Mission Statement: Hartnell College provides the leadership and resources to ensure that all students shall have equal access to a quality education and the opportunity to pursue and achieve their goals. We are responsive to the learning needs of our community and dedicated to a diverse educational and cultural campus environment that prepares our students for productive participation in a changing world.

1. Congressman Sam Farr Visits Hartnell College Veterans Center

On Thursday, May 2, 2013, the Veterans Center hosted a round table session with U.S. Congressman Sam Farr and student military veterans. Students, HC staff, and officials from military support organizations participated in the event. Topics discussed included unprocessed claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs and veteran student needs relating to their academic success at Hartnell College and the possibility of increasing services at the HC Veterans Center.

The Mobile Veterans Center was also on campus on May 2, 2013. The MVC provides the on-site processing of claims, enrollment services for VA benefits, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Counseling and medical evaluations by a VA Doctor. Plans to continue to bring the MVC to HC at least three times a semester are in place.

And finally, the Hartnell Veterans Club had a successful chicken and tri-tip fundraiser. Money raised will go towards scholarships for veterans and towards the Veterans Club whose motto is Veterans Helping Veterans.

2. Hartnell College Students Participate in Second Panetta Institute Lecture

Seven HC students attended an engaging panel discussion on the federal budget on May 6, 2013 at CSUMB as part of the Panetta Institute Lecture Series. With former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta moderating, the panelists included:
The topic for this particular lecture was "The Budget Blame Game." There was an engaging discussion between the panelists regarding the reasons why a federal budget has not been passed since 2009 and why there has not been a balanced budget since 2001.

3. CSIT-in-3 Program Garners National Attention and Support

A team of staff and students from CSU, Monterey Bay and HC visited Washington, DC on May 8-9, 2013 for two purposes. On May 8, CSUMB and HC were invited by the National Science Foundation to be part of a press event announcing $10 million in grants to nine university-based projects designed to lower dropout rates among minorities, women, and low-income students in computer science and engineering. CSUMB and HC received a $1.2 million grant to support the CSIT-in-3 program. The twist is that the "Graduate 10K+ " initiative is being funded not by taxpayers but by two high-tech companies: Intel and GE. The goal is to produce at least 10,000 more scientists, engineers, and technologists by 2020.

The CSIT-in-3 program received particular recognition in an article that appeared in Science Insider (http://news.sciencemag.org/scienceinsider/2013/05/corporations-nsf-team-up-to-impr.html?ref=hp). Cassandra Martin, a Hartnell graduate and junior at CSUMB, was featured in the article.

Cassandra Martin, a junior computer science major at CSUMB, says she had never considered going into the field until Hartnell’s Joe Welch convinced her that she could be successful. Now Martin, whose family came from Mexico, is planning to get a Ph.D."I’m the first one to go to college, and I’m enjoying school so much that I want to see how far I can go," she says. Most of her education has been financed by other NSF-run programs, she says, and whenever she visits her high school she encourages other Latinas to follow in her footsteps.
On May 9, thanks to CSUMB President Eduardo Ochoa, we met with staff from the Domestic Policy Council. They were highly interested in the CSIT-in-3 program and enjoyed hearing from the two students that participated in the visit. We extended an invitation for them to visit and learn more about what we are doing related to STEM education.

Top photo L to R: President Lewallen; President Ochoa; Mary Wall, Domestic Policy Council; Joe Welch, HC professor; Natalia Magana-Garcia, Alisal HS; Roberto Robledo, Domestic Policy Council; Sathya Narayanan, CSUMB professor; Steve Robinson, Domestic Policy Council; Ajita Tallwalker, Domestic Policy Council.


4. Hartnell College Professor Publishes Research on Minoan Civilization

HC Professor Jeff Hughey has been working on research about the Minoan Civilization for over 10 years. His research, along with colleagues, has recently been published in the journal *Nature Communications*. The research challenged the long held theory that the ancient Minoans came from Egypt. DNA analysis has concluded that the Minoans, builders of Europe's first advanced civilization, were actually European.

Link to the journal article: http://www.nature.com/ncomms/journal/v4/n5/full/ncomms2871.html

Also, here are some science news websites that report the findings:
Congratulations to Professor Hughey. This is another wonderful example of the academic excellence that ultimately benefits the students of Hartnell College.

5. Boronda Scholars Set for Summer Study in Rome and Florence Italy

This June, the Boronda International Study Program of Hartnell College will be traveling to Rome and Florence Italy for two weeks. The Boronda Scholars are students of art history, music, painting, sculpture, architecture, literature, drama, dance, photography, design and other related fields. During the 25 years of the program's existence, students have ranged in age from 18 to over 60. They have been representative of all ethnic backgrounds and cultural heritages. During the travel/study program in Italy the group will visit museums and historic sites and attend performing arts events.

Lester Boronda, a Monterey County artist, established the Sylvano and Maria Boronda Memorial Scholarship in memory of his parents. With a bequest given to Hartnell College in 1952, Lester Boronda endowed this scholarship for "Monterey County residents who are students of unusual promise in the arts."
This year, the recipients are: Mario Flores, Cruz Gonzalez, Abigail Irwin, Annette Jimenez, Maria Marin, Eloy Portela, Iris Rivas, and Kaden Yamashita.

The lead instructor is Jennifer Pagliaro (art) and the coordinator is Dr. Carl Christensen (retired, music). Ms. Pagliaro is teaching a spring semester course on the history and culture of Italy. She and Dr. Christensen are also helping each student develop a student project focusing on his or her specialty area in the arts, as well as a research paper.

6. CSIT-in-3 Students Visit Google

This past week students selected to participate in this fall’s upcoming CSIT-in-3 class cohort were invited to attend a one-day trip to GOOGLE. Students attending the trip came prepared with prior research and preparation in the hopes of possibly casting a twinkle in the eye of what everyone is undoubtedly hoping will become their future employer; with free dry cleaner service available to all employees, free cafeterias located within 150 feet of any given point on the premise, and in what has been voted 4 times as the best company to work for in the country by fortune Magazine, it’s not hard to see why. Our CSIT-in-3 program was also privileged to have Google’s famed director of research, Peter Norvig, serve as our keynote speaker for the day’s events.

The CSIT-in-3 program is a three year bachelor's degree program in computer science jointly developed and managed by HC and CSUMB.

Based on this visit we are exploring the possibility of installing free cafeterias in all buildings at all District locations...just kidding.

7. Western Food Safety Summit a Success

The Western Food Safety Summit was held at Steinbeck Hall on May 9 and 10 with more than 130 food safety professionals and students participating. The Summit originally began as a continuing ed course for those employed by local agriculture companies. Many were in need of the latest information in accepted standards for the growing and processing of fresh produce. The first training was initiated in 2007 after Hartnell staff established the industry based Food Safety Advisory Committee comprised of about twenty food safety professionals.
The theme of this year's Summit was, "Managing Your Risk", and featured speakers from companies such as Earthbound Farms, Chiquita (Fresh Express), Taylor Farms, UC Davis, Sanitation Specialists, Monterey County Environmental Health Dept, IEH Laboratories, among others. Also featured was a 'research poster session' where researchers from UC Davis, USDA-Lincoln, USDA-Nebraska, University of Maryland, and the University of Arizona had the opportunity to present their work related to food safety.

Hartnell College and the Western Food Safety Summit have become recognized as leaders in food safety education in the United States. Consequently, potential speakers and researchers from across the country enthusiastically accept a speaking spot on the Summit program each year. HC's Food Safety Certificate of Achievement is also a product of the work of the Food Safety Committee and HC staff, and was the only one of its kind in the nation when it was launched in 2010.

8. Hartnell College Women Place 3rd at Track and Field Championships

This year’s Hartnell College women’s track and field team has been nothing short of exceptional. With new school records set in six events throughout the season and the first conference team title since 2007, the accomplishments continued at this weekend's Northern California Championships at American River College. As a team, the Lady Panthers placed second overall for the first time since 1999. Hartnell College has only placed in the top three in three other years besides this season starting in 1997 with a team championship, third placed in 1998, and a runner-up finish in 1999.

Sophomore Victoria Alcala made an argument for herself as athlete of the meet after winning the 10,000 meter title last weekend and continued with individual titles in the 3000 meter steeplechase and 5000 meter run. Her time of 11:21.34 in the steeplechase bested the regional meet record of 11:34.10 set by Whitney Jacobsmeier of Diablo Valley College in 2003. Alcala was also a decisive winner by over 38 seconds in the 5000 meters at 18:19.55. Fellow distance runner Amy Johnston came within 1.01 seconds of winning the 1500 meter title. Johnston came up just short but recorded a lifetime best 4:42.95 for her efforts. The time is the third best in school history and inches her closer to the school record of 4:39.5 set in 1981 by Jody Cobb. Johnston also placed third in the 5000 meters at 18:58.68. Sophomore Jessica Mattos placed second in discus with a toss of 134'6.50". Erica Williams got third in the javelin with a mark of 117'10.50". Ashley Jones surprised in the triple jump in third with a lifetime best 36'4.50".
Freshman Kassandra Peguero also advanced to state in sixth. The women's 4x100 meter relay team of Jones, Diana Chobanian, Lenae Stevens, and Iesha Boyd placed fifth and advanced on time to the state meet with a school record 47.61. The foursome also lowered their season best in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3:58.51 the sixth best mark in school history and fastest since 1984. Those also placing in the top eight scoring positions were Davina Marshall fifth and Diana Chobanian seventh in the 400 hurdles, Ashely Jones seventh in the 200 meters and eighth in the 200 meters, Victoria Carranza at eighth in the 3000 meter steeplechase, Kassandra Peguero eighth in the high jump, The Lady Panthers tallied 98.33 points to Laney College's winning 127 point total. Modesto Junior College was third at 87 points.

For the men, sophomore Aaron Vaughan lead all state meet qualifiers with his second place finish in the 110 hurdles. Vaughan stopped the clock at 14.77 for his fourth sub 15 second clocking of the season. Freshman Michael Ramirez placed third in the 5000 meter run at 15:22.94. Also placing third was freshman Austin Decker in the pole vault with a clearance of 15'2.75". Marvin Milligan was fourth in the high jump at 6'2". Aaron Vaughan doubled in the 400 intermediate hurdles with a sixth place finish (56.00). Freshman Omar Vasquez placed seventh in the 1500 meter run (4:02.78). Luis Romero placed eighth in the 3000 meter steeplechase (10:19.06). As a team, the men placed eighth overall for the second consecutive year and have placed in the top eight six out of the last seven years.

The California Community College State Track & Field Championships will be held on Friday, Saturday May 17-18 at the College of San Mateo.