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1. Student-Athletes commit to their new colleges at ‘Signing Day’

FOOTBALL
On Wednesday, February 5, 2014, Hartnell College Football took part in the 2014 NCAA Football National ‘Letter of Intent’ Signing Day. This is the first official day that student-athletes can sign their letters of intent, a contract accepting a scholarship to those universities that have made them an offer. At Hartnell College we had the following students commit:

- DeAndre Mann - University of Kansas
- Kapil Fletcher - University of Kansas
- Anthony Smithson – University of Kansas
- Myles Coleman – Sacramento State University
- JaVaughn Mitchell – Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- Sheldon Wynn – Georgia State University
- Da’Quan Smith – Southeastern Louisiana University

SOCcer
It was signing day for soccer student-athletes too. On Wednesday afternoon, Hartnell soccer star Joni Cruz, center, got to sign his scholarship letter to William Penn University in Iowa. His parents, Alisal High School coach, teammates, and of course his proud
Hartnell Soccer Head Coach, Daniel Ortega, were present for what turned out to be a touching and heartwarming presentation. Congratulations Joni! His teammates, coaching staff, and all of Hartnell are cheering him on!

2. Hartnell adopts new vision and mission statements

At last week’s meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Hartnell CCD adopted new vision, mission, and values statements for Hartnell College. Over many months college personnel assessed the existing vision and mission statements and then developed new statements. The new vision statement provides direction and guidance for those who work at the college. It serves as a guide for choosing current and future actions and defines what Hartnell wants to be known for.

The new mission statement defines the purpose of Hartnell College and who we serve. We are committed to meeting the learning needs of residents of the Salinas Valley and we accomplish that through diverse education opportunities that lead to student learning and student success. The new vision and mission are:

- **Vision**
  Hartnell College will be nationally recognized for the success of our students by developing leaders who will contribute to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of our region and the global community.

- **Mission**
  Focusing on the needs of the Salinas Valley, Hartnell College provides educational opportunities for students to reach academic goals in an environment committed to student learning, achievement, and success.

In the Salinas Valley we don’t just grow lettuce, we grow leaders. Hartnell College is growing leaders through opportunity, engagement, and achievement.

3. Values Statements are new to Hartnell College

The Board of Trustees for Hartnell CCD also adopted values statements. These are new to the college and have been adopted for the first time. These statements together provide the foundation for all planning and decision-making. Values are the essential enduring tenets that guide Hartnell College. They set forth what we believe and they define how we conduct ourselves. At the core of these values is the student.

- **Students First**
  We believe the first question that should be asked when making decisions is “What impact will the decision have on student access, learning, development, achievement, and success?”
- **Academic and Service Excellence**
  We commit to excellence in teaching and student services that develop the intellectual, personal, and social competence of every student.

- **Diversity and Equity**
  We embrace and celebrate differences and uniqueness among all students and employees. We welcome students and employees of all backgrounds.

- **Ethics and Integrity**
  We commit to respect, civility, honesty, responsibility, and transparency in all actions and communications.

- **Partnerships**
  We develop relationships within the college and community, locally and globally, that allow us to grow our knowledge, expand our reach, and strengthen our impact on those we serve.

- **Leadership and Empowerment**
  We commit to growing leaders through opportunity, engagement, and achievement.

- **Innovation**
  Through collaboration, we seek and create new tools, techniques, programs, and processes that contribute to continuous quality improvement.

- **Stewardship of Resources**
  We commit to effective utilization of human, physical, financial, and technological resources.

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4. **Refinancing of Measure H bonds provides savings to tax payers**

The Hartnell CCD is proud to announce its most recent initiative to benefit its students and community members. At the February 4, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting, the governing board received a report from Piper Jaffray’s Senior Vice President, Ivory Li, announcing that the results of this initiative will deliver bond interest rate savings to local taxpayers from the refinancing of some of the District’s Election of 2002 (Measure H) Bonds. The District was able to lower the interest rates on the prior bonds from an average of 5.30% to an average of 3.32%, reducing the community’s tax bill by $2,280,289 over the next 16 years. Under the leadership of the District Board of Trustees, the District administration chose to take advantage of low interest rates to refinance a portion of the Measure H Bonds without extending the term of those bonds. Through these bond funds, we have transformed the facilities of the Hartnell CCD into modern, attractive, and functional spaces that support excellence in teaching and learning. The refinancing of some of the bonds to save the taxpayers $2.3 million demonstrates our commitment to be good stewards of the taxpayers’ money.
5. **Student’s character shows in an act of kindness**

His actions were just natural. When Hartnell basketball player, Kenan Masic noticed a bundle of money left in the ATM withdrawal slot next to the one he was using at the Student Center, he did not think twice but to go after the lady who had just left. She had complained that the ATM did not work and she moved on to the next one for the transaction. He does not find her, and comes back to his friend to let him know he will go find the cafeteria manager to turn in the money. It was $200! We are so impressed with this young man; he even returned the next day to find out if the lady had been tracked.

We were able to identify Kenan through the video camera footage. In the photo, you will notice the lady in question and Kenan wearing yellow. He is deserving of recognition for showing integrity through his actions. Kenan Masic, is a 6' 3", 200 lbs. guard from Munich, Germany. He played high school ball at Murray High School in Murray, Utah.

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6. **Hartnell Employees for Student Success Campaign**

Last year, through our combined efforts, the Employees for Student Success Campaign raised nearly $45,000 to support our students. One Hartnell department showed its passion for our students by reaching **nearly 100% participation**! The Employees for Student Success Committee surprised the **Maintenance Department** at a recent staff meeting to thank them for their inspiring support!

This year, we set a goal of $50,000, and we need your help to reach this goal! Join your fellow faculty and staff by taking a moment to fill out the pledge form, directing a one-time donation or a monthly payroll deduction. The completed form can be dropped
off at the Foundation Office. No matter the size, your donation—and the care that it signifies—will have a monumental impact on our students. Each day, scholarships have an amazing impact on deserving and hardworking students.

7. Code wars for computer science students

Computer science students from Hartnell College participated in a national programming competition on February 2, 2014. Hartnell College was the only community college with teams in the competition and one of our teams—“Edgata”—made it to the Quarterfinals! Code Wars, also known as the Windward International Collegiate Championship, is part “Survivor” and part “The Amazing Race,” set in a fast-paced computer lab. The challenge is to troubleshoot bugs, not eat them. Teams of students from top international universities work together to analyze a problem, create a solution, and then put their skills against other programming experts—all in a mere 8 hours.

8. Fun times with students during Farm Day

On Thursday, February 6, 2014 I had a wonderful experience serving as a guide for Farm Day, an event sponsored by Monterey County Ag Education and led by our own governing board president, Candi Depauw (left). I was assigned to Ms. Dickinson’s 3rd grade class at Lincoln Elementary School (right). These future leaders were exposed to everything about agriculture from animals, to crops, to equipment. Of course, they loved any opportunity to pet the animals. My group was able to spend time with cows, sheep, goats, horses, and bunnies. Two of the most fascinating displays for me included a demonstration of a border collie herding animals and a dog that is trained to sniff out agricultural products in boxes that
are being shipped. The entire event involved 3,300 3rd graders, 660 chaperones, and 120 teachers. And just think, Ms. Depauw gets to do it all over again in King City and Monterey!

9. **Honor roll for fall 2013 is online**

I am happy to announce the recipients in the Dean’s list and the President’s list for fall 2013 semester. Hartnell College named 568 students to its Dean’s list and another 649 to the President’s Honor Roll.

All 1,217 honor students were enrolled in at least 12 units for the semester. Dean’s list students earned a G.P.A. between 3.0 and 3.49 on a 4.0 scale. President’s Honor Roll students earned between 3.5 and 4.0 G.P.A.

To check out who made the lists, click on the following link:


10. **Celebrating Black History Month on campus**

11. **Upcoming Events**

- **Reception for Soccer Team and Coach Daniel Ortega**
  Friday, February 21, 2014 at 6:00 PM
  Steinbeck Hall – RSVP required, email cwestfall@hartnell.edu
• 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/1eE5lz5

• Cash for College Day  
Saturday, February 22, 2014  
Student Services B-110  
Workshops start at 9:00 a.m.

• Music Extravaganza  
Friday, March 14, 2014  
Building K – Main Stage  
6:00 – 9:00 PM $10 Adults/$5 Students  
settinger@hartnell.edu for information

• Community Dialogue – Juntos Podemos  
Saturday, March 15, 2014  
Student Center – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
FREE – Theme will be Family Values

• Hartnell College Physics Olympics 2014  
Thursday, April 10, 2014  
To learn more about this event, click on the following link:  

15. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Three Hartnell players sign with Kansas  

Joni Cruz signs soccer scholarship (Spanish)  
http://www.ksmstv.com/2014/02/06/jugador-ira-a-universidad-en-iowa/

Signing of Da’Quan  

Junior College standout DeAndre Mann to University of Kansas  
http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/02/06/2933635/junior-college-standout-deandre.html

Briefings about the football and soccer signings  
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014302080024

Soccer players signing letters of intent (on page 3)  
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014302070037

Opening of Technical Training Building  