**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. Field House Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

This week ended with a beautiful ribbon cutting ceremony for the official Grand Opening of the Athletics Field House! On Friday, September 13, around 300 attended the special BBQ sponsored by our friends at Felice Consulting Services. As you may have heard, we are so fortunate to have a facility that compares to those in Division I Universities and the Hartnell athletes could not be any happier. This 5,000 square foot building with classrooms, restrooms, trainer’s room, officials’ changing rooms, and large concession area is a dream come-true for the athletics department. The Emcee for the event was KSBW’s Dennis Lehnen.

(Special thanks to Monterey Peninsula Foundation, Central Coast Federal Credit Union, SSB Construction, Belli Architectural Group, Felice Consulting, Assemblymember Luis Alejo, Joe Gunter, Mayor of Salinas, the Hartnell CCD Board of Trustees, Athletics Dept., and the Hartnell Office of Advancement)
We had a nice remembrance ceremony at Steinbeck Hall for 9/11. The program started with music major, David Carrasco playing the National Anthem on electric guitar. The audience welcomed Hartnell Board of Trustees President, Candi DePauw; Salinas Mayor, Joe Gunter; Salinas Police Officer Richard López; Salinas Fire Brett Loomis; representing Assemblymember Luis Alejo, Laura Cabrera; and student veterans Maria Schlotthauer-Navy, Ryan Estes-Army, and Josh McAtee-U.S. Coast Guard (pictured above).

All in attendance took this moment to remember and reflect on the significance of this day. The program was coordinated by Augustine Nevarez, our new director of student affairs (Student Life) and emceed by Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, director of communications.

The first of two Town Hall meetings focused on accreditation took place on Thursday, September 12 at the Hartnell College King City Education Center. With me were Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Lori Kildal and Academic Senate President, Tony Anderson, who are key figures in addressing the 12 recommendations issued by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). The audience was comprised of students, community members, local media, faculty, and staff.

During the 1-hour session, we covered the accreditation recommendations, the meaning of probation status, and the steps our accreditation team is taking to resolve the recommendations. In the end, the message was clear: Hartnell College is a fully accredited institution and by addressing the 12 recommendations, HC will emerge as a more effective institution.
4. Chamber Mixer in King City

The Hartnell College King City Education Center hosted the King City Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Mixer on Thursday. This was the ideal time to meet and greet local business owners, city government and community members, and to bring assurance of our commitment to providing high quality education services to South County.

L to R: Renata Funke, Dean, King City Education; Gerry Ramirez, Chamber President; Rob Cullen, King City Mayor; Dr. Willard Lewallen, Hartnell CCD Superintendent/President; and Candi DePauw, Hartnell CCD Board of Trustees President – at Hartnell College King City Education Center.

5. United Way Monterey County - Breakfast for Champions

On Wednesday, September 11, I attended the United Way’s Breakfast for Champions at the CSUMB Ballroom. I continue to serve on the Campaign Cabinet for United Way. The morning event started with a thoughtful invocation perfectly suited to September 11th. One of the guest speakers was Brandon Reyes, a graduate of Sun Street Centers; he shared the story of his journey to sobriety and thanked United Way for its positive influence to build a better life for himself and his son. It was an inspiring program filled with emotion, community pride, and a reminder about the United Way’s impact on our communities.

With Dr. Eduardo Ochoa, CSUMB President

L to R: Gabriel Ramirez, Principal, Los Padres Elementary School; Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, Director of Communications; Dr. Willard Lewallen, Hartnell Superintendent/President; and Jackie Cruz, Executive Director of Advancement.
You may know them as Cheryl O'Donnell and Jason Hough, but in reality these instructors have a secret identity and a not-so-secret plan. ‘Super C’ and ‘Super J’ seek to provide social coordination to the Hartnell faculty, to help wage the war against campus passivity and boredom.

The plan is called **Meet-Up Monday**, every fourth Monday of the month at their “Hall of Justice” (aka room E-222) for light refreshments and fellowship. The kick off will be on Monday, September 23, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Coming as your alter-ego is optional, but encouraged. For more information, contact Jason Hough at jhough@hartnell.edu.

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**7. Hartnell Fall Sports Off to Great Start**

Dan Teresa, director of athletics, says the coaches and the students are giving it 100% and their hard work and dedication is apparent. Here is a little on how our fall teams are doing:

1. Men's soccer- ranked #16 in nation and #2 in Northern California.
2. Women's soccer- Most competitive and most balanced team we have seen in a long time for the women panthers.
3. Men’s and Women’s Cross Country are both ranked 2nd in Northern California
4. Football - Ranked #16 in Northern California
5. Volleyball - Presently 4-1 and won the Cosumnes River tournament.

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**8. Hartnell Student Spotlight – Kathy Rodríguez, King City, CA.**

Kathy Rodríguez is all smiles; she is getting ready to start her first semester as a transfer student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as a Psychology major, and just found out that she was accepted into the TRIO program there. For her, this is a huge accomplishment because TRIO has been a part of her life at King City High School and more recently at Hartnell College. “Last week I found out that I got accepted,” said Rodríguez full of enthusiasm. “It’s like being part of a family with the support that you need to be pushed forward, receive tutoring, advice, scholarships, and so
much more.” She credits Hartnell English Instructor Paul Yun (pictured with her) for helping her put her application together. This 20-year-old says her parents always motivated her to study and work hard; today she is a positive role model for her younger brother. She likes the health industry and wants to pursue a master’s in child development. Besides naming Yun as a great professor and positive influence, she also credits Manuel Bersamin and the TRIO program at Hartnell for guiding and supporting her.

9. Welcome New Employee

Brian Lofman, Ph.D., Dean of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness. Dr. Lofman has worked at Hartnell for the past two years as interim dean of social and behavioral sciences and accreditation, and subsequently as interim dean of instruction and accreditation liaison officer. He has vast experience in leadership, strategic planning, and governance. Dr. Lofman earned a BA in Sociology at the University of Connecticut, an MA in Sociology and MBA-Marketing/Finance at UCLA, and his Ph.D. in Marketing at the University of Bradford.

10. Upcoming Events

- **Zoot Suit** at The Western Stage
  - September 7 – 28, 2013
  - For tickets go to [www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com)
- **The Importance of Being Earnest** at the Western Stage
  - September 13– 28, 2013
  - For tickets go to [www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com)
- Town Hall meeting on Accreditation:
  - Monday, September 16 at 12:00 Noon – Hartnell’s Steinbeck Hall

11. Hartnell College in the News

Field House Opening

Hartnell target school in UCSC $1.4 grant to promote STEM

Our Green Building Program students mentioned on KUSP Radio

9-11 Remembrance

Town Hall on Accreditation
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http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20130906/OFFSIXTEIGHT01/309060015/-Zoot-Suit-opens-Western-Stage

The importance of being Earnest
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=201309120014

The importance of being Earnest and Suit Zoot
http://www.montereyherald.com/stage/ci_24064583/stage

Hartnell opens with a bang!
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20130909/SPORTS/309090022

Mega Mixed for WELI in Univision 67
http://www.ksmstv.com/2013/09/06/anna-caballero-motiva-a-estudiantes-de-hartnell/

Mega Mixer photo gallery
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Avis=J2&Dato=20130906&Kategori=NEWS01&Lopenr=309060037&Ref=PH