**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. **Delegation from Guanajuato Agrees to Collaboration with Hartnell**

   Last week, Hartnell College hosted a breakfast to welcome the Governor of the State of Guanajuato, Mexico, Miguel Marquez Marquez and the President of the University of Guanajuato, Dr. Jose Manuel Cabrera Sixto (Pictured with me on right). Hartnell College is interested in establishing an agreement with the University of Guanajuato to benefit students and employees in a cultural and academic exchange. We at Hartnell want to provide our students with the best education opportunities and believe that by creating partnerships and collaborations with other groups, and in this case going international to our neighbors in Mexico, is only natural. The conversation went well and we will soon be drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will include the development of student internships in Guanajuato and other exchanges that will enrich the education experience at both institutions.

2. **Students to Present at American Physical Society**

   Hartnell STEM students (alumni of the 2012 and 2013 Research Scholars Institute) were accepted to present at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the California-Nevada Section of the American Physical Society, November 1-2, 2013 at Rohnert Park, California. Annie O, Harjyot Mohar, Victor Hernandez, and Arturo Estrada will be presenting their research on the generation and properties of micro-droplets. Leonel Muñoz and Leo Osornio will be presenting, along with Dr. Adam Para of Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, on their research into the benefits of a new type of photon detector, silicon photomultipliers. Leo Osornio will also do a solo presentation on further characteristics of the silicon photomultipliers. Congratulations to our talented students and a hearty thank you to their RSI mentors, Dr. Sewan Fan, Jose Armando Oviedo, and Tito Polo.
On Wednesday, October 23, 2013, the Athletics Hall of Fame planning committee met to discuss details of the upcoming Inaugural Induction Ceremony on Saturday, November 16, 2013. This special event is honoring student-athletes, teams, coaches, instructors, supporters, and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions and helped bring recognition, honor, and distinction to Hartnell College and its athletics programs. The library provided archives for information on the inductees (photo shows the huge book of treasures!).

The Induction Ceremony will include a campus tour, a luncheon, and a football game at Rabobank Stadium (Hartnell Panthers vs. Monterey Lobos).

The committee is led by Dan Teresa and Joanne Trevino. For more information and to buy your tickets, contact Joanne at 831.775.6884 or email jtrevino@hartnell.edu.

The Ellucian team was on campus this week to help us with the official launch of the improvement initiative for Datatel Colleague software. This purpose of this initiative is to strengthen the utilization of Datatel Colleague so that students and employees have access to the tools and information necessary for student access, planning, and success. The critical success factors include: collaboration, communication, and commitment.

Project Manager, Billie Miles is staying with us full time for an entire year to work with employees in implementing improvements and new modules.
Every month, the Office of Advancement delivers goodies and words of appreciation to a department on campus. This is a small way to show how much we appreciate all the work that is done by each and every one of our Hartnell employees. The IT Department was selected for the month of October and the Office of Advancement crashed their staff meeting last Monday to surprise the staff with this recognition.

This summer, the Hartnell College TRiO Program admitted 100 students to enter the Hartnell TRiO 2013-2014 cohort. Most of these students are freshmen and 41 of them are from Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield and King City. The TRiO Program’s staff believes that the parents are the most important allies to have a strong first year experience. These students are first generation college students.

Accepting the hospitality of Renata Funke, Dean of South County Educational Services, the Student Support Services/TRiO Program director and counselors traveled to the King City Education Center on Friday, October 18, 2013 to give the 41 parents an orientation to the TRiO Program and the TRiO services. Dean Funke talked about a number of improvements that have been implemented at the King City Center. She gave the parents a tour of the KCC, offered them refreshments and participated in the presentation. The TRiO counselors, Norma Nichols and Nancy Reyes, described the TRiO First Year Experience (FYE) curriculum that includes pro-active counseling with class registration, the development of an educational plan, selection of a college major, and the mandatory workshops (Financial Literacy, Career Exploration, and Financial Aid and Scholarship Assistance). TRiO director, Manuel
Bersamin, expressed his commitment in serving students from South County until they transfer.

7. **Math Club – Teaching Teachers How to Teach Math!!**

The photos show Math Club doing outreach at Los Padres Elementary school. They went out to Los Padres to teach math instructors there how to teach math with certain games, making the learning easier for the students. One of the club’s many goals is to help the community understand that math doesn’t have to be scary! It is actually fun! If you’d like to know more about Math Club and its many community service projects or to join, email them at mathclub@student.hartnell.edu.

8. **Forum to Discuss Alternative Academic Calendar**

On, Thursday, October 24, a forum was held to provide an opportunity for employees and students to learn more about the alternative academic calendar and ask any questions. Hartnell College currently utilizes an 18-week semester calendar, but over the last 10-15 years, many community colleges have implemented 17-week or 16-week semester calendars. To date, 54 community colleges have adopted a compressed calendar.

The primary reasons for implementing a compressed calendar are to provide:
- better alignment with academic calendars at four-year colleges and universities
- more flexibility to accommodate activities and programs between semesters including greater flexibility with the length of the summer intersession.
- more time between semesters for term preparation and end of term processing.
- more flexibility for facilities maintenance and operations to perform maintenance, repair, and renovation activities.
Last year, a task force explored the possibility of implementing a 16-week semester academic calendar and has recommended adopting the calendar. There are many steps before a decision is reached about whether to implement an alternative calendar. These steps include:

- review by appropriate governance councils and recommendation for approval
- presentation to and review by the Board of Trustees
- approval by the Board of Trustees
- approval by the Chancellor's Office

Because of the numerous changes that are necessary for implementation, the earliest such a calendar could be implemented would be the 2015-16 academic year.

9. Praise for the Hartnell College Foundation

The Claire Giannini Fund has awarded Hartnell College Foundation a new grant in the sum of $25,000 to support the Alisal Campus Child Development Centers as well as child care scholarships for students who are parents and cannot afford the state imposed child care fee. Thus far, they have supported us with a total of $135,000 in a short period of time. Our Executive Director, Jackie Cruz received a letter from Betsy Buchalter Adler, Trustee for the Claire Giannini Fund, praising Hartnell. This is what she wrote:

"In this time of budget constraints and increased need, too many community colleges are cutting back or even closing their early childhood centers; Hartnell College is a shining exception to that pattern. The trustees of the Giannini Fund have been impressed with the way Hartnell's leadership has invested energy and funds, in collaboration with First Five and other resources, to create solutions for student-headed families with young children. We are especially pleased to see the partnership between the high school equivalency program and Hartnell's Child Development Centers and we are glad to support it."

I am sharing this with you to acknowledge that the work that we do to mobilize additional resources for Hartnell’s students and their children has value inside and outside of our campus walls. Special kudos to the Hartnell College Foundation!

10. Literacy Summit Asks for a Commitment from All

The Literacy Campaign for Monterey County hosted the Literacy Summit to educate the community on, and heighten awareness of, the importance of early childhood literacy to the economic health of individuals and the community. This event was on Friday, October 25, 2013 at CSUMB. Speakers included Dr. Eduardo M. Ochoa-President, CSUMB, Sylvia M. Panetta-Panetta Institute for Public Policy, Dr. Dowell Myers-USC’s Public Policy(pictured), Mary Ann Leffel-MC Business Council, Ralph Smith and Alicia Maldonado-National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, Francine Rodd-First 5 MC, and Mary Adams-United Way of Monterey County. The purpose of the Summit
was to build greater awareness of the literacy crisis, increase the understanding of the importance of kindergarten readiness and reading at grade level by the end of third grade, create a platform for attendees to collaborate, share ideas, and learn from one another, unite in a call to action and begin the creation of localized plans for change. Prior to the Summit I was asked to join the Circle of Champions, community leaders from all sectors of the County in support of the Literacy Campaign. I have signed on and I am certain that Hartnell College will play an important role in this initiative as an action plan is developed.

11. Cross Country – Ramirez Leads Panthers at Historic Mt. SAC Event

The Mt. SAC Cross Country Invitational is billed as the “biggest cross country meet on the planet” with 25,000 runners competing ranging from elementary and middle school through community college runners. Hartnell College made the trip down the Ventura Highway for the fourth time in school’s history. Sophomore Michael Ramirez made a strong move after the “poop-out hill” and before the “reservoir hill”, Ramirez took the lead and held it all the way until the final quarter mile of the race before being overtaken by Miguel Lopez of Southwestern College. The second place time of 20:59 was the only other mark under 21 minutes in the field of 200 runners. Hartnell College is currently ranked twelfth in the state. Freshman Maritza Ruelas made it back to back years for the Lady Panthers with a top 14 overall finisher. Ruelas had never competed on the Mt. SAC course before and utilized a very aggressive first mile to position herself amongst the leaders. Ruelas would hold to ninth place out of 182 runners. Her time of 19:15 is the third best for a Lady Panther in the four years of competing on the historic hills at Mt. SAC. Brandi Hobson (20:03) was the next highest placing female at 27th and as a team, the ladies placed 12th out of 18 teams.
12. **Hartnell Football Successful at first Conference Game – Teamwork**

The first conference game of the 2013 season resulted in a 51-0 victory on the road at West Valley College. Running back Deandre Mann continued to carry the load as he reached 127 yards, 9 carries, and 4 scores. Deandre has tied the all-time career touchdown mark of 33 and he still has 4 conference games left to play. Running back Manny Melano had a strong night chipping in an additional 89 yards on the ground. Offensive lineman Tim Branche was credited with the “offensive lineman of the week” award for his solid play up front. This game was in check at halftime with a score of 37-0. Marcelis Short came up big on numerous occasions. Rodrigo De La Cruz and Eddie Guzman played solid at linebacker and the defensive backfield held the Vikings to only 70 yards in the air. Anthony “Fish” Smithson returned a punt over 70 yards for a touchdown. This is the 3rd year in a row that the Panther defense has kept West Valley off the scoreboard.

13. **Women’s Soccer is on Fire!**

Tuesday, October 15, we had a Home game vs. Cañada College that ended with a 7-1 win for Hartnell. Karly Leon (San Benito HS) scored three goals and had one assist; Celina Murillo (Soledad HS) had two goals and two assists; Karen Aguilar (Aptos HS) had two goals; Angie Salinas (Alisal HS), Daniela Escamilla (North Salinas HS), and Victoria Perez (San Benito HS) each had one assist.

Thursday, October 17, we played against Mission College resulting in a 6-0 win. Celina Murillo (Soledad HS) had two goals; Stephanie Gonzalez (Alisal HS) had 1 goal and 1 assist; Mariah Case (Everett Alvarez HS), Karly Leon (San Benito HS) and Adreanna Sharrah (Everett Alvarez HS) each had 1 goal; Celina Medina (Notre Dame HS) had 3 assists; Angie Salinas (Alisal HS) had 1 assist. Edith Escamilla (North Salinas HS) recorded the shutout on goal. Overall record is 6-7-1. Next contest at home vs. Foothill College on October 29, 4pm.
14. Men’s Soccer Continues to Impress

On Tuesday, October 15, 2013, we played City College of San Francisco resulting in a 1-1 tie. Hartnell needed a stoppage time penalty kick goal by Jose Mendoza to tie and steal a point.

On Friday, October 18, 2013, back home we played the Gavilan Rams with a 4-0 victory for Hartnell. Joni Cruz’s goal in the 17th minute helped get the Panthers going and cruise to a 4-0 win versus the visiting Rams. Albert Garcia, Angel Chavez, and Miguel Salinas tallied 2nd half goals. The win moves the Panthers to first place in the Coast Conference Central Division by a point over De Anza. Should be a great race down the stretch! Next contest at home vs. West Valley, October 29, 1:30pm. (Photo provided by Joni Cruz)

15. Programs and Events

- 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)

16. Hartnell College in the News

Hall of Famers announced

County Clipboard: Hartnell athletes named to school’s Hall of Fame

Hartnell board races
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131023/NEWS01/310230010/Business-labor-face-off-Hartnell-board-races

Guanajuato Delegation at Hartnell – El Sol Newspaper
Hartnell blanks West Valley again
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131021/SPORTS/310210023/Hartnell-blanks-West-Valley-again

Local sports roundup: Hartnell’s Ramirez takes 2nd at Mt. SAC

Hartnell’s De’Andre Mann leads state in yards per game

Hartnell sweeps rival MPC in 3
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131024/SPORTS/310240025/Hartnell-sweeps-rival-MPC-3

Hartnell’s Nalli Gomez postgame interview – the Californian
http://www.thecalifornian.com/videonetwork/2764891213001?odyssey=mod|tvideo2|article

Volleyball MPC at Hartnell Photo Gallery
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Avis=J2&Dato=20131023&Kategori=NEWS01&Lopenr=310230051&Ref=PH&odyssey=mod|galleriespic