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. Hartnell College Students Make an Impression (and Make Us Proud)

Somehow I came across this posting on a blog site. If anyone has any doubt whether we are making a difference in the lives of students, this brief but compelling post should put all doubts to rest. Upon reading this post I was so proud that I was ready to burst. You will see that I posted a reply. I encourage anyone who reads this blog post to weigh in with your feelings about this.

http://sanfranciscoba.wordpress.com/2013/07/12/no-need-for-alarm/#comment-909

2. Salinas High School Graduates Receive Scholarships to Attend Hartnell College

Thanks to the generosity of a woman from Reno, Nevada, 5 Salinas HS students are receiving full-ride scholarships to continue their education at Hartnell College. After viewing the PBS documentary "Need To Know -- Main Street: Salinas, California," that featured inspirational Latino students, Dolores Bota decided to pay for the teens to continue their education at Hartnell College. Ms. Bota set aside $10,000 from her retirement savings to create the Bota Family Scholarship Fund. All of the students completed high school with 4.0 GPAs.

The PBS documentary can be viewed at http://video.pbs.org/video/2339772440/.

A KSBW news segment can be viewed at http://www.ksbw.com/-5-salinas-high-students-receive-full-ride-college-scholarships/-/1824/20426320/-/i2divfz/-/index.html.

3. Honor Roll Announced for Spring 2013

For the Spring 2013 semester, 503 students earned Dean’s List Honors and 591 students made the President’s Honor Roll. All 1,094 honor students were enrolled in at least 12 units for the semester. Dean’s List students earned a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.49 on a 4.0 point scale. President’s Honor Roll students earned a grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0.
The new solar-covered parking structure is expected to save Hartnell College more than $6 million over 25 years, reducing our electricity use at the Alisal Campus by more than 90 percent. The installation will serve as a learning laboratory integrated with the college’s sustainability, science, engineering, technology and math curriculum.

Under clear blue skies on Friday, June 28th, the community joined Hartnell College for a ribbon cutting event at the Alisal Campus. The event included brief remarks by me, Hartnell College students, HCCD Board President Candi Depauw, Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter, and Chevron Energy Solutions Vice President, Mark Emerson.

An analysis of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS, U.S. Department of Education) found that women comprise a majority of leadership positions at community colleges. When compared within ethnic groups, women college leaders represent: 61% of blacks; 58% of Native Americans; 55% of whites; 54% of Hispanics; and 54% of Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders.

The cost of attending college accompanied by the uncertainty of a job at the other end can be daunting to students and their families. A study by the Brookings Institution (June 2013) found that, on average, the return on investment for an associate degree is more than three times higher than for stocks or other investments, such as gold, 10-year treasury bonds, T-bills and housing.
7. Hartnell College in the News

Hartnell College announces honor roll.

Announcement about board development session on accreditation.
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20130713/NEWS01/307130014

Report on ACCJC Action.