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. Distinguished Alumni Award – Dustin Lance Black

On Saturday, November 23, 2013, a group of Hartnell, staff, faculty, theater arts students, and Board Members attended the Community College League of California Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony held in San Francisco. Our very own Dustin Lance Black was the honoree and a featured speaker for the luncheon.

Black is a screenwriter, producer, director, and social activist, who has won numerous awards including the Academy Award and two WGA Awards for Best Original Screenplay for MILK.

At Hartnell, we are so proud of Dustin and all his accomplishments and be assured he will continue to amaze.

Dustin was introduced by Artistic Director, Jon Solover followed by a speech that was both inspirational and uplifting.

The prestigious California Community College Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented to alumni who are accomplished professionals and citizens of their communities. The recipients of the awards inspire us all as they share their stories and remind us of the importance of
our efforts. The League has recognized the distinguished alumni of California since 1964 and 200 outstanding citizens have been honored. Congratulations to Dustin Lance Black!

2. Eighth Annual Gala was Crazy for You!

Saturday, November 23, 2013 was a busy day for Hartnell! In the evening, it was time to have some fun, eat, drink, and be merry at our Eighth Annual Gala featuring a well-orchestrated gathering, with food, drinks, and a silent auction to raise funds for the Western Stage, its students, and programs. The program also included an intimate presentation of *Crazy for You*, a romantic comedy that ends the 2013 season with a bang!

Big thanks to the Hartnell College Foundation and Dottie Massey for being the lead in guiding a committee of dedicated individuals to achieve a successful event.

3. “Lights of Love” for the children of our students

A number of campus holiday traditions rely on the generosity and participation of our campus family. Be it participating in a holiday food drive, providing a Thanksgiving meal to a needy family, or sponsoring a child through "Lights of Love," we continue to make the holidays even more special for those who surely appreciate the assistance we can provide.

This year the Associated Students Hartnell College (ASHC), along with the Office of the Superintendent/President, is sponsoring and coordinating "Lights of Love." The purpose of this activity is to provide gifts for the children of our students, many of whom have tremendous responsibilities and face significant financial challenges. As you can see in this picture,
Administrative Assistant for Advancement, Cristina Westfall picked up her light bulb and will bring her gift for ‘Adriana’ next week. There are lots of light bulbs left so please stop by this week and get one, two, three, or more.

Students will start to pick up gifts for their children December 10-18, 2013 at the ASHC office in the Student Center, Room C-140. If you have any questions, contact Augustine Nevarez at 831-755-6825 or Laura Zavala at 831-755-6734.

4. President’s Forum provided updates to all

The FALL 2013 President's Forum and lunch was last Monday, November 25, 2013 at Steinbeck Hall. It was a good opportunity to provide a brief general college update on accreditation, budget, governance, academic calendar, facilities planning, strategic planning, the Foundation, and Hartnell’s re-branding.

The President's Forum presentation is available at the following link: http://www.hartnell.edu/president/docs/Presidents_Forum_112513.pdf

5. Lunch with MESA students in November

On November 21, 2013 I hosted a lunch for 20 MESA students in Merrill Hall, as part of the monthly lunches I started just a few months ago. The students were selected by MESA Director, Bronwyn Moreno based on their academic achievement, volunteerism, or leadership roles within the program.

With no formal agenda, the students had an opportunity to ask me questions and tell me about their Hartnell experience, transfer plans, and future goals. I also shared personal information about my background as well as advice to benefit them in their future academic and career endeavors.
6. Boronda Scholars selected to go to Japan in 2014!

Congratulations to the 10 Boronda Scholars who will be traveling to Japan in summer 2014 for an intensive study program. The Boronda International Study Travel Program is a highly competitive opportunity for students with evidence of a strong commitment to one of the arts (painting, sculpture, music, theater, literature, architecture, photography, dance or graphic design.) The Boronda Committee thanks the 45 students who submitted applications - we have a lot of talent at Hartnell College and it was difficult for them to select just 10. Each year the committee accepts proposals for the location of the upcoming Boronda program. In June 2014, the Boronda Scholars will travel to Japan with music faculty member, Steve Ettinger and a coordinator/faculty member. Their itinerary includes visiting historical, cultural, and arts-related sites in Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, Wakayama, and Hiroshima. All costs of travel including housing, meals and admissions, are covered by the Sylvano and Maria Boronda Scholarship established by Lester Boronda in memory of his parents. For the list of scholars and more, visit: http://hartnellfoundation.org/news/boronda-scholars-japan-2014/

7. LULAC Council 2055 celebrates 40 years

Last week, Salinas LULAC #2055 celebrated its 40 year anniversary with a gala at the National Steinbeck Center. It was an evening to highlight the civic participation promoted by the council, public service, and scholarships. The event included a live auction, one of which was a “lunch and tour with the President” and in the photo I am with the Sanchez family who bid the highest for this lunch with me. Appearing in the photo are the sisters and brother of the late Jesse Sanchez, community leader and namesake of Jesse Sanchez School in the Alisal School District. In addition, next to me is Community Foundation’s Aurelio Salazar, who is the former President of LULAC Council 2055 and nephew of Jesse Sanchez. The second photo includes (L to R) VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jolomo; Student Trustee Elaine Duran; Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez; and Trustee Bill Freeman.
Hartnell has traditionally closed during the winter holidays. This year, our campuses will be closed from Monday, December 23, 2013, through Wednesday, January 1, 2014. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

The Hartnell Panthers finished the final game of the season as champions of the *Living Breath Foundation Bowl*, capping off an epic season with a record of 9-2. Finishing the season on a 6-game win streak and being crowned both Coast Conference Champions and Southern Division Champions, the Hartnell Panthers had their first 9 win season since 1992.

The *Living Breath Foundation Bowl* was a match between Hartnell and the Contra Costa Comets, who had met earlier in the year and played a very close game, but Hartnell edged the Comets by a score of 37-34. Both teams met in 2012 and the Panthers were victorious in overtime. This has been a pretty even match over recent years, but this time around, both teams were crowned conference champions squaring off in a Divisional Championship bowl game.

Hartnell wasted no time scoring on the opening drive, but Contra Costa answered back quickly. By halftime, the score was deadlocked at 13. As the 3rd quarter developed, both teams once again found themselves locked at 20. As a fan in the crowd this game provided all of the excitement and drama that one would expect in a bowl game match-up. Both teams were performing at a high level of execution and it seemed as if each play was going to determine the outcome. As the fourth quarter unraveled, the Contra Costa Comets took a 26-20 lead over the Panthers. Hartnell didn’t give in, and as a result the Panther offense took advantage of turnovers and capitalized with 17 unanswered scores to win 29-26.
points. By the time the clock ticked down, the Panthers were able to hold on for a deciding 37-26 victory and were crowned Living Breath Bowl and Southern Division Champions!

Anthony Smithson was named defensive MVP having 2 big-time interceptions and 13 tackles. He also had several kick returns that gave the Panthers terrific field position. The Hartnell defense did a fantastic job keeping Contra Costa to 26 points. Less than their season average and less than they scored against the Panthers in the week 4 match up. Offensively, Joe Pacheco came up BIG for Hartnell. Coming off a separated shoulder the week before, Joe played hurt all game. Despite his limitations due to the injured shoulder, Joe caught the winning touchdown and he also had an additional score to pad the Panther lead. Quarterback Curt Ceralde finished his sophomore season in style by completing 18 passes for nearly 250 yards and 2 TDs as he lead his team to a championship finish. As always, sophomore DeAndre Mann was a workhorse adding 2 more scores to his career & season totals. DeAndre will leave Hartnell College holding all touchdowns and rushing records and they don’t seem as if they will be beat ....possibly ever again!

10. Cross Country – Ramirez XC All-American

Sophomore Michael Ramirez recovered steadily from a mid-season foot injury which forced him to miss two weeks of competition and training to place ninth overall at the California Community College State Championship at Woodward Park in Fresno. Just shortly after the start, a large group of runners were involved in a pile-up that saw the entire Hartnell College team fall to the ground. With no recall from the starter, the Panthers along with Ramirez would have to spring back up quickly and spend the rest of the race trying to play catch up. Michael Ramirez, who prepped at Salinas High School, would recover well enough to complete the four mile course in 20:32 making him the third best performer in school history behind former state champion Daniel Tapia and fellow All-American Miguel Gallegos. With the help of Diego Leon (21:28), Omar Vasquez (21:43), Luis Romero (21:45), and Andres Guerrero (21:51), the Panthers placed 10th out of 27 teams for the second consecutive year. In addition, the Panthers bested Santa Rosa Junior College to place as the second highest Northern California team. Also running for the Panthers were Felix Cervantes (22:03) and Justin Carrancho (22:08). Freshman Brandi Hobson stepped up for an injured Maritza Ruela, who suffered a bulging vertebral
disc after placing sixth at the regional meet. Despite not having her training partner setting pace during the race, Hobson ran to a solid 51st place overall and 19:38 for the 3.1 mile course. Her time moves her up the school's all-time list from her early season 46th best mark of 21:18 to 9th best ever. It is the best freshman mark at the state championship since Ellie Herrera's 19:32 in 2009. As a team the Lady Panthers moved up amongst regional competition to sixth after placing eighth two weeks ago. The Lady Panthers will return four of the five scoring runners next year.

11. Soccer team continues to advance

Good news continues to arrive from our Hartnell College men’s soccer team. At the last game, Lorenzo Vasquez scored 3 goals in the first half and we beat Cabrillo 5-1 in the first round of playoffs. We played Las Positas in the second round on Tuesday and beat them 2-0!

Photo: Lorenzo Vasquez

http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131125/SPORTS/311250023/Hartnell-takes-down-Cabrillo

LATE BREAKING NEWS!
The men’s soccer team has advanced to the state championship finals with a 2-0 victory on Saturday over De Anza College in the third round of the state playoffs. The state finals will be played at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento on Friday, December 6 and Sunday, December 8. The championship bracket can be accessed at
http://cccaasports.org/Soccer/Men/2013%20M%20SOCCER%20STATE%20BRACKET.pdf. Hartnell will face Santa Ana College in the semifinal match on Friday.

12. Upcoming Events

- Kwanzaa Celebration, Thursday, December 5, 2013
  o Steinbeck Hall, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- Poetic Voices 2013, Thursday, December 5, 2013
  o Steinbeck Hall, 12:00 Noon
- Holiday Feast, Friday, December 6, 2013
  o Steinbeck Hall, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Men’s Soccer vs. Santa Ana College, Friday, December 6, 2013
  o Cosumnes River College (State Championship Finals)
13. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Crazy for You
www.montereyherald.com

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Video - Lorenzo Vasquez interviewed after game
http://www.thecalifornian.com/VideoNetwork/2867039222001/Hartnell-
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The Winning Hartnell College Speech Team
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http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/entertainment/art/article_5027d380-
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Hartnell men face Cabrillo at NorCal playoffs
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UPDATES-Hartnell-men-face-Cabrillo-NorCal-playoffs

Hartnell College Football then and now
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nell-College-football-then-now