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. "Party in the Library" Results in a Successful Bloom

Although the Party in the Library occurred on May 11th, it is worth recounting the success of this event. The seventh annual event was sold out and bloomed into the Salinas Valley’s biggest party! The night featured a strolling dinner, amazing auction led by Butch Lindley, and most importantly the opportunity to make the educational dreams of our students come true.

This year’s Leadership Award was presented to Andy Matsui for his support of Hartnell College’s new Computer Science Information Technology three-year Bachelor’s degree program (CSIT-in-3). The program is in partnership with CSUMB. The Matsui Foundation has pledged full-ride student scholarship support for the first three years of the program. Jimmy Panetta, Monterey County Deputy District Attorney, helped congratulate Mr. Matsui, presenting him with a letter from the Panetta family.

Andrew and Yasuko Matsui

Through sponsorships and donations this year’s event raised over $350,000. Congratulations to the incredible event committee, led by co-chairs Coralee Linder and Cathy Schlumbrecht, that made this event truly bloom. Thank you to everyone who supported this year’s Party in the Library event. We look forward to seeing you at next year’s party!

2. Women’s Education Leadership Initiative (WELI) Receives Award

Hartnell College Foundation’s Women’s Education Leadership Initiative (WELI) has been awarded the 2012 Partnership Innovation Award by the Pacific Southwest Regional Council of the National
Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (PSWRC NAHRO). This award is granted to programs that demonstrate unique innovation in areas of direct client and resident services, economic impact, community relations and cooperation.

On June 24, 2013, along with founder of WELI, Valerie Schlothauer, we accepted the award for our distinguished collaboration with the Housing Authority for the County of Monterey. The WELI program was selected out of eight other entries throughout the Pacific Southwest Region.

L to R: Kevin Healy, Housing Authority Board Chair; President Lewallen; Valerie Schlothauer

In addition to being a scholarship opportunity for women enrolled at Hartnell College, WELI has become the benchmark for academic as well as life skills success for women as result of its leadership training and mentorship components. To date, the program has graduated 52 scholars and 97% have continued on the path to higher education goals. The third cohort has been accepted for the 2013-14 year and includes 25 new WELI scholars.

3. New Renderings of New Science Building
On June 25, 2013, Hartnell College Foundation was awarded a $5,000 check from Wells Fargo Bank. These funds were in support of the Foundation’s annual fundraising event, Party in the Library. Wells Fargo’s support contributed to the Foundation’s key priorities. This includes scholarship funds for deserving students as well as developing innovative programs in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math.
Salinas Branch Manager, Audoro Melin Jr. and Service Manager, Eliazar Flores generously presented the Foundation office with the check. Wells Fargo has been a longtime supporter of Hartnell College. We are continuously grateful for the community’s support of our students.

5. Salary Surfer Tool Released by Chancellor’s Office

A new online tool released by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office allows students and the public to view aggregated median earnings of those who complete a certificate or degree in a specific community college discipline and then enter the workforce.

Salary Surfer, which can be viewed at [http://salarysurfer.cccco.edu/SalarySurfer.aspx](http://salarysurfer.cccco.edu/SalarySurfer.aspx), displays median annual incomes for those who complete 179 of the most widely enrolled program areas and do not transfer to a four-year institution. The data show the median earnings for community college graduates two years prior to earning the award, then two years and five years after earning either a certificate or degree.

An analysis of the data contained on Salary Surfer shows 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 in the workforce.

Nearly 45 percent of students who graduated with an associate degree and did not transfer earned more than $54,000 annually five years after getting their degree. For comparison purposes, that is the median wage of someone with a bachelor’s degree living in California, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Salary Surfer also provides information on which of the system’s 112 colleges offer programs in a specific discipline. Wage information comes from an agreement between the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and the California Employment Development Department. For privacy purposes all results are aggregated across campuses statewide and over five years. Additionally, all wages displayed have been indexed to current year dollar figures.


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