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. K16 Bridge Summit well-attended

It was a nice and informative session on Friday morning, September 27, when superintendents, principals, teachers, counselors, and administrative staff from Monterey County schools joined us for the K16 Bridge Summit at Steinbeck Hall. The theme of the day was ‘creating a college-going culture in high school’ in order to prep these students for postsecondary education. The goal is to also track student success with the use of ‘My Mentor,’ an electronic education plan customized to each school’s needs. In addition, each school will gain the integration of EUREKA, a career assessment and exploration software program, that Hartnell College will pay for the schools that choose to participate in the K16 Bridge Program. A stipend for the school liaison is built into the framework for the program. There will be another meeting scheduled for all those schools that choose to participate in the program.

Information regarding the K16 Bridge Program can be accessed at http://www.k16bridge.org/.
2. ‘Panther Days’ at the Student Center: Dynamic

The Office of Student Life and Associated Students Hartnell College hosted Panther Days on September 25 and 26. Panther Days is an outreach activity for Hartnell College student clubs and organizations. Fifteen clubs participated during the two-day event and students had the opportunity to recruit members and raise funds. The funds collected during the two days are used to support club activities such as field trips, speaker series, cultural events and scholarships. The activity is also designed to increase student engagement, build collegiality and school spirit. For more information on future events contact the Office of Student Life in the Student Center (C-140) or call 831-755-6734.

3. Lunch with TRIO Students

I hosted the TRIO program students to an informal lunch and conversation this week to connect with them, hear their stories, interests and concerns.

The students learned that many of them share characteristics with me: first generation college student, a parent born in another country, a parent who did not speak English when I was born, parents who never completed high school. These similarities allowed the students to be engaged in the conversation and share their experiences at Hartnell College and their educational and career goals. I assured them the goal of Hartnell College is to grow the next generation of leaders. This was a nice time to remind students of the importance of networking inside and outside of our campus community.
Director of the TRIO Program, Manuel Bersamin and his staff joined us for the conversation and had this to say: “It was a great honor for the TRIO Program's students and staff to be selected as the FIRST group to participate in the President's Luncheon with Students Series. I was proud of our TRIO students as they shared their academic goals with the president. I was thrilled to watch and listen to the students as they openly shared their concerns and points of view about how Hartnell College can improve their services and programs. Most of our students had not met the president before. Our TRIO students had a real open dialogue with the president and I know that was the president's goal in inaugurating these luncheons with Hartnell students.”

4. AT&T to Install Wireless Telecommunications Equipment on Campus

On Wednesday, September 25, a college forum was scheduled to inform students, college staff, as well as the community to receive information about a project to install wireless telecommunications equipment on the roof of Building K (Performing Arts, as seen in image bellow). Hartnell College is partnering with AT&T to provide the campus community with better wireless coverage by first quarter of 2014. For over 10 years, T-Mobile wireless telecommunications equipment has been on the roof of Building J (Visual Arts). The presentation led by AT&T Area Manager, Betyye Saxon, Consulting Engineer, Dane Ericksen, and Sequoia Deployment Services, Shawn O’Connor, provided an opportunity for students and employees to receive information about this project and to ask questions. Construction will take around three months with minimal disturbance to the Collage. AT&T subscribers will have better indoor service and will be part of the fastest 4G LTE network in nation. The lease of property for the equipment will provide revenue to the District during the term of the agreement. AT&T meets with the City of Salinas on October 16 to request an expedited work permit.

5. Steinbeck Entrepreneurship Program Off to Fantastic Start

Steinbeck Innovation had its debut last week at the Hartnell Alisal Campus with 26 entrepreneurs/companies participating in the program. This is an exciting opportunity for aspiring and early stage entrepreneurs to learn the unique set of tools needed to withstand the test of time. The guest of honor was KQED Radio down from San Francisco to see what this program provides our local entrepreneurs. This workshop ends in November and is a collaborative effort of the Steinbeck Innovation Foundation, the City of Salinas, and SVG Partners. For information go to www.steinbeckinnovation.org
6. Driscoll’s “Furthering Your Education” Event

On September 6, 2013 Driscoll’s held its Second Annual “Furthering Your Education” event for all of their employees in the Watsonville/Salinas area. Each year local colleges are invited to attend and share general information about their programs. Driscoll’s presentations featured their Educational Reimbursement Program, college financial aid, and a variety of success stories from employees who have continued their education. Colleges attending the event were CSUMB, UCSC, Cabrillo College, National Hispanic University, and Hartnell College. Hartnell’s team included staff from Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, and Counseling in addition to Ag faculty member Al Graham and five student Ag Ambassadors.

(L to R) Nathaniel McGriff – Admissions & Records/Financial Aid; Christine Pedersen – CTE Outreach Coordinator; Monica Carrasco – Financial Aid; Mercedes Quintero – Counselor; Julia Mena – HEP; Ag Ambassadors Donna Shlaimon, Kasey Lingbeck, Savanna Lindow, Chris Silvia; Albert Graham – AIT instructor; Ag Ambassador Peter Stuhlmiller.

7. King City Education Center Art Wall Exhibits Talent

During my visit to Hartnell King City Education Center, I noticed this beautiful display of art as I walked up the stairs to the second floor. These are photographs taken by students in Introduction to Photography. If you see them closely, you would think these belonged to a professional photographer. This is the type of display that demonstrates the instructional excellence of professors we have at Hartnell and the talented students who exhibit professionalism and drive.
Sophomore Michael Ramirez is inching closer to the names of some of Hartnell College’s fastest runners in history. With his sixth place overall performance on Friday at the Lou Vasquez Invitational in San Francisco, only two previous Panthers have ran faster at Golden Gate Park. Ramirez, who only ran one season of track at Salinas High School his senior year, covered the four mile course in a swift 20:19 making him the third best performer in school history. His time trails only former state champion and US marathoner Daniel Tapia at 19:45 and 1500 meter school record holder Cristian Soratos at 20:06. An all-regional runner with his tenth place finish as a freshman, Ramirez was the fifth regional finisher on Friday. For the second straight competition, freshmen Linda Delgado and Maritza Ruelas lead the Lady Panthers. Delgado placed tenth (20:03) and Ruelas twelfth (20:07). The duo ranks in the top twenty all-time for Lady Panthers at Golden Gate Park. Doing well are Brandi Hobson (20:41), Rebecca Lopez (21:52), and Diana Chobanian (22:12). As a team, the Lady Panthers placed fifth overall and fourth amongst regional teams. For full results from the Lou Vasquez Invitational http://www.directathletics.com/results/xc/5060.html

9. Hartnell Football Bounces Back

After a solid practice week, the football team seemed well prepared to bounce back from a tough loss in Modesto. The big challenge now was being able to hop on a bus at 7am and travel 4 hours to Ukiah, CA and earn a win vs. the Mendocino Eagles. The offense drove the ball
well in its first possession, but was forced to punt the ball. Kicker Gil Camacho strategically placed the ball inside the Eagles 10 yard line and the defense took the field. We scored on the next two possessions and entered the half leading by a score of 27-0. The Eagles didn’t have many scoring opportunities until late in the game. The Eagles were shut out by a score of 41-0 until five minutes left in the ballgame. QB Curt Ceralde had a solid performance by completing 8 of 12 passes and 1 touchdown while RB Deandre Mann had an impressive day recording 4 touchdowns, 3 of them on the ground. He finished the afternoon with 102 yards on 18 carries. Deandre now leads the State of California with 8 total touchdowns in 3 games. Hartnell is now 2-1, with a big game set for Saturday night vs. the 2-1 Contra Costa Comets at the new Rabobank Stadium. We look forward to seeing you there!

10. Volleyball and Basketball Teams Play and Perform Community Service

The Women’s Volleyball team has an overall record of 8-5 through last week. After three tough losses in the San Diego Tournament, the Lady Panthers bounced back with a 2-1 record beating Cerritos College and Canada College. I have attended several home contests this year and I encourage you to come watch these young women. The next contest will be against Skyline College on Wednesday, October 2. But doing great in sports is not all they do.

On Wednesday, September 11 both the Women’s Volleyball and Basketball teams took some time off the court and volunteered at a local community project. Tatum’s Garden is a community-wide volunteer effort to build the first fully-inclusive and accessible playground in Salinas.

11. Programs and Events

- The importance of being Earnest at The Western Stage
  - September 13 – October 6, 2013
- Hartnell College Community Orchestra at Fox Theater in Oldtown Salinas
  - October 10 at 7:00 p.m. FREE
- David Burgess, Guitar Music of Brazil
  - October 29 at 7:00 p.m.
  - At Performing Arts Building, Room 125 (755-6906)
- Eighth Annual Western Stage Gala presenting Crazy for You
  - November 23 at 5:30 p.m. (755-6810)

12. Hartnell College in the News

Hartnell College student in Washington D.C. to reverse violence in youth

Telemundo Network reports on CSIT-in-3
http://msnlatino.telemundo.com/informacion_y_noticias/Noticiero_Telemundo/video/contra-los-estereotipos-de-inmigrantes-hispanos/6b3ef73b-2370-4ee2-88a9-4f26f4e3b126

Coverage of various programs/news items on KION (down on search = “Hartnell”)
http://www.kionrightnow.com/video

Dr. Triano and his talk about Genetically Modified Foods on Univision 67
http://www.ksmstv.com/2013/09/24/alimentos-geneticamente-modificados/

Hartnell College: Military friendly school 2014
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=201309200023

Hartnell beneficiary in UCSC grant

Great theater is still thriving in Salinas
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=201330926016

Hartnell to make Rabobank Stadium debut
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013309270035

Hartnell roughs up Mendocino
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20130923/SPORTS/309230012/Hartnell-roughs-up-Mendocino

JC Football Scheduling up to commissioner

Panthers hit long winding road
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20130920/SPORTS/309200031/Panthers-hit-long-winding-road