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. Emergency Drill on Thursday, Tests ICS Plan

The emergency exercise went well on Thursday, October 17, 2013. This gave the ICS (Incident Command System) team the opportunity to work with first responders, Police, and Fire Departments. Trainer Ken Lake set-up two scenarios: one was a vehicle accident on campus and the other was a large magnitude earthquake.

This allowed the teams to practice different roles including Incident Commander in charge of overall management, Public Information Manager handling media and developing press release, Liaison Officer acts as a liaison between the college and other agencies, Operations Chief and Logistics Chief work together to provide equipment and materials to support the incident, and Safety officer who assures the safety of all personnel. The training exercise was followed by a debriefing by the trainer. We will have a follow-up debriefing next week to answer any questions and to make improvements. Our trainer emphasized the exercise was intended to test the plan not the people and that practice makes better not necessarily perfect. The team walked away with a better understanding of how to react and work as a team in case we are faced with an emergency.
2. Monthly Luncheons with Employees a Success

The second Employees Luncheon with the President was held on Thursday, October 10, 2013. Each month, I am meeting with a small, mixed group of employees from throughout the District. These meetings are very informal, with no agenda or presentation.

L to R - Peter Calvert, Business Faculty; Xochitl Carranza, Clerical Assistant – Counseling; Lenni Chavez Financial Aide Specialist; Yvonne Carreon, Administrative Assistant - Student Affairs; James Butler, Math Faculty; Shannon Bliss, Dean of Academic Affairs (Math, Science, and Engineering), and Lupe Cabrera, Food Service Aide. (Not pictured, Eric Bosler, Art Faculty, Berta Carbajal, Program Assistant- Veterans Services)

The purposes of the luncheons are:

- **provide an opportunity for me to:**
  - meet all employees and learn more about them personally and professionally
  - to provide an update on significant, District wide issues

- **provide an opportunity for employees to:**
  - meet other employees outside of their departments
  - ask me questions directly about any aspect of the District (programs, initiatives, operations, activities, events, etc.)
  - provide me with direct input and feedback about any aspect of the District

3. Veterans’ Job Fair brings students and agencies together

On Tuesday, October 15, 2013, Hartnell College hosted the very first Veterans’ Appreciation Job Fair. We had 33 employers including San Francisco and Oakland Police Departments. The event served 200 Veteran and non-Veteran students. The Veterans’ Job Fair was hosted by the new Career & Transfer Center in conjunction with the Veteran Services office and Associated Students. Feedback from students, faculty, and staff was extremely positive and it is the goal of the Student Services Division to make this an annual event. Thanks to Mike Sanchez, Berta Carbajal, Mercedes Quintero, Augustine Nevarez, and Gemma Uribe for a job well-done.
4. **Music Wednesdays Continue to be Popular Each Week**

Many of you have joined us for our Music Wednesdays at the Student Center where students, faculty and staff with musical and performing arts talent perform for the delight of our campus community. Over the past two months we have heard performances from students David Carrasco Jr., Leo Trujillo, Henry Perez, the Hartnell College Jazz Band and Hartnell College Choir (Jazz Band and Choir pictured). The performances take place most Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Student Center. The Office of Student Life invites you to participate as a performer or spectator. Please forward any suggestions to anevarez@hartnell.edu.

5. **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Forum**

On Wednesday October 16, 2013, the Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) and the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council sponsored a forum regarding the Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA) to provide students and staff with information about the healthcare reform that will go into effect January 2014. The program included a brief overview by Dr. Ann Wright on the history of American healthcare reform followed by a presentation with Erik Larsen from the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council. Event participants were engaged in a Q&A. ASHC Senator Chris Martinez thanked the audience and closed the event by directing them to resources and information on healthcare reform. Over 160 audience members participated in the event, and refreshments were provided by ASHC.

6. **King City Promotes Expression Through Poetry**

At the Hartnell King City Education Center, students express their feelings about dreams, loss, nature, and more in this 'Poetry Corner' found on the second floor of the building. These talented students use the art of writing to invoke their feelings and they share these in an anonymous way thanks to this space made just for them.
7. The Hewlett Foundation site visit is promising

On August 29, 2013, the Hartnell College and Foundation hosted the Hewlett Foundation for a site visit prompted by a Letter of Inquiry requesting support for The Western Stage. The Hewlett Foundation has issued grants since 1967 through its mission of solving social and environmental problems at home and around the world and has a special interest in local arts programs. Jon Selover, Melissa Chin-Parker, Jackie Cruz, Karen Hagman, two students, and I were joined by Hewlett Program Officer, Emiko Ono and Program Fellow, Sheena Johnson. Hewlett Foundation was extremely interested and pleased in the work that The Western Stage is doing, particularly around increasing Latino and younger audiences. This opportunity allowed us to review our programs at The Western Stage and hone in on its bright future. The Hartnell Foundation was invited to submit a general operating grant request in January 2014. We thank Emiko and Sheena for taking the time to learn about us.

8. I Was Put Behind Bars for a Good Cause

On, Wednesday, October 9, I was placed behind bars as part of the Muscular Dystrophy Lock-Up. The Lock-Up is the Muscular Dystrophy Association’s (MDA) premier fundraising program. These high-profile events occur all across the country at various times throughout the year. Business and community leaders agree to be "put behind bars for good," where they utilize their vendors, co-workers, family and friends to get donations that will go toward their "bail." Each Jailbird has weeks to raise their donations. That way, on the day of the Lock-Up event, they can enjoy the Lock-Up experience by networking with other business leaders and meeting with the individuals and families that they’re helping in their community. The event generated $47,000 for local families dealing with muscle disease.

All funds raised by the MDA Lock-Up assist the Association in providing lifesaving research, a nationwide network of medical clinics and accessible summer camp experiences to individuals and families affected by neuromuscular diseases.

Thanks to everyone who helped me to make bail and raise dollars for MDA. Special thanks to Lucy Serrano, Dora Sanchez, and Mary Dominguez who actually came to Sorrento’s Restaurant to make sure I was able to make bail and make it safely back to campus.
9. Service Above Self Awards Dinner Was Moving and Inspirational

Last week, the San Andreas Regional Center celebrated its 15th Annual Service Above Self Awards Ceremony, with over 450 people in attendance. Part of Hartnell’s management team accompanied me; we all heard heart-warming acceptance speeches from the recipients. One of the projects that received an award and standing ovation was Tatum’s Garden, the Salinas playground that can be enjoyed by all children, including those with disabilities. Over 3,000 volunteers helped to build the playground. Individuals who go above and beyond to make systems and government work for and with those with developmental disabilities. They truly embrace the meaning of “Service Above Self.”

In photo from L to R – Francisco Valenzuela (San Andreas Regional Centers), Esmeralda Montenegro Owen (Director of Communications), Dr. Willard Lewallen (Hartnell President), Dr. Romero Jalomo (VP of Student Affairs), and Paul Casey (Director of Student Affairs)

10. Employee Spotlight: Nancy Cintrón

One can tell when people enjoy their job – Nancy Cintrón is just that. She is transparent in her position as custodian at Hartnell’s main campus.

“I love my job here,” she said with a big smile. “I get along with everybody.”

We are so greatful to have Nancy on our staff – her work goes beyond what is expected or required of her. If you work late most days, she will come by to check on you to make sure of your safety. Nancy has worked at Hartnell for seven years and has over 21 years of custodial work experience. She is originally from New York and her parents from Puerto Rico. She remembers working at Rockefeller Plaza and in Queens. Nancy came to California a few times until she decided to stay permanently in 2005; her family is in Queens and the Bronx, NY.

When she is not working, Nancy loves to cook, draw cartoons (yes, she is an artist), watch TV, and listen to music. She lives in Salinas with her significant other, who happens to have three beautiful grandchildren, whom Nancy calls ‘the love of my life.’

“The faculty and the staff are my favorite aspect of Hartnell,” she shared, “everybody is cordial, inviting, and loving; I am grateful for that.”
The 2012 All-State Academic Cross Country Team selects a total of 32 men and 32 women in the state to be part of this elite annual recognition. I am so proud to announce that Hartnell College has three men and four women selected for this statewide honor! Aside from being great at this sport, student-athletes are required to have a minimum of 3.50 GPA cumulative for Fall 2012 and Spring 2013. The seven honorees are:

Guillermo Cuevas (North Salinas HS)
- A two-year member of the cross country team
- Both years earned All-Coast Conference honors
- Member of back-to-back Coast Conference championship teams
- Currently attending UC San Diego

James Palaniuk (York HS/Lenoir Rhyne)
- With Hartnell College for one season after transferring from Lenior Rhyne
- 2012 Coast Conference individual champion and All-Northern California honors
- Completing his degree requirements in Psychology and transferring Spring 2014

Michael Young (St. Francis HS-Watsonville/University of Portland)
- At Hartnell just one season, transferred from the University of Portland
- Helped the Panthers achieve a Coast Conference championship and third place finish at the Northern California meet
- Michael received All-Coast Conference honors for his 10th place finish
- Currently undergoing reserve training in the U.S. Marines

Guadalupe Zaragoza (Alisal HS)
- Only returning sophomore on this year's squad but as a freshman enjoyed a successful first season at Hartnell College
- She was in a state-qualifying squad that placed fourth at the Northern California Championship
- Completing degree requirements by spring 2014 to transfer

Haley Land (Salinas HS)
- Returned to the sport after a one year hiatus due to injury
- Haley ran some of the fastest times on the courses she competed
- Attending CSU Long Beach, majoring in Psychology

Liza Carrasco (Salinas HS)
- Had no experience in cross country before joining last Fall
- She worked hard to compete at the state championship in Fresno
- Liza is currently attending CSU Long Beach and studying Nutrition
Leanna Rocha (Everett Alvarez HS)
- Became a runner post-high school
- Although she was unable to compete during the fall because of injury she came back strong in the spring and improved dramatically during the track season
- Hopes to attend San Francisco State University and major in Kinesiology

12. More Cross Country News

Freshman Diego Leon (pictured right) solidified his status as a top individual in Northern California by winning on his home course last Friday at Toro Park. Hartnell College hosted the Toro Park Invitational with seven teams competing including Santa Rosa Junior College, West Hills, Diablo Valley, Las Positas, San Jose City, and DeAnza.
Leon, who was the CCS Division V champion for Anzar High School on the same trails last fall, caught leader Jaime Silva of Santa Rosa JC with a quarter mile remaining in the four mile race. His winning time of 20:45 was comfortably ahead of Silva who was second at 20:53. Leon's mark is the second best mark for a freshman to Daniel Tapia's 20:35 in 2008, and the fifteenth best by all-performers in the 17-year course history.
The Panthers were victorious as a team placing all seven scoring runners in the top 16. Freshman Maritza Ruelas paced the Lady Panthers to a second place team finish besting Coast Conference rival DeAnza College by just one point 53 to 54. Santa Rosa Junior College won with 39 points. Ruelas placed second overall completing the three mile course in 19:53. Teammate Brandi Hobson was fourth overall in 20:02. The race was won by Taylor Falk of Santa Rosa Junior College in 18:59. Davina Marshall was seventeenth (21:45), Rebecca Lopez nineteenth (22:16), followed by Lupita Zaragoza in twentieth (22:16), and Iesha Boyd (22:51) placing in the top 25.

13. Women’s Soccer Staying Strong – Record Stands at 4-7-1

On October 11, 2013, the Lady Panthers played at home with West Hills and Hartnell left with a 1-0 win. The victory goal was by #15 Angie Salinas, assist by #9 Karen Aguilar. This was the third game this season that the team did not allow a goal.
The week prior to that win, the girls played at Cabrillo with a tough 0-1 loss.
14. Programs and Events

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

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

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

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

- **Eighth Annual Western Stage Gala** presenting Crazy for You
  - Saturday, November 23 at 5:30 p.m. (755-6810)

15. Hartnell College in the News

Hartnell announces Hall of Famers

Guanajuato Governor and Salinas Leaders reaffirm bond

KION Video – search ‘Hartnell’
http://www.kionrightnow.com/video

Hartnell’s Emergency preparedness via Univision 67

About Guanajuato Delegation Breakast via Univision 67
http://www.ksmstv.com/2013/10/17/gobernador-del-estado-de-guanajuato-estara-en-salinas/

Hartnell to host delegation from Mexico
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310170019

Emergency drill set at Hartnell
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310170017

Hartnell awaits conference opener
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310180032

Hartnell, Lecavalier both out with injuries
http://www.kentucky.com/2013/10/12/2873506/hartnell-lecavalier-both-out-with.html

Leon paces Hartnell runners

Hartnell Women’s soccer and volleyball briefs
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310170022