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. Daniel Ortega scores another ‘goal!’

The accolades continue to arrive for our Soccer program. The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) has named our Soccer Head Coach Daniel Ortega with the 2013 Men's Juco National Coaches of the Year Award in Division III. Ortega was chosen for this honor by his peers as the best in the nation. He will be presented with this national award at the NSCAA Awards banquet, Friday January 17, 2014, in Philadelphia. The event will be held in conjunction with the 67th Annual NSCAA Convention.

Daniel is a shining example of excellence in community college coaching. His focus is on improving the lives of his student-athletes by emphasizing the achievement of educational goals. Winning a state soccer championship is impressive and being named a national coach of the year is a monumental achievement. However, watching him develop young men into future leaders who contribute to their communities is perhaps more impressive. I am proud to be his colleague.

The photo below shows Ortega far right with the team after they won the State Championship last month.

My office is hosting a special reception for Daniel and the Soccer team on Friday, February 21, 2014.
2. **Tailback DeAndre Mann named ‘All-American’**

We are so proud of Hartnell College tailback DeAndre Mann who was named to the All-American Community College football team. Mann is the first Hartnell player to be named All-American since current Tampa Bay lineman Carl Nicks was chosen eight years ago.

The 5-foot-10, 200-pound Mann led the state in rushing with a Hartnell school record 1,706 yards this past year, averaging 155.1 yards per game. Not surprisingly, Mann has met with various universities and currently has an offer on the table from Purdue University. This young man led the state in scoring with a 30 touchdown school record! The sophomore caught 27 passes for 331 yards, going over 2,000 offensive yards. Congratulations!

3. **Harden Foundation Board of Directors at Alisal Campus**

On Tuesday, January 7, 2014, the Board of Directors from the Harden Foundation paid a visit to the Agriculture Technology and Business Institute at the Alisal Campus. This was the first time that all five of the board members toured the facilities. In fact, they were the first to enter the new Technical Training Building without hard hats! The Harden Foundation has provided Hartnell with substantial financial assistance throughout the years. This was a great opportunity for them to see where their dollars go and how our students and community benefit from their generosity.
In order to meet the demand of student’s needs, we added over 50 new sections to our spring 2014 semester schedule. The classes in demand include those in math, English, ESL, the sciences, Spanish, and so many more. We are in a good position to do this thanks to funding from Prop. 30 and our fiscally sound status. Those interested in registering for a class, should go to www.hartnell.edu.

This week, we were at the Alisal campus with our K16 Bridge Steering Committee and high school reps, including principals and counselors. It was an initial meeting to have an overview of our vision for K16 and to review the plans for Panther Prep Day at Hartnell College set for Saturday, May 10, 2014. We anticipate 500 students from 11 local high schools to participate in this event. The group talked about tasks that need to be completed for high school students to be better prepared for college.

USDA’s Dr. Carolee Bull sent us the following note about student Samantha Gebben who now has published work.

“I just wanted to take the time to thank you for your support of Samantha J. Gebben over the years she was at Hartnell College and worked with us. The attached publication is an amazing testament to the work that Hartnell College does to prepare students like Samantha to work in laboratories like mine. In addition to the subsequent publications from her work, this investment will propel her graduate career.”

Samantha appears as one of the researchers in the article titled: Baby Leaf Lettuce Germplasm Enhancement: Developing Diverse Populations with Resistance to Bacterial Leaf Spot Caused by Xanthomonas campestris pv. Vitians.
Hartnell College can take pride in having served Daisy Ramirez, an amazingly spirited, loving and caring student. Daisy came on board with Hartnell College through the CSIT-In-3 program and was part of the inaugurating class that started this past fall 2013. Her talent and skills propelled her to excel within the program. Her warmth and caring nature enabled her to build strong friendships within the cohort, in addition to playing an instrumental role in actually building a sense of family and community within the program. On any given day one could find Daisy studying with her peers over lunch, baking a cake with another, or leveraging her amazing smile to uplift a dispirited classmate.

On the morning of December 25, Daisy passed away after a strong fight. We will forever remember Daisy for her dedication to pursing her education, her humility in serving those around her, her compassion for everyone, and her love for her family. Although Daisy was only with us momentarily, the relationships she built and the encouragement she provided to her peers will forever live among the Hartnell community. It is with a heavy heart, but with fond memories that we bid farewell to one of our amazing students.

I attended the Rosary for Daisy in Watsonville on Sunday, January 12. It was comforting to see a huge turnout of friends and family to support the Ramirez-Martinez family.

For more on Daisy click on the following links:
www.santacruzsentinel.com
To support her family to cover medical expenses, go to:
http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/hope-for-daisy/117774

Last month, the Hartnell College Foundation received a donation check of $500 from a group of inmates at Soledad Correctional Training Facility. They call themselves H.E.L.P it stands for Higher Education Learning Project. These men sell snacks to raise
money to support Hartnell students. Jackie Cruz (left in photo), Executive Director of Advancement and Development, and Hermelinda Rocha-Tabera (center in photo), faculty member, met with the inmates in person at Soledad CTF. These men have shared how important it is that young men pursue higher education. In their own words: "we want to help young men avoid a path to prison and encourage a path to higher education." Jackie Cruz and Hermelinda Rocha-Tabera received the check from retired member of Soledad CTF staff and a true advocate for young men, Renee Barnes(right in photo).

9. Upcoming Event – Attesti and Galli in Concert


10. Grand Opening for Technical Training Building

Hartnell College presents
FRANCESCO ATTESTI
AND MATTEO GALLI
in concert

Friday, January 24, 2014
The Western Stage Mainstage
6:00 PM Performance
7:30 PM Reception with the artists in the Hartnell Gallery

TICKETS
Purchase online here or call 831.755.6816
(leave a message).

TICKET OFFICE HOURS
Open Jan 21-24 from 5:00-8:00 PM

Hartnell Students can get 1 FREE Ticket!

READ MORE

Celebrate with us!

Technical Training Building
Grand Opening Ceremony

Thursday, January 30, 2014
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Hartnell College, Alisal Campus
1752 E. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93905
Hartnell’s Ortega receives coaching honor
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140107/SPORTS/301070022/Hartnell-s-Ortega-receives-coaching-honor

Governor’s budget delights Salinas area education leaders
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140110/NEWS12/301090046/Governor-s-budget-delights-Salinas-area-education-leaders

Hartnell adds classes to Spring schedule
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140109/NEWS01/301090026?odyssey=mod%7Cmostcom

Classes added to Spring semester on KION

Hartnell adds 50 new sections in Spring semester
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/news_blog/article_a6c0655c-78b0-11e3-9085-001a4bcf6878.html

Western Stage has an effective formula
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/archives/2014/0109/article_0a3fe0da-78cb-11e3-a05e-0019bb30f31a.html

Menlo softball signs slugging catcher from Hartnell

Mann named All American
http://www.montereyherald.com/localsports/ci_24763574/local-sports-roundup-hartnells-mann-named-all-american

Handful of locals bowl bound

Roundup: Hartnell Basketball gets first win of season

Remembering Alum Jacob L. Tybo
http://elkodaily.com/lifestyles/announcements/jacob-l-tybo/article_c8e72cd0-6deb-11e3-9e64-0019bb2963f4.html