Mission Statement: 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.

1. Board of Trustees meeting filled with information and surprises

At its March 4th meeting, the Board of Trustees was presented with informative presentations about our NASA SEMAA program at our Alisal Campus, the Title V CUSP and Title V STP grant programs, the successful Diesel Technology program, and about the Measure H annual report now available online.

One of the special moments happened when Diesel Tech student, Ernesto Lopez stood in front of the Trustees and talked about his career pathway and how the program along with the instructors are leading him towards a bright future. He was sincere and humbled by the opportunity to be a part of such great career and he cannot wait to complete his studies because he knows he will be well-prepared and equipped to take a high-paying job right out of college.

We also had a special ‘impromptu’ awards ceremony (photos above). During my report to the Board, I informed them of the great success with the Employees for Student Success Campaign that just ended. We raised over $62,000 and had tremendous participation from every corner of the District, including 100% management participation. This is worth celebrating! There are three key individuals whose leadership, love for students, and commitment to education led us to success, and they were surprised when they were called up to accept their special award – a small
token of appreciation for all their hard work. Congratulations and ‘thank you’ to Mary Dominguez, Dora Sanchez, and Lucy Serrano for a successful campaign!

3. 2012-2013 Report on Measure H is now available

Hartnell Community College District is proud to release the 2012-2013 annual report of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) for Measure H- a general obligation bond measure. This independent committee represents the taxpayers who supported Measure H by ensuring that its funds are expended according to what the voters approved in passing the Measure. In 2002, the residents of the Hartnell CCD voted to pass Measure H, a $131 million general obligation bond measure to address education facilities needs within the Hartnell CCD. Over the life of the bond measure, the District has built many new facilities and has renovated and modernized others. The Alisal Campus and the King City Education Center are exceptional facilities serving the education needs of residents throughout the District. The final facility to be built with Measure H funds is the 56,000 sq. ft. science building. Construction on this project is scheduled to begin any day now. The building is programmed to be occupied in January 2016. We can’t thank the residents of the Hartnell CCD enough for having faith that we would be good stewards of the taxpayers’ money in making Hartnell College an institution of learning excellence. The report is available to view or download at http://www.hartnell.edu/h/oversight/Bond_Report_201213.pdf. The Hartnell CCD expresses its appreciation to the Citizens’ BOC for its commitment to fulfilling its duties in representing the interests of the taxpayers.

3. Facilities Master Plan Forums

Join me on Thursday, March 13, 2014 for the Facilities Master Plan College Forum from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at Steinbeck Hall. The purpose of the forum is to bring the college community together to provide an open outlet to exchange information, to expand on developing ideas and views, and to promote discussion regarding the current and future needs of the College and community. The purpose of the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) is to provide a guide for future campus development and,
• Evaluate on a macro level, existing facilities qualitatively for the purpose of identifying the extent of renovation required to provide cost efficient and serviceable buildings to meet educational needs.
• Evaluate existing facilities quantitatively for the purpose of evaluating the efficient utilization of space to meet educational needs.
• Develop a plan that addresses facility modifications, renovations and expansion that support the mission and goals of Hartnell College.

Several meetings and forums are being facilitated with the College District, planning committees, and local community to more clearly understand the goals and desired direction for the master plan, including planning objectives, the expected outcome, schedule and deliverables for the master plan. Research, background information and field research is being conducted to identify issues that impact the College and that should be addressed in the document, including existing facilities, programs, traffic/ pedestrian/ service flows and much more.

Community Forums are scheduled for:

• **Monday, March 17, 2014**
  6:00 PM
  Hartnell King City Education Center
• **Thursday, March 20, 2014**
  6:00 PM
  Hartnell Main Campus
• **Tuesday, March 25, 2014**
  6:00 PM
  Soledad High School

### 4. Hartnell at Read Across America

During this past week, Boronda Meadows Elementary School (NASA SEMAA participating school), celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with their annual *Read Across America* event. For the second year, Hartnell College participated in this great event. Our Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen (left),

NASA SEMAA Coordinator, Mayra Gomez, and I (right) read to different grade levels and talked about what we do in our daily work lives. The children were curious with lots of questions. It was nice to see how engaged they were in the
stories read to them. More than 20 community members participated in this event. It was an incredible experience for us and the students had a great time too.

5. Respiratory Care and Student-athletes Spirometry Day

For our respiratory care students, practice is what it takes to become great healthcare providers. They received this practice on February 19th during spirometry day held for Hartnell student-athletes. Approximately 25-30 athletes from the track and field team came to the nursing and allied health department. Respiratory care students performed lung function testing, oxygen saturation, and education on breathing disorders. Student-athletes were able to test their lung capacities and receive respiratory therapy treatments similar to what patients get while they are in the hospital. It was a great learning experience for both respiratory care students and student-athletes!

6. Income Tax workshops at Hartnell help the community

Hartnell College partners with United Way Monterey County to offer free tax filing services. At the end of February, the team of volunteer tax preparers working at the Hartnell site had helped 62 tax payers get over $100,000 in tax refunds. For information about locations and hours, as well as self-help free online filing, go to the United Way Monterey County website https://www.unitedwaymcca.org/freetaxprep or call 2-1-1

7. 2014 Spelling Bee for Monterey County held at Western Stage

With words like escargot, sukiyaki, edelweiss, and mukhtar (that even my spell-check questions), students in Monterey County competed in the coveted ‘Spelling Bee’ held here on campus on Sunday, March 2, 2014. I had the honor of providing a welcome on behalf of Hartnell College.
It was an exciting and nail-biting event that was taken by Jonathan Capuyan during the 19th round, winning first place. The 8th grader from Palma School held his trophy proudly next to Nancy Kotowsky, Monterey County Superintendent of Schools. Roober Cruz, 8th grader from San Benancio Middle School took second, and Elijah Herrera, 8th grader from Mission Union School took third. Congratulations to all participants!

8. Teamwork at ‘work’ in our kitchen by Jill Sweeney

Last week, on a Friday afternoon, the overhead door at the grille got caught and could not close. Ray and Carlos were the first on board to look at it and called for reinforcement and looked like a professional was needed to handle the situation. In the meantime, I got all the racks with chips and candy on wheels moved, the ice cream freezer all locked up because it looked like we were going to have an open door all weekend. My heart was racing, I am thinking how could this be, its Friday, it’s been a long week....whining in my head, but getting things put away, and taking deep breaths, come on God help me with this one.

Martha came through, the guys showed up and started clanging and banging things and after a while said they needed four guys to help hang on the door to pull it down. The radio call was made and the troops showed up, all hanging like little monkeys it wasn’t moving. I looked into the commons area and there were a couple of football players that were laughing at us. I raised my right hand and gestured for them to come over. I had called the big guns in, one of the players weighing in at 325, 290, and the third at 225 the fourth was of normal average stature. Sure enough with all of the maintenance guys/gal, the football players and the 2 from the overhead door company it was slowly coming down, it was over an hour and no one gave up.

What an amazing experience this was to see the Panther spirit work off the field, that people could work together and the “ta da” moment was so meaningful. Thank you all for making a bad thing into good experience and how proud I am of the team and school I work for. Thanks to these football players, we were able to close the grille for the weekend avoiding a chunk of change to hire a 24-hour security guard.
9. Welcome new employees!

Susan M. Pheasant, Ph.D.
Director of Agriculture Business & Technology Institute
February 18th marked the first day for our new Director of the Agriculture Business and Technology Institute. Dr. Susan Pheasant joins us from Wenatchee, Washington where she based her agribusiness consultancy and operated a tiny cherry orchard. Her mother grew up in Southern California and her father grew up in an ag and teaching family in eastern Washington. She has degrees from both Washington State University and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Dr. Pheasant first learned about Hartnell College in 2011 when she was invited to be a guest speaker at the Western Food Safety Summit. Since then she has been looking for an opportunity to be affiliated with the Ag Institute and now this dream has come true. Outside of Hartnell College, Susan enjoys the outdoors (hiking, biking, kayaking, swimming, etc.), working with tools, cooking, reading, and music and she is re-learning (albeit slowly) how to knit. Her latest travel quest is to visit all of our Country’s national parks. She is excited to be moving from the Apple Capital of the World to the Salad Bowl of the World.

Dave Phillips
Director of Information Technology Systems
After working at Gavilan College as their Assistant MIS Director for 12 years, Dave Phillips joins Hartnell as our Director of Information Technology Systems. He is a passionate man with customer service and student success top of mind. Phillips participated in Gavilan’s Learning Council and Veterans Council where he used his expertise to find ways to improve student learning and success.

He is a Gavilan College Alum, received his BS in MIS from the University of Phoenix, and is in the process of completing his Master’s in Business Administration – Information Technology from Western Governors University. Phillips plays the guitar, likes to hike, read fiction, and write. He lives in Hollister with his wife of 33 years, Nicky, has three grown children, and three grandchildren.

10. Track and Field- against the elements, but still strong

The Hartnell track and field team found dry but extremely windy conditions in Turlock for the Kim Duyst Invitational at CSU Stanislaus. Facing mostly four year college/university teams, the Panthers had several stand outs amongst the large field of competitors and difficult weather conditions.

Sophomore Glen Felix surprised all the competitors in the 100 meter dash taking
second overall in a field of 37 athletes. His time of 11.43 into a negative 1.5 m/s headwind was just 0.20 from the best time recorded. Freshman Joe Maleta also took second in the high jump with a clearance of 6'2.75". His mark jumps the former Soquel HS product into the Coast Conference lead and achieved the Norcal provisional mark. Also taking over the conference lead was Kassandra Peguero in the triple jump (34'4.75"), Robert Valencia in the steeplechase (10:24.80) and Diego Leon over 5000 meters (15:11.88). Leon's time moves him to fourteenth best all-time in school history and second in Northern California. Another all-time list performance was recorded by the women's 4x400 relay team of Lenae Stevens, Linda Delgado, Iesha Boyd, and Karina Carcamo. The foursome was the highest placing community college program at fifth with a time of 4:03.79. They bested top ranked San Joaquin Delta College by 3 seconds. Linda Delgado was a heat winner in the 800 meters (2:23.41). Brandi Hobson was the highest placing junior college runner in the 5000 meters at tenth overall (19:09.95) along with Michael Ramirez at fifth in the 1500 meters (4:04.72).

The Panthers will return to action on Friday, March 14th at the DeAnza College Invitational. DeAnza College will be the host of the 2014 Northern California Championships in May.

11. Softball update – Week of February 24th

Softball came close at home against Gavilan Tuesday, but lost 6-4 in extra innings. Tied at 4-4 with runners on 2nd and 1st, with one out, Celina Medina was called for runner interference for not sliding at 3rd base. Not only was she out by force at 3rd but the other runner was called out also. This ended the inning taking the bat out of Alyssa Seva'aetasi's hands. Gavilan scored 2 runs in the top of the 8th inning. We were unable to come back. Alyssa had 3 hits versus Gavilan.

Thursday we were at home versus Monterey. We have had their number the last few years. That would not be the case losing with 1 hit by Alma Gallegos. Saturday's double header was rained out. A makeup date has not been chosen yet.

12. Upcoming Events

- Hartnell Math Club presents Pi Week (π)
Starting Monday, March 10 through March 14, 2014
Pi Festival all day on Friday

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

- Facilities Master Plan Forums
  Thursday, March 13, 2014, 2:00 PM at Steinbeck Hall
  Monday, March 17, 2014, 6:00 PM, Hartnell King City Education Center
  Thursday, March 20, 2014, 6:00 PM, Hartnell Main Campus
  Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 6:00 PM, Soledad High School

- Salinas Valley Ag Technology Summit
  Thursday, March 27, 2014
  31677 Johnson Canyon Road, Gonzales, CA
  www.sv-ag-summit.com for information and registration

13. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Fallen soldier to be honored
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140308/NEWS01/303070048/Fallen-soldier-honored-Saturday-Salinas

Memorial service for fallen soldier (Univision-Spanish)
http://www.ksmstv.com/2014/03/07/homenaje-a-soldado-que-murio-en-afganistan/

Story on Hartnell Alum Angel Melchor, now with Senator Monning

Hartnell Football
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140308/SPORTS/303080032/Hartnell-part-football-realignment

Hartnell’s Felix second in 100

Bad fifth inning sends Hartnell to defeat

Spelling Bee held at Hartnell College

KSBW Calendar
http://www.ksbw.com/KSBW-Community-Calendar/4911164