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 Designated 2014 Military Friendly School

Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named Hartnell Community College District to the coveted Military Friendly Schools® list. The 2014 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. Our military veterans and active duty military not only deserve our heartfelt thanks for their service, but they also deserve the highest quality services and education experiences that we can provide. We have demonstrated our commitment to our military students by opening a veteran’s service center in 2012 so they have dedicated resources in addressing their needs. Over the last 3 years the number of military students that we serve has grown by 75% and we currently are serving 235 military students.

2. Telemundo Network visits the Alisal Campus

On Wednesday, September 18, Cristina Londoño from the Telemundo Network interviewed three of our CSIT-in-3 students and Hartnell staff to feature a national story about this special program. The story will also air in parts of Latin America. Londoño was so impressed with the program and with the students whose stories inspired her. The story will air next week.

Above, the Telemundo crew interviews our students. At left, L to R - Hernan Garcia (Videographer), Melvin Jimenez (CSIT-in-3 Project Manager), Esmeralda Montenegro Owen (Hartnell Director of Communications), Maria Guadalupe Rivea (Student), Adilene Constante-Perez (Student), Cristina Londoño (Telemundo Network Reporter), and Alonso Ramos Mendoza (Student).
This week, the Salinas Boys & Girls Club celebrated 10 years of existence as a safe after-school program for children and young adults. The breakfast reception was well-attended to celebrate this program and its impact in the lives of thousands in our community. It was a time to reflect on all the achievements of youth success, and look into the future to serve even more kids and families. Congratulations!

(L to R: With Anthony Toney, Hartnell Alum and Boys and Girls Club Director; Terri Pyer, Associate VP H.R.; Dr. Lori Kildal, VP Academic Affairs; and Boys & Girls Club members Valeria Gomez and Kimberly Ortiz.)

Mariachi music could be heard throughout the Student Center on Monday, September 16, México’s Independence Day and kick off to Heritage Month. The guest speaker for the day was Honorary Consul of México, Blanca Estela Zarazúa. She spoke to the audience about being in touch with your culture and to persevere in life to achieve more than what one can imagine. She is an attorney in Salinas and lives in Carmel Valley; she brought a photo of her dad and grandpa in México wearing simple clothing and handmade sandals (or chanclas) motivating the viewers with the message that everything is possible with hard work.

(L to R: Mike Thomas, Hartnell College; Guest; Blanca Zarazúa; and vocalist Leo Trujillo)

The second Town Hall Meeting on Accreditation was a success on Monday, September 16 at Steinbeck Hall. More than 125 students, staff, faculty, and members of the community were present to listen in and to ask questions. I updated the crowd with the good news that significant progress has already been made on the recommendations and that a progress report on all 12 will be ready for submission by March 2014. The message was clear: Hartnell College is a fully
accredited institution and will remain so during the probationary period and efforts are underway to satisfy all recommendations well ahead of the report deadlines.

(Attendees took home a copy of the ACCJC Commendations and Recommendations issued to Hartnell College along with an FAQ document)

6. Board of Trustees’ New Employee Reception

L to R: With Alberto Zavala (guest), Demetrio Pruneda (BOT), Johnny Perez (Math Professor), Mercedes Quintero (Counselor), and Janet Flores (Spanish Professor)

L to R: Dr. Romero Jalomp (VP of Student Affairs), Esmeralda Montenegro, (Director of Communications), Elia Gonzalez (BOT), Mark Sanchez (Dean, of Student Services)

As you all know, we have hired 39 employees since January 2013, thus we thought a nice reception with the Board of Trustees was in order. On Tuesday, September 17, new employees gathered and had an opportunity to meet the Board of Trustees.

7. SIMA Club Meets Dr. Carlina Menjivar

Dr. Carlina Menjivar MD, was the guest speaker Friday for SIMA Club (Students Interested in Medicine Association) and her inspiring story left students speechless. Dr. Menjivar is from El Salvador, and was undocumented up until the time she attended medical school. TRIO Director, Manuel Bersamin invited her to
8. Dedication of the Bracero Memorial Highway

On Saturday, September 14, I attended an event to commemorate an accident in Chualar that killed 28 farm workers, all immigrants who were part of the Bracero Program. The accident occurred on September 17, 1963. The Bracero Program, launched after the United States entered World War II, brought an estimated 5 million workers, mostly Mexican, to work in the fields and the railroads from 1942 to 1964. The event at the National Steinbeck Center served to designate a 15-mile portion of Highway 101 between Chualar and Soledad as the Bracero Memorial Highway. Trustee Padilla-Chavez also attended the event.


On Saturday, September 14, I was invited to attend the annual back to school celebration for the Soledad Unified School District. The event featured remarks from community leaders, school officials, and elected officials. Students and parents from all levels of education attended the event and they were thrilled to see Soledad High School football players and cheerleaders. The middle school band provided wonderful spirit through their music.

There was a tremendous focus on community pride and student achievement and I was honored to have an opportunity to say a few words during the event. HCCD Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez
brought greetings on behalf of the governing board and Trustee Candi DePauw was also in attendance.

10. Soccer - Hartnell 3, Cosumnes River 1

At Hartnell, the Panthers closed their non-conference schedule with a win over previously unbeaten Cosumnes River College of Sacramento to go to 4-2-1. Luis Rodriguez (Pajaro Valley H.S.) opened the scoring for the Panthers in the 10th minute, on an assist from Eduardo Avalos (Alisal H.S.). A free kick goal from 35 yards out by Lorenzo Vasquez (Alisal H.S.), which caught the Cosumnes River goal keeper off his line, made it 2-0 Hartnell right before halftime. After Cosumnes River pulled to within 2-1 in the 54th minute on a penalty kick, Albert Garcia (North Salinas H.S.) scored on a well-constructed counter attack off an assist from Jose Mendoza in the 76th minute. Jesus Ramirez was in goal in the first half for Hartnell and Fabian Narez the second half. Hartnell begins conference play September 27 at Mission College, Santa Clara. (Photo: Luis Rodriguez)

11. Hartnell Football Off to 1-1 Start

It was a long bus ride home for the Panthers after facing week two’s opponent, Modesto Jr. College. The Pirates made easy work of us with a 61-28 victory. Modesto pounded the football for a total of 415 yards and 9 touchdowns. After heading to the locker room down 34-0, our players decided that they would not allow the feelings of defeat, frustration and embarrassment to outweigh their much stronger feelings of pride, anger and unity. Your Hartnell Panthers responded by scoring first to open the second half, and outscored Modesto in the 3rd quarter 21-13. The “fight” in the Panthers was still alive and it lasted until the final whistle blew. Our players rallied together and demonstrated tremendous courage, which allowed our team to score 28 second half points, the highest total vs.
the Pirates dating back over 20 years. Next vs. Mendocino College at Mendocino on Saturday, September 21st, 2pm.

12. Programs and Events

- *The Importance of Being Earnest* at The Western Stage
  - September 13 – October 6, 2013
- *Zoot Suit* at The Western Stage
  - September 7 – 28, 2013
  - For tickets go to [www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com)

13. Hartnell College in the News

Talk on genetically modified foods

Opening of Field House
Also on KSMS Unvision 67, KION, and KSBW (no links)

Grant received by UCSC to help Hartnell students

Zoot Suit

Hartnell Football

Betty Binsacca Obituary