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. National Farmworker Week celebrated at Main Stage

On Thursday, April 3, 2014 we hosted the Sixth Annual Farmworker Awareness week, celebrating the contributions of those who work to provide the produce we eat and for which the Salinas Valley is renowned. Students, staff, and members of the community gathered at the Main Stage to enjoy the program that included poetry and original writing, a short documentary by producer Carolyn E. Brown, From the Fields, and a panel discussion led by Executive Director of the National Steinbeck Center, Colleen Bailey. The panelists who participated were Alonso Mendoza, CSIT-in-3 student; Jerry Kay, labor rights activist; Maria De Leon, Hartnell student and former farmworker; Maria Luz Reyes, farmworker and business owner; and Javier Pureco, Hartnell HEP graduate. The stories told by the panelists were emotional and franc. The audience found a new appreciation for field work; with tears, laughs, and applause it was clear that the program was successful. Congratulations to the organizing committee Augustine Nevarez, Eric Becerra, Julia Mena, Maggie Melone-Echiburu, Renata Funke, and Melissa Chin-Parker for a great event.
The Hartnell Speech Team officially ended its season with a Performance Showcase Thursday evening at Steinbeck Hall. There were about 175 patrons in attendance. “We wanted to provide a free event for the public to enjoy,” said coach and Hartnell Professor, Jason Hough. “The event was successful, and has generated a lot of interest in the team.”
Six students presented works they used at various speech tournaments this past year. Participants included:
- Ariana Valencia, Poetry Interpretation, “Daughters and Dead Fathers”
- Joy Jubane, Dramatic Interpretation, “The Diary of Anne Frank”
- Julia Felice, Prose Interpretation, “Have I Got a Guy for You”
- Marc Dover, Program of Oral Interpretation, “Repetition: A Program on OCD”
- Maria Hernandez, Informative Speaking, “Truvada”
- Andrea Cervantes, Dramatic Interpretation, “Not Just Juice and Peanuts”
Hartnell student Elizabeth Morales was impressed with the presentations. “I couldn’t believe how polished the speakers were,” said Morales. “It was obvious they have worked hard.”
In preparation for next year’s competitive season, the speech team will be holding auditions for next year’s team during the month of April.

3. A look back at Employees for Student Success Campaign

Hartnell Community College has a reputation for excellence, passion and heart. From our students, employees, and governing board members, to the foundation and its donors, we are all proud to be a part of the Hartnell tradition. I am humbled by your support of our students!
This year’s Employees for Student Success campaign was our most successful campaign yet. We raised even more support for our students and had a record number of contributors! **With your leadership, we raised $62,253 and had over 150 participants.** Congratulations on beating the campaign goal of $50,000 by an amazing $12,253!
This year, the Financial Aid Office has received over 210 scholarship applications from continuing students and 158 applications form high school seniors who plan on attending Hartnell next year. Our donations are supporting scholarships, the student emergency fund, areas of greatest need and over all else, your gift is enabling our students to realize their educational dreams and achieve their career goals.

The final Employees for Student Success campaign raffle was drawn for a grand prize of my personal parking spot from April 1 - April 4th. Congratulations to the drawing winner Chris Zepeda! This year's Employees for Student Success Committee was led by Mary Dominguez, Dora Sanchez, and Lucy Serrano. The campaign chairs would like to recognize the amazing committee members and thank them for their commitment: Lindsey Bertomen, Al Graham, Ben Grainger, Karen Hagman, Melvin Jimenez, Molly Lewis, Maggie Melone-Echiburu, Augustine Nevarez, Andy Newton, Terri Pyer, Hermelinda Rocha-Tabera, Steve Triano, DC Washington, Joe Welch, and Cristina Westfall.

Thank you again for putting your heart in Hartnell.

4. Institutional Advancement staff goes on a mini-retreat

On Friday, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and of the Hartnell College Foundation, Jackie Cruz took her office staff on a mini-retreat to evaluate and recharge. The gathering was at Fandango Restaurant, Pacific Grove inside a ‘thinking zone’ where the staff was able to express their list of needs, talk about challenges, issues, and opportunities, express their accomplishments and goals, voice major projects and peak times, as well as collective wins for each individual. The planning session was successful and the team is encouraged, inspired, and motivated to continue the great work that improves the college, students, and the community.

(L to R – Philanthropy Officer, Karen Hagman; Administrative Assistant II, Cristina Westfall; Executive Assistant, Terri Ugale; Public Relations Intern (and Student Trustee), Elaine Duran; Executive Director, Jackie Cruz; Donor Acknowledgment Specialist, Michelle Gagon-Smith; and Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen.)
On April 1 through the 4th, I was a member of the visiting team that evaluated University of Hawaii - Maui College (formerly Maui Community College) for reaffirmation of accreditation. This was a unique visit in that Maui College is now under the accreditation standards for WASC senior institutions because the college now offers three bachelor's degree programs. I was the lone community college representative on the team. The other members of the team were all representatives from four-year institutions. Dr. Paul Gaston, Trustees Professor and former Provost, served as chair of the team and is a nationally recognized scholar regarding accreditation. He has recently published a book about accreditation titled Higher Education Accreditation: How It's Changing, Why It Must (http://www.amazon.com/Higher-Education-Accreditation-Changing-Must/dp/1579227627). The book includes a foreword by Dr. Eduardo Ochoa, CSUMB President. A Q&A with Dr. Gaston about accreditation is available at http://www.edcentral.org/accreditation-paul-gaston/. What a treat it was for me to serve with this distinguished group of educators. (Pictured from left to right - Dr. Maureen Maloney, Vice President of WASC; Dr. Mary Boyce, Provost - Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science; Dr. Geoffrey Chase, Dean of Undergraduate Studies - San Diego State University; me; Dr. Paul Gaston, Trustees Professor and former Provost - Kent State University.)

The Child Development Center (CDC) on campus announces the next enrollment period from April 21 to May 9, 2014 for priority consideration. Income-eligible families from the entire community could receive the service free of charge. Children must be at least three on or before September 1, 2014 to enroll in the program. The campus lab provides supervised experience and training opportunities for college students completing teaching degrees and credentials using a curriculum that conforms to the California State Department of Education Preschool Learning Foundations.
NEW – Transitional Kindergarten for children turning 5 between September 1 and December 2, 2014. This is a 4-day-a-week program offering a choice of two sessions. For more information, call 755-6945 or go to the website at www.hartnell.edu/cdc. The CDC Lab is located on the main campus Building M.

7. Track & Field Athletes in All-State Academic Team!

Nine men and seven women were named to the 2013 All-State Academic Track & Field Team. Honorees were selected based on their outstanding GPA during season and overall cumulative GPA. It is clear that Hartnell College puts the “student” first in student-athlete. A big CONGRATULATIONS to these student-athletes and to the coaches, faculty, and staff who contribute to their success.
This year’s edition of the *Ed Adams Invitational* survived the inclement weather that hit northern California as well as a drop in the number of participating teams due to a scheduling change. Traditionally held in April, this year’s meet was moved to March 29th to allow the Hartnell College Track & Field team to attend the state preview meet at
Mt. SAC on April 12th. With teams from Monterey Peninsula College, Modesto Junior College, and Merced College, enough competition was present to produce some season best performances.

Sophomore Michael Ramirez was not able to compete in last year’s meet due to illness but this year made the most of the opportunity winning three events. Ramirez won the 3,000 meter run on Friday in 8:37.40. He just missed improving on his state leading time by 0.32 seconds. On Saturday, Ramirez won both the 1,500 and 5,000 meters in lifetime best times of 4:00.05 and 15:02.83. Sophomore Austin Decker soared higher on his home runway than he has ever before in winning the pole vault in 16'0.25". Decker is the defending state champion in the pole vault and is currently ranked third in the state. Decker also won the 400 intermediate hurdles (55.83). Christian Montano lead a top three sweep in the 3000 meter steeplechase in 10:14.09 with teammates Romey Osorio (10:15.53) and Robert Valencia (10:15.84) right behind. Freshman Quentin Minor picked up two silver medals in the 100 and 200 meters. He was timed in 11.06 and 22.22. Teammate Glen Felix improved in the 200 meters taking third in 22.23. Sophomore Omar Vasquez took second in the 1,500 meters (4:03.40) and third in the 3000 meters (9:01.70).

For the Lady Panthers two sophomores enjoyed a banner day in their last home competition. Kassandra Peguero won three events and ran anchor on the victorious 4x100 meter relay team. Peguero’s best performance of the day was the triple jump where she reached out to a lifetime best 37’2” to solidify her second overall ranking in Northern California. She also took gold in the 100 meter hurdles (17.26) and high jump (4’8”). The 4x100 relay team of Peguero, Lenae Stevens, Karina Carcamo, and Iesha Boyd just edged out Monterey Peninsula College for the win at 48.92. The time is the fourth best in school history. Iesha Boyd ran the third best 100 meter dash time in school history (12.31) in addition to her winning 200 meter dash mark (25.02). Boyd was a double event winner taking the long jump in 16’6.50”. Freshman Brandi Hobson recorded several outstanding times. Her 10:42.05 in the 3,000 meters makes her the seventh best performer in school history. On Saturday, Hobson ran 4:57.01 in the 1,500 meters moving her to twelfth all-time. She also picked up gold in the 5,000 meters winning easily in 19:00.54.

The Panthers will split squads this coming week between the Stanford Invitational, SF State Distance Carnival, and the SJ Delta Mustang Invitational. For complete Ed Adams Results, go to: http://www.rtspt.com/norcalstat/2014_track/ed_adams_res14.htm
9. The Western Stage celebrates 40 years!

The Western Stage is celebrating 40 years in 2014. The year is packed with great performances! For information on what to expect this year and to get your season tickets, go to:
http://westernstage.com/season/season-2014/
http://westernstage.com/anniversary/ or call 831.755.6987.

10. Upcoming Events

- Spring 2014 Job Fair
  Thursday, April 10, 2014
  Steinbeck Hall, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- President’s Forum
  Friday, April 11, 2014
  Steinbeck Hall, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Strategic Planning Advisory Group (by invitation)
  Wednesday, April 9, 2014
  Steinbeck Hall, 12:00 n – 1:30 p.m.

- Participatory Governance Workshop
  Monday, April 21, 2014
  At Mainstage (Building K), 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

- Groundbreaking Ceremony of new science building
  Thursday, April 24, 2014
  At Lawn in front of Gymnasium – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Dr. Carolee Bull featured along with Hartnell students (Spanish)
http://www.thecalifornian.com/viewart/20140405/NEWS05/304050015/Investigadora-del-mundo-de-las-plantas-en-el-Condado-de-Monterey

Diesel Tech Open House
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014304040043

Hartnell honors farmworkers
http://www.ksmstv.com/2014/04/03/honran-a-trabajadores-agricolas/

Hartnell Celebrates Farmworker Week preview (Spanish)
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140402/NEWS01/304020038

AgKnowledge class members
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014304040018

Veterans Centers in need of assistance
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014304030047

College-readiness not keeping up in California
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014304050039

Hartnell readies for Ed Adams Invitational
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014303270011