


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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: July 8, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Self-Evaluation (95 Percent Draft): Campus graphics has completed the final draft of the self-evaluation report. It is a very large document (472 pages!) and cannot be transmitted via email from our system. To view, print or download the document, click here: <https://db.tt/nEgHCsW>. This will take you to a DropBox file – you do not need to join DropBox to access the file.

We will post a copy the [accreditation website](#) as well. This is the result of a great team effort – we are right on track for our submission at the end of the month. Special thanks go to the campus graphics team (particularly Matt MacPherson and Shawna Hernandez), Mary Girty and the admin team for wrapping it up.

CoastHills Scholarship: Two Hancock students, Victor De Alba and Oula Samaan, were among 18 regional community college students to receive the 2016 Gold Standard Scholarship Award from CoastHills Credit Union in the amount of \$2,500 each. Two students were selected from nine colleges within CoastHills' field of membership from Santa Cruz County to Ventura County. [See article on the CoastHills website.](#)




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- Orfalea Children's Center Rededication, Thursday, July 28, 1 p.m.

- All Staff Day, Friday, August 19, 8:30 a.m.
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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: July 15, 2016

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Anonymous Letter: It appears that each of you have received an anonymous letter regarding Ellucian, one of our enterprise software providers. Given that the letter is anonymous, I have made no attempt to follow up. As you know, we are very diligent in contracting for services and we will continue to do so. Our experience with Ellucian has been mostly positive to this point and my personal experience with them over the past decade have also been good. Of course, any new contract (we are not looking to expand any services right now), would come to the Board for approval.

Standards of Conduct Letter: We have received a letter from an attorney based in Los Angeles regarding students' right as it pertains to Board Policy 5500, Standard of Student Conduct. Nohemy and Rob Parisi have scheduled a meeting with the firm's representative on Wednesday, August 3, to discuss their concerns.

President's Leadership Academy Ceremony: As we mentioned in the last board meeting, the 2nd annual President's Leadership Academy will take place August 10-12 with a graduation ceremony at the Far Western Tavern on August 12th from 12:30 to 4:00. The trustees are invited. Lunch will be provided and you are invited to stay for the celebration afterward as your schedule will permit (it will probably run until 3-4 p.m., depending on how long the participant presentations run). The invitation to the participants is attached (Leadership academy.jpg).


STEM Week of Discovery: The STEM Center is putting on its third annual "Launch to Success: Week of Discovery," August 15-18. We will be introducing 50 incoming STEM students to everything Hancock has to offer. The week kicks off with a parent night to get parents acquainted with the STEM program. During the rest of the week, students will learn more about Allan Hancock College, meet STEM faculty, make new friends, participate in STEM related activities, and go on a STEM field trip.

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Accreditation Self-Evaluation Report: Thousands of hours of work spent collectively as a college paid off when Dr. Railey and his staff mailed off the required materials on time to the ACCJC. The final version is a 473-page document. The accreditation team will be on campus conducting its site visit September 26-29.

Hancock Hello: On Tuesday, August, 16 from 4-7 p.m. outside the Student Center at Santa Maria campus, staff, student services, academic programs, and clubs will be showcasing their programs and services to first-time Allan Hancock College students at the first ever “Hancock Hello.” Similar to Bulldog BowWOW!, there will be booths, campus tours and mini workshops including: Myths and Tricks of Counseling, Financial Aid: Show Me the Money, Transferring, Parent Workshop: How to best support your student, and Hancock’s Software – Tools for Your Success. See the attached flier (hancock hello.jpg).

Gymnasium Renovation: Work is under way to resurface the floor in Joe White Memorial Gymnasium. The renovation will be finished Sunday. The floor will be off limits for at least a week, but ready to go for the first week of women’s volleyball practice in early August.

“Rise Up”: STEM has been collaborating with the YMCA in Santa Maria on a new program called Rise Up that started June 13 and ended July 15. This program is for first-time students who were hosted by the YMCA, free of charge, as most are low income or below poverty level. STEM provided a hands-on extended learning opportunity every day. The YMCA hosted a celebration for these students on July 15.

Orfalea Foundation Grant: The Orfalea Foundation’s grant to the early childhood studies program made quite a splash this week. We completed our first week of free swim lessons for the children at the Santa Maria Country Club. Paul Orfalea, who will be at our dedication ceremony next Thursday, is a big advocate of teaching young children how to swim. Don’t forget, the dedication ceremony will be at 1 p.m. at the Children’s Center next Thursday, July 28.



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WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: July 29, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Business of the Month: AHC will be highlighted at Heritage Oak Banks for the month of August as “Business of the Month.” For more information, see the attached document “Business of the Month Agreement.pdf”


Orfalea Children’s Center Dedication: Thursday’s dedication of the Orfalea Children’s Center Lab School went off without a hitch and was covered by several local media including, [KCOY](#), [KSBY](#), and [Santa Maria Times](#).

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DATE: August 5, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Business of the Month: The college was selected as the business of the month at Heritage Oaks Bank in Santa Maria. The college has a display table in the lobby that includes schedules of classes, registration information, free giveaway items, and more.



All Staff Day: Planning is underway for a successful fall All Staff Day on Friday, August 19. A save the date invitation is attached (allstaff.jpg). The agenda details for the day will come in the near future.

STEM Week of Discovery: The STEM Center has been working hard to put together the third annual **Launch to Success: Week of Discovery** event taking place August 15-18, 2016. The event targets incoming STEM students and introduces students to Allan Hancock College faculty and campus resources available. Attached you will find the tentative agenda for the event as well as this year's poster (Week of Discovery Daily Agendas.pdf)

Soccer Signing: Men's soccer player Christian Merino signed a scholarship this week to play men's soccer at Holy Names University, a Division II-program in Oakland. The Arroyo Grande High School graduate expected to return to play his sophomore year at Hancock this fall, but earned this opportunity a year ahead of schedule. He's at least the 20th athlete from the 2015-16 academic year to receive a scholarship from a four-year institution.



Year-Round Pell Grants: As congressional leaders are actively considering the reinstatement of the year-round pell grant, the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) is encouraging community college leaders to meet with their representatives during their congressional break while they work from their home state or district and actively help reinstate the year-round pell grant for the benefit of our students. [Visit this link for more information.](#)

National Night Out: The Hancock and Santa Maria police departments joined forces this week as part of National Night Out. Hancock reps answered questions from parents about everything from class registration to bullying to bicycle safety and crime prevention. SPIKE the Bulldog also played Connect Four with nearly 90 kids and handed out prizes. More than 16,000 communities across the nation celebrated the event.




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Campus Safety Video: The first in a series of campus safety videos has been completed. It is now live on the college YouTube page and will be shared during All Staff Day. The goal is for our faculty to show it to students during the first week of class. This video focuses on how to sign up for text emergency alerts, use of the blue emergency towers, how to request an escort to or from class, and how to report suspicious activity. A big thanks goes out to Kevin Boland, Phil Hamer and Andrew Masuda for writing, directing and producing this. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tINrgfWfJiA>

ACCT Committees: Association of Community College Trustees is seeking trustees to serve on its board committees. Members will be able to Network and interact with trustees and leaders from around the country, Take part in the governance of a national association, Help craft federal legislative priorities and more. Here is a [list of Committees](#) and charges as well as a link to the [online application](#).

President's Leadership Academy: Twenty-five faculty and staff members participated in a successful three-day President's Leadership Academy this week. This year's academy focused on diversity. Guest speakers included Dr. Keith Curry, CEO of the Compton Community College District; representatives from the Queers and Allies club; Dr. Jim Riggs, professor of educational leadership at CSU Stanislaus; as well as President/Superintendent Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. and several of our vice presidents. The Class of 2016 will hit the ground running because they are in charge of a project for next Friday's All Staff Day.




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All Staff Day: All Staff Day was a rousing success! It was good to see a lot of energy from faculty and staff. We welcomed 45 new staff members (21 of them faculty!) and recognized six who were promoted. The team from the 2016 President's Leadership Academy led the discussion groups on the campus common areas and will report back on ideas gathered to support our student success goals and strategic plan.

Hancock Hello: More than 500 entering students were on campus Wednesday night in preparation for their first foray into college. Student Services staff and faculty organized the event to help students feel



more comfortable on their first day. While there were dozens who pitched in to make the event a success, we offer special recognition to Raquel Orozco, Stephanie Robb, Alicia Valdiviezo, and Henry Schroff for their ability to develop and implement the program.


School Starts Monday: Feel free to join us in welcoming students on campus around 8:30.

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- First day of class, Monday, August 22, 8:30 a.m.
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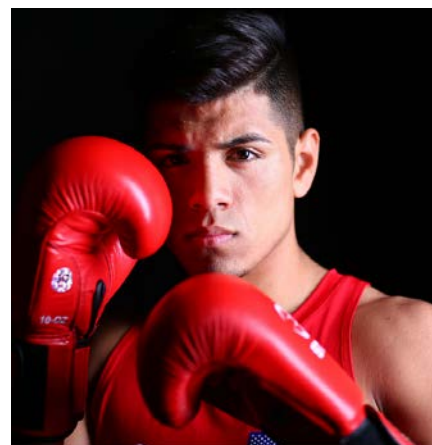
FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: August 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Administrator Training Program: In concert with the year-long new faculty orientation that kicked off last week, staff have developed a year-long new administrator training program. This program currently offers eleven professional development opportunities ranging from collective bargaining to creating a culture of respect. Please see the attached calendar of events (new administrator training.pdf) for details on the new administrator training program.

Olympian to Attend Joe White Event: Come congratulate our Santa Maria Olympian. U.S. Olympic boxer Carlos Balderas will attend this weekend's Joe White Memorial Dinner and Auction. The event is this Saturday at the Elks Lodge in Santa Maria. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:07 p.m. Carlos will autograph a bottle of wine to every winner of a live auction item. We have some amazing silent and live auction items this year.



Financial Aid Disbursement: Financial Aid has disbursed \$1,772,272 to 1,560 student as of early this week for the fall semester. We have approximately another 400 students in the queue for packaging.

STEM Vandenberg Tour: The AHC Week of Discovery students toured Vandenberg, AFB last week. The event captured both the interest and imagination of the students. We are hopeful that the level of detail in the discussions and the choice of sites to visit helped the students to understand a little more about the diversity of careers at Vandenberg and the importance of Science, Math and Engineering in their lives and reinforces their interest in the fields of study.



Student Health Services: Here are just a few of the main services that Student Health Services has made available to our students this year who have paid a health fee:

- Class presentations! We have available a Student Health Services Orientation (45 min), Sexually Transmitted Infections (50 min), Alcohol Awareness (50 min), Stress management (50 min), Suicide prevention (60 min).
- Free for students: Flu Vaccine! Available at the LVC also.
- Tb skin tests are available for students who are required to be screened for Tb! There is a \$5 fee.

- Free for students: Cholesterol Screening is available, students should be fasting prior to the test.
- Extra Credit Activities: Many activities are available for your students to participate in and receive extra credit including health topic modules. The deadline to complete an extra credit activity for Fall semester is November 23th.
- Personal Counseling: Stress management, test anxiety, relationship issues... Students can see a counselor up to 10 times a semester for free. An anger management and a substance abuse program is also available, students receive a certificate of completion after the program.
- Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physicians are available for students' health care needs.
- Watch for our Wellness Event flyer showing our schedule of wellness events! Our first event will be *Stress Management, Sept 20th, 11-1*, in the Student Center in Santa Maria.
- Our massage chair is very popular! Great stress reliever for students! Also available at the Lompoc Valley Center!
- Smoking cessation program available to students, faculty and staff.
- Acupuncture and Massage are also available in Santa Maria & LVC! Students make appointments through this link: <http://ccwellness.info>

Mentorship Program: The new Allan Hancock College Mentorship Program pairs successful community leaders with Allan Hancock College students looking for educational advice, career guidance, and life lessons. Each mentor is paired with a student (the mentee) who has been chosen because he or she is bright, willing to learn, and eager for educational, personal and professional advancement. [See the website.](#)

Lack of State Support Driving Students Out of State: I came across an [article in the New York Times](#) which detailed how declines in state support have driven students out of local areas. The lack of support causes increased tuition and limits the number of spots available. This leads students to attend universities far from home, where they pay higher, out-of-state tuition. California, in particular, sent out the highest number of students and had quadruple the amount of students leaving than it receives.

Student Supply Donations: Bookstore patrons can help area students start their school year off right by donating school supplies inside the Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center Bookstores. All donations benefit students at Allan Hancock College and the Santa Maria-Bonita and Lompoc Unified school districts. Donation bins are located inside both Bookstores.


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Information Booths Were a Hit: The information booths on campus on the first and second day of classes have proved to be very valuable to the students. We were able to answer questions and give direction and a positive contact to over 1,200 students. They were also very appreciative of the coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks available at the booths.



Dorine Mathieu and Health Services Save the Day!: This summer while



Dorine Mathieu was working in the MESA Center she noticed a student, Ignacio (Iggy) Campos-Bernal, had his computer monitor magnified about 300% to do his coursework. She inquired if he was having trouble with his vision and he said “yes” but he had no glasses. Dorine took him to Health Services down the hall to make an appointment. After his assessment, he was referred to an ophthalmologist and Dorine followed up to make sure he went to the appointment. He was able to get glasses for \$50 and a dome to assist him in reading books and other paper communications. It turned out he is legally blind due to a condition called ONA/Optic Nerve Atrophy. Despite this he was able to achieve a “B” grade in a math class without his visual enhancement equipment. He is now smiling confidently!

Career Exploration Day: Yesterday I sent an email regarding Career Exploration Day which will be on Friday, September 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. I have attached two files for you - the Word Document (RSVP List.doc) is a list of those invited – those who have RSVP’d are highlighted. Please take a moment to scan and see if you have any contacts at those that have yet to RSVP. Also, if you want us to add a company that you know would benefit from this, please email Lynn Mayer at lmayer@hancockcollege.edu so she can get them an official invitation.

The PDF document (Career Exploration Registration Flyer.pdf) is the registration form – you can also share it directly with anyone you contact and they can send it in. Please remember to be clear with anyone you contact that this is not a job fair – we are looking for businesses to come and explain to high school students what it takes to work in their particular industry.

Home Football Game: Our first big game will be here at the Hancock football field Saturday at 3 p.m. against the Bakersfield College Renegades. If you can't make it to the game, you can catch the [live streaming at this link](#).

Food Share Because We Care: The college participated in three Food Share events in the last two days. One today that was especially for PCPA actors and student athletes, one yesterday on the Santa Maria Campus for all students, and one at the LVC for Lompoc Students.



New Artwork in Admin Buildings: The next time you come into the Administration building, you will see some great historic photos of Allan Hancock College that have just been installed at the main entrance of the Administration Building underneath the historic "administration" letters which used to label the old building. These were just installed today.



Special 9/11 Memorial Ceremony with Assembly Member Katcho: At a special 9/11 memorial ceremony on Sept. 7 from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian will visit Allan Hancock College's Public Safety Training Complex (PSTC) and present a flag that once flew over the state capital building in Sacramento.

Approximately 115 students in the four public safety academies housed at the PSTC (law enforcement, CORE custody, fire and emergency medical services) will be participating in a ceremonial drill and procession. Students from a squad of Hancock's Law Enforcement Academy will raise the flag presented by the assembly member. The flag will be temporarily flown at half-mast in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11. Following the flag raising, Doug Dickson, interim director of fire, safety, and EMS education will give a tribute to all public safety, victims and survivors of 9/11. The trustees are all invited to attend the short event.

Economist Article on Which Degrees Give the Best Returns: I came across some interesting data found in an Economist Article entitled “Revenge of the Nerds.” [You can read the article here](#). The main takeaways from the article are as follows:

- What you major in is far more important than what university you attend
- STEM fields provide the greatest yield, followed by business
- Regardless of field, all degrees are likely to give you a positive return on investment

\$250,000 Donation: Today Karen Wood presented a bequest of \$250,000 to the foundation from her late aunt and uncle Norma and Norman Hansen. The Hansens also established an endowment in early 2004 with \$10,000 that has grown to \$220,000 for the Hansen Engineering Scholarship Endowment. Last semester two Hancock student recipients each received a \$6000 scholarship from the endowment. Pictured here are Valerie Moya, foundation board president; Karen Wood; Daniel Gonzalez, a recipient of the \$6000 scholarship; Toni McCracken of the foundation; and myself.



Josh Prenot to be Honored by Hancock at Downtown


Fridays: On Friday, September 9 at around 6:15 at the Santa Maria Downtown Fridays Farmers Market, Orcutt Olympic Silver Medalist Josh Prenot will be honored by several groups including the college. Josh was homeschooled but took 40 credits at Hancock so we will be filling the “school void” to honor him with a brief congratulatory speech and a gift. More details with regard to timing will be available next week on the [Downtown Fridays facebook page](#).

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- *Bulldog Bow-WOW, Wednesday, September 7, 9:30 a.m. to 1: 30 p.m. SM Campus Commons
- *Public Safety Training Complex 9/11 memorial ceremony with Katcho Achadjian, Wednesday, September 7, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
- *Josh Prenot honored at Downtown Fridays, September 9
- Coast Hills Rancho Vino event, Saturday, September 10, 6-8 p.m.
- *Bulldog Bow-WOW Lompoc, Wednesday, September 14, 9:20 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. LVC Quad
- *Career Exploration Day, Friday, September 30, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Special 9/11 Memorial Ceremony with Assembly Member Katcho: At a special 9/11 memorial ceremony on Sept. 7, Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian visited Allan Hancock College's Public Safety Training Complex (PSTC) and presented a flag that once flew over the state capital building in Sacramento. All 115 students in the four public safety academies housed at the PSTC (law enforcement, CORE custody, fire and emergency medical services) participated. Doug Dickson, interim director of fire, safety, and EMS education gave a moving tribute to all public safety, victims and survivors of 9/11. [Here are some photos](#) from the event. Here is an [article in the Lompoc Record](#) on the event.

CORE Custody Cadet Graduation: Hancock College's first-ever class of CORE Custody cadets was recognized Thursday morning during a graduation ceremony. There were 22 graduating cadets at the ceremony, which was held at the Public Safety Training Complex. Of them, 15 were employed by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and seven were members of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office. [Here are some photos](#) from the event. Here is an [article in the Lompoc Record](#) on the event. [KSBY also covered the event.](#)

Bridges Workshop: Today the Allan Hancock College counseling department hosted a High School counselor workshop for our Bridges program. Here are some photos of the workshop, which took place in the Student Center at Santa Maria campus.




Josh Prenot to be Honored by Hancock at Downtown Fridays: On Friday, September 9 at 6 p.m. at the Santa Maria Downtown Fridays Farmers Market, Orcutt Olympic Silver Medalist Josh Prenot will be honored by the city and Allan Hancock College. Associate Superintendent/VP of Student Services Nohemy Ornelas and "Spike" will be presenting Josh with a "Bulldog Spirit" award and several gifts from the college, including Hancock swim caps, Hancock apparel, and various other Hancock gifts. The college cheerleaders and ASBG will also be there to help honor Josh at the event.

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LVN Board Exams: Twenty-seven students in the Hancock Licensed Vocational Nursing program recently took their NCLEX board exams and all 27 passed! Congratulations to Bonny Friedrich, director of the LVN nursing program and the LVN teaching team, community partners and especially the students on these results!



**Report 4 Rolling Quarter – Jurisdiction Program Summary of
all First-Time Candidates Licensed in All Jurisdictions**

PEARSON VUE

01 Apr 2016 to 30 Jun 2016

California Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians (22)

CA - ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE (US04100100)

Education Program Code	Education Program	Education Program City	Graduation Date	-- Current Quarter -- 04/01/2016 – 06/30/2016				-- Total -- 07/01/2015 – 06/30/2016			
				# Delivered	# Passed	# Failed	% Passed	# Delivered	# Passed	# Failed	% Passed
US04100100	CA - ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE (US04100100)	SANTA MARIA		0	0	0	0.00%	1	1	0	100.00%
				3	3	0	100.00%	26	26	0	100.00%
Total:				3	3	0	100.00%	27	27	0	100.00%

Career Exploration Day Guests: Attached (9-15-16 RSVP List.pdf) is the current list of companies that have been invited to participate in the Annual Career Exploration Day. The companies that have not responded have been highlighted in blue. Companies that are not highlighted have confirmed they are participating. The deadline to submit registration forms is today at 4:30 p.m. We expect to receive a number of registrations in the late afternoon.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Night: At the Santa Maria Elks Lodge’s annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night last week, Hancock Police Department dispatcher Araceli Castillo was presented with a Law Enforcement Appreciation Award from the Santa Maria Elks Lodge in recognition of her outstanding and invaluable service to the community. Castillo was honored along with seven other officers and civilians from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, California Highway Patrol, Santa Maria Police Department, Grover Beach Police Department and Probation. She was also presented with certificates from local lawmakers including Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian, Fifth District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino and Guadalupe Mayor John Lizalde.



Cal Poly Alumni Award for Nohemy Ornelas: Nohemy Ornelas, the associate superintendent/vice president of Student Services at Allan Hancock College, has received another major recognition for her commitment to helping students succeed. Ornelas will receive the Honored Alumni Award from the Alumni Association of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. She is one of only seven Cal Poly alumni selected to receive the alumni association's highest honor in 2016.



Earlier this year, Ornelas received a Latino Legacy Award for making a difference in the Santa Maria community. She was also named to the *Pacific Coast Business Times'* 40 Under 40 Class of 2016, which recognized 40 young men and women, all under the age of 40, who are part of a new generation of dynamic leaders throughout San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

Ornelas and the other honored alumni will be recognized during a special awards banquet Friday, November 4 in San Luis Obispo.

Accreditation Team: The visiting accreditation team from ACCJC will be on campus from September 26-29. There will be a meet and greet to welcome them in the Severson Theatre on Monday, September 26, from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Coffee and pastries will be provided.

Faculty PSTC Tour: Today, 17 new faculty and administrators toured the Public Safety Training Complex and Lompoc Valley Center as the first of a year-long series of trainings scheduled twice monthly. These training are optional and designed to expose faculty to programs throughout the district, provide necessary information, and build teamwork and collaboration. Pictured right is new chemistry professor Danae Madrid.



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- *Accreditation Committee meet and greet, Monday, September 26 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
- Accreditation visit, September 26-September 29
- Career Exploration Day, Friday, September 30, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.



WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: September 23, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

PCPA Welcome BBQ: We welcomed the incoming PCPA Conservatory class this week with a BBQ on the lawn in front of Building B. One of our goals this year is to build a stronger relationship with the PCPA students – they have the most grueling schedule of any of our students and often are not able to participate in student activities.

PCPA Foundation: We have finalized the MOU with the PCPA Foundation. Mike Black and Jennifer Schwartz did a great job of managing the process to ensure that everyone on the PCPA was comfortable with the transition. PCPA Foundation staff are now part of the PCPA Auxiliary and our development activities will be much more streamlined now. The first effort of this new partnership will be an event honoring Royce Lewellen for his service to PCPA and our community on October 22 at St. Marks church in Los Olivos.

Accreditation Visit: The accreditation team arrives on Sunday for its site visit. Each of you are scheduled to meet with them for a short time and you are invited to the “meet and greet” on Monday morning at 8:30. This is a collegial process; I am sure you will find the visiting team to be very friendly. If you want to refresh your memory, take a few minutes to read Standard I, IV and the QFE. You can find them on the college’s [accreditation page](#). If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

On a related note, the team organizing the visit have gone above and beyond to be ready. Christy Lopez in Dr. Railey’s office has provided logistics; Carmen, Melinda and Kenia in my office have done their usual amazing work, and Mary Girty has come back to help. The final document is a campus wide effort led by our cabinet team, but we would be remiss if we didn’t acknowledge the work of Academic Senate President Marla Allegre. She spent as many hours as anyone to ensure the document was a fair reflection of the work we do.

We have a brief guide to the visit that you should have received over email this week. We have also posted it [here](#).


President’s Circle Fall Gathering: On October 19th we are hosting a reception for Foundation members, President’s Circle members and their guests. If you know of someone who would like to attend, please share the card attached to your email. There is no cost and there is no ask for a donation!

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

- *Accreditation Committee meet and greet, Monday, September 26 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
- Accreditation visit, September 26-September 29
- Career Exploration Day, Friday, September 30, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: September 30, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Accreditation Visit Oral Report: The accreditation evaluation team praised Allan Hancock College and its leadership in their oral report on Thursday morning. The 13-member team of peer evaluators commended the college for several items including the PCPA Theatre program, management and implementation of Bond Measure I funding, and its state-of-the-art Public Safety Training Complex and public safety programs. They specifically mentioned our committed Board of Trustees and how impressed they were at speaking to each of you.

Hancock Named Best Value: AffordableColleges.com, a website dedicated to helping students earn degrees from quality institutions with as little debt as possible, recognized Hancock as one of the most affordable colleges in the nation. Hancock ranked the third most affordable in the state and 12th in the nation in 2016. The study took into account tuition, number of students receiving financial aid, student success data and program metrics. To read the report, [click here](#).

Lompoc Food Share: The expansion of the food share program in Lompoc has been a valuable success. LVC's third Food Share Because We Care event was held on September 27. The total number of students served to date in Lompoc is 282 with a total of 1,279 family members. On Tuesday 111 students were served which included 48 new participants and one newly homeless student. This represents a total of 438 family members including: 122 age 0-17, 282 age 18-59, 34 age over 60.

Terri Lee Coleman Receives State Award: California State Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian selected Allan Hancock College employee Terri Lee Coleman to receive a special award from the state. The assemblyman awarded Coleman the 2016 Community Impact Award for the 35th Assembly District. The recognition acknowledged her exceptional volunteerism and countless contributions to the college and numerous non-profit organizations.



Term 2 Classes: Registration is under way for nearly 100 short-term classes, most of which start the week of October 17. Every class can be completed in eight weeks or less, including nearly 30 online courses. There are a few options that meet only once, or only on weekends. Term 2 is designed to help student complete their degrees faster by squeezing in a short-term class to help complete GE and graduation requirements.

Career Exploration Day: The college's 12th annual Career Exploration Day took place on Friday. More than 2,000 students from about 20 different area high schools and charter schools converged on the Santa Maria campus to learn more about potential career fields. Representatives from more than 100 college programs and local businesses, including employers from manufacturing, agriculture, law enforcement, military, civil service and medical fields, were on hand to talk specifics about their industry and the education it requires for employment. Hancock faculty and staff from academic and career technical education departments such as welding, public safety, nursing and culinary arts were also available to talk about corresponding courses and career options. Photos can be found [here](#).

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


- President's Circle Fall Gathering, Wednesday, October 19, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- PCPA honors Royce Lewellen, October 22, St. Marks Church, Los Olivos



WEEKLY UPDATE

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: October 7, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Spirit Week: ASBG has designated Monday, October 10 through Saturday, October 15, 2016 as Santa Maria Campus AHC SPIRIT WEEK – “Believe you can, and it will be”. Every day will have a different theme and activities. The week will start out as with:

- Groovy Monday - Dress like a Hippie to Work/School
- Tiki Tuesday – dress Hawaiian day/beach wear
- Work-out Wednesday – wear workout attire
- Spike’s Spirit Thursday – dress in AHC gear or as a super hero
- Freaky Friday – Halloween or scary attire
- Survival of the Rivals Saturday – 7th Annual Student vs. Staff Flag Football game

Prizes will be awarded two students every day and to the winners of the office decorating contest.

Super Hero Week: In recognition of our local “super heroes” the Children’s Center will have some special guests visit the center over the next few weeks. Don’t be alarmed if you see multiple police cars, fire trucks or ambulances in front of the center- we are not having an emergency! We are simply introducing our local heroes to the children and helping to create a sense of safety in the event an emergency situation arises. We plan on keeping it low key, so not to worry about any sirens continuously sounding.


Board Meeting in Lompoc: Just a reminder that next week’s board meeting will be held at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc next week.

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- President’s Circle Fall Gathering, Wednesday, October 19, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- PCPA honors Royce Lewellen, October 22, St. Marks Church, Los Olivos

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: October 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Trustee Open Hour: Larry Lahr will host Trustee Open Hour next Thursday, October 20 at noon in the Student Center. Tim Bennett will host the November open hour.

Student Artwork: On Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 4:30 p.m. we will unveil a new 1-story mural created by John Hood's art students. The mural will be on the northwest side of Building L. If we have a quorum, we will meet in the Captain's Room, open the meeting and go to the unveiling together. Please let Carmen know if you can make it. More details to come.



Frightmare Forest: Just in time for Halloween, the Hancock basketball teams are set up for the return of Frightmare Forest. The three-acre haunted maze is a fundraiser for the men's and women's basketball teams. It'll be open from 6:30-10:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays the rest of the month (Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29). It costs \$10 per person and is open to all ages. It's located in the vineyard, which is behind our baseball and softball complex.

Meet the Bulldogs: Get a sneak peek at our basketball teams in action during the annual Meet the Bulldogs event on Thursday, October 20, at 5 p.m. inside Joe White Memorial Gymnasium. It's free and open to the public. The men's and women's teams will participate in intrasquad games, three-point shooting and slam dunk contests. Free pizza will be provided to the first 100 fans thanks to event sponsor Me-n-Ed's Pizzeria.

Students vs. Staff at Rivalry Football Game: The Hancock football will renew its rivalry with Santa Barbara City College this Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Hancock Football Field. It will be the Bulldogs' conference opener and the 56th all-time meeting between the two teams. AHC leads the all-time series 31-23-1. The annual Students vs. Staff football game will take place at halftime. The students won last year, so the faculty/staff team is ready to regain those bragging rights. ASBG will also host a pre-game tailgate party at 1 p.m. in the lot outside the Police Department.

Wine Tasting Sale: Taste the fruits of our students' labor during the second annual Allan Hancock College Wine Tasting and Sale. It has been scheduled for Saturday, November 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside our winery. Appetizers will be provided, and the event is free of charge. All the wines are created by Hancock students.

Local Heroes: Children at the Orfalea Children’s Center Lab School met some local super heroes this week. Members of the Santa Maria and Allan Hancock College police departments paid a special visit. Organizers say the program is an exciting learning opportunity for the kids, and they also want the children to begin feeling a sense of safety around first responders in the event an emergency situation ever arises. The Santa Maria Fire Department will visit the center later this month to continue the program.



Transfer Events: Hancock will host two transfer-related events on Tuesday, November 1. University Transfer Day, which is geared for our students, will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Commons. College Night, which is geared toward high school students and parents, will be in Joe White Memorial Gymnasium that evening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. About 40 colleges and universities will be on hand for both events, including UC and CSU reps. There will also be workshops for students and their parents from 5-6 and 6-7 p.m. that evening.

Cameron Artis-Payne’s Big Night: Former Hancock All-American Cameron Artis-Payne enjoyed a career night high during Monday Night Football this week for the Carolina Panthers in their 17-14 loss to Tampa Bay. He scored two touchdowns in the third quarter and finished with a career-best 88 rushing yards. Artis-Payne started as running back for the third straight game. To hear Cameron’s thoughts about this big game, [click here](#).



Growing Roses in Concrete: On October 27 and 28 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. various presenters will speak at the Radisson Hotel in Santa Maria on issues of social justice, equity, access, and best practices on serving our community needs. The keynote speaker will be Jeff Duncan-Andrade, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Raza Studies at San Francisco State University. Duncan-Andrade has lectured around the world about the elements of effective teaching in schools that serve poor and working class children. The event is a cosponsored event with the college and Santa Maria Joint Union High School District. See the flyer attached (counseling summit poster).

Home Motors Chevrolet Donation: Home Motors Chevrolet presented a check for \$6,000 to the Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees this week to support our Food Share Because We Care program. The food distribution program resulted in more than 25,000 pounds of food going to about 1,500 students between Nov. 2015-May 2016. On top of Santa Maria distributions, the program expanded this year to include the Lompoc Valley Center, student-athletes and PCPA students. Home Motors is also sponsoring the men’s basketball team’s tournament on Nov. 18-20.





College Singers and SLO Chamber Orchestra: Under the direction of Ann Lucas, D.M.A., the Allan Hancock College Singers will collaborate with the San Luis Obispo Chamber Orchestra during their annual fall concert on Sunday, November 6, at Grace Bible Church in Arroyo Grande. It'll take place at 3 p.m. and features work by 18th century masters Franz Josef Haydn and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door on the day of the concert, or between now and then at the music department.

Cookies with a Counselor: On October 11 and 12 the Lompoc Valley Center counselors had booths out where students could get coffee and cookies. The idea was to give students an opportunity to ask questions before and after their classes in an informal and non-threatening setting.



Gang Intervention Event at SLO Mission: Father Greg Boyle, founder of an organization which employs and trains former gang members, as well as provides services to 15,000 men and women every year seeking a better life, spoke to Hancock students about gang intervention in an event called "Lessons from the Field: Kinship as Gang Intervention" at the San Luis Obispo Mission. The students were able to have dinner before the inspirational event.




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

- *Student vs. Staff game during halftime of Hancock vs. Santa Barbara City College, Saturday, October 15 at 2 p.m. at the Hancock Football Field
- President's Circle Fall Gathering, Wednesday, October 19, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- *Trustee Open Hour, Thursday October 20, 12 p.m. at the Student Center
- *"Meet the Bulldogs" event on Thursday, October 20, at 5 p.m. inside Joe White Memorial Gymnasium
- PCPA honors Royce Lewellen, October 22, St. Marks Church, Los Olivos, 5:30 p.m.
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- *New campus art mural unveiling, Thursday, November 8, 4:30 p.m. Meet in the Captains Room.

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: October 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Bob Isaacson Poetry Celebration: October 19 was the 5th annual Bob Isaacson Poetry Celebration. The AHC English Department and Friends of Bob celebrated democracy with poems of local and global citizenship.

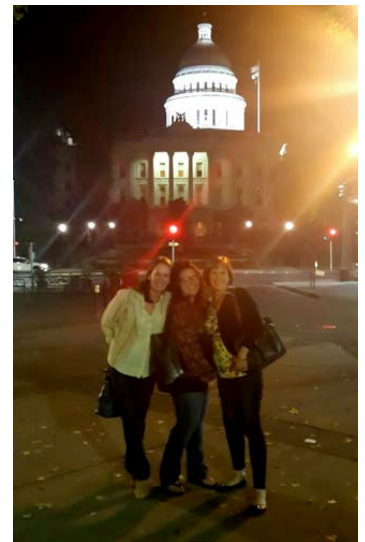
Board Policy 2430 – Delegation: I am sure you saw the op-ed piece in Friday's paper that questioned delegation of authority. As you know, this is part of Ed Code and Accreditation Standard IVB. The policy is also not a new policy – it was renumbered in October of 2014 from Board Policy 1150. Moreover, this went through our shared governance process and earned full consensus – including support from the part-time faculty member who serves on college council. I have attached BP 1150 and the renumbered version to the weekly email.

President's Circle Fall Gathering: On October 19th College Advancement hosted a special reception for Foundation members, President's Circle members and their guests. With great food, wine, and music from our own Dr. George Railey on his saxophone, it made for a great night. [Photos can be seen on our college Flickr site.](#)

Student Artwork: On Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 4:30 p.m. we will unveil a new one story mural created by John Hood's art students. The mural will be on the northwest side of Building N. If we have a quorum, we will meet in the Captain's Room, open the meeting and go to the unveiling together. Please let Carmen know if you can make it.

Board Member Appointment to the Student Housing Evaluation Panel: As part of the Student Housing RFQ/P process, an evaluation panel is currently being assembled. At the November 8 board meeting, Vice President Hernandez will request appointment for a board member to serve on the evaluation panel. Attached (2Oct2016 Evaluation Panel Charge) is the panel charge that includes the committed dates and times.

HR Conference: This week, Human Resources staff (Kelly Underwood, Liz Phillips, Sharan Kelly, and Holly Barrett) attended the annual Association of Chief Human Resource Officers conference in Sacramento. Topics included *Best Practices for Hiring Employees, Dealing with Injured and Difficult Employees, and Best Practices for Communicating Respectfully on Campus.*



Meet the Players: On October 20, students and the community had the opportunity to watch our basketball teams tonight and eat pizza. Each team played an intrasquad scrimmage, and participated in slam dunk and three-point shooting contests.




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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: October 28, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Prop 51 Press Conference: I participated in a YES on Proposition 51 press conference Friday alongside former State Superintendent Jack O'Connell and superintendents from San Luis Obispo County school districts. The proposition would result in \$150 million impact on Northern Santa Barbara County school district, including \$17 million for Hancock to help fund the Fine Arts Complex.



Accreditation Op-Ed: The Santa Ynez Valley News ran an op-ed I wrote on the good things going on at AHC. You can see it [here](#).

Foundation Meeting: On Wednesday, November 2, the Foundation will hold a strategic planning meeting at the Radisson. I will share our Strategic Plan with the group.

Research on Student Debt: We've purchased a book for each of you titled *Paying the Price*. The book addresses college costs, financial aid, and the American Dream. The author, Sara Goldrick-Rab, is scheduled to attend the November League Conference. The book is available now if you would like it mailed, otherwise we will have it for you at the November board meeting.

Law Enforcement Academy Graduation: The Law Enforcement Academy Graduation is scheduled to be held on December 8, at 10 a.m. at the Public Safety Training Complex. Please save this date. See attached flyer (Save the Date Class 111.pdf)

Día de los Muertos: Congratulations to Writing Center Coordinator Mimi Velasquez and her staff for another fantastic Día de Los Muertos celebration. The shrine in the center seems to get bigger and better every year. She also provided traditional treats. The event landed on the front page of [Friday's Santa Maria Times](#) as well as in the [Santa Ynez Valley Star](#).



National Educators Coming Out Day: Hancock is a co-sponsor of the Coalition for Undocumented Student Success, an organization which advocates for educational equity and opportunity that will be

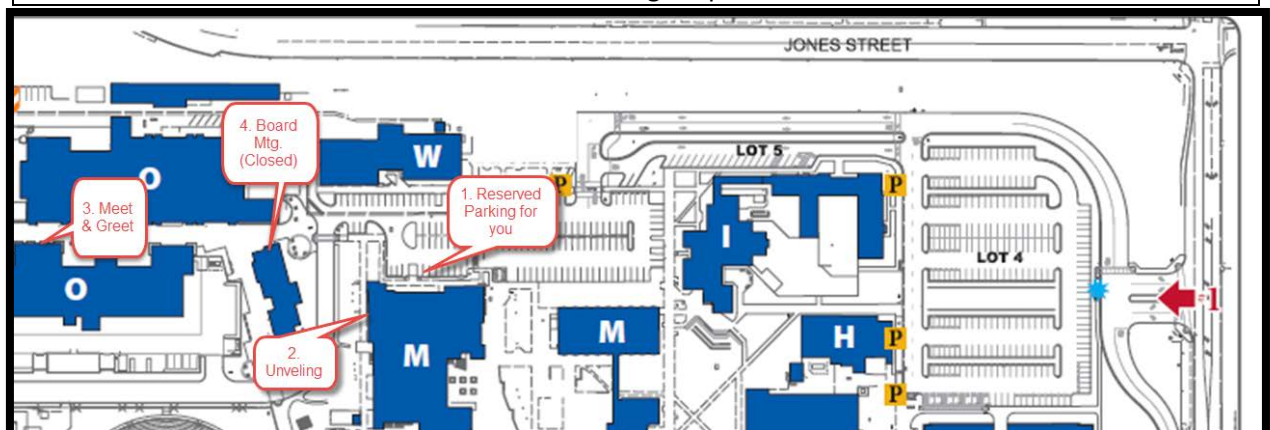
holding an event to support undocumented students on November 10 from 4-6 p.m. More information can be seen on the attached flyer (UnDocuComingOutDay-2.pdf)

Roses for Roses: The inaugural Counseling Summit wrapped up Friday with participants feeling more empowered and reinvigorated. More than 200 academic counselors, administrators, school board members, and some of our students attended the summit that included several highly-regarded speakers. Vice President Nohemy Ornelas, Dean Yvonne Teniente-Cuello and their staff deserve a dozen roses each for putting on such an amazing event. [KSBY-TV covered the first day of the summit.](#)



Board Meeting Day Schedule: We have a couple of events scheduled on the same day as the board meeting. Please see below for schedule. Please park in parking lot 6 (see map below).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES November 8, 20216		
TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
4:25 P.M.	Building M	Park in lot 6
4:30 P.M.	Building M	Unveiling of Students Mural Presentation of student painting to be displayed in building B.
5:00 P.M.	Winery – Building O	Meet and Greet CoastHills Foundation and Presqu’ile Winery Reps.
5:15 P.M.	Building O, Rm O -102	Board Meeting – Closed Session
6:00 P.M.	Boardroom – B-100	Board Meeting – Open Session




Fire and Law Enforcement Graduations: Please save December 8 and 9 for the department's graduations as noted below.

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- *YELL Conference, December 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. More details to come.
- *Law Enforcement Graduation, December 8, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Public Safety Training Complex
- *Fire Academy Graduation, December 9, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Public Safety Training Complex

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: November 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Turkey Drive: A special visitor stopped by the Orfalea Children's Center Lab School this week. The early childhood studies faculty requested the turkey stop by to read to the children in exchange for a donation to the CARE Turkey Drive. This year, the turkey drive is hoping to provide full Thanksgiving meals to 70 single-parent students. Each dinner costs \$35. Checks can be sent directly to the CARE Center or the Allan Hancock College Foundation.



Cal Poly Alumni of the Year: Vice President Nohemy Ornelas will be recognized this weekend with the Honored Alumni Award from the Alumni Association of Cal Poly. She is one of seven Cal Poly alumni selected to receive this prestigious honor this year. Nohemy earned a master's degree in education from Cal Poly in 2007. She was selected to represent the College of Science and Mathematics. They played a video of each recipient during the reception, to watch Nohemy's [click here](#). The password is cp



Admin Team: Thanks to the EMS program, the administration team received a brush-up on CPR skills, as well as learned how to use an AED during our monthly meeting. We hope we'll never have to use the skills, but if we do, we are a little more prepared.

Veteran's Day Celebration: A celebration for all Veterans and Dependents will take place at the Veteran Success Center on Monday, November 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pizza will be served and the trustees are invited. Please see the attached PDF entitled (Veteran's Day Celebration.pdf)

Pumpkin Patch: CAC Head Start had a "pumpkin patch" at the Allan Hancock College Santa Maria Campus on October 28. Here is a photo of the Head Start children with their pumpkins.



Transfer Day and College Night: Thanks to Ashley Brackett and the University Transfer Center, the annual Transfer Day and High School College Night events were smashing successes. A few hundred Hancock students visited with reps from about 40 four-year universities during Transfer Day, including about 80 Cabrillo and Lompoc high school students who were bussed in for the event. At least 500 high school students and their parents attended workshops and chatted with university reps during College Night.



Y.E.L.L. Conference: The Young Educated Latinos Leaders Conference, better known as Y.E.L.L., is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. This year's conference is aimed at empowering male high school students to overcome challenges and succeed in both school and life. Olympic boxer Carlos Balderas, who met President Obama at the White House this week, is one of the keynote speakers. A conference geared at empowering female high school students will take place in the spring.

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- Allan Hancock College Singers collaboration with the San Luis Obispo Chamber Orchestra at fall concert, Sunday, November 6, 3 p.m. at Grace Bible Church in Arroyo Grande
- Veteran's Day Celebration, Monday, November 7, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Veteran's Success Center G 101, SM Campus
- New campus art mural unveiling, Thursday, November 8 4:30 p.m. Meet in the Captains Room.
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FIGHT THE ODDS
at Allan Hancock College!

Event dedicated to
Juan Gallardo, a former
Hancock employee and
site coordinator in area high schools
for UCSB, who is fighting cancer.

YOUNG EDUCATED LATINO LEADERS (Y.E.L.L.) CONFERENCE

Saturday, December 3, 2016 | 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Marian Theatre, Allan Hancock College

Empowering male high school students to overcome
challenges and succeed in both school and life.

CONFERENCE INCLUDES:

- Keynote Speaker Carlos Balderas, U.S. Olympic boxer
- Other motivational speakers
- Prizes
- Free breakfast and lunch

REGISTER AT WWW.HANCOCKCOLLEGE.EDU/YELL

For more information, contact Central Coast Cal-SOAP
at (805) 922-6966 ext. 3710.
ASL interpreter services available upon request. Please call 922-6966
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Conference geared toward empowering female high
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WEEKLY UPDATE

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: November 10, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Veteran's Appreciation Day: Student Health Services sponsored a Veteran's Appreciation Day on Thursday at the Santa Maria Campus. Representatives from The SLO Vet Center in their impressive mobile unit and Student Services representatives from The Veteran's Success Center and other departments were on hand to provide support to our student and staff veterans. Santa Barbara County Public Health Department was also there to assist all students who had questions regarding health insurance and open enrollment. [View Photos from the Event](#). All Veteran student and Veteran staff members were also invited to attend a Pizza Party in the Veteran Success Center On Monday Nov 7, 2016.

Community Speaks! PCPA is presenting *Community Speaks! For Patriotism*, a community-based theatre project in which the voices of the community are represented by conservatory acting students in the form of Verbatim Theatre. Over 70 members of the Santa Maria community were interviewed to create this play which is free of charge and will show November 12 at 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. and November 13 at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. See the attached flier (community speaks.jpg).

Arts and Crafts Fair: The annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be held in the student center on Wednesday, November 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is a great way to find holiday gifts locally.

El Jardin: A one-act play produced and performed by the students of the Drama 189 class will having showings in the Fine Arts Courtyard at the Santa Maria Campus on Nov. 29, Dec. 1, and Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.; Dec. 2 at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; and Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m.

Updated Budget Data from Chancellor's Office: Trustee Lahr requested a review of the CCFS-311Q report as presented in the November 8, 2016 Board Book. Upon staff review it was determined that the Fiscal year 2015-2016 actual data provided by the Chancellor's office in the CCFS-311Q report was incorrect. We have contacted the Chancellor's office to notify them of the issue. The information that was certified for the quarter is correct and the information is correct on the Chancellor's website. The report with the correct FY 2015-2016 information is attached (CCFS-311Q Updated.pdf).

Enrollment Management Handout: Dr. Paul Murphy referred to the attached handout (EMC Enrollment Update.PDF) regarding enrollment updates in his monthly board update. This attachment has large slides that are easy to read.

Holiday Events: The trustees are invited to the following holiday events which will take place in December. SM Campus – Wednesday, December 7 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Severson Theatre
Lompoc Valley Center – Thursday, December 8 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in 1-202/203


Mural Unveiling: As you are aware, the Art on Campus Committee unveiled the mural “Depth of Humanity.” The mural is a beautiful addition to the campus. View photos from the event [at this link](#).

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

- *Arts and Crafts Fair, Wednesday, November 16, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the student center
- YELL Conference, December 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. More details to come.
- Santa Maria Campus Holiday Event– Wednesday, December 7 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Severson Theatre
- Lompoc Valley Center Holiday Event– Thursday, December 8 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in 1-202/203
- Law Enforcement Graduation - December 8, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Public Safety Training Complex

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: November 18, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Student Housing Request for Qualification and Proposals (RFQ/P): No applicant qualifications were received by our deadline on Thursday, November 18. Twenty-six interested parties requested and received the RFQ/P document, and six attended the voluntary pre-submittal orientation meeting, so there seemed to be interest. My guess is that the feasibility of building to DSA code and being able to charge enough to manage the building didn't pencil out.

YELL Conference: The Young Educated Latino Leaders (YELL) Conference will be held Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Marian Theatre. The trustees are invited. The conference is for male high school and college students to help empower them to overcome challenges and succeed in both school and life. Olympic boxer Carlos Balderas will be speaking along with a number of other motivational speakers. The conference is being dedicated to Juan Gallardo, a former Hancock employee who worked at Cal-SOAP and was a site coordinator in area high schools. He recently passed away from cancer on Thursday morning. The flyer for the event is attached (Yell Final.pdf)

Note: A rosary will be held for Juan this Sunday at St. Joseph Church in Nipomo at 6 p.m.

Nursing Program Graduation: The Trustees are welcome to attend the Nursing Program graduation on Thursday, December 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Marian Theatre. Please let Carmen know if you will be able to attend.

Police Activity Alert: The Public Affairs office activated the RAVE emergency alert system on November 15, to notify students, faculty and staff about police activity near the Santa Maria campus. Students and staff received emails and text messages notifying them of the incident, and precautions they should take on campus. They were also notified when the incident was resolved through emails, text messages, and the campus' telephone intercom system. As a follow up to the event, Public Affairs sent a campus-wide email with detailed instruction on how to sign up for emergency text messages.

Message of Student Support: The Public Affairs office sent an email to all credit and noncredit students, in both English and Spanish, letting them know the college supports our students. Many students expressed concern about the impact the president election would have on them or their family members. Academic Dean Sofia Ramirez-Gelpi took the initiative to write the following message:

The election results are on everyone's minds. There are those who are anxious and those who are worried about potential changes that could be a direct result of the election. The college would like to echo the words of our Interim Chancellor for the California Community Colleges Erik Skinner: "...while the presidential election has been divisive and has sparked anxiety and uncertainty on our campuses, we will always embrace the values of inclusion and diversity, and support all students who want to build better lives for themselves and their communities."

No student should forego their dreams nor the opportunities to pursue their academic goals, whether it is to learn English, get their GED, learn new vocational skills, or transfer to a credit program.

No matter what, Hancock College will remain committed to its mission to provide quality educational opportunities to all our students; opportunities that enhance student learning and the creative, intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of our very diverse community.

Application Review Pizza Night: The University Transfer Center held an application review pizza night on November 15. A total of 66 students dropped in to have their university applications reviewed by our expert counseling staff.

New Student Health Services Counseling Page: A new website has been developed for health counseling (vs. academic counseling) in the Student Health Center. The page is full of information and resources for students, faculty, and staff. [The site can be found here.](#)

This Week in Pictures:

[Team FOCUSED “Bulls eye” Event](#)

[Great American Smokeout](#)


[Arts and Crafts Fair](#)

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: November 23, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

20th Annual Blaine Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament, Dinner, and Auction: The family of drag racer Blaine Johnson hosted an annual golf tournament which took place on November 16. Throughout the day of golfing at the Santa Maria Country Club and into the evening's dinner and auction at the Elks Lodge, the community and the public came together to raise funds for the Blaine Johnson Memorial Foundation. The Foundation was created by Blaine's family to support scholarships to students in the Automotive Technology program who exemplify the drive and determination that Blaine exhibited on the track and in life. The Foundation has also provided generous material support to the college through the years, including the donation of a transmission dynamometer in 2015. Pictured below, L-R, are Industrial Technology Department Chair and Automotive Technology lead instructor Patrick McGuire with members of the Johnson family: Blaine's brother, Alan; mother, Agnes; and sister, Pam.



Studython: The STEM Center and Student Equity are collaborating to put on a "studython" for Dec. 6-8 and Dec 10 & 11 for all AHC students. The Student Center will be open after hours Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will provide students an opportunity to have a place on campus to study after hours during finals week.

Ugly Sweater Holiday Parties: The holiday celebrations will take place in Santa Maria on December 7 in the Severson Theatre from 2:30 – 4 p.m. and in Lompoc in room 1-202/203 on December 8 from 12:30-2 p.m. Attendants are encouraged to wear ugly holiday sweaters. Tags are available on trees located in the SM Student Center and the LVC Student Services Building to participate in the Angel Tree gift drive. See attached flyer (Holiday Celebration Poster.jpg)

EOPS/CARE Turkey Feast: Yesterday the eighth annual CARE Turkey Fest provided all the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving meal to around 50 parent students in Santa Maria and almost 20 in Lompoc, including a 16- to 18-pound turkey, rolls, stuffing, green beans and potatoes, and to top it all off, gravy. The meal also includes pumpkin pie and whipped cream for dessert.



MESA Milestones: MESA has released their latest newsletter highlighting momentous affairs of the program during fall 2016. [Read the newsletter at this link.](#)

EEO and Diversity Best Practices Handbook: The EEO and Diversity Best Practices Handbook is now available and can be found at the following link: <http://extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/Legal/EEO/eee-handbook-final.pdf>. Regarding the handbook, the chancellors office said the following:

“In the fall of 2015, the EEO Advisory Committee identified nine best practice areas for success in promoting EEO. These nine areas now serve as the “Multiple Methods” for the allocation of the EEO Fund. The EEO Advisory Committee reviewed the Multiple Methods certification forms submitted by the June 1, 2016 deadline and selected the top three submissions for each category representing innovative and effective EEO “best practices” at the local level. The Office of the General Counsel edited the selected best practices for clarity, and identified additional innovative concepts for inclusion in the EEO and Diversity Best Practices Handbook.

This Handbook is best used as an interactive tool. You will note that there are numerous live links embedded within the Handbook that lead to local guidelines, trainings, EEO Plans, forms, and other helpful materials already in place and utilized at community college districts throughout the state. Please use these resources as your district develops or updates its EEO Plan, considers expenditures on new EEO programs, or completes its Multiple Methods certification for 2017.

Our EEO programs are essential for student success. Our colleges must have a workforce that is continually responsive to the needs of our diverse student population. It is our hope that this Handbook serves as a useful reference, a source of inspiration for our local EEO programs, and a vehicle for our districts to connect with one other for important discussions and practical advice.

Please reach out to your fellow districts if you have questions about specific programs identified in this Handbook, and as always, do not hesitate to contact our office for assistance. We look forward to what lies ahead in the promotion of EEO throughout our community college system.”

This week in Pictures:

[AHC Basketball vs. Napa College](#)

[LVC Estudiantes Unidos](#)


[Law Enforcement Academy Training](#)

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: December 2, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

YELL Conference: The Young Educated Latino Leaders (Y.E.L.L.) Conference is all set to take place Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in the Marian Theatre, on the Santa Maria campus. The agenda and timeline of speakers is attached to this email (YELL Conference Agenda.pdf and YELL Conference Staff Agenda.pdf).

El Jardin: Several performances of the one act play El Jardin have taken place in the Fine Arts Courtyard. The play is produced and performed by students of the Drama 189 class. There will be one more performance taking place December 5 at 4:30 p.m.

Trustee Open Hour: Trustee Hilda Zacarias will host Trustee Open Hour on Thursday, December 8 from 12 to 1 p.m. in building G, Student Center in front of the bookstore.

Wine Sale: The Enology and Viticulture program is pleased to announce that we be making it easier to purchase our award-winning wines this holiday season. Wine will be sold in the Allan Hancock College Winery in Santa Maria (Building O211) every Thursday and Friday in the first few weeks of December at the following times:

Thursdays, Dec. 8 and 15 - Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fridays, Dec. 9 and 15 - Open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

AB540 We Stand With You: We had a standing room only crowd of AB540 and DREAM Act students Friday for our workshop "AB540- We Stand with You." The college hosted the event to help the undocumented students learn what college resources are available to them, what their rights are under state and federal laws. Many of our students, as well as others around the country, have experienced anxiety and fear for their future and families after the presidential election. The Santa Maria Times, KCOY, Telemundo and Entravision covered the workshop.

Therapy Dogs to the Rescue: Next Wednesday on December 7 some friendly (and very well-behaved) therapy dogs from Therapy Dogs International will be visiting the campus. They will be available for therapeutic pats, tail wags, and other blood pressure-lowering interactions with the entire AHC Community from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in front of the Santa Maria Campus Library, Bldg. L.



THERAPY DOGS

are coming to the rescue!




Wednesday, December 7th
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
in front of the Library.

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: December 9, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

STUDYthon: The first ever STUDYthon started this week and hundreds of students participated from December 6-8, 6 p.m. to 12 midnight. Surveys collected offered positive feedback and students were very appreciative of the time of the event, food, and coffee & tea. This event was possible thanks to Student Equity funding. The event was monitored and coordinated by HIS STEM and Articulation grant staff (Siboney Guardado, Erendira Ubias, Berizohar Padilla). In addition, tutors were on hand as well as other resources.



Board Meeting Note: Because we will not be having a closed session for Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m., dinner will not be served.

Law Enforcement Academy Graduation: Twenty-nine recruits saw their sacrifice, hard work and dedication over the last 21 weeks pay off on Thursday as they graduated from Allan Hancock College's Law Enforcement Academy. Nearly 850 hours of training later, each recruit shot more than 70,000 rounds of ammunition, passed 14 scenario exams and 26 written exams, as well as successfully completed testing for arrest and control, physical training, report writing and emergency vehicle operations.



Women's Basketball Success: The Allan Hancock College women's basketball team took a 63-43 win over the host Cuesta Cougars to capture the championship for the second straight year at the Phillips 66 Invitational in San Luis

Obispo. Hancock will host the annual Lady Bulldog Classic from December 9-10. The Bulldogs will play Barstow at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9. Cuesta will also face L.A. Harbor at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Fans will receive free admission to the two-day tournament if they bring an unwrapped children's toy valued at \$10 or more for the Toys for Tots Toy Drive. The tournament will end Saturday, Dec. 10, when Cuesta plays Barstow at 3 p.m., and the Bulldogs battle L.A. Harbor at 5 p.m.



Fire Academy Graduation: Twenty-nine recruits from Allan Hancock College's Fire Academy celebrated the end of five months of training, perseverance and dedication on Friday. Battalion #138 received their certificates at the Fire Academy graduation at the college's state-of-the-art Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc today.

This week in pictures:

[Unity Safety Pin Week Movement](#)

[Jingle Bell Rock Your Finals](#)

[Unity Week: Let's Talk About it Panel](#)

[YELL Conference](#)


[CAN vs. EOPS Kickball Game](#)

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- Nursing Program Graduation – December 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Marian Theatre, let Carmen know if you will be attending.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: December 16, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Hancock Employee Elected to Guadalupe City Council: One of our academic counselors is now a city councilman for the city of Guadalupe. Antonio “Tony” Ramirez was sworn in to a four-year term on Tuesday. He has been a 3SP Counselor at Hancock since August 2015 at our Lompoc Valley Center. Here’s an article from [the Santa Maria Times](#).



Former Hancock Student in NCAA Championship:

Ryan Mediano, a former AHC football player, will play for a NCAA Division II National Championship this weekend. Mediano is a senior tight end for University of North Alabama. The Lions face undefeated Northwest Missouri State on Saturday, Dec. 17, in Kansas City. The game will kick off at 1 p.m. on ESPN 2. Mediano is a St. Joseph High School graduate, who has played in all 12 of the Lions’ games this season. Look for him, he wears #81 for UNA.

Application Workshop: The College will be holding a scholarship application workshop to help students prepare their applications for AHC Foundation Scholarships. Students will have the opportunity to drop in and get help with their applications. The scholarship application has been streamlined online and is easier and more user-friendly than ever. www.hancockcollege.edu/scholarships

Trustee Orientation: Please remember that the New Trustee Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20 at 8:30 a.m. in G106 at the Santa Maria campus.

APPLICATION WORKING WORKSHOP

ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE - SANTA MARIA CAMPUS
LAB A-103 • DECEMBER 20 • 11AM - 4:00PM



JUST DROP IN WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE
ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION APP!

Planning for Minimum Wage Increases: At the board meeting, you approved an increase in the student work wage and asked that we look forward to the coming wage increases for our CSEA staff. You may recall that we eliminated the three lowest ranges as part of our last collective bargaining agreement. Our lowest wage is now \$15.52/hr on Range 11. After five years, a person on Range 11 would be at \$18.86 per hour. As of this week, we have 29 staff members on that range. You can see the full CSEA salary schedule [here](#).



Plantel Nurseries Tour: Today a group of about ten administrators and faculty members toured Plantel Nurseries, hosted by Plantel President Scott Nicholson and CFO Les Graulich. It was an enlightening visit as we learned about the types of employees they need beyond those that plant. It is clear that they have a need for welders, engineering technicians, mechanical and electronics workers. Our dean and faculty had a very robust conversation about how our programs can meet their needs.

As a side note, you might recall that Plantel was a large donor to the Joe White Auction, including the purchase of a special package where they were able to conduct the coin toss for a football game and watch from the sideline. We are very

grateful for their support.


Trustee Website Update: The bios and photos of new trustees Jeffery Hall and Dan Hilker have been added to the Board of Trustees website: www.hancockcollege.edu/board

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

- *New Trustee Orientation, Tuesday December 20 at 8:30 a.m. in G106
- *Men's Holiday Classic basketball tournament, December 28-30.
- *First day of spring classes, January 23

TO: Mr. Greg Pensa
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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: December 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

**Peace on Earth and Pizza for All:**

At this time of year the campus is relatively quiet with many of our staff members taking vacation time. For those on campus today (both Santa Maria and LVC), we

brought in pizza and had an informal lunch. It's one of the most fund days of the year. Melinda Martinez and student worker Jordan Sharpe spearheaded the effort that left many faculty and staff smiling!



National Student Housing Data: Campus residential housing continues to be an important issue nationally and in California. New research ([click here](#)) from the American Association of Community Colleges provides some interesting national data on campus housing for community colleges. In summary, about 28 percent of all community colleges offer on-campus housing, even though only one percent of community college students live on campus. Public two-year colleges with residential housing are spread across most of the United States, but the number of dorms in each state and dorm capacity varies. In recent years, the growth of on-campus housing has been slow but steady. In 2015, about 39 institutions indicated having on-campus housing that did not offer it in 2012.

Veteran Hancock Police Officer Visits Guadalupe Jr. High: On December 20, students at Kermit McKenzie Junior High in Guadalupe received a special visit from veteran Allan Hancock College Police Officer Richard Ramirez, who shared with them inspiration and advice he gained from nearly 50 years of service as an officer. [Read more about his visit here.](#)

**Recent Photo Albums:**

[December 13 Board of Trustees Meeting](#)

[AHC Holiday Celebration](#)

[Swearing in of Chief Grohowski](#)

[Fire Cadets Graduation](#)


[Police Cadet Graduation](#)

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- All Staff Day, January 20*
- First day of spring classes, January 23

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: January 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

It's a little slow on campus this week, but we do have a little bit of news:

Healthy Campus: Hancock has been recognized as an official White House Healthy Campus. The college was one of 350 schools nationwide to participate in the White House Healthy Campus Challenge, and among a select few invited to attend an event at the White House on Jan. 13. First Lady Michelle Obama will be one of the speakers. The challenge was launched to educate students about the importance of acquiring health insurance. A recent survey conducted by Student Health Services showed that 6.3 percent of Hancock students were uninsured, compared to 29 percent surveyed in 2013.

Conversational Chinese offered in Solvang – Tracy Farhad of Visit Solvang called this week asking if we could provide fee-based classes in conversational Mandarin in Solvang. They are preparing for a trip to China and want to have some ability to have basic communication. Thanks to the quick work of Dean Gelpi and Dr. Railey, we will have the class up and running in two weeks!




Holiday Classic Champions: Right before the new year, the men's basketball team won the Holiday Classic title for the 15th time our tournament's 52-year history. We needed two overtime wins and another come-from-behind victory to do it. The men are at a Cuesta tournament this weekend. The women host Bakersfield Friday at 7 p.m. and LA Pierce at 5 p.m. Conference games start next week.

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

- Women's Basketball – 7:00 PM tonight (Jan 6) and 5:00 PM on Saturday.
- First day of spring classes, January 23

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: January 13, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Institutional Effectiveness Council Planning Retreat: The Institutional Effectiveness Council is pleased to invite the trustees to participate in our annual planning retreat. The planning retreat is a key component in our council and committee structure that leads to prioritized institutional planning objections. The retreat has also inspired new and innovative ideas such as Hancock Hello! All of us seek to fulfill the Allan Hancock College mission; to do this well, we need broad participation from the entire campus community. The retreat will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Santa Maria Country Club. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

ACCJC Presentation: On Thursday morning I was joined by Board President Pensa, Academic Senate President Marla Allegra and Vice President for Instruction George Railey. Our visiting team chair, Dr. Debbie DiThomas, joined us in the visit. The presentation went well and we were able to answer all of the questions (five or six total) of the panel. We will not get our final determination until the end of this month. In related news, after four years of wrangling, San Francisco City College received reaffirmation for seven years.

All Staff Day: Join us for All Staff Day on Friday, January 20, 2017 to welcome back faculty and staff, and introduce new employees to campus. The event will take place at the Marian Theatre with the program commencing at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and morning refreshments will be available at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will also be provided.

Community Education Registration Help: Due to a new online application process, Community Education will hold registration assistance workshops Jan. 17-19 on campus and in the community to help noncredit students sign up for community education classes. Prior to this year, noncredit students could fill out a paper application to register. The Chancellor's Office now requires students to apply and register online. In-person assistance is also offered to students who stop by Community Education in Building S.

Basketball Starts Conference Play: The basketball programs begin conference play at home this Saturday, Jan. 14, against Ventura College. The men will play at 3 p.m. and the women will follow at 5 p.m. The



SAVE THE DATE

**ALL
STAFF
DAY**

SPRING | JANUARY 20, 2017
Marian Theatre • Santa Maria campus

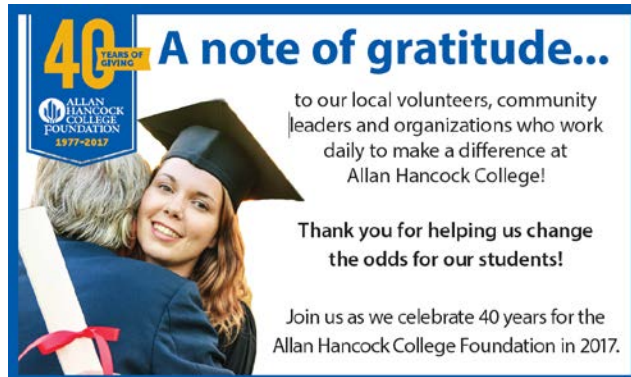
Agenda details to follow



men have won five of their last six games, while the women are ranked in the top 20 in Southern California. The Ventura women’s team has won the last 26 conference championships.

The Foundation’s 40th Anniversary Promotion:

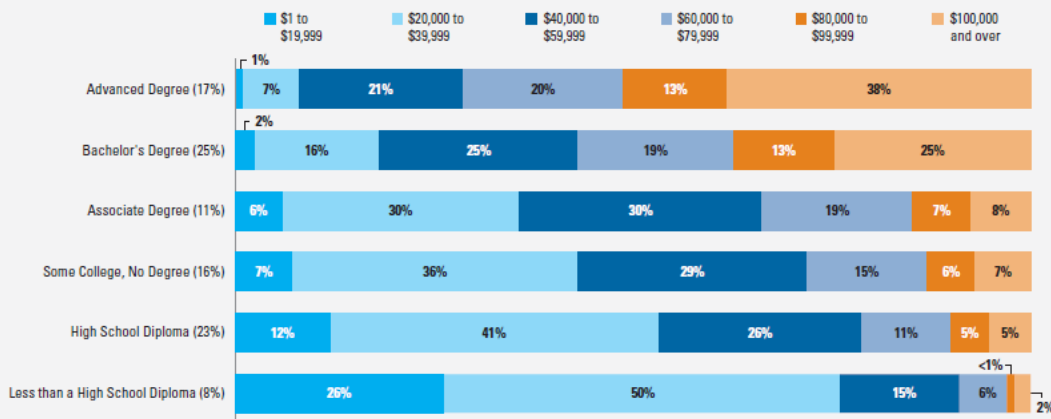
A new ad appeared in the Santa Maria Sun this week saluting volunteers, community leaders and organizations who work daily to make a difference at Allan Hancock College. The ad is below and you can see it in the Sun on page 27. The issue of the Sun had a major editorial and advertising section on the importance of giving back and the impact it can have so the timing for the ad could not have been better.



Dean’s Honor List: A total of 730 students were named to the Deans’ Honors List for fall 2016. Students must complete at least 12 units with a 3.5 or better GPA. Nearly 350 students received Special Honors for achieving a 4.0 GPA. Nearly 50 student-athletes were named to the Deans’ List. With 13 players, the baseball program landed the most on the Deans’ List, followed by the men’s soccer, football, women’s water polo and women’s volleyball teams.

Value of a College Degree: The College Board’s annual report [Education Pays](#) was released this week. It shows the value of education beyond high school. The report demonstrates that more education leads to better social outcomes on measures such as health, insurance, poverty, unemployment civic service, voting and social mobility. It also depicts the economic value of a degree, as shown in this chart:

FIGURE 2.3 Earnings Distribution of Full-Time Year-Round Workers Age 35 to 44, by Education Level, 2015



NOTES: The percentages shown in parentheses on the vertical axis represent the percentages of all full-time year-round workers age 35 to 44 with each education level. Percentages may not sum to 100 because of rounding.

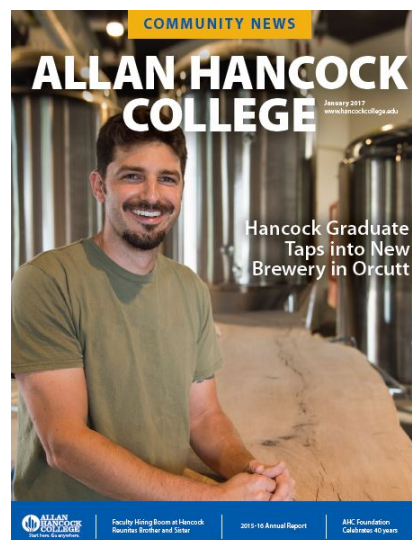
SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau, Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance in the United States, 2015, PINC-03; calculations by the authors.

Community News: Hopefully you have received the college's new *Community News* publication in your mailbox. You can also [read it here](#). This year we went with a magazine style with a more personal focus and it has been very well received. If you would like to pick up an issue or a stack you can get some from the public affairs office.

Dr. David Hernandez: Just as we were getting ready to send this, we received word that David Hernandez of the counseling department successfully defended his dissertation! Congrats, Dr. Hernandez!


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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: January 20, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Board Meeting Closed Session: Please plan to attend closed session of the board meeting at 4:30 p.m. on February 14. Additional time may be needed to consider a few closed session items.

Former Hancock Student at Cornell: The following is a letter from former student Nelly Guerra who was recently admitted to Cornell University:

Hello everyone,

I hope each of you are enjoying your Monday.

I would first like to thank each and everyone one of you for allowing me to share my news about Cornell with you. I appreciate you guys for taking your time out of your busy schedules to meet with me. It definitely gave me a boost through this stressful transition. I also enjoyed listening to the advice and motivational talks.

Here I am now, two months later packing and prepping for the big move of the year! I will be flying out to Ithaca today at 11 p.m. I can't help but think that if it weren't for the caring staff at Allan Hancock College, I don't think I wouldn't have been prepared for this big move in such a little time frame.

I am happy to say that I am now receiving Cornell Aid, and it is such a relief to know that Cornell is covering most of my expenses this year. I also found out that my orientation leader is from Modesto and has also gone through the FFA and we have a couple mutual friends.

Start here go anywhere!

*Warm regards,
Nelly Guerra*



Save the Date, Third Annual Reclassification Celebration: The college is partnering with Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Multilingual and Migrant Program to put on the Third Annual Reclassification Celebration on March 28, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall. The meeting will feature a keynote address by Jose Hernandez who is a first generation Mexican American engineer and retired NASA Astronaut who was on Space Shuttle Mission STS-128. Hernandez is a former MESA student and graduate of UCSB. The meeting is to celebrate multilingual students reaching language proficiency in English. It is open to the public and we are inviting area high school students and Hancock students.

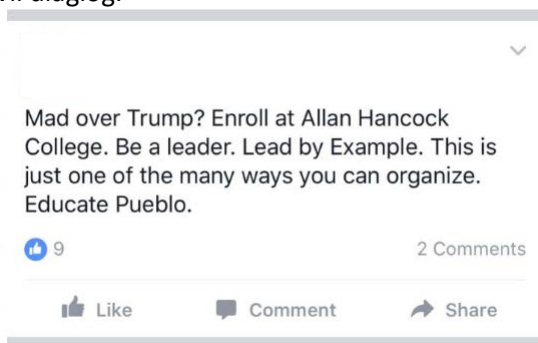
Solvang Center Chinese Language and Culture Class: Earlier this month, Tracy Farhad of the Solvang Convention and Visitors Bureau asked if we could offer conversational Mandarin. Dr. Gelpi and Dr. Railey jumped into action and got a course set up for them. This week Tracy wrote us a note of thanks:

Thank you so much for making our Solvang Center Chinese Language & Culture class happen! Jenny has been a delight to work with — and we have 12 signed up, and counting. We put out a press release on our China Ready Programs naming AHC and the Solvang Chamber in joint collaboration.

Again, our sincere gratitude for making a class available here in Solvang. I've heard from hoteliers and retailers excited about the opportunity.

Cheers, Tracy

Speaking of Unity: This appeared today on Facebook – apparently from a former student. This fits right into our efforts to promote civil dialog.



American Welding Society: Earlier this week, welding instructor Gabriel Marquez hosted AWS at the Industrial Technology Building. Click below to see pictures of the event.


[American Welding Society Meeting at the Industrial Technology Complex](#)

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- First day of spring classes, January 23
- Institutional Effectiveness Council planning retreat, Friday, February 24, 2017 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Santa Maria Country Club.
- *Reclassification Celebration, Tuesday March 28 at Veterans Memorial Hall, 313 W. Tunnell St.

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: January 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

AACC WDI 2017: This Thursday, I was honored to be asked to participate in a panel and speak in front of more than 200 people from across the country at the American Association of Community Colleges Workforce Development Institute. We discussed ways to help college students transition from noncredit to credit classes. One of the highlights for me was meeting Don Smith, a high school dropout who joined the Air Force, and went on to earn his GED and associate degree from Hancock while stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Now, Mr. Smith is the Academic Vice President at Brookhaven College in Dallas.



Spring Athletics: Spring sports are getting under way this week. The baseball team hosts LA Pierce Saturday at 1 p.m., and Cabrillo at 1 p.m. on Sunday. The basketball teams will host Oxnard this Saturday. The men, who just knocked off first place Cuesta, will play at 3 p.m. The women, who beat Cuesta for the fourth straight time, play at 5 p.m. If they continue to play well and win, the women's team has a legitimate shot for the program's first playoff berth in at least 20 years. Softball will play its first home game next Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Institutional Effectiveness Annual Planning Retreat: The agenda for the Institutional Effectiveness Council Annual Planning Retreat has been created and is attached to this email (*Planning Retreat Agenda.pdf*). The trustees are invited to participate. The retreat will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Santa Maria Country Club. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Fine Arts Student Show: Stop by the Foxworthy Gallery in the ARC (building L) to view the annual Fine Arts Student Show. Over 100 pieces of student work show the terrific talent and vision of the current crop of visual arts students in the Fine Arts department. It is one handsome show! The reception for the artists will be on Wednesday, February 15 from noon to 2 p.m. All are welcome to come celebrate with our students and art faculty. Gallery hours are: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 7: p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some photos of the artwork have been taken and [can be viewed here](#), but it's much better in person!


All Staff Day: Last week's All Staff Day was cut short due to weather but [here are some photos](#) from the day of our staff and faculty introductions.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: February 3, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Closed Session: Due to number of items to be considered in closed session at the February 14 meeting, *it may be necessary* to meet at 4:00 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m. The agenda will be revised as soon as we have confirmation.

Carney's Coaches vs. Cancer: Athletics will host the 3rd annual Carney's Coaches vs. Cancer event next Wednesday, February 8. The men will play at 5 p.m. and the women will follow at 7 p.m. The national event was renamed at Hancock a few years ago in honor of our women's basketball assistant coach Larry Carney, a four-time cancer survivor, who lost his father, mother, and brother to the disease. All ticket, commemorative t-shirt, and snack bar sales will be donated to the Mission Hope Cancer Center. This year, with the support of College Advancement, **you can donate directly to the campaign by visiting <https://crowdfunding.hancockcollege.edu/>** You can donate online through next Monday, February 13, or at the game. Every dollar helps! During halftime of the men's game, the college will present a check to the Mission Hope Cancer Center, which provides essential support services to local residents battling cancer.



The Santa Maria Times published a great article in this morning's paper about Coach Carney and the college's fundraising efforts. You can [read it here](#).

Economic Vitality: Our Cabinet team attended [the first summit](#) hosted by the Economic Vitality Team of Santa Barbara County's this week in Buellton. We heard from economic development and city leaders from throughout the county, as well as from Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties. Many of the speakers stressed the important role community colleges, like Hancock, play in the county's economic well-being, job market and work force.

Dance Spectrum: Trustees and a guest are invited to attend the Dance Spectrum at the Marian Theatre. Please select a date/time you would like to attend and notify Carmen. She will redeem your certificate for tickets.

Dance Spectrum Dates/times are:


- Thursday, 3/16 - 7 p.m.
- Friday, 3/17 - 7 p.m.
- Saturday, 3/18 - 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, 3/19 - 2 p.m.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: February 10, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Closed Session: Due to the number of items to be considered in closed session at the February 14 meeting, we will **meet at 4:00 p.m.** instead of 4:30 p.m.

Men's Support Group: Our Student Equity Plan identifies a gap in achievement for men. To address this issue, Counselors David Hernandez, Clint Freeland and Ricardo Navarette started a men's support group (pictured). Students will get help with college success skills, career and job relocation, parenting and relationship skills, self-motivation, and stress management.

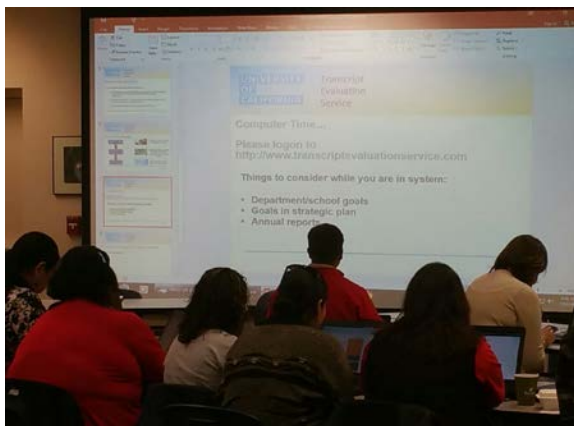


YELL Mujer: A date for the Y.E.L.L. Mujer Conference has been set for Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the Marian Theatre. The Young Educated Latina Leaders Conference will empower female students to overcome challenges and succeed in both life and school. The planning committee has started meeting weekly to determine the speakers and agenda. It will be open to all middle school and high school students. We will give more details as the event nears. As you recall, the college hosted a Y.E.L.L. Conference for male students in November that featured Olympic boxer Carlos Balderas as a keynote speaker.

Foundation Gala: Save the Date! Please reserve Saturday, October 21 for the Allan Hancock College Foundation Gala to celebrate the foundation's 40th anniversary. The event will take place in the hangar of Arctic Air Services at the Santa Maria Airport. You will receive a formal Save the Date and additional details as the event nears.

Spring Gathering Guests: Be sure to spread the word about the Spring Gathering, the special reception to honor community leaders. It'll take place Wednesday, March 1 from 5-7 p.m. at the Lompoc Valley Center. If you have anyone you'd like us to send an invitation to, please contact the College Advancement office at (805) 925-2004.

Coaches vs. Cancer: The annual *Carney's Coaches vs. Cancer* event was a big success and local residents battling cancer will benefit as a result. The college presented a check for \$2,500 to the Mission Hope Cancer Center during halftime of Wednesday's game against Moorpark. However, the dollar amount that will go to Mission Hope could be closer to \$4,000 once ticket, commemorative t-shirt and snack bar sales, along with donations made online through crowdfunding are finalized. Thanks to media coverage (KSBY, KEYT, KCOY and Santa Maria Times), more donations continue to roll in online at <https://crowdfunding.hancockcollege.edu>. I am grateful for the administrators and staff who contributed, as well as many of you who donated online. A crowdfunding campaign called *Love Your Club* to benefit multiple student clubs and sports teams will take place later this spring. [More photos from the Coaches vs. Cancer event can be found here.](#)



Bridges to Success: Today more than 50 counselors from AHC and our local school districts met to work on streamlining access to higher education for our students. Representatives from the University of California provided training on transcript evaluation (pictured). Counselors also discussed our efforts to develop multiple measures for initial placement of college students.

Time is the Enemy: One of the things I am most proud of in my time here is that we have incorporated the notion that *time is the enemy* of

college completion. That is a phrase that I brought with me from my time in West Virginia, but it was not my own. It came from Stan Jones, the founder of Complete College America. Stan passed away earlier this month, but his legacy lives on. If you are interested, you can find a great tribute to Stan [here](#).

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[Bulldog BowWOW! February 8](#)

[Estudiantes Unidos Orientation February 2](#)


[CAN Orientation February 3](#)

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DATE: February 17, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Phi Theta Kappa All-California Team: Congratulations to Hancock student Victor DeAlba who was selected as for the 2017 Phi Theta Kappa All California Academic Team. Victor is one of our more active and visible students on campus and works as a student ambassador at the Lompoc Valley Center. He was selected for his demonstrated leadership and for his numerous contributions to the community.



Santa Maria Honors Former Trustee Grennan: On Tuesday, the Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Commission honored former Allan Hancock College Trustee Henry Grennan for his service to the city of Santa Maria as a Recreation and Parks commissioner for more than 20 years. To commemorate his time on the commission and service to the city, the Recreation and Parks Commission approved a measure that would name the new sports field at Oakley Park the Henry M. Grennan Field. [See the Santa Maria Times article here.](#)

Non-Credit Outreach: On Wednesday and Thursday night this week our non-credit counselors welcomed more than 200 potential students to campus for informational sessions on enrolling. Our current noncredit enrollment is down from last year. The board's unity resolution this week is a big step toward addressing the concerns of these students. We are also setting up a noncredit summit for our staff to develop better processes to ensure that everyone who comes to inquire about taking a class leaves enrolled in a program that will help them. Additional photos are attached to the weekly email.



NAACP Black History Month Picnic: The NAACP will hold its annual Black History Month celebration tomorrow at Pioneer Park (rain or shine!). The event begins at 12:00 with lunch at 1:00 and a program at 1:45. Student Ambassadors will be on hand and I have been asked to speak. All are welcome – if you want lunch, email Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt at lyonspruitt@msn.com.

LVN Program Ranked in top 4 percent in CA: The licensed vocational nursing program was ranked among the top six best programs in California by the website PracticalNursing.org. The ranking means Hancock is among the top 3.6 percent of the 165 LVN programs in the state. Rankings were based on the pass rates of the national licensure examination between 2011-14. During that period, 97.9 percent of Hancock students who took the NCLEX-PN passed. The national rate is 84 percent.

AHC Foundation 40th Gala: The 40th Committee has tentatively selected **Saturday October 21, 2017** as “the” day for the AHC Foundation 40th Gala, honoring Agnes Grogan. Please take a moment to reserve this date on your calendars now. As mentioned at our board meeting, we’ll be ‘taking flight’ via the wonderful Arctic Air hangar at the Santa Maria Airport. So get your aviation attire in order now!

Stu Bartleson Memorial: AHC supported the celebration of life for Stu Bartleson on Sunday. Stu bought



many BBQs through the Booster Club, but never used them. Jim Glines and Keith Pierce rolled the Community Bank BBQ up to the Bartleson Ranch and AHC provided a full blown dinner for more than 300 people. I assisted Manny Martinez on the pit, Shannon and Trey were there for prep and passing out sausage, Susan Houghton made sandwiches as Bobby White manned the slicer and Kim Ensing and Bridget Tate welcomed each guest as the food servers. It was a grand way to say thanks to a family that has meant so much to our college and all of north county. Our thoughts are still with Jan Bartleson as she adjusts to life without Stu.

Former AHC Foundation Board Members Reception: The AHC Foundation is also working on a special afternoon reception for all past Foundation board members. **It is tentatively set for Sunday April 2 from 2-4 p.m. at the Santa Maria Inn.** This would be an opportunity to let past board members know of our plans for the year, to videotape some of our guests and the ‘memories’ they have and to just enjoy the accomplishments of the Foundation on behalf of the College.

Youth Track Clinic: Nearly 50 local children participated in a Youth Clinic last weekend hosted by Hancock’s track and field program. The children learned the basics of field events, like shot put and high jump, as well tried out hurdles and relay races. All funds raised supported the track program.



Finally Coaches vs. Cancer Tally: When the dust settled, the annual Carney’s Coaches vs. Cancer event raised \$3,551 for the Mission Hope Cancer Center. That includes last minute donations, online contributions, as well as the t-shirt, ticket and concession stand sales. Thanks to the online crowdfunding and outstanding support from the campus community, this year’s event raised nearly three times more than last year. [View photos from the event.](#)

This week in photos:

[Lompoc Bulldog BowWOW! February 15](#)

[Love Carefully and Get Engaged Events, February 14](#)

[Community Education Photography Class](#)


[Charcoal Drawing class](#)

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Planning Retreat: Today's planning retreat was the best in my four years here. Paul Murphy, working with our Institutional Effectiveness staff and the Institutional Effectiveness Council, guided a tremendous conversation that will set the stage for long term planning. With more than a dozen faculty members in attendance, the participants discussed four year degrees, open educational resources, outreach and time to degree for students. The conversation will provide material for IEC to consider over the balance of the semester. My thanks to Dr. Murphy, Holly Costello, Armando Cortez, Erica Biely and our other presenters for putting on a great event that will help us serve our community.



Changing the Odds: Adrian Espindola came to AHC from the Los Prietos Boys Camp. He earned his nursing degree and has been working in the ER at Marian Hospital. This week he learned that he had been accepted into the USF Physician's Assistant program. That is a success worth celebrating!

Spike Tank: This event gave students the opportunity to present their fundraising project to a panel of judges that included faculty, staff, a community member, and Trustee Pensa. They were asked to determine who would get a spot in our first crowdfunding launch! Crowdfunding, similar to a GoFundMe account, will give students the opportunity to fundraise via social media, text messaging, email, etc. The panel of six judges were looking for several different characteristics of the projects including,



creativity, professionalism, and an appropriate budget. There were 12 clubs that participated in Spike Tank, and all of them brought unique ideas to the table!



Changing the Odds, Part II: This week, Pablo Flores, one of our re-entry students (a fancy term for adult!) found out that he had been accepted to Cal Poly's business program. This was primarily the work of his hard work, but also due to the support of counselors Ashley Brackett and Rachel Johnson along with classified staff member Pam Story. Pablo dropped off this nice thank-you gift for each of them earlier this week!

Women's Basketball: This week, the women's basketball team appeared in the postseason for the first time since 1995. The team received the No. 18 seed for the Southern California Regionals. Hancock battled all the way until the end, but lost 75-63 at Santa Ana. It was an amazing year for the team – its 17 wins were the most since 1995, which is also the last time the team made the playoffs. Syenna Ramirez, a St. Joseph HS graduate; Taylor Lee-Hammer; and Grace Rosa, a Paso Robles High School grad and the niece of our Orfalea Children's Center Lab School Director Yvon Frazier, earned All-Conference recognition



Coach Ashmore: Allan Hancock College women's swimming and diving head coach Mike Ashmore received a commemorative medal from the United States Olympic Committee. Ashmore was recognized for coaching former Hancock student and Orcutt native Josh Prenot, who won a silver medal in the 2016 Rio Olympics in the 200-meter breaststroke event. Ashmore coached Prenot for nine years at the Santa Maria Swim Club. Each American Olympic medalist selected one coach to recognize, and Prenot chose Ashmore.



Twitter and Social Media: I am guessing you will receive an email from a faculty member (the same person who sent one about a month ago) regarding our Twitter account. He is upset that our Twitter account is sports-centric and seemed to be even more upset that I did not think this was a significant issue. Our social media profile is wide-ranging (including the home page, snapchat and Facebook) and our Twitter account is important to keeping our parents updated on games. I have attached to the weekly email a presentation from Andrew Masuda that was given at today's planning retreat. If you have further questions, we would be happy to do a presentation for the board. For what it's worth, our analytics show literally more than 10 million hits on our athletics site. I am sure many of these are from automated aggregators, but it is a substantial number nonetheless.

This week in photos:

Black History Celebration photos <https://flic.kr/s/aHskV13Cin>

Choral Class Rehearsal photo <https://flic.kr/s/aHskPD3NCz>


Lompoc Bulldog Bow-WOW! Photos <https://flic.kr/s/aHskRfjfn5>

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DATE: March 3, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Industrial Tech Tour: On February 28, the college hosted the Santa Maria Noontime Rotary meeting in our state-of-the-art Industrial Technology Complex. Marna Lombardi and Margaret Lau expertly provided an enjoyable and informative tour for the guests including a stop at the winery. Robert Mabry also shared highlights of the Machine and Manufacturing Technology program and lab. The club got to see what we see every day – great educational leaders serving the community!



Big Brother of the Year: A recruit in Class 112 of the college's Law Enforcement Training Academy has been named the state's Big Brother of the Year for his work with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of SLO County. Jacob Gersh has been mentoring a 13-year-old boy since March 2015. He is now in the running to be the nation's Big Brother of the Year. He is being sponsored in our academy by the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office.

Spring Gathering: We had a wonderful and successful community and business leader event Wednesday evening at the Lompoc campus. More than 150 guests came away informed and appreciative of the capabilities, opportunities, and advantages we have in Lompoc! The event included tours of the Public Safety Complex, simulator demonstrations, fabulous Hancock wine, speeches, food, and more. A special thanks to Susan Houghton, Natalie Rucobo and college advancement team team for organizing the event. Events like this show that we are having a great impact on our community and solidifies our standing with our friends.

[View photos from the event.](#)



Concurrent Enrollment: Our concurrent enrollment program started with Santa Ynez high school in Spring 2015 and has grown to nearly a dozen schools. Attached are three slides (planning retreat slides) showing the enrollment numbers over the last couple years, the FTEs gained, the number of students from participating high schools that go on to Hancock. The last slide shows the percent of students that continued in the program from Fall to Spring.



Dr. Seuss Day: March 2 was Dr. Seuss's birthday—and what better way to celebrate than to read on what's now known as Dr. Seuss Day? Our student-athletes took part in the fun, including football players Anthony Miller and Kevin Oleita pictured here, who read to Ms. Graack's class at Adam Elementary School.



A2mend Conference: Hancock assistant basketball coach Josh Motenko, EOPS counselor Edwin Hodges and several Hancock students attended the African American Male Education Network and Development Conference. At the conference they heard from two-time NAACP image award winner and NYT best-selling author Dr. Michael Eric Dyson and Dr. Marc Lamont Hill CNN contributor and host of BET news and VH1 live.

Allan Hancock Promise: Attached is the slide presentation on Allan Hancock Promise from the planning retreat. We are working to roll out our own promise plan this fall. Susan Houghton shared the framework at our planning retreat.

Winery Tour: A delegation from the California Women of Agriculture will tour the winery this Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Over 50 members from the executive board of CWA, as well as appointed directors traveling from as far away as Blythe, San Diego, Redding, and Sacramento who are professionally involved in agriculture related business owners, vice presidents of banks, independent consultants, legislators, county supervisors, other elected officials will tour the vineyard (weather permitting), taste our wine, and enjoy pizza from the wood burning oven. We hope to achieve goodwill in the AG community and promote support of our winery.

Lompoc Rotary: I was invited to speak to our friends at the Lompoc Rotary Club. We discussed opportunities for four year programs, expanded services at the Lompoc Valley Center and even the shooting range – reminding them that when it does come online we will need to work with our neighbors to mitigate the noise.




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DATE: March 17, 2017

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Latino Legacy Award: Liz Pompa, a student ambassador and ASBG officer, learned this week she was selected to receive a 2017 Latino Legacy Award in the youth category. Liz was one of the students who really advocated for the unity resolution passed by the board last month. She will be honored at the Latino Legacy Awards reception later this month. As you recall, Vice President Nohemy Ornelas received a Latino Legacy Award last year in the education category.



More Good News for Victor: An update to Victor DeAlba's story. Previously, I mentioned he was selected to Phi Theta Kappa's All-California Academic Team, an honor only awarded to 85 community college students this year in the state. We found out this week, he was one of 28 named to the All-California Academic First Team. This is the third straight year a Hancock student has been selected for the First Team. Victor was also named a Coca-Cola Gold Medal Scholar, earning the maximum \$1500 scholarship!

Admin Team Retreat: Today the Administrative Team spent the day together in Lompoc. We started the day with a training led by Sofia Ramirez-Gelpi then transitioned to team building activities based on the CBS show "The Amazing Race." We ended the day with lunch and a painting lesson from Orcutt's Wine and Design. The afternoon was hosted at the home of Steve and Cathy Pepe of Clos Pepe Vineyards.

Love Your Club: Love Your Club is a crowdfunding campaign organized by College Advancement to support 10 student clubs and organizations on campus. The campaign will officially be launched on Monday, March 13, but we are inviting people to join the campaign early. Donating online takes less than three minutes. [See the campaign website with causes listed here.](#) The campaign will run through April 17. Small donations will have big impacts on students' lives.

Veteran Success Center Signatures: Signatures the last two years have been totalled for the Veteran Success Center and show an increase in use with 629 signatures in 2015 and 1726 in 2016. The center opened in May 2015. It continues to be a great resource for our student veterans.

International Women's Day: The college had a successful International Women's Day event on Wednesday hearing from Carrie Assunção who shared the Five Keys to Living Boldly. Joelyn Lutz who shared some of her beautiful music. Before the event members of the ASBG handed flowers to the women on campus who passed by and attended the event. [Photos from the event can be viewed here.](#)

Soccer Signings: Two women's soccer players have earned a chance to play at a four-year university. Bonnie Zuniga, a Pioneer Valley HS graduate, and Celeste Sanchez, a Righetti alumna, will sign scholarships with Waldorf University, a NAIA program in Iowa. Both Zuniga and Sanchez were All-Conference First Team players in the fall for the soccer team. A signing ceremony to honor the two will take place on campus in a few weeks.




Direction Signs: On Friday, some of our new directional signage were completed at the Santa Maria Campus. The signs should give our students and campus visitors quite a bit more direction on where to find campus locations.

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DATE: March 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

This week was spring break, but there is still some news to report.

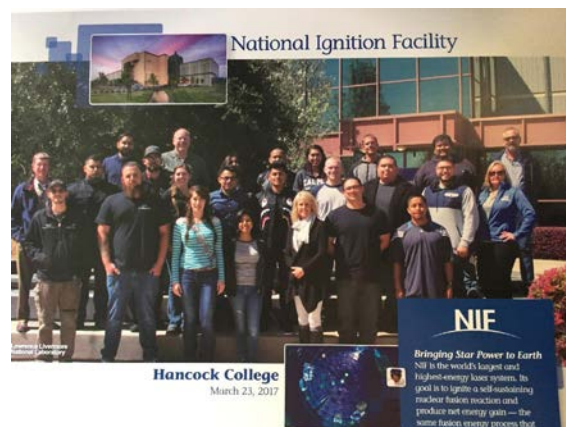
One more update for Victor: Victor Dealba was in Sacramento on Thursday to pick up his medal and certificate naming him to the First Team All California Academic Team. We were able to send Victor and his parents to the ceremony using President's Circle funding. AGS sponsor Kathy Headtke also went along – Kathy has been a champion for our students to apply for these scholarships over the past three years.



Non-Credit/Community Education Retreat: We hosted an all-day retreat for community education. As we look forward to improve our enrollments, building our non-credit enrollment will

be key. Our non-credit programs serve adults who need to develop language skills or get to college level to work toward a degree. Staff (and faculty who came on their own time!) identified barriers and developed solutions to ensure that our community will know they will be served when they come to Building S.

MESA/STEM Students at NIF: Our MESA/STEM program took nearly three dozen students to Livermore to tour the [National Ignition Facility](#) at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Engineers at NIF are working towards creating self-sustaining energy.



Veteran Assessment Project: The Santa Barbara Foundation is sponsoring an assessment of veteran needs and services in the county. I was able to attend the kickoff meeting on Monday. We will participate by helping clarify what services we can provide to help ensure that GI Bill benefits are utilized in the most efficient manner possible. This means working to ensure that veterans aren't duped by the for-profit entities in the county that cannot provide the quality education that we can at AHC.


SB 769: I have attached a letter sent to Senator Allen today in support of expanding the community college baccalaureate degree program. There appears to be growing momentum for the bill and we will continue to lead on this important issue for our community.

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Community College Pays: An updated analysis on Salary Surfer data has shown that students who complete an associate degree more than double their annual pre-degree earnings after two years in the workforce and nearly triple their pre-degree earnings after five years. Nearly half of student who graduated with an associate degree earned \$56,000 or more annually five years after getting their degree. The Chancellor's Office press release attached to the weekly email provides more information. You can also look at the [Salary Surfer Tool](#) online to see the median annual salary of each program of study.

Scholarship Awards Reception: Please plan to attend the annual Scholarship Awards Reception. It will be held on Thursday, May 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Joe White Memorial gym. This year the event will not feature a Santa Maria style BBQ. There will be appetizers and dessert.

Honoring the Champions: The college honored the 1972 state championship baseball team during a pregame ceremony on Thursday. About one dozen former players returned, as well as head coach John Osborne. The 1972 team went 26-3 and beat College of the Redwoods in the state championship game to win the baseball program's first and only state title. Watch KSBY's story on the ceremony [here](#).

[View Photos from the Reunion](#)



President's Roundtable: About 30 administrators from area high schools and school districts from Lucia Mar to the Lompoc Valley attended our annual President's Roundtable event Thursday morning. Vice presidents Ornelas and Murphy, as well as Yvonne Teniente, Susan Houghton and Emily Smith made presentations about all of our exciting programs and services. It was a great opportunity to inform them of what we are doing to change the odds in the community, and for them to provide feedback.

Commencement: This year's Commencement planning is in full swing. The ceremony will be held on Friday, May 26, 1 p.m. Mark your calendars to help honor the class of 2017.

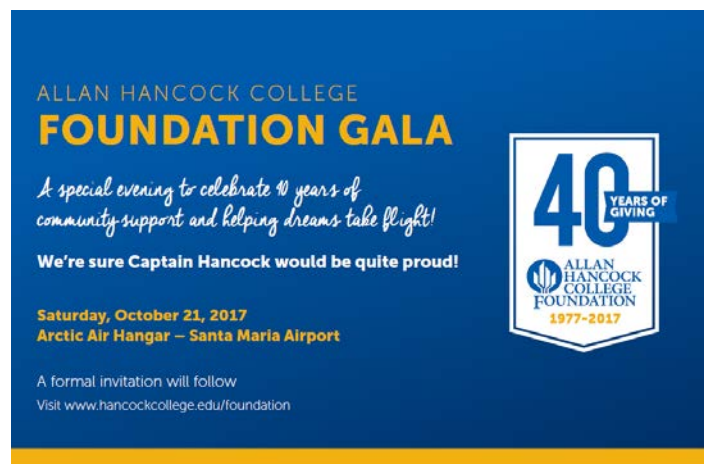
Open Hour with Trustee Lahr: Trustee Lahr will host Trustee Open Hour next Wednesday, April 5 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Center in front of the bookstore.

Mission Accomplished: Hopefully, you saw our Launching the Next Generation event in the media this week. The college hosted retired NASA astronaut José Hernández Tuesday. About 800 people filled the gym for the event, including hundreds of area high school, junior high and Hancock students. He encouraged them to dream big and not to be afraid of rejection. He grew up working in the fields alongside his family and went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering. He was part of NASA's 128th mission in 2009 that helped finish construction of the International Space Station. The Santa Maria Times, [Noozhawk](#), Univision, KSBY, KCOY and KEYT covered the event.

[View Photos from the Event](#)

[View Photos from the President's Circle Reception](#)

Save the Date for the Foundation Gala: Below are the save the date cards for the Foundation Gala.




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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: April 7, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Student Success Summit: About 60 faculty, staff and administrators participated in the annual Student Success Summit. This is a faculty-driven, all-day event that has already produced results in previous years like our implementation of multiple measures for English and math placement.



Campus Tours: Friday was a busy day for campus tours with 250 students here from Battles Jr. High, 100 students from Arellanes and El Camino Jr. High, and 50 more from Cabrillo and Lompoc High School.

Please also see the attachment (**AHC Tour.pdf**) which contains artistic summaries of what students who toured from McKenzie Jr. High learned on their tour last Wednesday.

See the note below from two McKenzie faculty members who were present on the tour:

Hello Stephanie, Hector, and Yvonne,

We just wanted to say a special thank you for your help with the AVID Hancock tour. The students greatly enjoyed learning about the different programs available there. The presentation by Mr. Hernandez inspired us to achieve, even after trying many times.

I am including some of the student's one pagers (summaries) of their learning. We hope to make this Allan Hancock Tour our yearly trip! Again, thank you so much for your assistance in coordinating & planning!

Sandra & Patricia



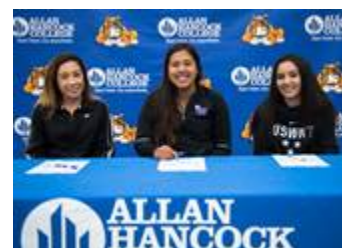
Industry-Specific Career Fairs: More than 120 students and about 30 employers have attended the first two Industry-Specific Career Fairs hosted by the Job Placement Center. There's a new format this year, so instead of one large Career Fair during the day, there are four industry-specific evening events on campus. Students say the new format has made employers more approachable and more intimate. Employers are already asking to have similar fairs in the fall. There are two more fairs scheduled for this month. Next week's event will focus on the agribusiness, hospitality, tourism, marketing and sales industries.



Outreach, Outreach, Outreach: The academic counselors and Student Services staff continue to meet with future Bulldogs to ensure they have priority registration for fall. They are hosting academic advising workshops at schools throughout the Santa Maria, Lompoc and Santa Ynez valleys. They were in Guadalupe and at Righetti HS within the last week. All told, they've seen more than 1,000 high school students who will have priority registration. They've also completed special testing and tours for special education and ESL students. They have visits to Cuyama, Orcutt Academy and Los Prietos Boys Camp scheduled in the coming weeks.



Women's Soccer Signings: This week, three women's soccer players signed national letters of intent to Waldorf University, a NAIA-program in Iowa. Heidi Cortez (Lompoc HS), Bonnie Zuniga (Pioneer Valley HS) and Celeste Sanchez (Righetti HS) were all freshman all-conference players for our soccer team in the fall. They are the first women's soccer players to sign scholarships in four years. Check out KSBY's story on the signings [here](#). Several more of our student-athletes are expected to sign in the coming weeks.





40TH Anniversary Reception: About 50 current and former AHC Foundation Board members gathered last Sunday for a special event in honor of the foundation's 40th anniversary. Former superintendent/presidents Dr. Ann Foxworthy and Dr. Jose Ortiz were on hand, as well as Agnes Grogan, the first executive director of the foundation. The College Advancement team asked guests to share their favorite memories from their time on the board for a video that will be shown at the Gala in October

Veteran's Success Center: Great work continues to be done every day in the campus Veteran Success Center. This photo is Marine Corps Veteran student Cody Cowan assisting other Marine Veteran student's (Oscar and Chris) with their algebra classes.

Friday Night Science is coming! One of the college's premier events, Friday Night Science, is less than a month away. The evening filled with spectacular scientific demonstrations and hands-on activities will be on the Santa Maria campus on Friday, May 5, 2017, from 6-8:30 p.m. [See more information](#)




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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: April 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

CORE Custody Academy Graduation: Nineteen students graduated from the college's CORE Custody Academy. All 19 graduates from Class #02 will start careers as custody deputies with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office. Local media covered the ceremony: [The Santa Maria Times](#) and [KSBY-TV](#).

Special Olympics: On Saturday, April 8, the Northern Santa Barbara County chapter of Special Olympics hosted the Area Games at Pioneer Valley H.S. The college recreational leadership class operated the Olympic Village and students from the Rec 107 Sports Programming class staffed the aquatics meet. Our own Chief Grohowski helped to light the torch and was on the [front page of the Santa Maria Times](#)!



AIM Scholarships: The AHC Foundation awarded scholarships to the inaugural class of the AIM Scholarship program this week. Six students received money to help transition from noncredit to credit classes. Many noncredit students are ineligible for financial aid and pay out-of-state tuition, causing a major obstacle to taking credit classes. The scholarship recipients said they would use the money to register for credit classes in the summer and fall semesters. The scholarships are funded with support from the community members and businesses, like Wells Fargo Bank.



Recognition Ceremony for CAN/TRIO and Bridges: The 2017 Recognition Reception for College Achievement Now (CAN)/TRIO and Bridges to the Baccalaureate (BTTB) Programs will take place on Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Student Center Room G 106 at the Santa Maria Campus. Please see the attached invitation (CAN BttB Invitation.pdf).

New Faculty Orientation: This week's new faculty orientation was a hike to the Avila Lighthouse. Dean Dave Humphreys and his wife, Deb, are docents and led the trip for us. With support from Sharan Kelly and HR Director Kelly Underwood, our new faculty got a taste of the history in our own back yard.



Bulldog Day: On Wednesday, the college hosted Fresno State University to celebrate our new degree transfer program partnership and to allow our students to

receive information and attend workshops on Fresno State. Fresno was very appreciative of our hospitality, they loved the food, and were happy with the student turnout. [View photos of the event.](#)


CABE Conference: Several of our [California Mini Corps](#) students were able to attend the California Association for Bilingual Education Conference. They all shared that they learned the importance of networking from the conference. One student was asked by a superintendent to apply to his district once she was done with her teaching credential! They also learned different strategies to better help



students in academic areas. The students also had the opportunity to meet the board members of Butte County Office of Education and most importantly the CA Mini-Corps alumni from the different decades since its inception.



Firefighter Graduation: The graduation ceremony for the Firefighter 1 Academy will take place on Friday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Public Safety Training Complex.



Law Enforcement Academy Graduation: Please also save the date for the graduation ceremony of the Law Enforcement Academy Class 112 which will be held on June 8 at 10 a.m. at the Public Safety Training Complex. A formal invitation will be coming.

Swimming History: Come witness the Hancock women's swimming and diving team pursue history. Allan Hancock College will host the 2017 Western State Conference Championships at the Paul Nelson Aquatic Center in Santa Maria. The three-day meet runs all day Thursday, April 20, through Saturday, April 22.



Head coach Mike Ashmore's team is the hunt for a conference team title. Three-time defending conference champion Dria Kwong, an Orcutt Academy graduate, and Maddie Diaz, a Pioneer Valley alumna, are among the Bulldogs who will contend for individual conference titles.

Moving on Up! Men's basketball player Dominic Jackson signed a national letter of intent this week to Texas A&M International. The Division II-program won a conference title this season. Jackson plans to leave TAMIU with a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in biology. He is the 14th men's basketball player to sign with a four-year university since Tyson Aye became our head coach four years ago. A few more basketball players will sign in the coming weeks.



Workforce and Literacy Initiative (WALI) Forum: I will be speaking on the expansion of four-year degrees in North County at the WALI Forum on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you are able to and would like to attend, please contact Carmen. The attached flyer (Workforce Literacy Spring Forum.pdf) explains what other topics will be addressed.


North County Economic Summit: The 2017 North Santa Barbara County Economic Summit will take place May 12, 2017 at the Radisson in Santa Maria from 8 to 10:30 a.m. with breakfast and check-in at 7:30 a.m. Please see the attached flyer (2017 NSB May Summit flyer.pdf) for a list of speakers. If you are interested in attending, please let Carmen know.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: April 21, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

CCPRO Awards: The Allan Hancock College Public Affairs and Communications Department won five awards at the recent Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) awards banquet. Awards included first place for the football poster, first place for the thanksgiving greeting card, second place for the Friday Night Science poster, second place for the sports media guide, and third place for the commencement program. Our five awards tied for 5th most won by any CCC school.



Retirement Celebration: This year's Retirements and Recognitions Celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. We will honor the 2016-17 Retirees, newly tenured faculty and announce the Department of the Year! More information will be forthcoming.

Student Body Elections: We have reached an all-time high in student participation for study body elections. There are 23 students running for office. The candidate's forum will take place on April 24 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. in the student Center Café.

In the Spotlight: The city of Lompoc's TAP TV crew shot a segment on our Lompoc Valley Campus to air on the city's public access station. They interviewed Vice President Ornelas and handful of local students. We will let you know when the show is ready to air. It will be great additional exposure for the college and for the Lompoc Valley Center.



AHC Foundation Day: In recognition of its 40 years of philanthropic support and assistance to thousands of students, the Santa Maria City Council officially declared the date April 26, 2017 "Allan Hancock College Foundation Day" in Santa Maria during its city council meeting this week. [See photos here.](#)

YELL Mujer: With a lineup of inspirational and motivational speakers aimed at helping students find their passion, including our own Hilda Zacarias, Allan Hancock College will host the Young Educated Latina Leaders (YELL) Mujer Conference on Saturday, April 29. All female junior high, high school and college students are invited to attend the free event that will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Marian Theatre on the college's Santa Maria campus. The trustees are invited to attend as well.

Congressman Carbajal at PSTC: Congressman Salud Carbajal, was in Lompoc for a full day of activities that included a tour of the AHC Public Safety Training Complex. Carbajal also introduced firefighter health-related legislation during his visit to Hancock. [See more photos here.](#)

Career Fair Events: Our four career-specific job fairs were a success! We served more than 231 students and nearly 50 employers participated. Several job developers used it as an opportunity to teach networking with local clients. In fact, Felix Esparza from Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham’s office came by on three occasions to talk with students. Several faculty came by and used it as an opportunity to visit with employers and establish new relationships and potential advisory committee members.




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• Sat. April 29	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	YELL Mujer Conference	Marian Theatre
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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 5, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Honoring Henry Grennan: The college and Santa Maria Valley lost one of its brightest stars this week. The family has scheduled his services. There will be a rosary on Thursday, May 11, at 6 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Santa Maria. The funeral mass will be Friday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, which is located at 414 E. Church. A reception will take place following the burial service at the Santa Maria Vets Hall.

Y.E.L.L. Success: More than 400 female junior high, high school and college students attended our YELL Mujer Conference last weekend. The Marian Theatre was nearly filled to capacity as Trustee Zacarías, VP Ornelas, two students, and a few other motivational speakers helped to empower and inspire the students. Students also attended workshops with topics ranging from careers in medicine to how to apply for financial aid in college. Trustee Zacarías led a workshop on leadership. There will be a YELL event in the fall aimed at male students. [See more photos](#)



College Signing Day: The second annual College Signing Day was a huge success with more than 100 students in attendance. They celebrated their success and upcoming transfers to four-year universities with pizza and got a chance to meet other students transferring to the same schools. There were a lot of smiles in the room. [See more photos.](#)





WALI Forum Presentation: This week, I had the honor of presenting during the Workforce and Literacy Initiative (WALI) Forum in Santa Maria. My focus was on the need to offer bachelor’s degrees in northern Santa Barbara County. Representatives from our local legislators, as well as a panel of five local superintendents also took presented. Here’s an article by the [Santa Maria Times](#).

Athletic Signings Continue: Two more student-athletes signed with four-year universities. Taylor Nevitt (left) signed with Chico State to compete in track and field. She is a Nipomo High School graduate who is competing in shot put, discus, and hammer throw at SoCal Regionals this weekend. Destinee Garcia (right) will play women’s basketball at Park University in Missouri. More athletes are expected to sign in the next several weeks. Check out coverage provided by [KSBY](#) and the [Santa Maria Times](#).



Postseason Arrives: It’s the biggest weekend of the season for the softball, women’s swimming and diving, and track and field teams. After winning 4-1 at Fullerton in a playoff game on Tuesday, the softball team plays a best-of-three-game series at undefeated Cypress, the No. 1 seed. Swimming is at the State Championships at East LA College. Our 400-yard medley relay team set a school record and finished 10th in the state on the first day of the meet. We are also sending seven athletes to the SoCal Regionals at Cypress. They’re trying to qualify for the state meet.



Boys and Girls Club Fundraiser: AHC District Police Chief Paul Grohowski was able to represent the college at the Boys and Girls Club fundraiser in Lompoc Saturday night. Over \$10,000 was raised in total! Paul is pictured with Lompoc Police Chief Pat Walsh and Boys and Girls Club Director Devika Spaulding.



LVC Open House: This week the Lompoc Valley Center held an open house (formerly the Enroll a’thon). The Student Services team helped new AHC students register for their first semester. Students received help with Academic Advising Workshops, counseling, and could have their questions answered. They were also fed pizza.

Building Community Leaders: This week was a rare event – we excitedly accepted the resignation of Campus Safety Officer Daniel Meraz. Earlier this year, Chief Grohowski recommended that we allow Daniel to use CSEA professional development funds to attend the Law Enforcement Academy. While in the academy, Daniel was hired by Santa Maria PD. Our community is better today thanks to Chief’s vision for development of future leaders!

Retirements and Recognitions Celebration: The invitation for the Retirements and Recognitions Celebration went out this week. The celebration will take place Wednesday, May 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the courtyard between buildings A & B at the Santa Maria Campus

RETIREMENTS & RECOGNITIONS CELEBRATION

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

COURTYARD BETWEEN BUILDINGS A & B | 1-3 P.M.

RETIREES

Sandra Bierdzinski	Barbara Irwin	D.K. Philbin	Paul Spire
Anne Cremarosa	Kathleen McGarry	Cordelia Rackley	Suzanne Valery
Judith Dal Porto	Nancy Meddings	Kevin Raine	Robert Weir
Janet Ford	Alan Myjak	Susan Reardon	Deborah West
Michael Guista	Bob Nichols	Geraldine Royce	Irene Wong
			Pam Wood

NEW TENURED FACULTY

Tyson Aye	Chris Pavone	Anita Rolon	Julie Vasques
Gabriel Marquez	Magdalena Ramos	Richard Seidenberg	

AWARDS

Department Safety	Recognition for Years of Service	President's Awards	Department of the Year
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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

SkillsUSA Information: After you met our state champion SkillsUSA students, I want to provide you with more information about the program. It's focused on improving the quality of the nation's skilled workforce with a structured program of citizenship, leadership, employability, technical and professional skills training. SkillsUSA involves more than 300,000 students and instructors nationwide. Hancock offers SkillsUSA classes for our industrial technology programs during the fall and spring semesters. To read more about SkillsUSA, [click here](#), or to read more about our five students headed to Nationals, [click here](#).



Hancock Collaborates in Space Exhibit: This week the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum unveiled its Discovery Space Shuttle exhibit, part of the museum's Vandenberg Launch Experience; a hands-on, interactive exhibit, with actual launch sound effects. This was more than 2 years and more than 1,000 volunteer hours in the making, with the Air Force STEM office, Vandenberg Air Force Base launch experts, Allan Hancock College/PCPA set designers and other talented locals in collaboration. It is just phase 1. A rocket launch experience is Phase 2 – part theatre, part classroom. PCPA's Jason Boland has been the principal designer for phase 2.

Congressman Carbajal Visits AHC Health Services: After Congressman Salud Carbajal won the election in November, student health services coordinator Alex de Jounge invited him to come visit our health center. He accepted the invitation and had a great visit this week. He was given a tour of the center and asked some great questions concerning the support we provide for student mental health, family planning, and other health-related issues students are presented with. He was impressed that the amount of uninsured students at Hancock had fallen to 6% from 30% several years ago and requested our NCHA survey summary.



Four Bulldogs Head to Regional Finals: Rachel Naugle (3,000-meter steeplechase), Steven Youngblood (3,000-meter steeplechase), Brent Dionisio (high jump), and Taylor Nevitt (women's shot put and discus) will represent Hancock at the SoCal Regional Finals Saturday at Cerritos College. The four will try to qualify for the Track and Field Championships. Last year, Nevitt qualified for the state meet in two events.



ASBG Year End Banquet and Awards: The ASBG celebrated their Year End Banquet and Award Ceremony recognizing ASBG, leadership, clubs, and student ambassadors. [See photos](#)

Commencement Numbers: The 96th annual Commencement will take place Friday, May 26, at 1 p.m. in The Commons. We received initial numbers for the Class of 2017, and they are impressive. It appears the college is setting records this year for most graduates (991) and most degrees earned (1,409). The oldest graduate this year is 65 years old, while the youngest turned 18 in February. One student is earning 10 associate degrees this month, eight are STEM-related degrees.

Friday Night Science: Last Friday we had another successful Friday Night Science with 60 exhibitions set up by nearly 100 students. Nearly 1,500 people attended the event. Thanks to all the hard work of Robert Jorstad and the STEM faculty and students for putting together such a large community event every year. [See photos.](#)




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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 19, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Commencement Regalia: Your gowns, hoods, and caps will be in the boardroom. We will also provide a light lunch (in boardroom) for faculty, administrators, and trustees walking in the processional. Please arrive **by 12:15 p.m.** to allow enough time to dress, have lunch, and take your place in line. Commencement will begin at 1:00 p.m. and everyone will start walking towards The Commons at approximately 12:45 p.m. Trustees and I will lead the procession and be followed by administrators and faculty.

Recognizing Retirees: My office hosted the annual Retirement and Recognition Event this week. We honored the 21 retiring faculty and staff, who had a combined 468 years of service to the college. The Admission and Records office was named department of the year. [View more photos of the event.](#)



Sweet 16: For the 16th straight year, our students have the state's highest transfer acceptance rate to Cal Poly, SLO. A total of 286 students applied for fall 2017 and 182 were accepted, or 64 percent. The state average transfer acceptance rate is 21 percent. For comparison, 46 percent of Cuesta students and 21 percent from SBCC were accepted.

Veteran Job Fair: Today, Human Resources Recruitment Coordinator Liz Phillips represented the college at the “Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet” job fair at the Veterans Memorial Building in Santa Maria in a continued effort to ensure that AHC recruits and hires the most qualified employees. To learn more about the event, please see the [Santa Maria Times story here.](#)



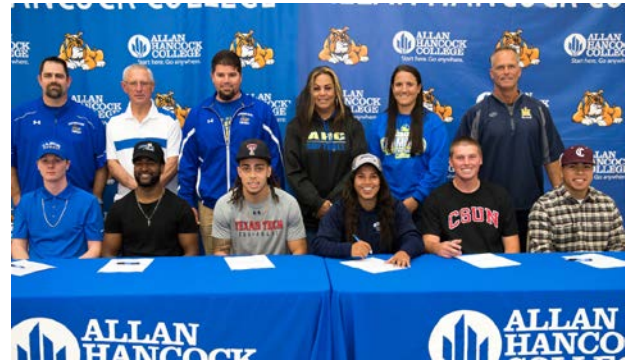
Lompoc High College Students: Lompoc High School has a bulletin board with their senior’s post graduation plans. Notice the number of students who plan to attend community college. We look forward to seeing a big majority of them at Hancock!



PCPA Scholarships: Huge congratulations to the PCPA students who won 2017 Arts Council Scholarships! Méami Maszewski took 1st place in Drama, and received a \$1500 scholarship. Bianca Norwood took 2nd in the Drama category as well, and took home a \$1000 scholarship. Zachary Hasbany received a \$1000 scholarship for 2nd place in Music. Maya Sherer received the \$1000 Nat Fast Memorial Grant for Drama.



Signing Day III: Six more student-athletes signed national letters of intent during a ceremony Thursday. The group included three from football, two from baseball and one softball player. Football player, Thomas Leggett, signed with Texas Tech, one of top football programs in the nation. Chris Bargainer, a St. Joseph alum, is headed to Chadron State to play football, and punter Sean McComas will play for Tabor in Kansas. St. Joseph grad Walker Armstrong will pitch for Cal State Northridge, a Division I program. Lompoc native Chris Taitague signed with Campbellsville baseball. [View more photos.](#)




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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: June 2, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Spanish Translation at Commencement: For the first time, the college translated the Commencement ceremony in Spanish for guests. The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District's Multilingual and Migrant Education programs provided three translators. Nearly 50 guests received headsets to listen to the speeches in Spanish. We will make this an annual tradition.



Commencement photos: As usual, Kevin Boland captured some great images from last week's graduation ceremony. [See the photos here.](#)

Bulldog Pride: Check out the wall of paw prints in the counseling office at Pioneer Valley High School. Each paw represents a PVHS senior who completed the three-step process to receive priority enrollment and plans to attend Hancock in the fall.



Santa Maria Elks Rodeo: Allan Hancock College is once again a proud sponsor of the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo. Hancock banners, including some that promoted summer/fall registration, were displayed in the arena and on the grounds. Allie Boswell of Lompoc also proudly flew the AHC flag during opening ceremonies.

Scholarship Reception Recap: Last week’s scholarship reception saw the AHC Foundation provide more than \$500,000 to 470 students. The event was covered by [KSBY](#), [Santa Maria Valley Chamber News](#), and [Lompoc Record](#). A big thank you to Toni McCracken and the Advancement team for again putting together such a great event!

Study-A-Thon Success: A total of 955 students participated in the Study-A-Thon through last weekend. The event, co-sponsored by the Student Activities office and Student Equity, provided students with extended hours at the library, tutoring, and free food and drinks as they prepared for finals.

Leadership Matter Summit: Vice President Nohemy Ornelas, Dean Margaret Lau, Dean Sofia Ramirez-Gelpi, and CTE Incentive Grant Director LeAnne Del Rio all participated in the Leadership Matter Summit at Bakersfield College. They attended three sessions immersed in the theory and practice of change, how to navigate change, how to lead change, how to deal with the friction points, conflicts that arise due to change and above all how to sustain change.



PG&E STEM Scholarship: Hancock student Jenny Chiao received the surprise of her life after the AHC Foundation’s Scholarship Reception. PG&E officials and her favorite instructors announced she was one of 20 students in the state to receive a \$20,000 Better Together STEM Scholarship. More than 1,000 students applied. Jenny earned six associate degrees and will start in the fall at Cal Poly as an environmental engineering major. Christine Reed said it best, “PG&E is making the best investment they could make with Jenny. She is going to change the world.”


State Championships: Our three athletes who competed at the Track and Field State Championships finished in the top 10 in their respective events. Brent Dionisio cleared 6 feet, 7 inches to finish fourth in the men’s high jump. Rachel Naugle came in seventh in the women’s 3,000-meter steeplechase. Taylor Nevitt finished tenth in the women’s shot put.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
• Thu, June 8	10 a.m.	Law Enforcement Academy Graduation	Public Safety Training Complex.
• Friday, June 9	12 noon	CSEA Barbecue	Commons
• Sat, October 21	5 to 11 p.m.	Allan Hancock College Foundation 40th Anniversary Gala	Air Craft Paint Hangar at the Santa Maria Airport (Updated Location)

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: June 9, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report



Law Enforcement Graduation: Class 112 of the AHC Law Enforcement Training Academy graduated on June 8. Twenty-seven men and women completed more than 830 hours of coursework to reach this point. Twenty-six already have jobs lined up with various law enforcement agencies along the Central and South coasts.

Hancock Participates in Torch Run: Police Chief Paul Grohowski, dispatcher Araceli Castillo and members of our Law Enforcement

Training Academy represented the college during the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run of Northern Santa Barbara County this week. They carried the "flame of hope" on its journey to Long Beach for the Special Olympics Summer Games Opening Ceremony. [Here's a link](#) to a story on KCOY/KEYT-TV.



SM Model A Ford Club Delivers Again: The Santa Maria Model A Ford Club held its monthly meeting in the college's auto body lab this week. The club continued its annual tradition of raising money during its car show to benefit Hancock students. This year, the club awarded a record \$8,000 to fund 10 scholarships for our industrial tech students. They presented the scholarships to students at its meeting. The 15th annual All Ford Car Show is Saturday, September 8 in Old Orcutt. The event is free and open to the public.



CSEA Classified Achievement Award Winners

Today we recognized CSEA for all of the work they do in serving our students. With a luncheon catered by Zoe's BBQ, it was the fourth year that we have provided the CSEA recognition lunch at no cost to the CSEA members. CSEA also recognized three outstanding members with the Achievement Awards: Lori Doty, Marna Lombardi and Anna Rice.



Welding Technology volunteers recognized

Public Affairs Specialist Marna Lombardi (left) and Welding Advisory Committee Chair Dick Melsheimer represented the college at the Countywide Volunteer Program's annual recognition breakfast at the Santa Maria Valley YMCA on June 9. Marna and Dick arranged for the welding trailer outreach program to visit four high schools and eight middle schools this past school year.

Community Education welcomes Dan Clardy

Dan joins Community Education after retiring from the Lompoc Federal Penitentiary as the special learning needs teacher. He will work as a counselor to serve students with disabilities and act as a liaison to AHC's Learning Assistance Program. Dan is a Cal Poly alumna with a master's degree in special education.




Sweet Sixteen: Men's basketball player Nolan Willett signed a national letter of intent to play at Thompson River University, a four-year university in his hometown of Calgary, Alberta. He averaged about 8 points and 5 rebounds for us last season. Nolan is the 16th student-athlete to sign with a four-year institution this year. He is also the 16th former AHC basketball player to sign since Tyson Aye became head coach four years ago.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: June 16, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

**New student trustee**

Yesenia Beas went to Righetti High School and took classes through the *College Now!* program. She is a director of student advocacy for ASBG and president of the Dream Club. She is a psychology major and hopes to transfer to California State University, Channel Islands or Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in fall 2018. Yesenia dances with Ballet Folklórico de Allan Hancock College and plans to take a cosmetology course on manicuring.

**Workforce Summit**

Hancock was proud to host and collaborate the first-ever Summer Jobs, Careers and Leadership Summit. The goal was to educate young people and their parents about job opportunities and the tools necessary for youth to be successful in higher education.

Coming soon: PCPA costume sketch exhibit

We got a sneak peek at the sketches behind the costumes from retired designer and PCPA faculty member Judy Ryerson. Judy created more than 1,600 designs between 1989 and 2005 for 66 productions. Her sketches span the length of almost 3 football fields when laid out. Each sketch takes about 3 hours to complete. Judy's collection will be featured in a display on campus later this year.





Summer season starts in Solvang

[PCPA's](#) summer season is in full swing. Opening night kicked off at the Solvang Festival Theater with Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* on June 15. The play runs through July 2. Also coming to the theatre under the stars: *Lend Me a Tenor The Musical* running from July 6-23. *Newsies The Musical* will start in the Marian Theatre and play from July 19-22, then move to Solvang from July 27-August 20. Shakespeare's comedy *Twelfth Night* will be


in Santa Maria August 16-19 and then in Solvang from August 24-September 10. Finally, August Wilson's *Fences* will grace the Marian Theatre stage from September 15-October 1.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: June 23, 2017

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

CSEA Update: The information CSEA presented at our June 13 board meeting is attached. The presentation included health insurance increases and the cost-of-living in Santa Barbara County.



EOPS Summer Institute 2017:

3 staff and 13 AHC students are attending the EOPS Summer Institute at UCSB this weekend, June 24 and 25. Some members of the group are California Dream Act students and foster youth. The goal is to give these at-risk college students exposure to campus life at a four-year university and encourage them to transfer in the future. They will stay overnight in a campus dorm and meet other students from [EOPS Region 6](#), which ranges from Canyon Country to San Luis Obispo.

College Advancement Planning Retreat: The College Advancement team (Public Affairs, Foundation, Institutional Grants, Campus Graphics) spent Thursday at an off-campus planning retreat. They discussed each individual department's goals, College Advancement's goals as a whole, and ended the day showing off their creativity during a memorable team-bonding event.



Signings Continue: The 17th student-athlete of the year has signed with a four-year university. Men’s basketball player Erik Kinnebrew signed with Concordia University, a program that just completed a transition from NAIA to Division II. Kinnebrew was an All-Conference player this season for Hancock, averaging 7 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists per game. He is also the 17th AHC basketball player to sign with a four-year institution since Tyson Aye became our head coach four years ago. Next week, Brent Dionisio, a Pioneer Valley High School graduate, will sign with the University of New Mexico. Brent won the conference title in the men’s high jump and finished fourth at the state meet this spring.



Blinding Them With Science: Our *College for Kids* students cooked up some fun at Community Education’s new *Science of Ice Cream* class, taught by AHC faculty Molly Machin. The class was very well attended. Students learned about basic chemistry, the various cooking and freezing stages of cream and how to use an ice cream maker.

Setting the Stage: PCPA’s resident scenic designer Jason Bolen was featured in an article and video by the Santa



Maria Times. Jason gave a backstage tour of the set design for the summer production of “Beauty and the Beast.” He has also designed sets for musicals such as “In the Heights,” “My Fair Lady” and “Man of La Mancha.” You can see the interview here: <http://bit.ly/2sZ61mC>

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Larry Lahr
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: August 22, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

With the first week of school, we will restore our “weekly update” to let you know about some of the things you may want to share with the community (or be aware of before you hear from the community!).

I want to provide a concise response to what you heard from CSEA on Tuesday night. I am sure the report is the true belief of CSEA, but I have to take issue with several of the points presented. First, the notion that the District purposefully pushed back salary discussions to the new year is inaccurate. I met with Regina Smith and the CSEA labor representative in late May or early June. We discussed timing of the salary request – a request that was not presented in time for the May Board meeting. We discussed many issues, including timing of the district budget. More importantly, we discussed the progress of the salary study that would not be ready until July. We agreed that the study needed to be completed prior to salary decisions.

Days after that meeting we learned that the CSEA rep had left for a position with the Santa Maria High School District. As you know from the ongoing personnel issue, CSEA made no contact with the district for almost a full month in spite of our repeated communications with them. I know understand that this was due to an internal problem with CSEA, but the District’s efforts to maintain communication were appropriate and responsive.

More frustrating is that I altered my schedule to meet with Regina Smith and new CSEA rep Matt Gentile (gen-tilly) prior to the board meeting on Tuesday. Over a half hour conversation, this never came up once – and it seemed logical to assume that they knew the salary discussions would be presented to the Board that evening (it was clearly identified on the agenda for closed session).

I must say that Felix and the negotiating team have gone above and beyond to keep negotiations moving forward.

In other news:

- Student Services is preparing to send out invitations for Career Day on October 10. This will be an invitation for employers to participate – please let those you come in contact know that we want them to join us.
- Our “emergency alert” system – Alert U – will soon be unavailable. We are in the process of finding a new system to replace this important tool.
- The Viticulture and Enology Board finalized an operating agreement with the district. We should have a fully bonded winery by the end of the fall semester.
- [Senate Bill 850](#) passed the legislature Thursday, paving the way for a community college baccalaureate ([Story Here](#)). This is one of the key issues we must address over the fall semester. The bill provides that the degree offerings would not begin until the 2017-2018 academic year, but the process of certifying the 15 eligible districts begins on January 1 of 2015. We want to be sure we actively decide if we want to pursue this opportunity – and we have already begun the process of examining the pros and cons.
- We have received further complaints about gunfire at the PSTC shooting range. We have responded to our neighbors and will have full information for them by the end of next week in regard to the need for live shooting and the times at which that will occur.
- We received word yesterday that we were awarded another Title V grant. This will be a \$470,000 grant to help us build our basic skills program and develop a “total resource development” plan. This is very exciting news and perfectly fits in with our strategic planning process.

I hope you have a great weekend.

In case hyperlinks won't open:

SB 850: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140SB850


News Story: http://edsources.org/2014/community-colleges-may-offer-bachelors/66607#.U_jZo2OTGSo



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Larry Lahr
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: August 29, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

- Vice President Ornelas posted the draft 3SSP Plan on the myHancock website for campus feedback. The plan is required by the state and will be brought to the Trustees for approval in October
- Rebecca Alarcio is heading up the communication effort with our Lompoc neighbors who have expressed concern about the noise from the shooting range. We have shared with them the plans for a new round of sound testing in the next couple of weeks and invited them to be there for the testing. We have posted new information on our website about planned shooting range usage dates, as well as some background regarding the POST requirements for training at the range. We have postponed all night activity that is not part of the academy until we have a better handle on the noise impacts. You can find all of the information by going to <http://www.hancockcollege.edu/pstc/index.php>.
- The Career Exploration Day is scheduled for October 10. We will need your help to get businesses to fully participate. We will have a full list of those invited next week and we will ask for your help in prioritizing follow up calls.
- We closed the advertisement for an interim director of human resources today. We did not get a pool that would allow us to even interview. We had several people indicate they wanted to wait for the permanent position. With that in mind, we are going to repost the position for the full position.
- You may have seen the [article](#) in the Santa Maria Times/ Lompoc Record about the Measure P forum on Wednesday. I was asked to give a presentation on poverty at the forum. Unfortunately, the Times attributed a couple of statements to me that were not my statements. I probably should have been more clear by explicitly saying "I am here to talk about poverty," but I thought the slides would demonstrate that (the slide deck is attached to the email as a PDF). We have received some feedback on the presentation – mostly positive and none really negative, although two people from Lompoc did call to question the statements in the article. I personally spoke to each and they seemed to be very understanding. I offered to give the same presentation to them if they wanted me to.
- Henry Grennan will be going home from hip surgery tomorrow. I stopped by to see him today and he seemed to be in good spirits and asked that I tell you all hello.

I hope you have a great Labor Day Weekend. Our part time faculty association is hosting a picnic in celebration of Labor Day on Monday. It will be at Pioneer Park and each of you are invited if you have time.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Larry Lahr
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.

DATE: September 5, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

- The ASBG Bow Wow was a big success. With more than 65 clubs and vendors on campus, it was the largest Bow Wow ever. The Lompoc Valley Center Bow Wow will be held this Wednesday.
- The Santa Barbara School Boards Association met at the Public Safety Training Complex this week. Faculty and staff provided a tour of the facility that included a climb to the top of the tower.
- The Santa Maria Employer Advisory Board presented the College with a check for \$2,000 to further the CAD program.
- Our negotiation team met with the Faculty Association to set ground rules for the coming negotiation process. While we negotiated a three year agreement for the financial piece of the contract last year, we have the balance of the contract to finalize this year. We expect that we can make this a three year agreement as well.
- Career Exploration Day is scheduled for October 10. We are reaching out to employers across the valley – we will share the list with you Tuesday to ensure that we are covering all of our bases.


I hope your weekend is great.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Larry Lahr
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: September 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

Career Exploration Day. Career Exploration Day is scheduled for October 10. We have confirmed that all high schools in the District will be participating. We have more than 50 employers signed up and have personally reached out to another forty. We will be following up with employers next week.

Energy Industry Training. Beginning September 29 we will begin offering [Safeland USA](#) training for Exxon/Mobil contractors. This is an outgrowth of the agreement we signed last fall with the Petroleum Education Council. More than 800 companies doing business with Exxon/Mobil in California will be required to send their fieldworkers to be trained prior to December 1. AHC is the preferred provider in the region and we appear to be one of a few organizations nationally that can bring the training to scale. All training will take place at the Lompoc Valley Center and will be entirely funded by industry.

Bond Rating Meetings. As part of our effort to refund bonds to gain interest rate savings, Dr. Miller, Michael Black and I attended bond rating meetings in New York this week. The meetings went well and we should receive our updated ratings by Tuesday of this week and should be able to issue during the first week of October. Our floor for issuing the refunding bonds was a total savings of at least \$2 million. Our partners with Morgan Stanley were confident that current market conditions would allow us to exceed that target – perhaps substantially. There is no cost to the district for the refunding and all savings will accrue to district taxpayers.

Dimensions in Dance. *Dimensions in Dance* will be held October 16 through 19 and you are each invited to attend. We have attached is a copy of a certificate – we have one for each of you. Please let Carmen know when you would like to attend and she will redeem the certificate for you.

New CCCSE Report. *A Matter of Degrees*, the latest report from the Center for Community College Student Engagement was released this week. A copy is attached to the weekly update email, or you can find a copy and other information at <http://www.ccsse.org/center/>.


I hope you have a great weekend.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Larry Lahr
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: September 26, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

City of Lompoc Swap Meet – The City of Lompoc asked us to consider allowing a local vendor to operate a swap meet on the LVC campus. The swap meet has been located downtown, but has outgrown its space. I doubt that it will work on our campus, but as a favor to the City, we will have discussions with the vendor to determine if it is a viable option for us. Our first step is to ensure that it won't conflict with educational programs. We will then ask the vendor to cover all costs for staffing (including security), provide appropriate restroom facilities, and cover the cost of depreciation on the facility.

First Friday Artisan Market – The student entrepreneurship classes are planning on hosting the inaugural "First Friday" market next week. We will send details as they are available. This first effort is a bit of a test run, but it's an exciting, student-led project.

Career Exploration Day – Our October 10 Career Exploration Day is coming together. There is still time for companies to join us – if you know of a local business that would like to tell students how to prepare for their workforce, please have them get in touch with Lynn Mayer at lmayer@hancockcollege.edu.

There is a home football game tomorrow night against Bakersfield. Game time is 4:00.


I hope your weekend is great.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Larry Lahr
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: October 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

Bond Refinancing – Our bond sale went through this week, with both Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s reaffirming our credit rating. Even better news is that the refunding will save our neighbors \$5.978 million over the life of the bonds. (Yes, we missed \$6 million by less than \$22,000). We will have a press release go out for this early this week.

Oil and Gas Industry Training – we have been working on two projects to train energy industry workers. The first is the outgrowth of the Petroleum Education Council partnership we put together last year (and mentioned in last week’s letter). We have started the Safeland Training classes. Initial attendance is slow, but we have been in contact with PEC to ensure that enrollment at least covers our costs.

The second project was an effort to provide industry sponsored training that would have guaranteed job interviews to those completing the program. Better yet, the Energy Partners Fund had indicated they would fund the development of the program and provide scholarships for the program. Unfortunately, the key players are hedging on further investment in California for the time being. We do have a roadmap to move forward in the future and no college resources (other than some staff time) went into the program.

First Friday Artisan Market – The student entrepreneurship classes hosted the inaugural “[First Friday](#)” market¹. As a first run, it was very successful. Now that we have a good handle on how to make it work, we can do a little more marketing over the next month to get more community participation.

City of Lompoc Swap Meet – I am meeting Tuesday with the operator of the Lompoc Swap Meet. The City of Lompoc asked us to have the meeting, but we made no commitments toward hosting it. My guess is that the vendor will not be willing to pay the costs associated with having our staff and security on hand.

¹ http://santamariatimes.com/news/local/first-fridays-mean-hancock-artisan-market/article_7e7cf566-7f79-537c-be59-4adde4a9f72a.html

Community College Baccalaureate – You may have seen some of the [news](#)² regarding the potential of offering baccalaureate degrees. This is something we discussed at All Staff Day and the Academic Senate is studying the options. While we aren't to 100% yet, my inclination is that we will want to apply when the time comes in the spring. Even if we apply, and even if we are awarded one of the 15 pilot projects, the programs won't begin until 2017. In the meantime, we will continue to pursue partnerships to expand access for our neighbors here.

Career Exploration Day – Our October 10 Career Exploration Day is ready to go. This will be a great follow up to the manufacturing day we hosted this past Friday – you can the story on that event by clicking [here](#).³

I hope your week is great.

² Full link:

<http://mediacenter.tveyes.com/downloadgateway.aspx?UserID=118729&MDID=4036576&MDSed=3665&Type=Media>


³ Full link: http://santamariatimes.com/news/local/manufacturing-day-tours-open-students-eyes/article_1dfe6df2-3da1-5460-96e3-49e50f19c1cd.html



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TO: Mr. Larry Lahr
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: October 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

Enrollment

Term II (classes that begin in October) enrollments for the fall semester are up approximately twenty percent. When we recognized that enrollment was not as firm as we would like, we placed extra emphasis on Term II and worked with ASBG to get the word out.

Career Exploration Day

Career Exploration Day was a huge hit. More than 1500 students were on campus to learn about careers that can begin right here at Allan Hancock College. I was able to speak with several high school teachers and administrators – they were ecstatic with the event. Special thanks to Lynn Mayer for ensuring that the day was a success!

Superintendent Roundtable

We hosted representatives of every high school, including district superintendents, from all four of our service area districts plus Lucia Mar. Our focus was on efforts being made to build pathways for K-14, expand credit opportunities for high school students and discuss roadblocks that students face. With a full complement of faculty and staff on hand to aid in the discussion, we made great progress toward a more aligned education system for our region.

Dimensions in Dance

Dimensions in Dance will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week. Carmen has a certificate for tickets for each of you. Please let her know when you would like to attend and she will redeem the certificate for you.

Public Affairs

The Public Affairs office recently received second and third place awards from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR) Region 6. The Public Affairs Team of Rebecca Alarcio, Vicki Hernandez, Sonja Oglesby and Andrew Masuda received a second

place award for its communications success story surrounding the grand opening and Community Day events at the Public Safety Training Complex. The third place award recognized a television commercial called "I chose," that was shot in one day featuring current AHC students.

Baccalaureate Degrees

The Academic Senate has initiated a task force to consider baccalaureate degrees which Hancock College could offer under a pilot program authorized by the California legislature. One of the most challenging aspects of the new program is developing a degree that is not offered at any CSU campus.

Accreditation

AHC will host a regional accreditation workshop will be held on campus on Friday, October 17. We will have colleges from Ventura and West Hills participating.

Military Night at the Football Game

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Military Night at the football game on Saturday. A short ceremony will be held at 3:30 and kickoff is at 4:00.


I hope you have a great weekend.



M E M O R A N D U M

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President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: October 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

Accreditation

AHC hosted the Ventura Colleges (Moorpark, Oxnard and Moorpark) for a training session on the updated ACCJC standards. About a dozen AHC team members participated, including Trustee Pensa. Jack Pond and Susan Clifford of ACCJC provided a detailed overview of the new process for submitting a self-evaluation as part of the full accreditation visit. Based on the conversation, it appears that we are on track (and maybe a little bit ahead) in our planning efforts for the 2016 visit.

HR Search

The search for a Human Resources Director is in the screening stage. It appears we have several very strong candidates and we will be able to hold interviews during the first week of November.

Viticulture Alumni Reception

Alfredo Koch will be hosting a reception for former viticulture students on Friday (October 24) in the new winery from 3:00 to 7:00. Trustees are encouraged to drop by.


I hope you have a great week.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Larry Lahr
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: October 31, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

Baccalaureate Degrees

We received word from the Chancellor's office that applications for the Baccalaureate Degree will be due in December. This is a very short time frame that is not really what was anticipated based on the legislation. Our Academic Senate supports moving forward with a letter of intent to apply (which is different from the actual application). We are moving carefully to ensure that we are providing something that would be a benefit to our community.

Spirit Week

This was ASBG's Spirit Week. Our students did an incredible job of engaging the campus in a variety of activities.

Football Stadium Update

We had a very preliminary conversation with the city of Santa Maria regarding a possible partnership with the city that may allow us to move up the timing on seating at the football field on campus. This was a very preliminary discussion, but it was positive enough that I wanted to share it with you.

New Clery Act Rules

This week we put together a team to organize our efforts in regard to the campus SAVE act. This new addition to the Clery Act requires even more rigorous reporting and expanded student outreach.

DegreeWorks

At our Solvang meeting you saw a presentation on DegreeWorks, the program that lets students monitor their progress toward graduation. This week our counselors spent two days in training to learn the new version of the software. The program will be of great benefit to our students and it is a great tribute to our student services and information technology professionals that they were willing to devote so much time to the project.


I hope you have a great weekend.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Larry Lahr
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: November 14, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

Football Stadium Possible Partnering Opportunity - City of Santa Maria: Kim Ensing, V.P Hernandez, and I attended the City of Santa Maria, Parks and Recreation Commission this Tuesday. During the meeting we presented AHC's goal to construct the remaining stadium facilities - that would allow us to have our first home football game at home. They expressed appreciation our recent partnering effort to construct the running track, which they contributed \$250,000 towards the cost of construction. The Commission was pleased to share their interest in partnering with us to complete our football stadium facilities. The Commission authorized Alex Posada, Director of Parks and Recreation to pursue this endeavor with the college in earnest. You may anticipate hearing more in the months ahead.

Community Education Northern Santa Barbara County AB86 Adult Consortium Project:

- 1) We are distributing over 1,000 electronic and paper/pencil surveys to students in 48 randomly selected noncredit classes located throughout North County. We are attempting to identify noncredit student needs and demographic information for the AB86 project and program review. Lompoc USD adult ed classes are being surveyed as well.
- 2) Work on a North County employer survey and focus group meeting is starting to identify employer training and hiring needs and skills deficits for the entry-level employee. The 30 largest employers in North County, defined as hiring the most employees, will be the target group. The focus group will happen late January or early February.

World War I Lecture Series. There is a display in the SM campus library on World War I to coincide with faculty member Roger Hall's lecture series "Fields of Poppies", which will conclude Tuesday night. The lecture series is co-presented by Community Education and the Friends of the AHC Library, and has been very well attended by both students and community members.

Cash Flow Memo. I have attached a memo from Dr. Miller that outlines the process by which we would address any cash flow issues. This is a routine memo, but I want to be sure you are aware that we are continuing to ensure that our processes protect our abilities to meet our obligations.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Larry Lahr
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.

DATE: November 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

It's a short week because of CCLC and the Board meeting, but I want to share one item that crossed my desk this week.

Irrigation Savings – Athletic Fields

V.P. Hernandez has informed me that as of Monday, November 18, 2014, the City of Santa Maria water service to our athletic fields is untreated well water. The well water is now separately metered from our domestic water system, so we will not be charged sewer fees every month. It is anticipated this change will result in an ongoing yearly water utility bill savings of approximately \$100,000. Switching to untreated well is a goal in our 2008 Bond Measure I Utilities Master Site Plan. A special thanks goes to our Director, Plant Services, Rex Van Den Berg and Grounds Supervisor Gerald Dominguez for working with the City to facilitate the transition.


I hope your weekend is great.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Larry Lahr
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: December 5, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

This week's report:

Academy and Nursing Graduations

Next week will see graduations for the Fire Academy, Law Enforcement Academy and Nursing Program.

- Law Enforcement – 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 11 – Calvary Chapel
- Fire – 12:00 Noon on Friday, December 12 – Public Safety Training Center
- Nursing – 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 11 – Marian Theater

The "Pile O Dirt" has been sold!

The large mound of fill dirt that has been by the baseball field during the construction projects was purchased through surplus. Even though we only received \$1500 for it, the buyer will haul it away over the next couple of weeks. This has been something the neighbors have been asking us to address for some time.

Restrooms at the Baseball/Softball Complex

We have worked out a lease for high quality portable restrooms at the baseball/softball complex. This will be good news for our players, their families and our fans. It also was of some importance to a couple of our boosters and will help us build community good will.

Adult Education Project (AB 86)

We will be hosting a meeting of the adult education consortium on Friday that will include Lompoc USD, Santa Barbara County, the Workforce Resource Center, and AHC faculty and staff. This is the committee jointly headed by AHC and LUSD that is looking for ways to streamline adult education. AHC is the fiscal agent on the project.

Career Pathways Grant Project (AB 86)

Also on Friday, AHC will meet with all local high school districts to build a proposal for a \$6 million career pathways grant. We were able to secure funding from the Santa Barbara Foundation to hire a consultant to help with the project. We need to complete the application by February to be considered. Even if the grant is not approved, the work being done now will provide a roadmap for better integration with our high school partners.

Higher Education Costs in California

This week saw a lot of discussion about costs for higher education in California. One good sign to come out of the discussion was a plan by Senator Marty Block. His plan acknowledges that there needs to be more state support for higher education. Also of note is a study from the Public Policy Institute of California – the full report is attached to this memo, but the conclusion is of note (emphasis added):

Our examination of expenditures by the UC and CSU systems shows that the cost of providing public higher education in California has not risen dramatically. Instead, the **tuition increases over the past several years have merely shifted the cost from the state to students** and their families.

Next week will be very busy – I hope you have a great weekend!

Higher Education in California: Institutional Costs

Hans Johnson, Kevin Cook, Patrick Murphy, and Margaret Weston

NOVEMBER 2014

SUMMARY

Over the past 20 years, in-state tuition at both the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) has more than tripled. These tuition increases have led many to believe that spending in the state's public higher education systems is out of control. However, a closer look reveals that institutional expenditures in the two systems—including faculty salaries and benefits, the largest budget category—have not increased significantly. Our evaluation of both revenues and expenditures shows that recent tuition increases have been driven by dramatic reductions in state subsidies to UC and CSU. In the past, General Fund contributions covered the majority of educational costs. Today, students (often with help from federal, state, institutional, and private grants) pay most of these costs through tuition and associated fees. Better budget data could help policymakers monitor costs and align higher education funding with state goals. But it is clear that tuition at California's public universities has risen much more rapidly than the cost of providing higher education.

ARE COSTS RISING?

Rapid increases in tuition¹ at California's public universities have raised questions about the cost of higher education. The general public, lawmakers, and the governor are clearly concerned that the tripling of tuition over the past 20 years reflects increases in the cost of providing higher education at the UC and CSU systems. According to a December 2012 PPIC Statewide Survey, 65 percent of Californians believe that higher education affordability is a big problem in the state. To be sure, many students who could not afford to pay the full listed tuition receive grants and scholarships—this is the focus of a companion report, *Higher Education in California: Student Costs*. But the governor's 2013–14 higher education budget froze tuition for CSU and UC and noted that “student tuition should not be the go-to budget balancer ... everyone must do their part: taxpayers, students, and university officials need to find solutions other than tuition increases to balance their budgets.” The budget proposal also noted that “student aid doesn't fix the problem: it helps individual students but masks the underlying problem of higher education costs that are rising too fast.” At a recent meeting of the University California Board of Regents the governor called for spending efficiencies that could prevent tuition hikes.²

To understand why tuition has increased so dramatically, it is necessary to evaluate trends in both revenues and expenditures at UC and CSU. In this report, we examine the extent to which increases in tuition have been driven by increases in the costs of providing higher education versus reductions in direct state support. Our focus is on revenues and expenditures related to educating undergraduates, not areas such as hospitals and research. Costs include faculty and staff compensation, institutional aid (grants and scholarships) provided to students, support services, and other operating expenses such as utilities. Like public universities throughout the country, UC and CSU cannot cover all their costs with the revenue generated by tuition. In other words, students do not pay the full cost of enrollment and instruction—even if they pay the full in-state tuition.³ State subsidies provided directly to UC and CSU through General Fund allocations make up most of the difference between costs incurred by the universities and the revenue they generate through the tuition charged to students.⁴

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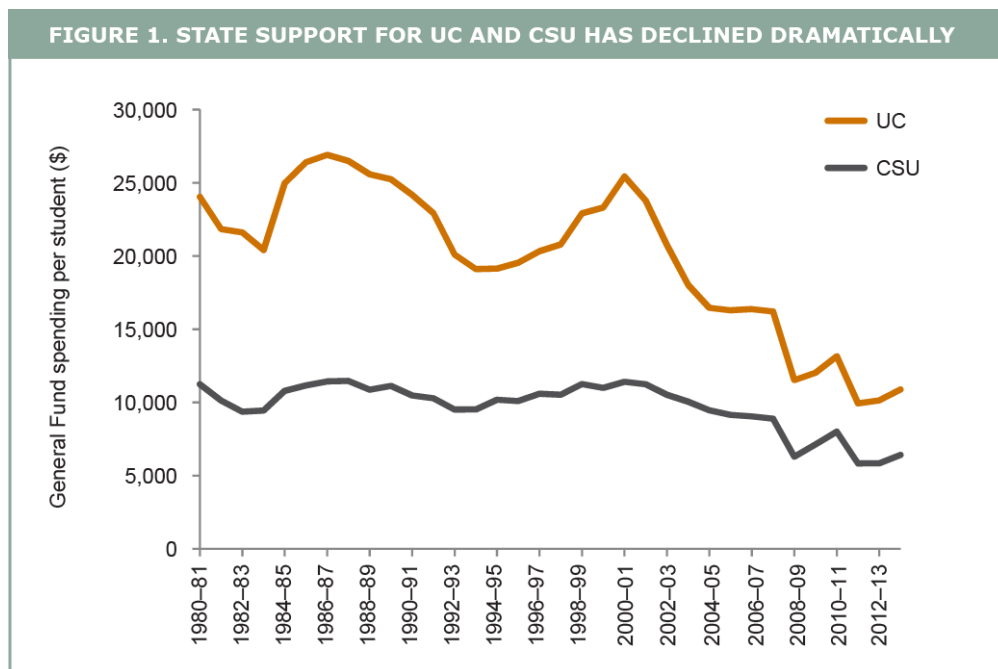
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REVENUES

The vast majority of funds available to the UC and CSU systems to cover the costs of educating students come from state General Fund support and net tuition (that is, the total amount of tuition paid minus the cost of institutional grants). Over the past ten years, state allocations have declined and revenue from tuition has increased.

Between 2007–08 and 2012–13, state appropriations to UC and CSU fell by \$2.0 billion (from \$6.3 billion to \$4.3 billion in 2013–14 dollars) or more than 30 percent, even as enrollment increased. On a per-student (full-time equivalent, or FTE) basis and adjusted for inflation, the declines have been even more dramatic. General Fund subsidies per student fell by more than 50 percent at UC and CSU. Inflation adjusted per student General Fund revenues fell from more than \$16,000 in 2007–08 to about \$10,000 in 2011–12 at UC and from almost \$9,000 to less than \$6,000 at CSU during the same period (Figure 1).⁵ Recent increases in General Fund allocations to 2013–14 are relatively small (less than 10% per student), and state support for UC and CSU students remains near the lowest level in more than three decades.⁶

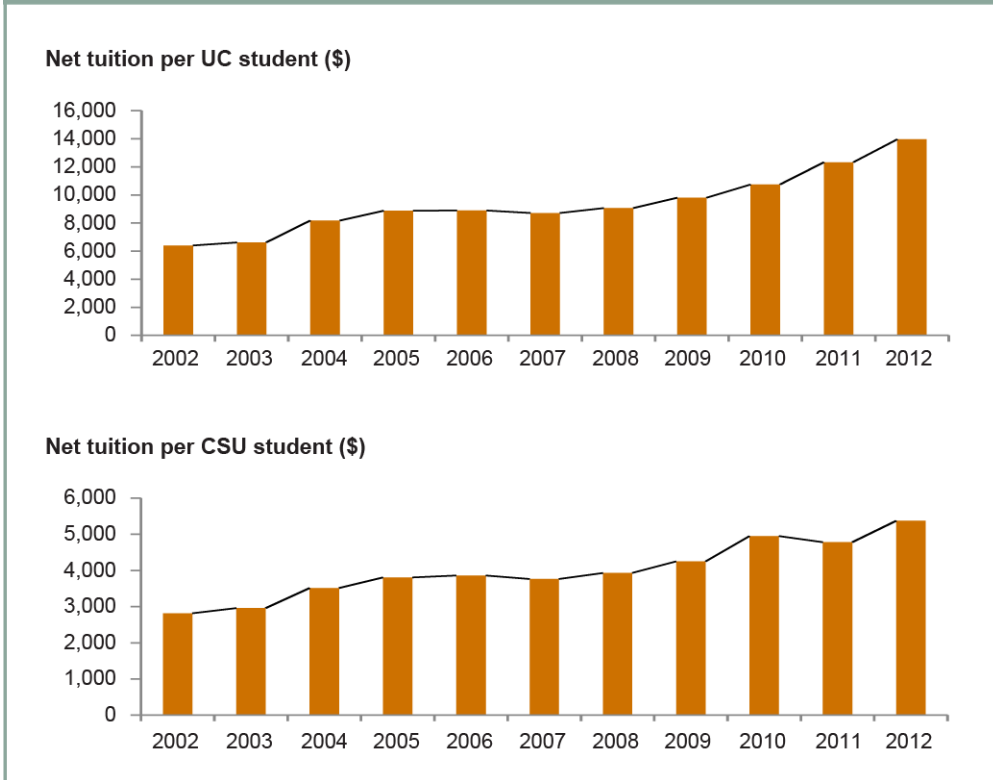


SOURCE: California Budget Project, *From State to Student*.

Reduced support from the state has left UC and CSU with two options: finding additional funding and cutting expenses. UC and CSU have cut some expenses by restricting the growth of enrollment, among other measures.⁷ However, given the magnitude of the reductions in state support, UC and CSU have relied primarily on tuition increases to help make up the difference.

UC and CSU have used some tuition revenue increases for institutional grants (scholarships) to aid lower-income students. Even so, per-student net tuition (full tuition net of institutional grants) revenue more than doubled between 2002 and 2012 (Figure 2).⁸

FIGURE 2. PER-STUDENT TUITION REVENUE MORE THAN DOUBLED AT BOTH UC AND CSU FROM 2002 TO 2012



SOURCE: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

NOTES: Inflation-adjusted in 2012 dollars. For UC, does not include Hastings or UCSF, which provide only graduate education, but does include out-of-state and graduate students at other campuses. For CSU, includes out-of-state and graduate students.

Inflation-adjusted revenues per student are slightly lower now and the source of those revenues has shifted dramatically. In 2002–03, state General Fund allocations made up 75 percent of all core revenues at UC and 79 percent at CSU; by 2012–13 the state share had fallen to 45 percent at UC and 50 percent at CSU.⁹

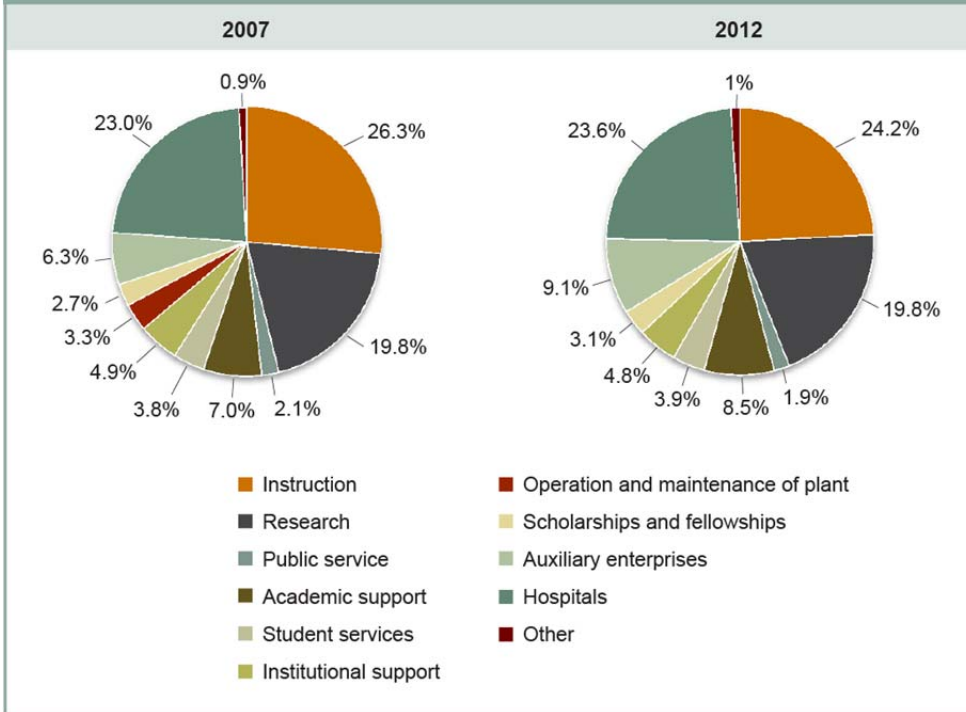
Between 2002 and 2012 the decline in state General Fund support has been mostly but not completely offset by increases in revenue from tuition. In other words, the primary core funds available to UC and CSU for providing instruction have declined slightly.

EXPENDITURES

We have seen that UC and CSU increased tuition to make up for a loss of revenue from the state, but it may also be true that the costs of providing undergraduate education have changed. It is worth considering whether, given slightly declining revenues per student, public universities have shifted their expenditures among or within budget areas.

We begin by looking at whether the overall distribution of spending in the UC and CSU systems has changed. Figures 3 and 4 present an expenditure breakdown of each system’s budget for both 2006–07 and 2012–13. The largest spending category for each system is clearly instruction. Administrative costs, referred to as “institutional support” by the higher education systems, also constitute a significant portion of UC and CSU budgets. The only cost categories for the UC and CSU that have grown significantly since 2006 are student services and auxiliary enterprises. Auxiliary enterprises are self-supporting operations, including college stores, food services, and residence halls, and do not affect tuition. Below, we discuss the primary costs that could impact tuition.

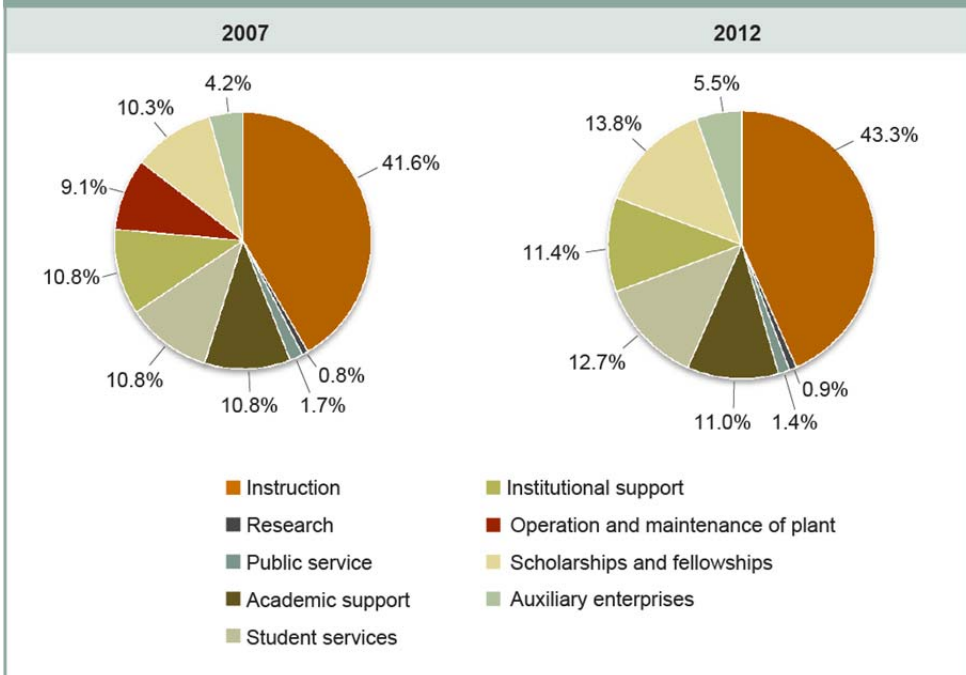
FIGURE 3. DISTRIBUTION OF UC EXPENDITURES ACROSS BUDGET AREAS, 2007 AND 2012



SOURCE: IPEDS.

NOTE: UC and CSU adopted IPEDS' new required reporting methodology in spring 2011: operation and maintenance of plant expenditures are now allocated across the other functional expenditure areas (instruction, research, etc.).

FIGURE 4. DISTRIBUTION OF CSU EXPENDITURES ACROSS BUDGET AREAS, 2007 AND 2012



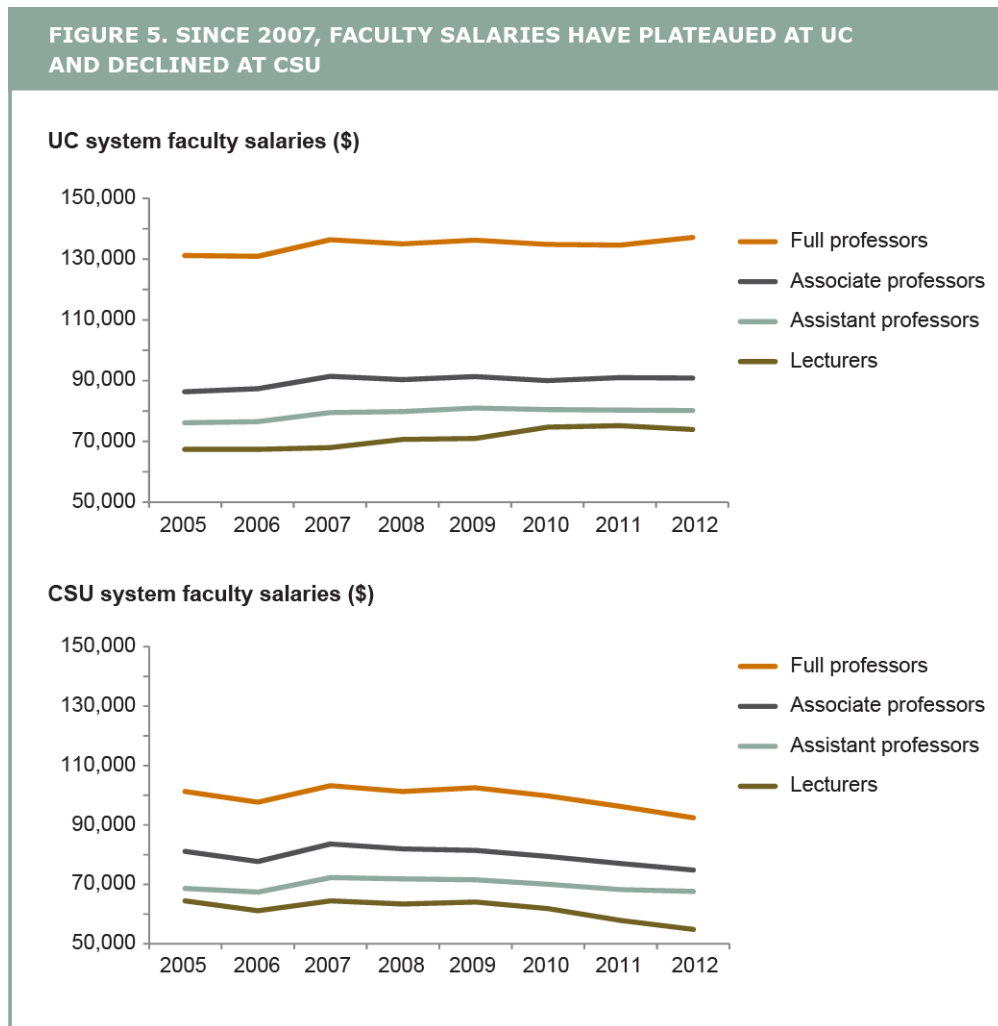
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INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS

The instructional expense category, which includes faculty and staff salaries and benefits, represents 30 to 40 percent of the total operating budget. This is not surprising, since higher education is a labor-intensive industry.

From 2002 to 2013, nationwide utility costs, fringe benefits, and administrative costs have all grown at a much faster pace than faculty salaries (66%, 58%, and 53% versus 32%). Indeed, nationwide faculty salaries just barely kept up with inflation over this period: the CPI-U increased 29.5 percent compared to a 32.3 percent increase in faculty salaries.¹⁰ Adjusted for inflation, average faculty salaries by rank have been flat at UC and declining at CSU since 2007 (Figure 5).



SOURCE: IPEDS.

NOTE: Average salary by rank adjusted for inflation in 2012 dollars.

Not only have faculty salaries plateaued or declined within faculty ranks, but UC and CSU are increasingly relying on untenured, non-tenure track, and part-time faculty to provide instruction. As shown in Table 1, the share of faculty that is non-tenure track has increased at both UC and CSU. Given that faculty salaries and benefits constitute the majority of instructional costs, this is not surprising.¹¹ Employing non-tenure track faculty allows universities more staffing flexibility—which is particularly useful during budget downturns—and costs them less in salaries and benefits. Table 1 shows the dramatic shift in faculty composition.

TABLE 1. FACULTY COMPOSITION HAS SHIFTED TOWARD NON-TENURED INSTRUCTORS				
	UC		CSU	
	2007	2012	2007	2012
Tenured/tenure-track	7,448	8,865	10,161	9,357
Non-tenured/non-tenure track	1,448	3,944	1,909	1,991
Percent non-tenured/non-tenure track	16%	31%	16%	18%

SOURCE: IPEDS.

NOTES: Numbers are based on faculty headcount (versus FTE) basis. UC began reporting this data to IPEDS in 2007.

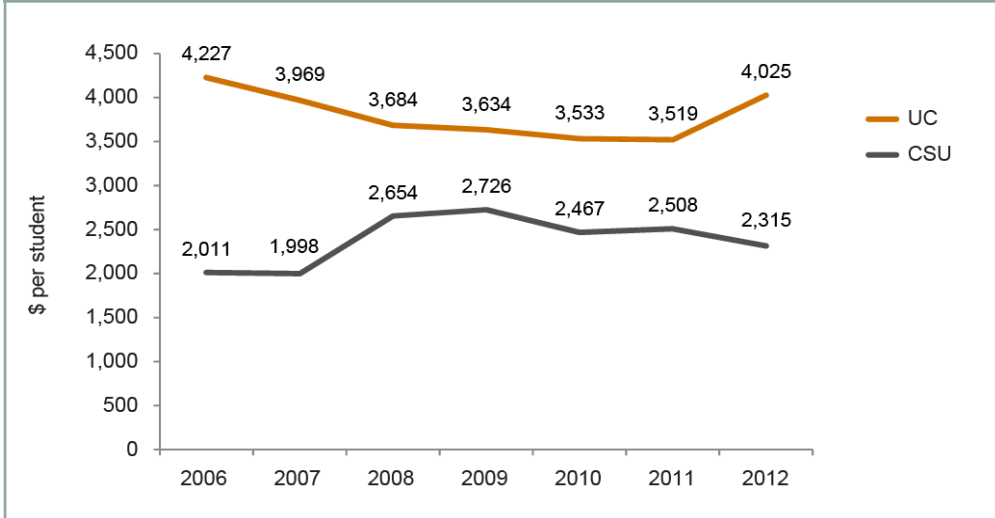
In short, the shift toward lower cost non-tenure track faculty coupled with the stagnation of faculty salaries has kept expenditures for faculty from having a significant effect on the cost of providing higher education. It has also raised concerns about instructional quality and reductions in research.

In the UC system, pensions constitute another large portion of instructional costs.¹² The UC Retirement Plan (UCRP) covers about 254,000 current, former, and retired UC faculty and employees and their beneficiaries. Historically, the UCRP has been very well funded—at its peak in 2000 the plan had assets totaling 154 percent of the amount needed to pay the cost of future benefits. Given this level of funding, the Regents suspended employee contributions for nearly two decades, and the state discontinued funding to UC for retirement costs for instructional staff. After the stock market crash of 2008, the UC system acknowledged that the UCRP had become underfunded. Employee contributions were reinstated in 2009, and as of 2013 the UCRP had an unfunded liability of \$13.8 billion, an amount equal to 24 percent of the assets needed to pay expected benefits. It does not appear that pension obligations have a significant effect on instructional costs, though this may change in the future.¹³ UC is seeking state support to help fund future costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Broadly defined, administrative costs are incurred in day-to-day operational support. This category includes include expenses for general administrative services, executive-level activities concerned with management, legal and fiscal operations, logistical services such as purchasing and printing, and public relations and development.¹⁴ Administrative costs are often a source of consternation for policymakers and taxpayers because they appear to be unrelated to the primary mission of providing instruction. UC's administrative spending in 2012 was about \$200 less per student (\$4,025) than in 2006 (\$4,227), while CSU spent somewhat more in 2012 (\$2,315 per student) than in 2006 (Figure 6).

FIGURE 6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES PER STUDENT HAVE NOT INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY



SOURCE: IPEDS.

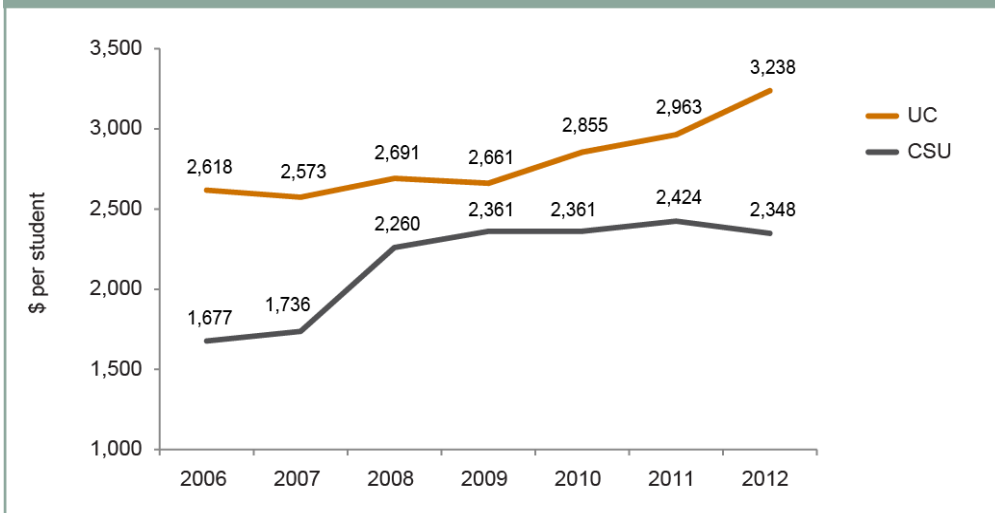
NOTE: Inflation-adjusted to 2012 dollars.

The UC system showed a steady decline in administrative costs until 2012, when a significant increase of non-instructional staff reversed the trend. The CSU, on the other hand, has kept administrative costs relatively flat with a gradual decrease in administrative cost per student since its peak in 2008–09 though the system currently spends more per student than it did in 2006. These trends do not appear to indicate a rapid increase in administrative costs from pre-recession levels.

STUDENT SERVICES

Between 2006 and 2012, UC per-student spending on student services increased by 24 percent and CSU spending rose by 40 percent (Figure 7). Student services expenditures cover the cost of student life outside of the instructional setting, such as student organizations, intramural activities, and cultural events. However, this category also includes expenses related to remedial education, counseling, and financial aid administration.

FIGURE 7. STUDENT SERVICES EXPENDITURE PER STUDENT



SOURCE: IPEDS.

NOTE: Inflation-adjusted to 2012 dollars.

Though the broad definition of the term “student services” makes it difficult to draw firm conclusions, it should be noted that the category includes many of the recommended policies for increasing graduation and retention rates such as increased counseling, tutoring, and financial aid support.¹⁵ More research is needed on the relationship between student services and increased graduation rates, but a positive correlation could signal increased overall efficiency.

CONCLUSION

Our examination of expenditures by the UC and CSU systems shows that the cost of providing public higher education in California has not risen dramatically. Instead, the tuition increases over the past several years have merely shifted the cost from the state to students and their families. To be sure, there has been an increase in grant aid from both the state and federal government, but the majority of students do not receive federal or state grants.

If policymakers are concerned about monitoring what the state gets for its money, they might want to consider implementing performance-based budgeting to better align fiscal incentives with state higher education priorities. Performance-based funding—which has been implemented in several other states—is the focus of a companion report, *Higher Education in California: Performance-Based Funding*. Although it would not prevent cost increases in and of itself, performance-based budgeting would allow the state to provide fiscal incentives for schools to allocate resources to desired outcomes.

More generally, attempts to restrain costs are not likely to succeed in the long run without better data and a deeper understanding of cost drivers. Tuition caps are especially problematic. Because the restriction on increasing tuition is not accompanied by enrollment expectations, the state’s public universities have a fiscal incentive to restrict enrollment or increase out-of-state enrollment. Given the excess demand at UC and CSU and strong labor market demand for college graduates, enrollment restrictions are not in the best interests of the state and college students. To date, both UC and CSU have said that lack of state funding has prevented them from enrolling some qualified students. Moreover, tuition caps could lead to greater volatility in prices once those caps are abolished.¹⁶

Higher education is especially vulnerable to budget cuts during economic downturns. The state’s public universities do not have constitutional protections like K–12 education and the community colleges. And, unlike corrections, the higher education budget has not been affected by any major court rulings. During the recent recession, the UC and CSU systems made commendable efforts to keep spending levels from rising. However, those efforts may have unintended consequences. For example, relying on non–tenure track lecturers could reduce the amount of research under way at the state’s institutions, which might negatively affect innovation and spillovers. As the state reinvests in higher education it will need to set clear priorities and ensure that higher education funding aligns with state goals.

NOTES

The authors would like to thank the reviewers of an earlier version of this report, including Nina Robinson, Su Jin Jez, and Paul Warren. Kim Rueben provided expert feedback on several drafts. Mary Severance’s editorial assistance was invaluable. Finally, we would like to thank Phaelen Parker of the California Budget Project for providing helpful data. Any errors are our own.

1. Throughout this report, by tuition we mean both undergraduate tuition and fees. At both UC and CSU, fees are identified separately from tuition, but both are mandatory. System wide and campus-based fees tend to be much lower than tuition. Fees are intended to provide support for some student services, while tuition supports the universities’ core mission. See <http://ucop.edu/operating-budget/fees-and-enrollments/descriptions-of-charges.html> for a detailed description for UC.
2. “Gov Brown Warns UC Regents about State Spending,” *Los Angeles Times*, November 14, 2013.
3. Throughout the country, public universities receive direct subsidies from state governments to help provide higher education to state residents. At both UC and CSU, our analysis of IPEDS data shows that instruction costs exceed full tuition and fees. Out-of-state undergraduates and graduate students in certain professional programs do pay the full cost, but these students make up a small share of total enrollment.
4. Some grants and scholarships are awarded by the institutions themselves, which adds to their costs; the state and federal government provide substantial amounts of grant aid as well.

5. Calculations based on full-time-equivalent students include both undergraduate and graduate students. For more information, see California Budget Project, *From State to Student: How State Disinvestment Has Shifted Higher Education Costs to Students and Families* (2014).
6. For an excellent analysis of state funding of UC and CSU, see California Budget Project, *From State to Student*.
7. Hans Johnson, *Defunding Higher Education: What Are the Effects on College Enrollment?* (PPIC, 2012).
8. Net tuition is full tuition less institutional grants. These net tuition revenues include both out-of-state and in-state students. Most of the increase has been driven by changes in tuition charged to in-state students. For in-state undergraduates at UC, full tuition and fees increased from \$3,834 in 2002 to \$12,192 in 2012 and at CSU tuition and fees increased from \$1,572 in 2002 to \$12,192 in 2012. Out-of-state undergraduates made up less than 14 percent of first-time freshmen enrolled in the UC system in 2012 and less than 5 percent of first time freshmen at CSU.
9. See Jackson, *Higher Education in California: Student Costs*.
10. Authors' calculations based on Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) data. CPI-U stands for Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers; it is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.
11. Non-tenure track faculty include lecturers, adjuncts, and part-time faculty, but not graduate student teaching assistants.
12. CSU faculty and staff are covered by CalPERS, which is on track to be fully funded within 30 years.
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16. Mac Taylor, *Addressing California's Key Liabilities* (Legislative Analyst's Office, 2014).

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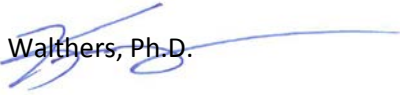
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MEMORANDUM

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walther, Ph.D. 

DATE: December 22, 2014

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

The final report of 2014!

Accreditation Visit Postponed Until Fall 2016

Today I received a letter from ACCJC postponing our accreditation visit from Spring 2016 to Fall 2016. This is to allow the ACCJC to get all nine colleges within the Los Angeles CCD to be on the same cycle. We were on track to ready for the Spring, but the extra time will allow us to finish up on additional substantive change proposals and make further progress on our policy reviews.

Four Year Degrees

Last week we submitted an application to the CCC Chancellor's Office to be one of the pilot schools for a baccalaureate program on campus. Our program (which cannot be a program offered through a UC or CSU) is a bachelor's degree in Applied Technology in Viticulture. This is a program based on precision watering, sustainability and adaptation to a changing climate. As you know, the CCCC will select up to 15 schools to participate. Even if we are selected, we are not committed. The program still needs to go through the process with the Academic Senate and, ultimately, the Board. Our submission is an indication of strong interest and thoughtful planning. A copy of the proposal is also attached to the email that contained this memo.

On a related note, in just the past week I have had two very positive conversations regarding four year options in Santa Maria. Cal Poly has interest in bringing a program here (elementary education) and CSU – Channel Islands is very interested in bringing at least two programs to the area (early childhood and business). A note of caution – these are very preliminary conversations and there are a lot of details to work out before anything becomes reality.

CSEA Negotiations

We wrapped up CSEA negotiations in a way that I think is fiscally responsible and serves the needs of our employees. One issue that has come up is that we may need to have a special board meeting to approve the contract. CSEA will be moving to ratify the week of January 5. However, in order for the changes to be in place for January payroll, we will need to have all information in the system by January 13. If we can determine a way to move forward without a special meeting, we will alert you immediately.

Retirement Board of Authority

The email that contained this memo also has two documents regarding the RBOA. One is a white paper on fiduciary assistance and the other is an Excel spreadsheet that shows the structure of several RBOAs across the state.

Solvang Signage

Thanks to the work of Felix Hernandez and Trustee Pensa, the signage proposal for our Solvang Center have been approved by the City Council. We are in the process of getting the new signs ordered and installed.

Storm Damage Minimal

The storm that blew through a week ago did not do much damage on campus. There were limbs and various tree debris and one leak in the new IT Building. Maintenance acted quickly and resolved the issues and the cleanup is already complete.

The "Pile O Dirt" has been sold... but not moved...

The large mound of fill dirt that has been by the baseball field during the construction projects was purchased through surplus. The buyer is using it for a project and anticipates moving it during the early weeks of January.


Merry Christmas to you and your families!



MEMORANDUM

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: January 9, 2015

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

Happy New Year! We are back in full swing and hope your holidays were great.

State Budget

The Governor released his budget proposal this week and it is very positive for community colleges. Governor Brown's proposal includes funding for student success plans, student equity plans and an increase in apportionment to address rising costs for retirement and other general expenses. I have attached a summary email from the CCLC to the email that contained this memo.

Free Community College?

You likely saw President Obama's proposal to make community college universally available. It's great that we are part of a mission that is universally accepted and supported. There are a lot of details to work out, but it's good to have the conversation going! I have attached an update from the Department of Education that outlines the proposal.

HR Director

As we prepare for a spring of changes in our staffing for administrators, it is essential to get an HR director in place. Since suspending the search in the fall, we now have a better handle on where we are heading. On Wednesday of this week we sent out an announcement to seek expressions of interest for an interim position from our campus community. We will review those on January 20 with the hope of having someone to recommend at the board meeting that night. If we do not have internal interest, we will expand the announcement and look for an external candidate.

All Staff Day

All Staff Day is on Friday of next week. We are looking forward to a great day and hope you can join us. We will also be kicking off the first day of class on January 20. You are welcome to join us in the commons to help students find their classes.


I hope your weekend is great.



M E M O R A N D U M

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: January 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

Welcoming Students

Student services provided information tables on Tuesday and Wednesday to help students find their way around campus. More than 800 students were served on the Santa Maria campus and the LVC tables served more than 80 students.

Student Equity Plan

The SEP is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/AHCEquityPlan>.

Adult Education Planning

AHC Community Education and LUSD Adult Education will host more than 50 Northern . Santa Barbara County employers for an AB86 Employer Luncheon Roundtable meeting on Friday, February 6. The event will be from 11:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. at Allan Hancock College 's Student Center, Room G-106.

All Staff Day

We had excellent participation in a campus wide discussion on functions needed to improve the way we serve students at AHC. Of particular focus were CTE coordination, institutional effectiveness (research and reporting) and institutional advancement. We are analyzing the results of the focus groups and will use this to propose a new structure moving forward.

A Note on Student Athletes


Today I took a look at the GPA for our men's basketball team. The eight players that are currently on the roster (we have three student redshirting) have a cumulative 2.84 GPA. While we are working through the tragedy that is related to our athletics program, I believe it is important not to lose sight of the fact that we are making a tremendous difference in the lives of our student athletes.



M E M O R A N D U M

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: February 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

Associate Degrees for Transfer

The Legislative Analyst Office released a report titled "[Reforming Transfer from CCC to CSU](#)." I have attached a copy to the email containing this memo. The report offers a positive outlook for the system's effort to move students to CSU. AHC faculty (Dave Degroot in particular) have worked very hard to ensure that our students have the opportunities envisioned by the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

Adult Education Planning

AHC Community Education and LUSD Adult Education hosted more than 50 people representing about 20 employers from Northern Santa Barbara County for an AB86 Employer Luncheon Roundtable meeting on Friday. One member of the steering committee noted that of the projects currently underway in San Luis Obispo, Southern Santa Barbara and Ventura counties none have the employer interface that Ardis Nielsen has put together.

Enrollment

On All Staff Day I reported that we were on target for enrollment. As we have hit census, it turns out that we are not on target. We have convened special enrollment management meetings and will be looking for a more systematic way to project enrollments. This is not a crisis, but we need to pay close attention. We will be placing an emphasis on Term 4 classes (the eight week term that begins at the end of March) and will target classes during that term to specific students on the wait list. We seem to have a gap in our ability to get data that reflect where we are. This was actually part of our focus groups on all staff day. It is clear to me that we need to take some steps soon to shore up our research capacity. We will have further information for you as we approach the February board meeting.

Local District Collaboration – Counseling

On Thursday our counseling department convened a meeting of more than 70 counselors and administrators representing AHC, SM High School District, Orcutt Academy and St. Joseph's. The goal is to streamline the transition to AHC – it was a sight to see with that many professionals working to change the odds for all of our students.

Scholarships.


The online scholarship applications were due this week. All told, 650 students completed the application. We will also set another record for scholarship dollars awarded – approximately \$520,000!



M E M O R A N D U M

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: February 13, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

Online Orientation – Student Services finalized the online orientation this week and we are hoping to have it available on the portal for students within the next two weeks. We will have a presentation at Tuesday's BOT meeting, but you can get a sneak preview here: <https://cynosure.hancockcollege.edu/>.

Campus Cruise – AHC hosted third graders from Tunnell Elementary last week. See pictures attached to the email.

ACCT Legislative Summit – Meetings in DC were very productive. I was able to visit with the Undersecretary of Education who is managing the president's community college tuition plan. It's not likely the plan will be funded, but it is important that community colleges are getting bipartisan support. I also met with Representative Capps and her new education staffer. He will be out for a visit in March and I was able to ask him to help us with support for the PSTC. The handout provided to Rep. Capps is attached.

Annual Trustee Meeting – Carmen provided information on the Annual Trustee Meeting hosted by the Community College League of California. This year's meeting will be held May 1-3 at the Monterey Hyatt. This is a great opportunity for board development.

ACCT Leadership Congress – The Association of Community College Trustees will be holding its annual leadership meeting in San Diego, October 14-17. They are adding a couple tracks that may be of interest to us – student housing and baccalaureate degrees. I will get more information in the coming weeks on the program.



February 11, 2015

Representative Lois Capps
2231 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Capps,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District, thank you for taking time to meet with me to discuss issues relevant to our community in Northern Santa Barbara County.

We appreciate the support you have shown to the college and to our students. I am happy to report to you that the state of the college is very good – our Measure I projects are wrapping up, we have revitalized core programs that lead to transfer or careers and our finances are sound.

The attached presentation outlines a few of the issues we are working on. Some are local, some relate to state issues and others relate to our support of national initiatives. In particular, want to point out a few specific items:

1. This spring we will open a Veteran's Center to provide targeted services to those who served us in the military;
2. We continue to work on accountability issues:
 - a. We still have the highest transfer rate of any college sending students to Cal Poly;
 - b. We prominently post our success rates online to assure the community we are meeting our mission;
 - c. Degree and certificate awards continue to grow; and,
 - d. We are partnering with the Chancellor's Office to provide real wage data to students through the Salary Surfer project; and,
3. We are partnering with our local high schools to provide career pathways through the Education Alliance for Student Engagement (EASE).

With all of the good things happening on campus, we do have issues that we would like to make you aware of as you prepare for the debate over reauthorization of the Higher Education Act:

1. We are excited by the possibility of increasing access by making community college free to all students. However, I do have some concern that the debate is focused on tuition and not state support for undergraduate education. The truth is that tuition increases in public higher education are almost 100% driven by cuts in state funding. I hope that Congress will find a way to encourage states to reinvest in undergraduate education.
2. Our Public Safety Training Center is operational. We are seeking partnerships with state, regional and federal agencies to use the facility (and help offset some costs). Any assistance your office could provide with making introductions or sponsoring visits would be greatly appreciated.

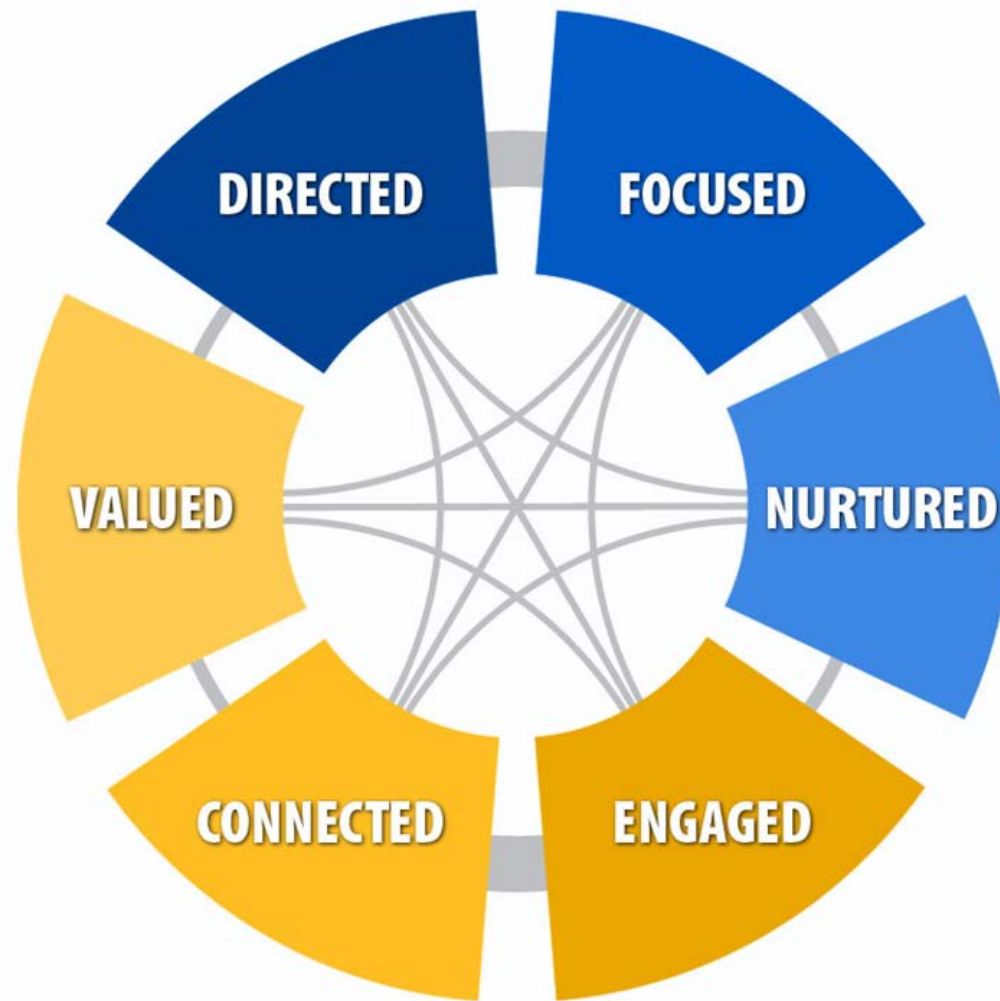
3. We are looking to host a university center in Santa Maria. Northern Santa Barbara County is the largest community in California without access to a CSU campus. While Cal Poly and UCSB are nearby, they are severely impacted and not available to most students. The nearest CSU (Channel Islands) is more than 110 miles away – too far for our students to commute. CSU-Channel Islands and Cal Poly have been receptive to bringing programs to Santa Maria – all we need is appropriate space. We have land that is available and an aging building that could work in the interim. Support from your office would go a long ways toward making this dream a reality.

Thank you again for taking time to meet with me. We can't thank you enough for your solid support of Allan Hancock College and community college students.

Sincerely,

Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

Legislative Priorities 2015



Recognition for Student Access



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 2014

Dr. Ann Lucas
Santa Maria, California

Dear Dr. Lucas:

I recently received a message from an enthusiastic and grateful student, telling me how you moved your office so a lift could be built at your school. Your selfless spirit reflects the essential American belief that we are part of something bigger than ourselves, and it's clear you've made a difference on your campus.

Together, we can build a Nation where all our people have equal opportunity and the support they need to achieve their dreams. I am always encouraged by stories of Americans going out of their way to look out for one another, and kind acts like yours give me great hope for the future.

Thank you for your generosity, and for your service as an educator. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be Barack Obama's signature, is written on the letter.



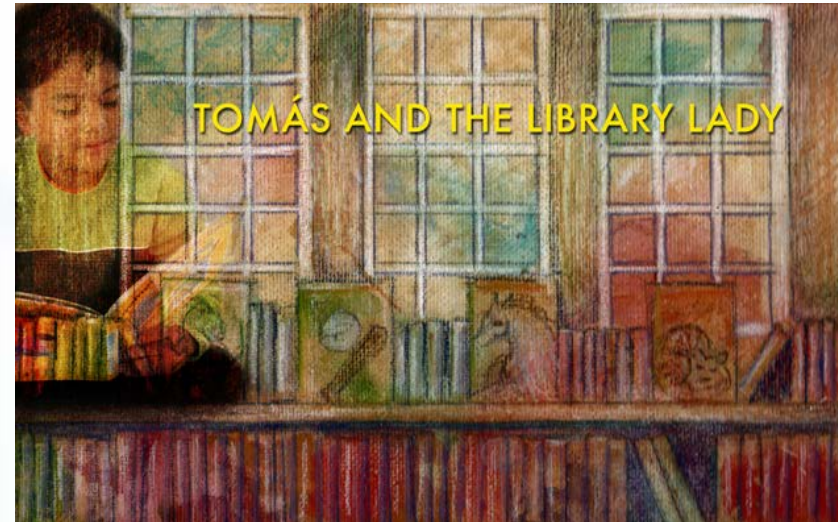
Veteran's Center

- Thanks to the diligence of our faculty, staff and students – particularly our student government – the new Veteran's Center will be up and running this semester!



Community Support

- Marceled Foundation provided \$100,000 to support the restoration of our Cooperative Work Experience program
- The MOCA Foundation gave \$25,000 to fund the second half of the PCPA outreach program
- AHC Foundation will give \$15,000 to advance work on Foster Youth Programs in anticipation of a state pilot project
- Santa Barbara Foundation provided \$25,000 to support career pathways



National Priority: Accountability

Student Information (2012-13)

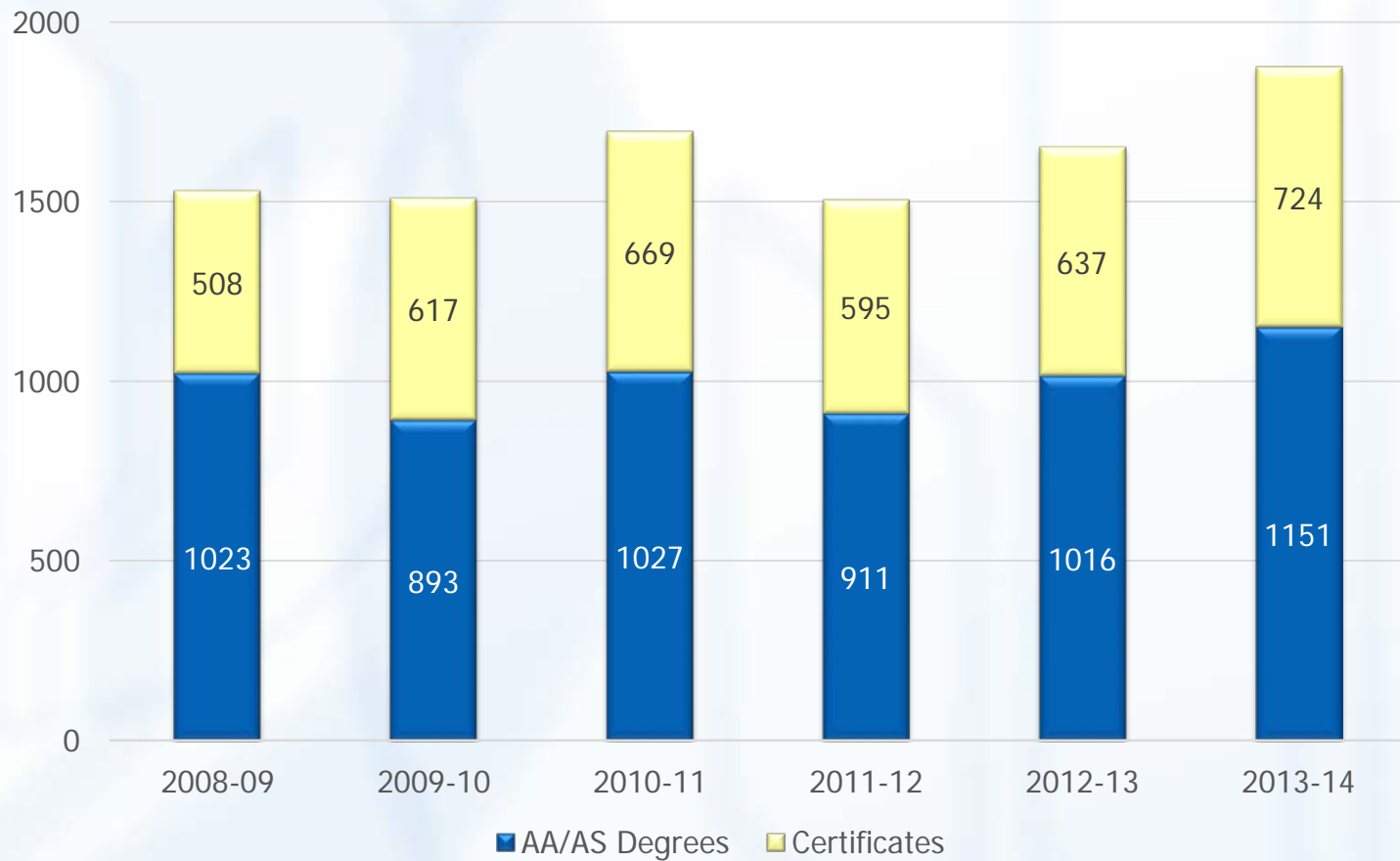
Students		20,678	
GENDER		RACE/ETHNICITY	
Female	52.1%	African American	2.3%
Male	47.7%	American Indian/Alaska Native	0.6%
Unknown Gender	0.2%	Asian	2.6%
AGE		Filipino	1.7%
Under 20 years old	21.3%	Hispanic	48.8%
20 to 24 years old	29.4%	Pacific Islander	0.4%
25 to 39 years old	28.1%	White	39.1%
40 or more years old	21.2%	Two or More Races	2.7%
Unknown Age	0.0%	Unknown Ethnicity	1.9%

National Priority: Accountability

2014 Allan Hancock College Student Success Scorecard Metrics

Cohort Tracked for Six Years Through 2012-13	Completion			Persistence			30 Units			Remedial			Career Technical Education	Career Development & College Preparation
	Prepared	Unprepared	Overall	Prepared	Unprepared	Overall	Prepared	Unprepared	Overall	Math	English	ESL		
Cohort	59.4%	37.1%	45.3%	70.3%	68.4%	69.1%	71.9%	63.2%	66.4%	31.1%	44.0%	11.5%	50.2%	1.0%
Female	63.3%	38.1%	46.6%	72.3%	68.3%	69.7%	70.5%	65.8%	67.3%	32.5%	43.2%	13.3%	60.2%	0.8%
Male	55.9%	35.8%	43.9%	68.5%	68.3%	68.4%	73.6%	59.9%	65.4%	28.8%	44.5%	8.5%	43.5%	1.1%
Under 20 years old	60.7%	40.1%	48.4%	71.3%	71.9%	71.7%	73.3%	66.4%	69.2%	34.6%	51.9%	15.0%	61.8%	1.9%
20 to 24 years old	46.7%	29.2%	33.3%	56.7%	55.2%	55.6%	50.0%	53.1%	52.4%	31.2%	32.7%	17.6%	56.7%	1.0%
25 to 39 years old	50.0%	22.4%	26.0%	50.0%	49.3%	49.4%	70.0%	49.3%	51.9%	27.2%	24.7%	4.3%	35.4%	1.1%
40 or more years old	33.3%	21.6%	23.3%	83.3%	64.9%	67.4%	66.7%	48.6%	51.2%	20.2%	29.0%	15.4%	41.8%	0.3%
African-American	45.5%	32.5%	35.3%	72.7%	55.0%	58.8%	54.5%	57.5%	56.9%	27.8%	40.0%	NA	42.4%	NA
American Indian/Alaska Native	80.0%	18.2%	37.5%	80.0%	54.5%	62.5%	80.0%	45.5%	56.3%	21.7%	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	NA
Asian	60.0%	66.7%	64.1%	86.7%	87.5%	87.2%	73.3%	70.8%	71.8%	61.5%	70.0%	25.0%	48.6%	0.0%
Filipino	31.6%	38.1%	35.0%	68.4%	76.2%	72.5%	57.9%	61.9%	60.0%	37.5%	47.1%	22.2%	52.9%	NA
Hispanic	54.9%	33.8%	39.8%	65.4%	72.0%	70.1%	70.3%	65.1%	66.6%	27.9%	41.9%	7.6%	53.6%	0.8%
Pacific Islander	60.0%	66.7%	63.6%	60.0%	100.0%	81.8%	80.0%	66.7%	72.7%	40.0%	50.0%	NA	42.9%	NA
White	64.1%	39.4%	50.4%	74.2%	61.0%	66.9%	75.4%	60.3%	67.1%	33.8%	43.8%	66.7%	49.1%	0.0%


National Priority: Accountability




Transfer Success



National Priority: Accountability



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Engineering and Industrial Technology

Instructional programs in the mathematical and natural sciences utilizing the materials and forces of nature for the benefit of human beings. Instructional programs in technology that require the application of scientific and engineering knowledge, methods, and technical skills in support of engineers and other professionals.

Curriculum	Award Type	Median Annual Salary		
		2 Years Before	2 Years After	5 Years After
<input type="checkbox"/> Aeronautical and Aviation Technology	Degree	\$27,516	\$34,836	\$61,273
<input type="checkbox"/> Aeronautical and Aviation Technology	Certificate	\$20,685	\$41,818	\$45,935
<input type="checkbox"/> Architectural Drafting	Degree	\$16,517	\$30,490	N/A

College	Program Title	Program Type
Allan Hancock College	Architectural Drafting	Degree
Chaffey College	Drafting Technician: Architectural	Degree
College of the Canyons	Architectural Drafting & Technology	Degree
College of the Redwoods	Drafting Technology, Architecture	Degree
Cuyamaca College	CADD Technology: Building Design Industry	Degree
Long Beach City College	Drafting -- Architectural (Occupational Program)	Degree
Palomar College	Architectural Drafting Technology	Degree
Sacramento City College	Architectural/Structural Drafting	Degree
Santa Ana College	Architectural/Civil Engineering/Construction Drafting&Design	Degree
Sierra College	Drafting and Engineering Support: Architectural/Civil	Degree

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<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Systems Technology and Maintenance	Certificate	\$32,317	\$68,699	\$60,746
<input type="checkbox"/> Machining and Machine Tools	Degree	\$47,852	\$52,834	\$57,129

College	Program Title	Program Type
Allan Hancock College	Machining and Manufacturing Technology	Degree
Cerritos College	Apprenticeship: Machine Tool Technology	Degree
Cerritos College	Machine Tool Technology	Degree
Cerritos College	Machine Tool Technology: Machinist	Degree
Cerritos College	Machine Tool Technology: Numerical Control Machine Operator	Degree
Cerritos College	Machine Tool Technology: Numerical Control Tool Programmer	Degree
Cerritos College	Machine Tool Technology: Tool and Die Maker	Degree
Cerro Coso Community College	Machine Tool Technology	Degree
Chabot College	Numerical Control	Degree
College of Marin	Machine and Metals Technology	Degree

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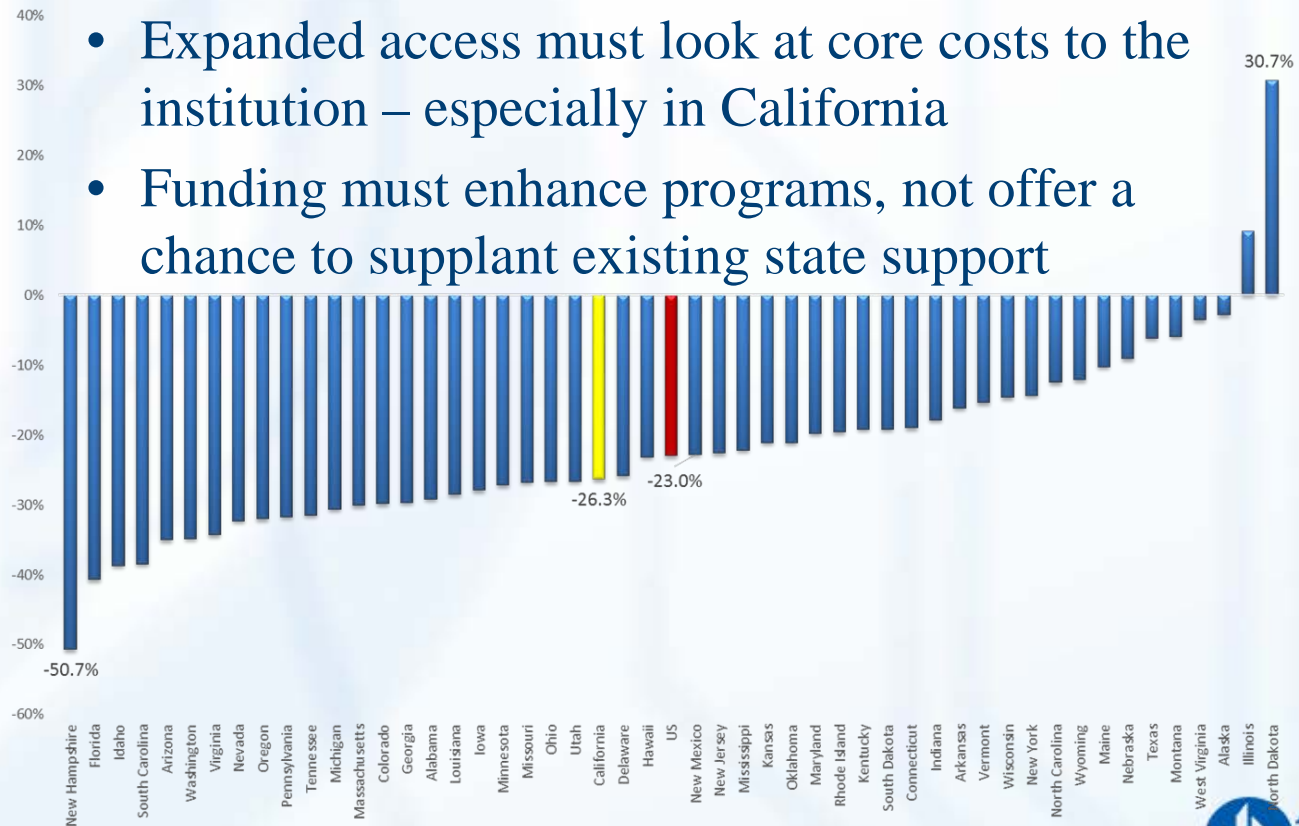
California Priority: Default Rate Calculations

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Default Rate	35.9%	22.0%	27.9%
Number in Default	23	17	24
Number in Repayment	64	77	86
Enrollment	19,201	18,747	17,967
Percentage	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%
Weight of One Borrower	1.56%	1.3%	1.16%

Note: For FY 2011, it would take only two borrowers (2.32%) to push rate above 30%

Allan Hancock College Priority: America's Promise

- Rise in tuition and fees is the result of state divestment in undergraduate education
- Expanded access must look at core costs to the institution – especially in California
- Funding must enhance programs, not offer a chance to supplant existing state support



Note: Dollars adjusted by 2012 HECA, Cost of Living Adjustment, and Enrollment Mix Index.

Source: State Higher Education Executive Officers

Education Alliance for Student Engagement (EASE)

- Partner with local school districts and agencies to support the Career Integration Initiative
 - Lompoc
 - Orcutt
 - Santa Barbara County Office of Ed.
 - Santa Maria
 - Santa Ynez
 - Family Partnership Charter School
 - Workforce Investment Board
- \$5.9 million grant request submitted to the state to support and expand existing pathways



Allan Hancock College Priority:

Federal and Regional Partnerships in Safety

- Public Safety training center offers opportunity to train in a multi-agency environment.



Allan Hancock College Priority: University Center

- No open access CSU in the region.
- Nearest CSU (Channel Islands) is 110 miles away in Ventura County
- Only five California community colleges more remotely located in relation to CSU campuses
- AHC students are mostly from underrepresented groups






M E M O R A N D U M

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: February 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

Cash for College – Last year Diana Perez and I made it a priority to extend our Cal-SOAP program to Lompoc USD. Lompoc had been in the program, but had dropped out some years back. Adding them back involved some negotiating, but we managed to get it done last spring. This year was the first year we could fully serve Lompoc with the Cash for College program and I want to share with you an excerpt from an email we received from Cathie Riordan, a counselor at Lompoc High School:

I've been a counselor at Lompoc High School for five years, and for three of those years, we were not assisted through Cal-Soap. We still held the event on our own during those years, but there were many challenges to servicing all the families in attendance. Last year we were picked up by Cal-Soap but it was a bit later in the season, so although we did receive some help, it was nothing like the full support we received this year.

Having Diana and her team made a dramatic difference in the level of service people received with assistance in completing their FAFSA and California Dream Act applications here at Lompoc High School and we are truly grateful for the additional support provided by Cal-Soap.

Diana and her team are changing the odds for students all over the region!

Vice President Searches – Postings for the vice president for instruction and vice president for administration went out this week. We anticipate having interviews in late April and early May.


Basketball – The final basketball games of the season will happen at 3:00 (men) and 5:00 (women) today. With a win, the men will clinch a tie for first place in the Western State Conference and will have a shot at making the state playoffs.



M E M O R A N D U M

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: February 27, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

Bridges to Success – Some two dozen counselors representing AHC, Lompoc HS, Cabrillo HS and Santa Ynez HS met in Lompoc to improve pathways from our local schools to Hancock (picture attached to the email). Our student services department is setting a strong foundation for the future.

A2MEND – This week we are taking seven of our freshmen student athletes to the African American Male Education Network and Development Conference at LAX this week. This is a leadership program designed specifically for African American men in community college and is part of our Student Equity Plan. I have been asked to present to aspiring administrators as part of the event and will be in Los Angeles from Tuesday evening until Thursday afternoon.

Vice President Search – We have our announcements out for two vice presidents. I have received inquiries from two individuals (one for each) asking if the salary range is accurate. We have discussed putting in a new salary schedule for vice presidents, and I think we will need to add this to the agenda for the March meeting. No current vice president would see a change in salary from moving the new schedule nor would it have any additional cost (we have funds from Dr. Miller's salary to cover the marginal difference), but I am convinced that we will not be able to recruit a deep and diverse pool at our current rates. I will bring this up at College Council – it's a topic we have discussed on campus informally, but it probably has not been heard by all groups.

Four Year Degrees – I had a meeting with the vice provost of Cal Poly this week and I am pleased that they are interested in finding ways to bring four year degrees to Santa Maria. We will be accelerating the conversation with Cal Poly and CSU Channel Islands this semester.

Student Housing – This week I assigned Steve Yamaichi with the task of coordinating research on student housing. We want to make this a priority and need a point person to manage it.


PSTC Standard Operating Procedures – We will have an update on progress toward development of standard operating procedures at the March board meeting. Dave Senior and his staff have accelerated their efforts and have made a great deal of progress.



M E M O R A N D U M

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: March 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities this week:

International Students. For the better part of the past year we have been working to get the Lompoc Valley Campus and Solvang Center certified as instructional sites by the Student & Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), a division of the Department of Homeland Security. This week we received the approval, thanks to the diligence of Marian Quaid-Maltagliati and the Student Services team. This will which allow our international students to take classes at any of our locations – a very important development for students in our agriculture program.

High School Outreach. You may remember that we moved up the start of applications for high school seniors this year. We also started sending staff out to the high schools in February to support outreach efforts. Any student that applies for admission will receive a welcome letter and instructions on how to follow the seven steps of enrollment. Since November we have had 180 apply for summer and 396 apply for fall.

CCCT Board of Directors Election. At the next board meeting, you will be asked to vote for seven nominees to serve on the board of directors of the CCCT. We have attached the information and biographies for the candidates to the email that contained this message.


I hope you have a great weekend.



M E M O R A N D U M

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

COPIES TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: March 13, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Awards for Innovation. On Monday I was in Sacramento to present at the AHC submission for California Forward's *Innovation in Higher Education Showcase*. The state has set aside \$50 million to award for innovation and plans to award it to twenty institutions (\$2.5 million each). My guess is that most of the awards will go to UC and CSU schools, but that does not diminish the work put in by our faculty (Julia Raybould-Rodgers, Susan Farley, and Louise Madrigal) and Kim Ensing to build a boot camp program that promises to accelerate completion for our students.

Legislative meetings. While in Sacramento, I took the opportunity to drop in on Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian and Senator Hanna-Beth Jackson. I shared with them that we are working on partnerships to bring four year degrees to the north county and asked for their support on the Career Pathways Trust grant application that we submitted with our local high school partners. Both were very receptive.

Hancock Jackets. The administrative team asked me to convey their appreciation for the AHC jackets.

Counselor Workshops. Workshops for counselors in the Lompoc USD took place today. This is a tremendous outreach program that our student services team has started. Pictures are attached to the email that brought this message.

Public Safety Training Complex, Business/Strategic Plan. Staff met on Thursday to develop a Public Safety Training Complex (PSTC) Business Plan. The team includes Deb Annibali, Michael Black, Jane Harmon, Felix Hernandez Jr., Rick Rantz, and David Senior. I have asked VP Hernandez to lead this team and develop a comprehensive plan to help us understand academic programs, regulatory issues, and revenue opportunities for the PSTC. The plan will also address staffing to promote external revenue. We anticipate providing a progress update during the April board meeting.

Student Competitions. Two students from the Industrial Technology Department represented Allan Hancock College at the SkillsUSA California Region 2 conference in Paso Robles on February 7. Engineering technology major Kathirya Hefferan, president of the AHC SkillsUSA chapter, competed in Technical Drafting and received 1st place – gold award in the college division. Auto technology major Juan Bernal-Quintero won the gold medal in the Post-Secondary Automotive contest. Both students are

now eligible to compete at the SkillsUSA California 48th Annual State Leadership and Skill Conference April 9-12 in San Diego.

Guided Factory Tour. HaasTec 2015 Guided Factory Tour will take place on Friday, March 20. Hancock's Industrial Technology department initiated and coordinated the tour with five local high schools - Orcutt Academy, Pioneer Valley, Santa Maria, Cabrillo, and Santa Ynez High Schools.


Adult Education Regional Plan. A 200-page [Northern Santa Barbara County AB86 Adult Education Regional Plan](#) was submitted to the Chancellor's Office on March 1, 2015. It is posted on the [CCCCO AB86](#) website. It contains over \$4 million in funding requests for adult education program expansion for Lompoc Unified School District's Adult Education Program and Hancock's Community Education Program. A board presentation on March 17 will provide more information.



M E M O R A N D U M

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: March 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Workforce and Literacy Initiative (WALI) Semi-Annual Update – I will be a panelist at the WALI luncheon next week. WALI is a regional effort to collaboratively articulate and achieve five distinct workforce and literacy goals in the Northern Santa Barbara County region. WALI is being co-led by the United Way and EconAlliance with numerous North County partners. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **We have reserved a table and hope you can join us.** Please contact Carmen to confirm your seat. The flyer additional information is attached to your email.

Student Success Summit – We have attached an invitation for the Student Success Summit to be held on April 3. It's an all-day event, but if you can't make it for the full day, I would encourage you to come for the keynote speaker, SMHS principal Joe Domingues. He will speak during lunch on cultural competencies.

Dance Spectrum – Performances for Dance Spectrum will be held next week (Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 PM with matinees at 2:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday). Part time instructor and professional dancer Jesus Solorio will be the featured performer and choreographer. You can see more about the event [here](#).

Services for Jose Rodriguez Gallardo – The young man killed in the fall at Avila Beach was one of our students and his sister is also a student. The family does not have substantial resources and a donation page has been established to help with expenses. You can find the page [here](#). Services will be next week with a rosary at 7:30 PM on Wednesday and a funeral at noon on Thursday. Both will be at St. Neumann church.

The college is closed on Friday to give staff a little spring break as well.


I hope you have a great weekend.



WEEKLY UPDATE

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

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: March 27, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Below is a brief update on some of the activities last week:

Athletics – Our athletic department is hosting their first “Recruit Day” on April 11 to coincide with home softball, baseball, and soccer games. Meanwhile, AHC Softball is on a path to win a second consecutive WSC title and is in line to host a playoff series.

Allan Hancock Boosters – The Joe White fundraising committee will begin meeting this week to plan and prepare for the annual event held in August. Preliminary discussions for the next “cause” is to bring football on campus, including installation of a modern scoreboard.

Career Fair – The second annual Allan Hancock College Spring Career Fair was a huge success, with more than 50 exhibitors representing local industry, non-profits, governmental agencies and universities.

Retirement Board of Authority – Earlier this year the board established a trust for investing and securing employee post-employment benefits (OPEB). To oversee the trust, we established a Retirement Board of Authority with membership from administration, faculty, classified staff and the board. The RBOA held its first meeting and will be able to deposit funds as allocated by the board. Our anticipation is that the OPEB liability will be very close to fully funded immediately.

Sandy Carty – Shannon and I (and about 500 others, it seemed!) attended Sandy Carty’s funeral on Friday. It was a nice tribute to a true friend of the college. Shannon and I were lucky to have Sandy take us in as a quick friend and we will miss her smiling face at our events.



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DATE: April 17, 2015

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Austin Community College ACCelerator In advance of the AACC national convention, I was invited by a longtime friend to come tour the ACC ACCelerator. It started as a program to help students get through developmental math in a more timely manner and is now expanding to be a space for all types of learning. The ACCelerator is actually located in what used to be the JCPenney store where I worked while I was in college – so it was cool to see the transformation. You can learn more about it [here](#) – and be sure to watch the video! You can also watch a promotional [video from Dell](#) that mixes the program with the back end technology. We may not be able to go to this kind of scale, but it is great to see that we can move students through developmental programs at a more rapid pace.

Science Night IX: Psychedelic Science (May 1 – 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.) Professor Eric Dunham from Stanford University Geophysics will be available to answer questions on tsunamis, earthquakes, or any geophysics related questions. Faculty are setting up a giant tsunami tank and shake table to experience the theory hands-on. In addition, there will be three shows at the main stage this year. As always, the chemists will be in full force with some explosive talent you won't want to miss. We should have some new stuff like Ruben's tubes (see sound waves in flame) and the personal hovercraft area (while batteries last). This takes place while we are at the CCLC meetings, but please encourage your friends and families to attend.

Search for New Vice Presidents We are closing in on having a cabinet team with no interims! Interviews for the Vice President of Academic Services will take place on April 28 with a community forum on April 29. Interviews for Vice President of Administrative Services will take place on May 5. We are not holding a community forum for this position.

Mandala Display The first week of May will see a return of the Tibetan monks. The opening ceremony will be on May 4 and the monks will create a new mandala throughout the week.

MESA Newsletter The attached MESA newsletter is filled with inspiring student stories – evidence that AHC is helping to change the odds for our community.

Meeting with Community Leaders Cynthia Schurr, president/publisher *S.M. Times*, has been hosting weekly meetings to discuss issues related to poverty in Santa Maria. She is joined by Dr. Warren Gabaree (local dentist and part-time AHC faculty member), David Pratt, president of Santa Maria Energy, and Fire Chief Dan Orr. This week Ardis Neilsen stopped in to present an overview of Community Education and the AB86 Consortium Project. The presentation was well received, with multiple questions, and a recognition of how AHC programs benefit the community.


Child Development Conference The Early Childhood Studies Department and Children's Center faculty are representing AHC as cosponsors for the 13th annual Child Development Conference. The all-day conference is taking place Saturday, April 18, on campus. Approximately 200 attendees are expected. The targeted audience will include family childcare business owners, agency directors, teachers, assistants, and ECS students. Other cosponsors include S.B. County Children's Resource and Referral Program, First 5 of S.B. County, S.B. County Community Action Commission, the Child Care Planning Council, and S.B. County Head Start. The focus of the conference will be early childhood education best practices.



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FA Negotiations: We reached a tentative agreement with the Faculty Association on Friday. The agreement extends the FA contract through the 2017-2018 year and should have us free from negotiations. One exception may arise if the state funds professional development, but that discussion should be fairly straightforward.

Softball Success: The AHC softball team secured a #2 seed in the southern bracket and will host our first-ever home playoff series. The best of three series will open at 2:00 on Saturday with a game at noon on Sunday. If a third game is required, it will be played at 2:00 on Sunday. A series win by the Bulldogs will guarantee a second weekend of home games.

Inside Hancock: The spring edition of Inside Hancock is attached to the weekly email. There are a lot of good stories about how we are changing the odds for our students.

Enrollment update: It appears our enrollment efforts are paying dividends. Enrollment projections show great improvement in non-credit ESL and Term 4 Courses. Even with the improvement, we are borrowing from the summer term and will need to be focused on this issue into next year.

I hope you had a great weekend. Don't forget that we have a hotel for you on Thursday in Monterey!


See you at the Trustees conference!



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Institutional Effectiveness: At the CCLC meeting there was a session on the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative. This is a project funded by the Chancellor's Office and is offering "program review teams" to provide peer to peer assistance to improve the institution. AHC will be the eighth college to participate in this program. We have asked for assistance with enrollment management – following the budget cuts and retirements, we are short on institutional knowledge as to how to best arrange our academic schedule. We are anticipating a visit in early June to meet with our team. The bonus is that the project offers up to \$150,000 to help implement a new plan. We can use this funding to purchase software and pay for further consulting services.

Softball Reminder: The AHC softball team secured a #2 seed in the southern bracket and will host our first-ever home playoff series. The best of three series opened Saturday with a 10-1 AHC win. Game two will be played at noon on Sunday. If a third game is required, it will be played at 2:00 on Sunday. A series win by the Bulldogs will guarantee a second weekend of home games.

Guadalupe Outreach: The counseling department and the CAN program offered two outreach programs in Guadalupe this week. This helps students with admissions and orientations so they can be ready to enroll.

Pioneer Valley High School: PVHS has put up pictures of all of their students that are attending AHC. A picture is attached to your email.

Fall Registration: Priority registration begins on May 11. This is a new time frame for AHC – we used to have registration in the summer. We believe that by offering registration while students are still on campus we will increase retention. We will also be better able to get local high school seniors to sign up. This change in date was not without a lot of heavy lifting by the staff in student services and the business office.

Concurrent Enrollment: We are working with local high schools to build concurrent enrollment programs. Over the past week we have hit a couple of snags that will slow our pace somewhat – but we are committed to serving students at all of our high schools. There may be some grumbling from our high school partners – if you hear any, please have them call me directly.

New Position Posting: We will be posting positions for the new Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Director of Public Relations next week. These are both replacement positions that we hope to fill by July 1.


I hope you have a great weekend.



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Concurrent Enrollment: Local schools are very interested in concurrent enrollment. We are excited by the prospect, but need to move deliberately to ensure that any course offered at a high school is taught as a college course. Our plan at this point is to pilot US History to let the schools see how the program works (Santa Ynez will continue with its larger *College Now* program). Our faculty are supportive of the program and we anticipate a larger offering next year. The basics for the course include a requirement that the instructor meet AHC minimum qualifications; classes are to be taught using the AHC course outline of record; all students in the class must be registered for the AHC course; and the rigor is expected to be college level.

Marcled and MOCA Foundations: I went to San Francisco on Friday to meet with the MOCA foundation and thank them for their support of the PCPA Outreach program. Following the meeting, the board members contacted me to express a desire to continue that support. MOCA is closely related to the Marcled Foundation, sharing board members and working to support each other. The Marcled Foundation is supporting our Cooperative Work Experience program (\$100,000 total) and is interested in working with us on a few other community issues.

Softball Wrap Up: The AHC softball team lost both games this weekend and will not advance to the finals. Even so, they had a great season and it was a lot of fun watching them play.

Veterans Adacemy: Mayor Alice Patino helped with an employment preparation event at the Veterans Success Center. Rob Parisi and David Hernandez worked with EDD to conduct mock interviews with veterans.

End of Year Activities: We are off and running with end of year performances and celebrations. The choir had a full house at First United Methodist and Ballet Folklorico had several sold out performances. The MESA/STEM programs had their year-end celebration at Café FX (part of Santa Maria Energy).

The fire academy will hold its graduation on Friday at 10:00 AM at the Public Safety Training Center followed by the PCPA graduation at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon.

There will be two retirement celebrations on the 13th – a joint event for Leslie Mosson and Donna Bishop at 2:00 and one for Dave Senior at 3:00 in the Captain's Room.

CSEA Appreciation Week: This week is CSEA appreciation week and culminates with the BBQ on Friday from 11:30 to 1:30. I have received many words of thanks for the Board sponsorship of lunch. Once again administrators will be serving and we will have a few awards and recognitions.

Lompoc City/School Meetings: The City of Lompoc established a quarterly meeting schedule with local schools similar to the meetings that the City of Santa Maria has been doing for some time.


I hope you had a great weekend.



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Commencement week schedule. Next week is our big week – please see the list below – you are invited to any and all of these events! The Veterans’ Center opening is a soft opening to thank faculty and staff for their support – we will have a formal opening during the Fall Semester.

For Commencement we will have a light lunch in the board room starting at about 11:00 AM on Friday.

Next week's event in Outlook		
Subject	Start	Location
PCPA Graduation	Sun 5/17/2015 2:30 PM	Marian Theatre
ASPIRE Community Meeting	Mon 5/18/2015 6:00 PM	Boardroom
Board Meeting	Tues 5/19/2015 4:30 PM	Captain’s Room
Veterans Center Opening (Soft Opening)	Wed 5/20/2015 1:00 PM	G-101
Retirements & Recognitions Celebration	Wed 5/20/2015 2:00 PM	Courtyard between A & B
TRiO/CAN Recognition Ceremony	Wed 5/20/2015 6:00 PM	G-106
Auxiliary Corporation Board	Thu 5/21/2015 2:00 PM	Captain's Room
AHC Viticulture & Enology Foundation Board of Directors Meeting	Thu 5/21/2015 4:00 PM	Sky Room
Scholarship Banquet	Thu 5/21/2015 6:00 PM	Gym
Commencement Rehearsal	Fri 5/22/2015 9:00 AM	Commons
Children's Center Recognition Reception	Fri 5/22/2015 10:00 AM	Children's Center
Transfer Students Reception	Fri 5/22/2015 11:00 AM	Courtyard between A&B
Commencement 2015	Fri 5/22/2015 1:00 PM	Santa Maria Campus

AHC Welcome Video. Human Resource staff (Liz Phillips), Andrew Masuda, and Kevin Boland will be working on shooting videos for new and prospective employees in June for use starting in July. We will post the video for prospective employees on our HR page and show the new hire/welcome aboard video at our new employee orientation. The footage for these two videos will be shot at the same time, so this will be a single effort yielding two products. We would like each of the Trustees to give a brief welcome if they are comfortable doing so. Ideally, Trustee Pensa will introduce Solvang Center and Trustee Jones will introduce LVC. Trustees Lahr, Bennett, and Zacarias will introduce the Santa Maria campus and/or various aspects of/facts about the district in general. Key college staff, including executive administrators, will also be featured.


Solvang Awnings. The new awnings are installed on the Solvang Center! See the pictures attached to the email. Special thanks to Felix and Rick for getting that through the city (with an assist from Trustee Pensa!) and to Rex Vandenberg for getting them installed!



WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 29, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

June Meeting in Lompoc: Don't forget that the June meeting is at the LVC (June 16 – our last meeting on a third Tuesday)! If you would like some custom training on the track, skid car and fire tower, let Carmen know and we will have you set up. Please arrive by 2:00 – the Public Safety staff and faculty have a little training/safety presentation and then we can go out and see how the facility works. If you have your own car you want to bring, that is ok too.

Meet the new VPs: At 3:00 on Monday we will host a small reception for Dr. George Railey and Michael Black in the Board Room. You are invited to attend if you can make it! We will host a larger, more formal event in conjunction with All Staff day as we start the fall semester.

Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara: I attended both events hosted by the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara. It was great to hear that 53 percent of the \$8.7 million awarded went to North County students – and the number of AHC students walking across the stage was significant. The Foundation will be sending us information about the total number and dollar amount next week.

Administrative Contracts: We are moving forward on the final language in the administrative contracts and will be able to have those in place on July 1, pending approval of the second reading of the new Board Policy at the June 16 meeting.

Student Trustee Stipend: We have put in place a procedure to ensure the student trustee receives the full value of the stipend at the bookstore. We are also checking to see if we need to make a correction for Jorge to make sure he gets the full value for his service.


The week after graduation is a little slow – we'll start to see things pick up as we approach summer. I hope you have a great weekend!



WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: June 5, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

Update on June Meeting in Lompoc: Don't forget that the June meeting is at the LVC (June 16 – our last meeting on a third Tuesday)! Our public safety faculty and staff are prepared for the afternoon. Please arrive by 2:00. You are welcome to bring your own car for the EVOC track and you can choose to either ride or drive the skid car! Update: *We have determined that a fire tower demonstration will not work for this meeting* – it takes at least a half hour to get the gear on and when you are done you will probably be much more interested in taking a shower than in going to the board meeting. We will have the fire demonstration following the board meeting that will be scheduled for late July or early August.

Veteran Loan Program: Last week we issued our first two short term loans for veterans. The money will bridge the gap between the spring and summer sessions for the two veterans. This is an exciting project and we are honored by the generosity of our community in setting this program up.

Script for Applicant/New Hire Video: Andrew Masuda has put together the first draft of the video we are shooting to welcome applicants and new hires. The script is attached to your email.

Steps to Priority Registration Winner: As you know, we have really stepped up our high school recruiting. Students that finished the three-step process to get priority registration were entered into a drawing for a backpack with AHC swag – Christopher Diaz from PVHS was our first winner. His picture is attached to the email.

Board Retreat and Calendaring: Carmen will be reaching out to you to look for dates for the Board Retreat between mid-July and mid-August. At the January retreat you expressed an interest in having it on a Saturday morning, so we will offer that as an option as well. Carmen is also working on setting up a regular schedule for me to meet with you individually over breakfast, lunch or coffee.

CUPCAA Update: Next week will open bids for our first projects under the California Uniform Public Construction and Cost Accounting (CUPCAA) procedures. This is the new process established by the state and approved by the Board for issuing construction awards less than \$175,000. Following the award, the item is brought to the Board for confirmation. In order to ensure transparency for the Board, Vice President Hernandez will include pending CUPCAA bids in his monthly report beginning in June.

Enrollment Update: Enrollment is looking better than expected for the coming year. Summer is seeing an uptick, but the numbers are still bouncing around more than we would like. Addressing this issue is our top priority and we will update you as we make progress.


As always, feel free to contact me with any questions. I hope you have a great weekend!



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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: June 12, 2015

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A late arriving weekly update – my apologies as I let the weekend get away from me.

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Chancellor's Circle Luncheon: Chancellor Brice Harris and other college presidents, college trustees, and foundation members will visit Hancock College on July 15 and a tour of the campus has been requested. I will lead one tour while Andrew Masuda leads another group. A second Hancock College representative walks with each group and highlights Hancock's accomplishments or answers questions. If you are available on July 15, at 10:45 a.m., please feel free to join us.

EOPS Summer Institute: Allan Hancock College will be participating in the EOPS Summer Institute July 24 – 26. You are each invited to a BBQ at UCSB with the students on the evening of July 25. The flyer and letters are attached (we combined the letters into one file for email convenience!).


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WEEKLY UPDATE

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DATE: June 19, 2015

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A few items going on this week since we last met:

Solvang Center Internet Restored: When we upgraded our internet switch on campus during the break, we lost access to Solvang Center. Our vendors (HP) struggled to find an answer and were able to resolve the situation this morning, so full access is restored to the Center.

Cultural Proficiency Institute: Santa Maria High School hosted a [Corwin Cultural Proficiency Institute](#) this week. More than 210 people attended, including 25 from AHC. The two days were very thought provoking and provided a great complement to the cultural proficiency work underway in our Bridges to Success program.

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Board Retreat: The Board Retreat is set for July 31. We will be working with our Public Safety program to set up a tour of the fire tower while it is actually on fire. We have several reports that we will prepare based on your requests.

ACCT Service Opportunity: ACCT is looking for someone to serve as the Pacific Region representative for the Diversity Committee. President Pensa asked that I remind you of this. If you are interested, let Carmen know and we will get a letter together. Applications are due July 1 and further details are in the attachment to the weekly update email.

ACCT Leadership Conference: The [ACCT leadership conference](#) is scheduled for October 15-17 in San Diego (there are some pre-conference events starting on the 13th). This is a good event and would count as a board development opportunity. If you would like to attend, please let Carmen know and we will get you registered.

IEPI Visit – We had six colleagues in to meet with us on enrollment management as part of the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative. It was a very good visit where the team listened to our faculty and staff explain how we manage enrollment. The next step is for the visiting team to write a short report and return to discuss processes that will enhance our current efforts. We will keep you updated on the progress.


I will be in Texas next week but I will be available by cell and email, so feel free to contact me with any questions. I hope you have a great weekend!



WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: June 26, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

I have been in Texas all week, so I probably don't have all that has been going on, but here are a few items you may be interested in:

OPEB Trust Funded: This week we funded the OPEB trust. The \$7.2 million transfer will be part of our FY 2015 financial statements.

Retirement: I forgot to include in last week's email that Jeff Cotter has decided to retire in September. Jeff has done a great job in the two years I have been here – particularly in relation to raising funds for the STEM endowment. We will take some time to look at how the position should be structured for the future – our Title V grant includes an activity that will provide an assessment of our options in relation to institutional advancement moving forward.

State Budget Signed: The governor signed the state budget this week. A copy of the changes for the CCC System are attached to the weekly email. I have also attached an email from Dan Troy that was sent prior to the signing, but will provide additional information. We will have an update for you at the July meeting.

Pipefitting Apprenticeship Program: We have been working with Michael Lopez to work out a few issues with our apprenticeship program in pipefitting. It seems our communication has been less than optimal for some time with the pipefitters. In just a week, Dr. Railey has been able to offer solutions and has already made great strides in improving the relationship. It also appears that we may have an opportunity to expand our partnership with them.

Chancellor's Circle Luncheon/Leadership Development: Chancellor Brice Harris and other college presidents, college trustees, and foundation members will visit Hancock College on July 15. Seats are limited and we have reserved one for each of you.

We are also holding a leadership development seminar for our faculty and staff in conjunction with the Chancellor's visit. Kelly Underwood has been handling logistics and will be in touch to invite you to lunch and a presentation that will be the culminating event for the attendees.

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DATE: July 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week – now with editorial assistance from Phil Hamer in our Public Affairs Office!

Save the Dates:

- The Joe White Dinner is scheduled for **Saturday, August 15 at 5 p.m.** There is a new location this year – we will be at the Elks Lodge.
- The Bulldog Bow WOW will take place on the Santa Maria campus, **Wednesday, September 2 in the Student Center from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**
- The Bulldog Bow WOW will take place on the Lompoc Valley Center, **Wednesday, September 9 in the Center Courtyard from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**
- The opening of the Veteran Success Center has been scheduled for **Thursday, September 10 at 2 p.m.**

Retirement: Police Chief Wes Maroney told us he is retiring this fall. We will have an update at the Board meeting next week.

Budget Estimates: The state budget is official and community colleges fared pretty well. We have attached to the weekly email our estimates of how the totals will translate to AHC. There are still details to work out and the bulk of the new funds (more than \$6m for AHC) comes in the form of one-time dollars that are directed to offset mandated expenditures from prior years. We will have a more comprehensive report at the board meeting.

New Sick Leave Policy: With the July 1 implementation of the Healthy Workplace Healthy Family Act of 2014 (AB 1522), all employees of the district – including student workers and short-term employees – are now eligible for sick leave at a rate of 24 hours per year.

Taskforce on the Workforce: The draft report from the Taskforce on the Workforce is out for review. You can view a copy [here](#). We also attached to the weekly email my response to the report (you can scroll down in that message to see the memo from the taskforce) – we are pleased that it calls for “sustainable funding” for CTE programs but want to be recognized for the investments AHC made even during the downtimes.

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SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

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2014-2015 Enrollment Shortfall: We have been discussing enrollment reporting since January when it became clear our systems are not allowing us to accurately project enrollment. At the end of the 2011-2012 academic year the college had 747 FTE students that we could roll into the next budget year as a “bank account.” From that time, however, we have been using that bank account to maintain our status as a mid-size college. As we finalize our reporting for this academic year, we have depleted that “bank account” and will fall short of the mid-size college standard. We will have three years to recover or we will face the loss of \$1.1 million in funding from the state.

We have already taken steps to address the enrollment issue. Vice President Ornelas has led the *Bridges to Success* program that should increase enrollment of students coming directly from high school. Vice President Railey comes to us with expertise in enrollment management and is already working with the deans to develop a plan for building a schedule. The new Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness position was created to help with the shortfalls in our reporting and analysis areas – it is clear that we have a gap in our systems that we cannot allow to continue.

We are also looking to other areas for increased enrollment next year. Our new concurrent enrollment offerings will increase enrollment and we are examining our attendance and course offering patterns to find places we can address where we may be leaving FTES on the table. We anticipate falling short of our budget target (which was higher than the mid-size college level) by approximately 167 FTES.

The shortfall we are projecting will have an impact in the current year, but as we close out the budget we are confident that we will land on a reserve balance that is very close to the budgeted prediction for the current year.

Employee Benefits Moving to HR: The function of Employee Benefits has moved into the Human Resources office and will no longer be housed in the Business Services office. We are delighted to have Pam Blanchard as Benefits Technician and part of the HR team.

Human Resources at Lompoc Valley Center: Every month the benefits technician and either the HR director or coordinator will spend one or two days at the Lompoc Valley Center to assist the staff and faculty in Lompoc.

Marian Foundation Dinner: The annual Marian Foundation Dinner is scheduled for August 23 at 3 p.m. Trustees are invited to bring a guest to the dinner. Please let Carmen know if you can attend.




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- Chancellor's Circle Luncheon begins with a tour for our guests at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, **July 15**. Lunch will be served at noon.
- Leadership Academy Final Presentation – Friday, **July 17** from 12:00 to 2:30. Thirty members of our faculty and staff are spending two and a half days in a leadership academy. They will present their work at 1:00 but you are invited to join them for lunch at the Far Western at 1:00 on Friday if you can make it.
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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: July 11, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

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Leadership Academy: The inaugural AHC Leadership Academy took place this week with some 30 staff members including vice presidents, administrators, faculty and staff completing a three-day leadership workshop. There is no doubt the class and left smiling and excited to hit the ground running with their new tools and paths to success. They heard from several guest speakers, including Cuesta Superintendent/President Dr. Gil Stork, West Hills Coalinga President Carole Goldsmith, Contra Costa CCD Chancellor Helen Benjamin and California Community College Chancellor Brice Harris. The academy, facilitated by Dr. Pam Fisher of ACCT, was the work of Kelly Underwood and her amazing staff (especially Terilyn Hall). We will have follow up events with the class of 2015 as the year goes on.

Athletic Signing: Men's basketball player Andre Miller signed a scholarship with Chadron State, a Division II program in Nebraska. He is the 16th student-athlete to receive a scholarship to a four-year university during the 2014-15 school year. This is another example of how we are changing the odds and helping our students succeed.

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: July 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A slower week than normal – most of our time was spent on preparing for the Board Retreat and All Staff Day. I hope your weekend is going well.

Special Olympics: AHC took an active role in being part of the host town in Santa Maria. On Friday some of our student athletes joined the Olympians for their sendoff breakfast at the LDS church just south of campus. A few photos are attached to the weekly email. KEYT TV covered the event and posted a story [here](#).


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Legislative Visit: Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson and Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian separately visited campus this week. Of particular interest to each was our efforts toward building CTE programs. We took each on a tour of the new IT building and received positive feedback. Senator Jackson also took strong interest in our efforts to build a university center in collaboration with CSU – Channel Islands.

New Degrees for Transfer: The Chancellor's Office approved two more associate degrees for transfer, allowing us to add Elementary Teacher Education and Studio Arts this fall. We now offer 16 associate degrees for transfer, which guarantee admission into the CSU system with junior standing for our students. The number of our students declaring ADTs as major has increased by 115 percent within the last year.

Alumni Football Tailgate BBQ: With the help of President Pensa, we are hosting a preface tailgate BBQ for our football alumni on the day of our first on-campus football game, Saturday, September 5. Kickoff is at 2 and the tailgate starts at 11:30 a.m. Formal invitations will go out early next week.

Working With Local Industry: Dr. Railey set up a program to allow the Santa Maria Chapter of Refrigerating Engineers & Technicians Association (RETA) to offer ammonia operator training at AHC. The class is designed for individuals interested in working on or around ammonia refrigeration systems and help them test and gain RETA CARO and CIRO Certifications.

CAN Fieldtrip: The AHC CAN/TRiO students took an overnight fieldtrip last week to visit UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz. Photos from their trip are attached.

Voting Rights Act Recognition: Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt asked me to speak at the NAACP recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. Events were held both in Santa Maria and Lompoc. A copy of my speech is attached.

Grand Jury Site Visit: The Santa Barbara County Grand Jury has requested to meet at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc on Thursday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. I will welcome and tour the facility with them, and following that will be a speaker presentation and meeting. There will be approximately 20 people in attendance.

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DATE: August 14, 2015

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

A few items of interest this week:

Student Services “Fuel for Fall”: To kick off the new school year and welcome everyone back, Vice President of Student Services Nohemy Ornelas has invited all of the student services staff to stop by her office for coffee and refreshments on Monday, August 17 from 8-11 a.m. to get “fueled up” for the fall. Trustees are invited as well if you have time.

AHC to Receive Santa Maria Valley Beautiful Recognition: Thanks to the fantastic work of Gerald Dominguez, Landscape supervisor and his crews, and Rex Van Den Berg, Director of Plant Services, AHC has been selected to receive an annual Commercial Award from Santa Maria Valley Beautiful (SMVB). SMVB is a group that promotes maintaining and improving aesthetically pleasing landscapes and instilling pride in the community. This well-deserved recognition is for contributing to the beauty of the community and will be awarded at an event in September; time and location are yet to be determined.

New Auto Equipment: We have discussed the collapse of the Corinthian Colleges. This resulted in a bit of a windfall to the college as the bankruptcy court auctioned off automotive equipment formerly used by WyoTech College. Of particular interest was a Superflow Transmission Dyno valued at \$85,000. Automotive instructor Pat McGuire alerted us to the equipment and personally went to inspect it. With only 48 hour notice, we were able to ensure that funds were available to make the purchase at a fraction of the market value. The Johnson Family Foundation (sponsors of the Blaine Johnson Golf Tournament) provided \$25,000 toward the purchase – also on short notice. We budgeted \$45,000 and were able to get the Dyno, four training engines, an AC trainer, 27 engines and 100 visual aids for powertrain instruction for about \$39,000 with shipping. Too often we hear about what “can’t” be done. This week two faculty members, McGuire and Loren Bradbury, identified an opportunity that would help students and we were able to make it happen thanks to their willingness to get involved and some quick action on the part of Dean Larissa Nazarenko, George Railey and Michael Black (who moved mountains to get the funds in place).

Joe White Estimated Tally: Our initial estimates show that the Joe White dinner brought in \$103,000 before expenses. We will provide the final amount when the accountants certify it.

Public Safety Training Complex Visit: Polk State College in Florida is in the process of building a new center for public safety and visiting other academies that have state-of-the-art facilities. The Hancock Public Safety Training Complex was named as a site to visit. Captain Betty Holland of Polk State and her team have requested to do a site visit at the PSTC on Monday, August 24th beginning at 9 a.m. Deb Annibali, Director of Law Enforcement Training, has prepared a team to assist with the site tour, field questions, and to showcase our facility and programs.

Community College League of California Reception: A reception to welcome Larry Galizio, new President and CEO of Community College League of California, has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m. at Santa Barbara City College. More details on location and parking will be announced as the event draws closer.

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