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. President’s Council Acknowledgment Reception at T & A

On Tuesday, October 8, 2013, Tanimura & Antle hosted a President’s Council Acknowledgment Reception for Hartnell College. This was a special event to honor and celebrate major sponsor support for Hartnell College’s programs and its students. Hartnell College Board of Trustees President, Candi DePauw, and Hartnell College Foundation Board President, Gary Tanimura recognized individuals and organizations that envision, inspire, and support students to achieve their goals towards higher education. I had the opportunity to thank all the donors and emphasize the importance of the College Foundation in taking the institution to the next level of opportunity, engagement, and achievement towards student success. Some of these successes include the grand opening of the Athletics Field House, the opening of the new Technical Training building in the Alisal campus in January 2014, breaking ground on a new science building soon, among others.
2. Emergency Preparedness Meeting to Prep for Drill

On Thursday, October 17, 2013 the Hartnell ICS Emergency Response Team convened by Facilities and Maintenance Director, Joseph Reyes, will be having an exercise to test its plan. The Team consists of 25 team members from all three sites, including administrators, faculty, and staff.

This week, the team met to go over pertinent information and duties for the drill. The training began last November with outside consultant Ken Lake, who prepared the group with a final review of the plan. Except for Lake and our Director of Communications, no one else knows the time the ‘drill’ will commence on Thursday. The idea is to leave details out to see how we react and how we put the plan to work.

Commander Sheldon Bryan of the Salinas Police Department is assisting with this drill.

3. STEM Internship Participant Big Winner at SACNAS AWARDS

Hartnell Freshman Lauren Polo participated in the annual SACNAS national conference held October 2 – 6, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas. It is attended by over 3,000 undergraduate and graduate STEM students. Lauren presented the project from her internship at the Naval Postgraduate School during the summer of 2013. Her project focused on sensor recovery from high altitude balloon launches. Lauren won the award in the Aerospace Engineering division for undergraduate poster presentations. Most students were senior undergraduates attending 4-year institutions. Lauren (pictured in front row wearing light blue top) is a freshman at Hartnell College aspiring to be an Aerospace Engineer- we are so proud of her and so is her dad Tito Polo, Hartnell’s Physics and Engineering lab technician. SACNAS is the society for advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in STEM fields.
Hartnell’s Math Club had a great turn out this week with guest speaker Dr. Enrico Ramirez Ruiz from UCSC. Under the leadership of Silvia Millan-Vossler, the talk about gold - its value, properties, and importance - was a success among students in Math, Engineering, MESA and others. Students were engaged and interested in his talk.

(L to R) With Khanh Nguyen (Math Club VP), Dr. Ramirez Ruiz (UCSC), Dr. Silvia Millan-Vossler (Professor & Club Advisor), and Ashley Jaurez (Math Club President)

After the session, the club officers, including one female MESA aspiring astrophysicist, had extra time with Dr. Ramirez Ruiz during lunch on South Main Street (Pictured). The group said it was ‘inspirational’ to hear his story.
Great job Math Club!

5. Brandman University and Hartnell Partner for Transfer Opportunities

Last week, Brandman University representatives came to Hartnell and presented their academic programs to approximately 100 students at the Student Center.

Hartnell Students learned about Brandman's academic programs, including Early Advantage Programs (EAP), a nice plan where you take courses at Hartnell and complete a bachelor’s degree at Brandman.

Dr. Romero Jalomo, Dr. Mark Sanchez, and I talked to students, with the message to take the steps necessary and prepare to transfer to a university.

Students were also informed of our new Transfer & Career Center with full-time Counselor, Mercedes Quintero available to assist students in developing their Transfer & Career plans.
On Friday, October 4, a team from Hartnell College presented a workshop at the 2013 ACCT Leadership Congress in Seattle. We partnered with Northern Arkansas College for the workshop. Governing board member Erica Padilla-Chavez joined me for the presentation along with Melissa Casillas, Grant Coordinator, and Tanya Ho, Director of the Respiratory Care Program. Here is the program description for the presentation:

Two strategic community college partnerships build and sustain local healthcare workforce, offer health and wellness education and services, and enrich the local communities. The North Arkansas Partnership for Health Education (NAPHE) and the Health Professions Workforce Pathways project engage local healthcare organizations, K-12/K-16 partnerships, employers, and key stakeholders to support healthy communities. The programs produce measurable results that can easily be replicated by other communities.

Freshman Maritza Ruelas continued to excel for the Lady Panthers at the American River College Invitational last Friday at Beal's Point Park. The meet served as the preview of the course that will be used to determine the state qualifying teams and individuals on November 9th. Ruelas cracked the top ten overall with her eighth place finish in 19:09.

The Beal's Point course was used in 2010 for the Northern California Championship and her time is the third fastest recorded behind all-regional performances by Mayra Garcia at 18:36 and Stephanie Castro at 19:01.

Also running well and placing in the top fifteen was Brandi Hobson at twelfth. The Lady Panthers ran without two key runners Linda Delgado and Diana Chobanian who are both recovering from injury.

With Rebecca Lopez (21:22), Lupita Zaragoza (21:24), and Iesha Boyd (22:12), the Lady Panthers placed eighth as a team but the top eight teams are all separated by just 60 points. Freshman Diego Leon stepped up for the men in Michael Ramirez absence in the race. Ramirez is also resting an injury in preparation for the championship meets in the coming weeks. Leon placed fifth in 20:54. The time is the fastest recorded on the course by a Hartnell Panther.

For full results http://www.directathletics.com/results/xc/5013.html

8. Lady Panthers Set for Conference Play

On October 2nd, the lady Panthers took a tough loss in four sets (25-15, 22-25, 28-26, 25-15) in San Bruno. Standouts for this match were middle blocker Lauren Colesberry with 13 kills and setter Hannah Gardoni with 34 assists.

On October 5th, we hosted our second Panther Classic this year. The two visiting teams were Butte and Cuesta College. The first match had the panthers falling in three straight sets to Butte (25-11, 25-23, 25-18). The second match of the day was an exciting turn around for the team. We defeated Cuesta in three sets (25-19, 25-22, 25-15). Pre-season play is now officially over and next up for the 9-7 team is a home match on October 16th, at 6:30 p.m. against De Anza College.

9. Hartnell Football Due for Quick Recharge - Optimism Still High

Last Saturday, our football team faced a tough opponent in the Laney College Eagles. This was the last of five pre-conference battles as we prepare for conference play. Laney came to town with a huge roster of big boys and they played like the team that we expected. In the end, Laney was victorious 45-14. Daquan Smith let the offense with 8 receptions for 62 yards and 1 score and Michael Turner ran the ball into the end zone on a QB scramble summing up the two Panther touchdowns.

Turner completed 14 passes for 177 yards and running back DeAndre Mann was held to 75 yards on the ground and was kept out of the end zone for the 1st time this season.

Defensively, linebackers Rodrigo De La Cruz and Dante Santoyo led the team with a combined 28 tackles. Anthony Smithson and Mike Resendiz earned the
praise of their coaches as they had good performances in the defensive secondary and Marcelis Short played hard in the trenches.
We will “recharge our batteries” and be ready to take on the challenge of Coast Conference play!

10. Programs and Events

- Guanajuato Delegation Breakfast
  o Saturday, October 19, at 9:00 a.m. Steinbeck Hall

- David Burgess, Guitar Music of Brazil – private event
  o October 27 at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Mike Thomas and Patty Powell
  o At Carmel Valley, call 755-6810 or email tugale@hartnell.edu for tickets

- David Burgess, Guitar Music of Brazil – public performance FREE
  o Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. Performing Arts Building, Room 125

- A Song for My Father, Western Stage, Studio Theater
  o November 2 – 24, 2013

- Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Game
  o Saturday, November 16, 2013 – Student Center ( 755-6884 )

- Eighth Annual Western Stage Gala presenting Crazy for You
  o Saturday, November 23 at 5:30 p.m. ( 755-6810 )
11. Hartnell College in the News

Board of Trustees elections

Alisal Union board elections-Hartnell student candidate

Hartnell veterans earn a salute
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=201310070013

Hartnell King City Education Center – online program

Hartnell news on KION and Telemundo (Write ‘Hartnell’ in Top Video box midpage)
http://www.kionrightnow.com/video

Volleyball - Alum Victoria Love making news at 4-year University

Hartnell runners place at meet
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131008/SPORTS/310080023

Hartnell Football

Hartnell Soccer
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310090025

Hartnell braces for another test
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310040034