlete this year to sign with a four-year institution. Nearly 10 more of our student-athletes should reach their decisions in the next month.



Foundation Scholarship Banquet: Students and donors received celebrity treatment at our star-studded scholarship banquet last night. This year, a total of 410 scholarships, worth nearly \$500,000, was awarded to 318 Allan Hancock College students. Hancock student Annalise Ketz received the prestigious Marian Hancock Scholarship. She will be joining the United States Naval Academy this fall. The foundation also paid tribute to Advancement Officer Toni McCracken. Toni is retiring this year after 42 years of service at Hancock.

Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation: In addition to our foundation’s banquet, the Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation hosted an award ceremony in the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium on Wednesday. The foundation awarded more than \$8.3 million to county students including incoming and graduating Hancock students. Student trustee Yesenia Beas received a \$100 award from the scholarship foundation.



Retirement Reception: Please join use for a reception honoring Michael Black on Thursday, June 14, from 3-5 p.m. in the boardroom.

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DATE: June 1, 2018

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Kudos from the Santa Maria Times: [Thursday's op-ed in the Santa Maria Times](#) included this shout-out (emphasis added):

First was the graduation ceremony at Allan Hancock College, when a record 1,009 students received degrees. The college also bestowed a record number of non-degree certificates, 853.

Our news story on the graduation event highlighted the efforts of several students who refused to give up on their dream of earning a degree, despite facing a range of life's hardships that often derail such dreams.

As always, we congratulate the grads — but we also have limitless praise and respect for Hancock College and its commitment to educating the greatest number of young people and adults. *When it comes to institutions preparing young people for a better future, Allan Hancock College is without equal.*

Courageous Conversations Award: Board president Hilda Zacarias received the Courageous Conversations Award from Just Communities as they [opened their new office in Santa Maria](#).

Minetti Mini Rodeo: The front page of today's paper has a great picture of the local 3rd graders who packed the rodeo arena – all of them wearing their yellow Bulldog Bound bandanas! Kudos to our public affairs team and student volunteers who made that happen!

