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. Hartnell Men’s Soccer Team Captures State Championship!

The men’s soccer team defeated Mt. San Antonio College 1-0 on Sunday, December 8 at Cosumnes River College (Sacramento). This is the first state championship for soccer in the history of Hartnell College. More details and photos to follow in the next report.

2. Holiday Feast for Hartnell employees was delightful

A Holiday Feast was just what we needed to kick off the official start of the Holiday Season! On Friday, hundreds of Hartnell CCD employees joined me in a true feast catered by the Turf Club and sponsored by the Hartnell College Foundation and the President’s office. It was wonderful to “break bread” with the Hartnell family enjoying a delicious meal along with an array of sweet desserts. Some even went back for seconds (me included). Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all!
On Thursday, December 5, 2013 Hartnell College presented a Kwanzaa Celebration “the first fruits of the harvest” at Steinbeck Hall. This event celebrated the rich heritage of African American culture. The program included African drumming, dance, songs, and poetry. Some of the attendees also participated in a Kwanzaa candle lighting ceremony and enjoyed delicious food. This event was sponsored by Associated Students of Hartnell College, Student Affairs, EOPS, and Sankofa.

About 20 of our campus clubs got together to create a rendition of ‘Christmas in the Park’ right in the middle of the Student Center. Each of them is unique in its design and flavor. The cool thing about this activity is that they will donate the trees to a family in need to bring some joy during the holidays.

NASA SEMAA had the privilege of hosting over 100 students from Harden and North Monterey County Middle Schools in the Aerospace Educational Lab. The visit included aerospace activities that instructed students on how to create a paper airplane origami style, with technical instructions. The purpose of the assignment was to follow instructions and pay close attention or their mission would fail. One of our visits included a session with special
guest pilot, Erick Teeters, who introduced the children to careers in aviation and the possibility of flying an airplane right out of the Salinas Airport. Hartnell NASA SEMAA engages and encourages students to pursue a career in STEM.

6. Harden Middle School students visit Hartnell

Last Tuesday, 90 students from Harden Middle School's AVID program visited both the main campus and the Alisal campus. During the visit, they learned about college life and had an eye-opening experience at the Planetarium and the NASA Aerospace Lab.

Melvin Jimenez, project manager for the CSIT-in-3 program, led the students in computer-based activities, and Carissa Perez, Agricultural Lab Technician, directed teams of students in creating Silly Putty and green slime (see photo). Hartnell and middle school staff alike were impressed with the high levels of interest and engagement exhibited by the students.

7. Poetry Voices 2013 presents awardees and special

On December 5, 2013, Hartnell College and the Homestead Review presented the 14th Annual Poetic Voices student poetry competition. Special guest reader was Poet, Dr. Christine Hamm (far left). The following four students received the Circo Award for excellence in writing:

- Maggie Hick for her poem, "Scars"
- Bradley Amestoy for his poem, "Highway 1"
- Adriana Alfaro for her poem, "Day by Day"
- Nicole Canete for her poem, "See"

The recipients read their winning work and spent time with Dr. Hamm and their Hartnell mentor, Maria Garcia Teutsch (third from right).
In recognition of my support for the football program and Hartnell athletics I was presented with this wonderful award at the football banquet. It was totally unexpected, but I was honored to receive this. At left is Bill Maker, long-time supporter of Hartnell athletics and father of Hartnell alumnus and football player, Bill Maker, Jr. One of the football awards is named in memory of Bill Maker, Jr.; at right is Head Football Coach Matt Collins.

9. Upcoming Events

- Ribbon Cutting to open Technical Training Building
  - January 30, 2014 at 11:30 a.m., Alisal Campus
- Planetarium shows in December, George and Oatmeal Save Santa
  - Fridays at 5:30 p.m.
- Planetarium Holiday show, Season of Lights
  - Fridays at 7:00 p.m. – Call 831-770-6161 for information

10. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

**Soccer – Hartnell wins State Semifinal**
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131207/SPORTS/312070028/Hartnell-wins-state-semifinal

**Local roundup-Hartnell Soccer in State Final**
www.santacruzsentinel.com-ww.santacruzsentinel.com

**Planetarium Friday shows in December**
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/calendar/event_1f6c345e-57aa-11e3-8330-001a4bcf6878.html

**Hartnell Jazz Band at Tree Lighting**
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312070022
From Strawberry fields to computer science in three years
In San Jose Mercury News

In Monterey County Herald

In Santa Cruz Sentinel

Hartnell honors players at banquet
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131206/SPORTS/312060031/Hartnell-honors-players-banquet

Soccer – Hartnell punches ticket Norcal final
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131202/SPORTS/312020015/Hartnell-punches-ticket-NorCal-final

The Salinas Hats and Hartnell in L.A. Times
http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-salinas-hats-20131130,0,4818425.story?track=rss#axzz2moxAbKYM

The best 5 football finishes of all time
http://www.thecalifornian.com/usatoday/article/3792641&usatref=sportsmod

VIDEO: Hartnell Soccer – Joni Cruz interview after De Anza win