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 Wins STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

After defeating Santa Ana College at the semi-finals, the Hartnell Soccer team could taste the victory, and it came at a blink of an eye! On Sunday, December 8, 2013 history was made. Our Soccer team beat 4-time state champions Mt. San Antonio College of Walnut at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento. The score was a nail-biting 1-0. The following day, we called a press conference to introduce the team that for the first time in Hartnell’s history gives the college a CCCAA Championship in soccer. We are so proud of this team composed of 100% local student-athletes. I want to thank the coaches and the entire Hartnell community for their support. These humble and talented young men are our future leaders and we are in good hands. Congratulations!
The Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. During the public meeting, Board Members Erica Padilla-Chavez, Candi DePauw, and Ray Montemayor were sworn in to their new term. In addition, the following elections and appointments were made for Calendar year 2014:

- President - Candi DePauw
- Vice President - Elia Gonzalez-Castro
- Sunrise House - Ray Montemayor
- Monterey County School Board Association Executive Council - Demetrio Pruneda
- District Audit Committee - Erica Padilla-Chavez and Bill Freeman
- Hartnell College Foundation - Erica Padilla-Chavez
- Theater Arts Council - Patricia Donohue and Demetrio Pruneda
- Arts Council - Elia Gonzalez-Castro

Through Lights of Love 110 children were identified to receive a gift. Recall that these are the children of our students. As a result of employee generosity, all 110 children were sponsored! On behalf of me and the Associated Students Hartnell College, thank you so much for opening your hearts...and your wallets :). (These are just some of the gifts that were displayed last week at the Office of Student life.)
4. Office of Advancement enjoys a breakfast retreat

The Office of Advancement had its annual holiday breakfast retreat at Elli’s in Salinas, to spend time together and reflect on the past year. It was also a time of appreciation for being part of a winning team. Executive Director, Jackie Cruz directed words of warmth and thankfulness to every individual and wished for even greater things in the year to come.

5. Soledad has a colorful Christmas Parade

The City of Soledad held its Annual Holiday Parade last week, with floats, music, and Oscar the Panther. Yes, this year, Emileo Padilla-Chavez dressed as Oscar and was a total hit. The City of Soledad recognized Hartnell College for our ongoing support of The Holiday Parade through our annual participation. The photo shows (L to R) Renata Funke, Dean of South County Education; James Stephens, ASHC President; Hartnell Student; Erica Padilla-Chavez, Board of Trustees, and her son Emileo Padilla-Chavez as ‘Oscar.’

6. Employees for Student Success Campaign Kick off

As the holidays approach us, it is a time for appreciation, reflection, and celebration. Year after year, we are both thankful and proud to be part of the Hartnell Family. It is because of the people who study and work here, that the college has a history of excellence, passion, and heart. On Thursday, December 12, 2013 the Employees for Student Success Committee
hosted a holiday party for all Hartnell faculty and staff at Steinbeck Hall. The holiday party served as an opportunity to meet the newest members of our team, kick off this year’s campaign, and celebrate the holiday season with festive appetizers and wines. The Employees for Student Success campaign supports student scholarships, the emergency fund, and areas of greatest need. Support of this campaign enables students to realize their educational dreams and achieve their career goals. To learn more or to make a pledge, please contact Karen Hagman at the Foundation’s office at 831-755-6810 or by email at khagman@hartnell.edu. Your leadership through the Employees for Student Success campaign inspires and motivates so many. Thank you again for putting your heart in Hartnell.

7. Ag Steering Committee meeting at the Alisal

As a member of Hartnell’s Ag Steering Committee, I attended the fall semester meeting on December 6, 2013 and was impressed again to see the strong commitment from our local industry to support Hartnell College’s agricultural program to make it the best program in the state. This committee is formed by 24 ag leaders in the community, most of them owners or CEOs in this multi-billion dollar industry in the Salinas Valley. The committee is chaired by David Gill, owner of Rio Farms, and among other industry members are representatives from Dole, Taylor Farms, RDO Equipment, Driscoll’s, Tanimura & Antle, Pacific Ag Rentals, and Grower-Shipper Association of Central Coast. The committee met to continue the development and review of the ag program courses addressing priorities and training needs for the Salinas Valley agricultural workforce. Following the meeting members visited the Careers in Ag and Technology class and were delighted to interact with our students. (On screen, Steven Triano via Skype at CATA)

8. Faculty attend the CATA Midwinter Institute

December 5-7, 2013, three faculty members attended the California Ag Teachers Association (CATA) Midwinter Institute: Albert Graham, Ag & Industrial Technology instructor; Valentin Rodriguez, Advanced Diesel
This annual conference focuses on issues relevant to community college agriculture instructors throughout the state. This year it was hosted by Modesto Junior College and attended by over 60 people from Shasta to San Diego.

The group is expanding its focus to include water and environmental policy issues. Breakout sessions included work on the agriculture transfer model curricula; others were focused on student leadership, and faculty in-service projects. The event also included regional tours of the ag-related industries.

Attendees were treated to tours of the Modesto JC farms and industry partners in agriculture, science, and mechanics. These tours were not only entertaining, but faculty met employers and discussed current career opportunities. Faculty learned about the educational requirements for our students to meet the needs of these careers.

9. Grand Opening of Technical Training Building

Hartnell College is happy to announce the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Technical Training Building on January 30, 2014 at the Alisal Campus located at 1752 E. Alisal Street in Salinas. The event will include a BBQ and refreshments plus a program with speakers from the ag industry and community leaders. The Technical Training Building (TTB) is a 16,500 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility that will house:

- Advanced Diesel Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Green & Sustainable Design Program

This building will be LEED certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and will offer advanced technology for high
quality teaching and learning. These efforts will provide students with cutting edge knowledge of alternative fuels and sustainability.

10. The Hartnell College Football Banquet

On Wednesday, December 4, 2013 the Hartnell College Football Banquet was held on campus at the Steinbeck Hall in our Student Center. The evening was an opportunity to recognize the 2013 championship team, coaches and support staff that made this a memorable season. In attendance were several members of the HCCD Board of Trustees, faculty members, student-athletes and their families, coaches, and all support staff. The meal was prepared by Jill Sweeney from the Hartnell kitchen and she received rave reviews from the hungry group in attendance. Every player on this year’s team was recognized for their contributions and there was an opportunity to thank all of the people that assist with the overall operation of the football team throughout the course of a season. All-Coast Conference Awards were given out to the recipients and then each assistant coach was called to the stage to announce the winners of the Hartnell Football Team Awards. The Banquet turned out to be an exciting and entertaining event and it allowed for us to properly complete a championship season!

- “Hitman” of the Year Award – Sheldon Wynn
- Special Teams “Player of the Year” Award – Gil Camacho
- “Thaddaeus Williams” Team MVP Award – Deandre Mann
- “Tony Teresa” Most Inspirational Player Award – Tyler Isbill
- “Bill T. Maker” Heart of a Panther Award – David Birlem
- “Larry Parker” Most Valuable Defensive Back Award – Nias Martin
- Offensive MVP Award – Curt Ceralde
- Defensive MVP Award – Anthony Smithson
- Most Improved Player Award – Rodrigo De La Cruz
- “Marv Grim” Most Valuable Offensive Lineman Award – Tim Branche
- Most Valuable Defensive Lineman Award – Chuntony Johnson
11. Upcoming Events

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

12. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

YOSAL’s concert at The Western Stage
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=201312130012

Hartnell board elects officers
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131213/NEWS01/312130033/Around
-County-Dec-13-2013

Hartnell board elects officers sets meeting dates
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=201312120037

Panthers State Champions for the First time (SPANISH)
http://www.ksmstv.com/2013/12/09/las-panteras-campeones-por-primera-vez/

Hartnell Soccer Championship (Write: Hartnell Soccer in search)
http://www.kionrightnow.com/video

Hartnell Soccer team State Champs
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131209/NEWS01/312090014/Hartnell
-soccer-team-state-champs-

VIDEO - Hartnell receives CCCAA Championship
http://www.thecalifornian.com/videonetwork/2916355646001

VIDEO - Joni Cruz interview after championship win
http://www.thecalifornian.com/videonetwork/2912686486001

VIDEO - Fabian Narez speaks after winning championship
http://www.thecalifornian.com/videonetwork/2916486894001?odyssey=mod|t
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Hartnell is Champion (SPANISH)
http://www.thecalifornian.com/viewart/20131214/NEWS05/312140009/-
Hartnell-College-es-campe-n-estatal-

Hartnell soccer team crowned
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312090026

Hartnell wins state semi-final
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20131207/SPORTS/312070028/Hartnell
ll-wins-state-semifinal

Hartnell wins CCCAA soccer title
http://www.montereyherald.com/juniorcolleges/ci_24684389/local-sports-
roundup-hartnell-wins-cccaa-soccer-title?IADID=Search-