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.

Happy Father’s Day to All of the Dads Out There!

1. Hartnell College Employees Support United Way Campaign

I have served on the Campaign Cabinet for the United Way Monterey County during 2012-13. On Thursday, June 13, the United Way held its Annual Celebration and Agency Appreciation event. It was announced that the United Way reached its goal for 2012-13 in raising over $3 million to support its many programs, services, activities, and partner agencies.

In case you did not know...

- 75% of persons benefitting from the services of a UW funded agency live at or below the federal poverty level
- 66% of residents in South Monterey County access a UW funded service
- Over 92,000 meals are served to people in need through UW partner agencies
- Over 19,000 people received homelessness prevention and intervention services through UW partner agencies

I am proud to report that Hartnell College employees demonstrated their incredible generosity once again. The contributions of Hartnell College employees to the United Way increased by 54% compared to the previous year! And, Hartnell College employees were the second highest contributors to the campaign for all school districts within Monterey County! I commend all employees for demonstrating their concern for the community by supporting agencies such as the United Way.

Recall that our employees also demonstrated their generosity earlier in the year by contributing in a big way to the Hartnell College Foundation.
Javier Gonzalez Pureco, spring 2013 HEP graduate, has been selected to speak at this year's National HEP/CAMP Directors meeting held in Washington D.C. July 16-18. Congratulations to Mr. Gonzalez Pureco for receiving this honor. Congratulations to Carla Calderon Johnson, Director of HEP, and congratulations to all the HEP staff for their outstanding work in promoting student success.

The Hartnell College Foundation's Women's Education Leadership Initiative (WELI) has announced the WELI Class III scholarship recipients for 2013-14. Each WELI scholar will receive a $2,000 scholarship after completing a leadership skills workshop this summer, and will be matched with a career mentor before starting the fall 2013 semester at Hartnell College.

The 25 WELI Class III scholars are: Blessing Anih, Sonia Avila, Maria Berber, Anita Casarez, Tammy Curtiss, Artemia Martinez DeJesus, Anjelene Esteban, Nancy Farfan, Shannon Hernandez, Jin Kim, Elia Martinez, Rocio Mendoza, Nancy Nuno, Nonna Quizon, Samantha Rico, Alicia Rivera, Diana Rivera, Nadia Rodriguez, Andrea Ramirez Sanchez, Stephanie Sanchez, Stephanie Sanchez-Flores, Cossette Surye, Edna Valdez, Daria Villasenor and Kristina Webster.

WELI is a program designed to increase the leadership capacity, workforce skills, college enrollment, and college completion rate of women, single parents, and re-entry students in Monterey County. The program provides three keys for success: Resources, Knowledge, and Mentorship.

Long time friend to many and PE adjunct instructor, Reggie Kenyon, passed away Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at his home.
Then only child of William and Lucille, Reggie was born May 25, 1930 in Salinas and completed most of his education at Washington Junior High, Salinas High, and Hartnell College.

Reggie loved school, especially woodshop and sports. Reggie received letters in five varsity sports: football, basketball, track, wrestling, and boxing. He was awarded a lifetime pass to athletic events for Salinas High School for receiving 10 varsity letters in his four years there.

Reggie was a hard worker. He loved a good workout. After high school, he wanted to start a carpenter apprentice program but was put on a waiting list, so he took a job in Washington in the logging industry as a choker.

He went back to Salinas to work as a carpenter apprentice, but was drafted into the Army in 1951. As a result of his high level of physical fitness, he went to an eight week leadership school and then was sent to Japan. After his discharge, Reggie returned to Salinas and attended Hartnell College where he was a member of the #1 in the nation football team and the 1952 Jr. Rose Bowl Championship team. After Hartnell College, Reggie received his bachelor’s degree at Denver University where he was a member of both the football and diving teams.

5. Hartnell College Track and Field - State Champion and All-American

Freshman Austin Decker rebounded from a disappointing Northern California regional third place finish with the best possible outcome at the state championship in San Mateo. Decker, who prepped at North Monterey County High School, added his name to the list of Hartnell College pole vaulters to win the state championship with his winning clearance of 16’2.50". Mike James won a state title for Hartnell College in 1995. Decker and Austin Allen of LA Valley College tied for first place and were forced to compete in a two man jump off with Decker finally securing the victory. Just a freshman, Decker will have a chance to become a double winner next year.

Austin Decker, State Champion

Sophomore Victoria Alcala returned to the state meet in solid fashion securing two All-American finishes. Alcala placed third in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 11:16.16. In the 5,000 meter run, she gave the school record another scare placing fourth in a lifetime best 18:08.41 just 4 seconds off the record. Sophomore Jessica Mattos earned her first All-American honor in the discus. Mattos, who placed sixth as a freshman, moved up to fourth this year with a
throw of 130'8.50". Sophomore Amy Johnston got on to the medal stand twice in her first state championship. Johnston placed sixth in the 1,500 meters (4:47.76) and eighth in the 5,000 meters (18:37.79). Sophomore Aaron Vaughan placed seventh in the 110 hurdles (15.18) as did Michael Ramirez in the 10,000 meter run (32:12.60) and women's 4x100 meter relay team (48.37). Erica Williams placed ninth in the javelin (114'5.50") along with Michael Ramirez in the 5,000 meters (15:41.90). Ashley Jones and Kassandra Peguero placed tenth and eleventh in the triple jump.