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. Veterans’ Ceremony honors all who have served

On Friday, November 8, 2013, Hartnell College hosted a Veterans Day Ceremony & One year Anniversary of our Veteran Services Center. The ceremony took place at Steinbeck Hall and was a tribute to military veterans and their families, especially those in our community. Our ASB President, James Stephens was the Emcee for the event. The event included patriotic music from the Hartnell Band directed by Steve Ettinger, the American Legion CG for the Procession of the Colors, a keynote message from Salinas Mayor, Joe Gunter, reading of the President Obama’s Proclamation by Veterans Club Advisor, Professor Peter Calvert, and student veterans Ileana Gutierrez, Ryan Sparks, and Estevan Rojas. The Veteran Services Center also celebrated its one year anniversary. Laura Cabrera from the office of Assemblymember Luis Alejo presented a California flag to be hung inside the Center.
The 28th Annual Transfer Day and College Night on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 was successful in promoting over 50 universities and programs to over 2,400 students and community members. The attendees included 500 Everett Alvarez High School Students and a large group of students from King City Joint Union High School District. The Student Center was filled with youth with a new vision of the future and all the possibilities they have to continue with higher education. Special kudos go to organizer Mercedes Quintero and committee members Augustine Nevarez, Laura Zavala, Antonia Jaime, Paul Casey, Belen Gonzales, Yvonne Carreon, and Marlene Tapia who helped to coordinate this major event, plus Carol Caetano from Everett Alvarez H.S. who promoted the event with her students. Some of our faculty, administrators, and staff volunteered to represent Hartnell College and promote our programs and services; they were Aron Szamos, Bronwyn Moreno, LaVerne Cook, Robert Maffei, Janine Tabor, Jason Hough, Susanne Burns, Ana Valles, Chris Pedersen, Melvin Jimenez, Gemma Uribe, Janet Flores, Kathy Mendelsohn, Dr. Kelly Locke, Tony Anderson, Dr. Stelvio Locci, Dan Teresa, Dr. Romero Jalomo, and Dr. Mark Sanchez. In addition, we had all the local TV news stations present sending the message that at Hartnell we are growing leaders through opportunity, engagement, and achievement.

3. Department Appreciation for Month of November: Business Office

Every month, the Office of Advancement nominates a department on campus to be recognized and appreciated in a special way. The month of November belongs to the
Business Office. Thus, the staff was surprised with sweet cupcakes from Fluff Cupcakery and fresh strawberries during their monthly meeting. Esmeralda Montenegro, Director of Communications offered words of gratitude towards the group highlighting their importance to our Office and to the entire College. Congratulations!

4. Visit from California Legislative Staff Education Institute (CLSEI)

On Thursday, November 7, 2013, the CLSEI spent the entire day getting to know our staff, our students, and our programs. These 10 individuals are key advisors to senators, assembly members, congressman, legislative committees, and even the governor. The CLSEI provides the time, support, and venue for Sacramento-based California legislative staff working on selected issues to develop bi-partisan relationships, have educational opportunities with experts, and spend real time on discussion and collaboration.

Some of the topics that were discussed included, Student Success Act of 2012, accreditation, career pathways, associate degrees for transfer, veterans programs, theater arts, STEM, NASA SEMAA, and more.

The visit included the Hartnell main campus and the Alisal Campus. Thanks to all the staff and the students who told their Hartnell story candidly. In the end, the group expressed their admiration for what we do for our students and that is something to make us all proud.

5. Tierra Brillante a film to bring awareness of health risks of lead

(Tienda Brillante) on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. The documentary tells the story of Purépecha women in Michoacán, México and their dream for their land to shine again with splendor; the message is to eliminate ‘lead’ as an ingredient in pottery currently
made there. The producer of the film, Omar Foglio, included data about the health risks of lead. Lead-free pottery was displayed at the Student Center.

6. Hartnell Speech Team earns multiple awards!

Last week, the Hartnell Speech Team received multiple awards at the Mustang Invitational Tournament held at Sacramento City College. There were 24 colleges competing, including four-year universities from Arizona, Oregon, Utah, and California. The team took five awards home!

The team’s coach and mentor, Professor Jason Hough, is extremely happy with the results and hopes they will continue to compete. These are the winners and categories:
- Andrea Cervantes, First Place, Dramatic Interpretation
- Andres Aranda, First Place, Poetry Interpretation
- Karina Neeley, Third Place, Oral Interpretation
- Marc Dover, Fifth Place, Oral Interpretation
- Ariana Valencia, Fifth Place, Poetry Interpretation

Other teammates and participants include, Julia Felice, Maria Hernandez, Daniel Ibarra, Angelica Jubane, Richelle Mendez, Miguel Padilla, and Alyssa Rendon.

To my surprise, a few days ago, I received an email from the parents of a participant, Julia Felice. This is an excerpt:

It has been a wonderful experience for Julia as well as all of the students who have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Hough. His teaching and coaching are inspirational. We will be forever grateful for the marvelous opportunity he has provided for our daughter as well as all of the Hartnell students lucky enough to have him as their instructor. (Chuck & Maureen Felice)

At Hartnell College we are growing the next generation of leaders through opportunity, engagement, and achievement. With Mr. Hough’s efforts along with the rest of Hartnell College, I am confident that Julia will be one of those leaders. Congratulations to all!

7. Junior Achievement Social Innovation Camp at the Alisal Campus

Hartnell College was proud to host a one-day intensive 21st century learning experience at the Alisal Campus that engages students in entrepreneurial and collaboration techniques. Forty students from Salinas and Seaside came together on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 to
present innovative, viable solutions to a social concern impacting their community. According to JA, “Social entrepreneurship is the recognition of a social problem and the use of entrepreneurial principles to organize, create and manage a for-profit or non-profit venture to achieve a desired social change.” JA and PG&E are looking for local high school students ready to generate innovative ideas in social entrepreneurship - student leaders ready to have fun, learn, and make a difference.

8. STEM experience inspires 5th graders

In October, all 5th grade classes from nearby University Park Elementary School walked to Hartnell College to take part in a ‘STEM Experience’ in and around the Merrill Hall Science Building. This outreach event was an effort to encourage students’ interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics before going on to middle school. The visitors were able to hear from students in Hartnell’s MESA program about college life, careers and what it is like being a STEM major. MESA students also facilitated hands on activities that challenged the 5th graders to work together to solve problems and explore basic engineering concepts. Other parts of the experience were demonstrations by Hartnell’s Physics Club and 90 minutes in the planetarium exploring concepts in modeling, solar system science, and human biology. “The kids had a blast,” said University Park teacher Krysta Bradley, confirming the value of the students' time at Hartnell. “I was amazed with how much they learned!”

The photos show the students working on the spaghetti and marshmallow tower building challenge and MESA student Vincent Aguilar tests the engineering skills of two students.

9. Webinar: Latinos and Higher Education

A number of faculty and administrators along with governing board president Candi Depauw participated in a webinar that presented the findings from the report, The State of Latinos in Higher Education in California: The economic and social imperative for advancing Latino college achievement. The report paints a comprehensive picture of the struggle Latino students face as they work to reach their college dreams. The report is an urgent call to action, suggesting state policymakers adopt recommendations to deliberately improve the rates of Latino college attendance and completion. The report was sponsored by the Campaign for College Opportunity and can be accessed at http://www.collegecampaign.org/resource-library/our-publications/.
10. Student-Athlete Alum Spotlight – Robert Wayman, Baseball

Robert Wayman received an athletic and academic scholarship from St. John’s University to play baseball during the 2013-2014 school year. He was an All Coast Conference Infielder his freshman year at second base and a shortstop his sophomore year. Robert earned a 3.7 GPA while attending Hartnell and was a team leader not only on the baseball field, but also in the classroom.

11. Cross Country teams earning key spots

For the first time since 2010, both the men's and women's cross country teams for Hartnell College were victorious at the Coast Conference Championship meet. Hosting the event at Toro Park, Hartnell College enjoyed not only team victories but the women's overall winner, four all-conference women, and seven all-conference men. Freshman Maritza Ruelas continued to impress and is working toward her best racing in the championship season with the individual win over three mile course. Her winning time of 19:30 was a lifetime best on the course and moves her to sixth best in college history. Her win was the first individual title for Hartnell since 2010. Brandi Hobson got it right running well under the mark and stopping the clock at 19:48 to finish as the conference silver medalist. Rebecca Lopez (21:30) and Lupita Zaragoza (21:38) earned all-conference honors for placing twelfth and thirteenth overall. Freshman Iesha Boyd (22:30) rounded out the scoring and helped the Lady Panthers to their first conference title since 2010.

Sophomore Michael Ramirez was hoping he has enough preparation coming back from a mid-season foot injury to bring home the individual title in the four mile championship race but did not have quite enough fitness to overtake conference foe Abraham Espinoza of Las Positas College. Espinoza crossed the line in first in 20:26 with Ramirez right behind at 20:37. The fastest time run at Toro Park by a Panther was Cristian Soratos at 20:30 in 2011. Diego Leon
took third (21:03), Omar Vasquez fourth (21:16), Andres Guerrero seventh (21:29), Said Hernandez ninth (21:35), Luis Romero thirteenth (21:50), and Felix Cervantes fourteenth (21:51). All told the Panthers had nine of the first 20 finishers in the race. In winning, the Hartnell College tallied a low score of 25 points to runner-up Las Positas College at 52 points and DeAnza College in third at 66 points.

12. Hartnell Football looks ahead to winning the CCC

Hartnell came out on top against San Jose City in a 34-7 final. Hartnell is now 6-2 overall and 3-0 in conference play. The Panthers struck early and often finishing the first quarter with a commanding 17-0 score. By halftime, the Panthers lead was 24-0, with much of the credit going to a strong defensive showing. The Hartnell defense was stingy most of the night holding San Jose to a total of 177 yards of offense. They produced 3 interceptions and continued to provide great field position for the offense. Speaking of offense, receiver DaQuan Smith had a terrific night hauling in 7 passes for 132 yards and a score. Quarterback Curt Ceralde continued to manage the offense with confidence as he completed 15 of 23 attempts for 200 yards and 1 TD. DeAndre Mann added 3 more touchdowns to his season and career totals. He now has 20 on the season and 37 in two seasons at Hartnell. The offensive line played well, but Tyler Isbill had a very strong night leading the way “up front” and received high praise from offensive line coach, Max Matsuhara.

Kicker Gil Camacho made all of his extra points and he converted on both field goal attempts. In addition, his booming kick-offs provided the defense great field position in order to start each defensive series. Rodrigo DeLaCruz continues to get better as a linebacker, as he had 6 solo tackles and 1 quarterback hurry. David Birlem, Chuntony Johnson and Kapil Fletcher were strong on the defensive line as they applied pressure on the San Jose quarterback and also stymied their run game. Anthony “Fish” Smithson had 2 more interceptions and now has a State leading 6 for the season.

13. Programs and Events

- Open House for Vets, Alisal Campus – 1752 E. Alisal St. Salinas
  o Friday, November 15, 2013 – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 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)

14. Hartnell College in the News

Veterans Ceremony Univision (Spanish)
http://www.ksmstv.com/2013/11/08/homenaje-a-veteranos-de-guerra/

Transfer Day/College Night (Spanish)
http://www.ksmstv.com/2013/11/06/estudiantes-reciben-ayuda/

Transfer Day/College Night – how Hartnell is helping to break barriers
http://www.kionrightnow.com/story/23899308/study-more-latinos-attending-college-but-less-graduating

Transfer Day/College Night on Telemundo (Spanish)

Transfer Day and College Night

Documentary about Purépecha artisans at Hartnell
http://www.ksmstv.com/2013/11/05/exhiben-documentan-en-el-hartnell-college/

Hartnell board race results maintain status quo
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131105/NEWS01/311050052/Hartnell-board-race-results-maintain-status-quo

SEMAA and Hartnell as a Military Friendly School Featured on HWY 68 Life
http://emagazines.hibu.com/HWY68

Prof. Jason Hough LIVE on KION – the Affordable Care Act (VIDEO)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94JLEkWmcrY&feature=youtu.be

Hartnell takes the lead in football title chase
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131104/SPORTS/311040023/Hartnell-takes-lead-football-title-chase?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Ctext%7CSports

Education Digest: Al & Nakatani’s Talk plus students to attend College day
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131104/NEWS01/311040015/Education-digest

A song for my father
http://www.montereyherald.com/stage/ci_24461110/stage

Calendar: Western Stage and the Planetarium

Focus is key for Hartnell Panthers
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131108/SPORTS/311080038/Focus-key-Hartnell-Panthers

Hartnell Soccer Men’s polls

Hartnell Soccer photo gallery on the Californian
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Avis=J2&Dato=20131029&Kategori=NEWS01&Lopenr=310290054&Ref=PH