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. Attesti and Galli amaze once again

The Italian natives Francesco Attesti and Matteo Galli did not disappoint on Friday, January 24, 2014, with another unique and musically excellent performance at the Western Stage. The piano and organ duo was a hit. It was followed by a special reception in the Hartnell Art Gallery where guests were treated to wine, hors d’oeuvres, and of course, a meet-and-greet with the artists. A day prior to the concert, Francesco led a master class where students received one-on-one instruction from the expert. Attesti and Galli presented a wide variety of music for piano and organ like Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin among others. The concert also contained an improvisation by Matteo Galli on a theme given to him by a Hartnell student right there and then. It was a great thing to experience.
All in all, the combination of organ and piano creates a unique sound for the interpretation of classical music - their passion and musicianship are inspiring. I am glad we were able to invite them back to Hartnell.

2. **Welcome back students!**

It was a busy week on campus. Students returned to start their spring 2014 semester and for the look of it, they are excited to be in school and emerging themselves in their academics. The Student Center felt alive once again, filled with students studying, relaxing, taking a break, and spending time with friends. The 'Welcome Tent' was open all week to help those who needed some guidance with their classes and classrooms.

3. **Science Academy was methodical**

The Winter-2014 **Science Academy** successfully served 54 Hartnell students, preparing them for their upcoming Chemistry and Biology classes this spring. Students learned study skills, safety, the scientific method, and test taking strategies, all while making friends and having fun. As in previous academies, student confidence levels rose significantly over the week. Students gave the academy high reviews, including comments such as ‘I loved the overall experience of the science academy. I
wasn't a fan coming into the academy but now it's one of my favorite subjects. I loved all the activities and hands-on experiences ' and 'the labs were really interesting. Overall everything was great; from meeting new people, to hands-on labs, and learning new things.' Students who attend the Science Academy continue to have services throughout the next semester with Lifeline Tutorial services and loans of their science textbooks through the library’s academy loan program. The Academy and subsequent services have led to success rates among Academy participants that are better than those of non-participants. The Science Academy is 100% funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant. The grant, currently in year 3, was awarded under the HSI STEM and Articulation program in the amount of $860,000 per year.

4. Salinas Rotary Club Provides BBQ for Mt. Toro H.S.—

I joined with my fellow Rotarians on January 22, 2014 to provide a barbecue lunch for 220 students at Mt. Toro High School. Mt. Toro provides a unique setting for at-risk students with small classes and individualized schedules designed to meet the needs of each student. The Salinas Rotary Club supports the students of Mt. Toro with appreciation lunches and recognition/awards. Through these efforts we hope to encourage these students to complete a high school education. For many, this is a second chance and we let them know that we believe in them.
On January 19, 2014 I attended the South County State of the Cities event sponsored by the Greenfield Chamber of Commerce. HCCD Board of Trustees President Candi Depauw, Dean Renata Funke, Student Trustee Elaine Duran and son attended the event as well. State, county, and locally elected officials were given an opportunity to provide information on issues and initiatives of interest to the citizens of South County. The organizer of the event, Michael Mungia (Greenfield Chamber of Commerce Director), mentioned after the event that he plans to do this every year and he wants to include Hartnell College as one of the presenters at the next event.

Last Friday, the Employees for Student Success Committee kicked off this year's campaign at our Third annual Student Success Conference. The committee is incredibly humbled by the overwhelming support of our students! Last year's campaign was extremely successful, raising nearly $45,000 for our students. This year, we want to support our students even more! The Employees for Student Success Committee has set an ambitious goal of $50,000. We need your help to reach this goal! Join us in showing your commitment to the College through a one-time donation or monthly payroll donation again this year. No matter the size, your donation will have a monumental impact on our students and their overall success.

Each week, the Employees for Student Success will hold a raffle and draw a name from all those who have given to this year's campaign. Congratulations to the winners of our first Employees for Student Success Campaign drawing:

- Elsa Brisson
- DC Washington (Pictured with Ms. Hagman)
- John Himelright

If you have any questions about your gift or the campaign please contact Karen Hagman at the Foundation’s office at 831-755-6810. Thank you again for putting your heart in Hartnell.
This week, 28 security Close Caption TV cameras were installed in every exit and entrance of our parking structure. Hartnell College is being proactive in improving safety on campus for students and staff; by installing these cameras and signage throughout, we hope this will deter criminals from entering the site. KION and Univision news were on campus to cover this story. The following is the link from KION, and check out our Director of Facilities, Joseph Reyes serving as our spokesperson: http://www.kionrightnow.com/news/local-news/Hartnell-Garage-More-Secure-with-New-Cameras/-/23047192/24088912/-/1xpwcc/-/index.html

Debra in new role at Hartnell

I am pleased to announce that Debra (Deb) Pyle has joined the area of Math, Science, and Engineering (MESA) as the new MESA/NSF Program Assistant. Many of you already know her from her excellent work in Administrative Services, where she was instrumental in maintaining smooth and cheerful daily operations.

In her new role, she will be working with the MESA Program, and she will continue to support the NSF funded STEM Scholarship Program and the NSF/ATE Summer Internship Program. She has worked for colleges and universities for over 9 years, including 5 years at the University of Alaska, and at a community college in Oregon. Deb has worked in Academic Affairs, Student Services, and Administrative Services. She completed her degree at CSU Northridge and calls herself a lifelong-learner and plans to continue her course work while working here at Hartnell College.

“I look forward to my new role of Program Assistant for the MESA, NSF-ATE, and NSF S-STEM programs where I have a greater opportunity to work in direct support of the students here at Hartnell College,” said Deb.

Deb is in Merrill Hall N3 (the MESA Program Office) and can be reached at 770-7034.
9. Music and Art gathering for Faculty and Staff

10. Upcoming Events

- **Special Workshop Series:**
  *Exploring the Indigenous Roots & Spirituality of the Creative Process*
  T/TH – 6:00 – 8:30 PM, starting on January 28 – K116
  Contact Melissa Chin-Parker for more at mchin@hartnell.edu

- **Grand Opening of Technical Training Building**
  Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 11:30 AM
  Alisal Campus
  RSVP at cwestfall@hartnell.edu

- **Reception for Soccer Team and Coach Daniel Ortega**
  Friday, February 21, 2014 at 6:00 PM
  Steinbeck Hall

- **Engagement Tools for the Classroom Conference**
  Saturday, February 22, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
  Breakfast and lunch provided
  Register at http://bit.ly/1eE5Iz5
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

KION reports on installation of 28 cameras at parking garage
Hartnell, Rancho Cielo and construction program on KUSP
KION reports on Soccer Coach Daniel Ortega and his National Recognition
Hartnell and 1952 Athletics
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014301250022&nclick_check=1
Hartnell Alums in Salinas Hall of Fame 2014
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014301240051
How Hartnell’s Raul Tapia inspires others to create positive change in community
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/archives/2014/0123/article_2463586a-83c5-11e3-a2b9-001a4bcf6878.html
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