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. Science center building groundbreaking gathers hundreds

Last week we celebrated the groundbreaking of new science center building at Hartnell College. About 500 supporters gathered to hear about this new state-of-the-art “training ground” for our nation’s next generation of scientists and engineers. Attendees enjoyed science and math demonstrations as well as a nice barbecue. The ceremony was emceed by Board of Trustees President, Candi Depauw; other Trustees in attendance were Vice President, Elia Gonzalez-Castro, Demetrio Pruneda, Erica Padilla-Chavez, Pat Donohue, and Student Trustee Elaine Duran. Speakers included student Lauren Polo, student Markanthony Rivera, alumna Camille Suarkeo (Systems Engineer at Raytheon), and Dr. Carolee Bull (Research Plant Pathologist, USDA).

Bill Ritz from the Office of Senator Anthony Cannella and Laura Cabrera from the Office of Assemblymember Luis Alejo presented Certificates of Recognition. The science center building will provide 54,000 square feet that includes six lecture spaces, ten laboratories, offices, study spaces, and the planetarium. This building is scheduled to open for the spring semester 2016.
2. Big scholarships for Hartnell students!

It’s that special time when we hear of our students being accepted to different universities for transfer and also of scholarship awards received by them. Christian Millan and Rex Niduaza each earned the $10,000 National Science Foundation Supernova S-Stem scholarship. Christian is a Student Support Services/TRiO student and tutor. Christian has been accepted to UC Santa Cruz. Christian comes from a farm-worker family and is focused on a master’s degree in Astro-Physics.

Rex is very active in MESA and also won the Karl S.Pister Scholarship for $20,000! He has also been accepted at 5 out of the 6 universities to which he applied.

Ariel Torres won the $20,000 Peggy and Jack Baskin Foundation scholarship. She is a SSS/TRiO peer advisor and a CAL WORKS student. She is part of the Women’s Education Leadership Institute (WELI) and is thinking of a career as a college counselor. Congratulations to all of them and to their mentors Juan Ledesma and Manuel Bersamin.

3. A very special visit from Dr. Rogelio Pinon – Hartnell Alum

On April 25, 2014 the SIMA Club and STEM Programs at Hartnell were honored to host Dr. Rogelio Pinon, who had just been conferred with his MD the day before. Dr. Pinon (in front of students in photo at left) is a Hartnell alumnus who shared his inspirational journey from his Salinas Valley migrant farmworker roots to prestigious research positions and UCLA medical school.

Dr. Pinon credited Hartnell faculty such as Professor Wright and Professor Yee with inspiring him and connecting him to important opportunities. Some of the key messages shared were to take advantage of the opportunity to become educated, set long term goals for yourself, don’t ever give up on your dreams, and to not let others discourage you. Thank you Dr. Pinon for giving back to your community and continuing to mentor the students at Hartnell!
Hartnell College hosted the Annual Dinner and Organizational Meeting for the Monterey County School Boards Association on Thursday, April 24 in Steinbeck Hall. All of the K-12 and community college districts were represented with about 90 governing board members and superintendents attending. An "Excellence in Education Award" was presented to Girls, Inc. of the Central Coast for its outstanding work in mentoring and developing young girls and women. A presentation was provided on the "Cradle to Career Initiative" being led by CSU Monterey Bay. Our own Bronwyn Moreno, MESA Program Director, was a member of the panel that discussed this initiative. Some of our HCCD governing board members attended the event, including Vice President Elia Gonzalez-Castro, Pat Donohue, Bill Freeman, Demetrio Pruneda, and Student Trustee Elaine Duran.

5. A fundraiser to assist an array of programs in our community

On Friday, I attended the Alisal Education Foundation Annual Fundraising event at the Salinas Sports Complex. Proceeds from this event benefit the AEF that works to support the education and enrichment of the children and families in the Salinas community in the areas of fine arts & music, science & technology, athletics, and family wellness & safety. With me were (L to R), Trustee Bill Freeman, Trustee Demetrio Pruneda, Trustee Vice President Elia Gonzalez-Castro, and Director of Hartnell Science and Math Institute, Andy Newton.

6. The Ongoing Kindness and Generosity of Andy Matsui

Mr. Andy Matsui never ceases to amaze. Along with his incredible generosity in supporting student scholarships for students at Hartnell College, he somehow finds time to share with us his beautiful orchids. He does not just send these orchids to us, he personally delivers them and we are able to distribute them to various offices. These exquisite flowers add a touch of elegance and beauty to our workplaces. Of
course, I keep one in my office and enjoy seeing it every day. We are truly blessed to have Mr. Matsui as a strong supporter of Hartnell College.

7. Our students celebrate poetry

Students at Hartnell and all around Salinas celebrated poetry last week. Professor Maria Teutsch shared these photos with us of special poets who visited her English 1A class. This was part of events in honor of National Poetry Month and the Salinas Week of Poems. Students in her class enjoyed the special treat that included Salinas Poet laureate, James B. Golden (seated in red sweatshirt), Salinas Youth Poet Laureate Miguel "the Poet" Frias (seated with arms crossed); and Garland Thompson (organizer, seated in the middle).

8. Closing the loop on faculty evaluations

On Wednesday, April 23, at the invitation of Vice President of Academic Affairs Lori Kildal, faculty leaders and academic administrators met over lunch to "close the loop" on the faculty evaluation processes to review how evaluations went this year. The group started their work in a discussion led by faculty association president, Christine Svendsen, identifying any holes that participants saw in the current processes. After reviewing issues common to all types of evaluations, participants broke into four groups according to interest (distance education, regular faculty evaluations, part-time faculty evaluations, and "non-traditional" non-classroom assignment evaluations) to answer these questions: What went well in the evaluation process, what things didn’t go so well, and what are your suggestions for an improved process? The work of participants will be gathered and shared for groups to use in improving the evaluation processes. This work is part of the college’s commitment to continuous improvement processes.

9. Triqui Fiesta in Greenfield

South County Education Center Dean Renaka Funke participated in the annual Triqui Fiesta in Greenfield. She met with a lot of the locals and learned of their culture and current needs. She shared some time with a mother and daughter team; the mother received intensive
English instruction at the Monterey Institute of International Studies and now works as a part-time health care interpreter for Triqui and Mixteco patients at Natividad Hospital in Salinas. Her daughter wants to follow in her footsteps and also become an interpreter. The Fiesta was festive, colorful, and joyful!

10. Hartnell College Women’s Education Leadership Initiative

The Women’s Education Leadership Initiative (WELI) is a leadership training and mentoring program here at Hartnell College. It consists of a cohort of 25 female students, who receive guidance, knowledge and an educational scholarship to help overcome the challenges they may face.

The program has grown and has now increased their scholarship funding from $1,500 to $2,000 for each student. Expansion includes raising the representation of South County students and furthering participation from WELI mentors through workshop implementation. Areas covered in the WELI Workshops include financial planning, time and project management, community resources, resume building, professional appearance and life resiliency. The mentor component of the program is a key part of the WELI experience. WELI scholars are matched with women executives from various community organizations who guide, support and lead their mentees over 12 months. This solidifies the program participation success rate, but more importantly prepares the students for success in their own lives as well as their families.

The WELI program is funded by multiple foundations and organizations throughout our community. (Pictured: 2013 WELI graduates)

11. The Peggy and Jack Baskin Foundation gives to WELI

We are greatly appreciative and excited to announce that the Peggy and Jack Baskin Foundation is committing $20,000 to the Hartnell College WELI Program for the time period of April 2014 through April 2015.

The Foundation is committed to empowering women and girls and promoting educational equality for all.
community members. Key areas of focus are programs for women going back to school, that provide training and resources to aid women. Emphasis is placed on programs that have support groups, as well as programs that focus on confidence-building and business skills, just like WELI.

12. Monterey County Labor Market Snapshot

The unemployment rate in Monterey County was 12.6 percent in March 2014, down from a revised 13.1 percent in February 2014, and below the year-ago estimate of 13.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 8.4 percent for California and 6.8 percent for the nation during the same period.

- The number of unemployed is 27,000, down 1,200 from 28,200 in February 2014 and down 900 compared to March 2014.
- Five cities throughout Monterey County had unemployment rates at or less than 6%; and five cities had unemployment rates between 16% – 23.7%.
- The City of Gonzales’ unemployment rate of 23.7% is the highest in the County, followed by King City at 20.9%, Greenfield at 19.5%, Salinas at 17.6% and Soledad at 16%. Of the unincorporated areas of the County, Chular’s unemployment rate is 31.4%, followed by San Ardo at 28.2%, Moss Landing at 27.2%, Las Lomas at 26.4%, San Lucas at 25% and Castroville at 23.6%.
### Unadjusted Unemployment Rates

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(Source: EDD Monthly Press Release, April 2014. * Includes revised % from State EDD.)

### 13. Softball ends its season with a celebration

On Tuesday, April 22, 2014 Hartnell celebrated the sophomores team members during a game against West Valley.

### 14. Upcoming Events

- **Family science, health, and literacy day**
  FREE! Alisal Campus – 1752 E. Alisal Street, Salinas
  Saturday, May 3, 2014 – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- **10th Annual South County Business Showcase Expo**
  Thursday, May 8, 2014 – 4:00 – 7:00 PM
  At the Soledad YMCA

- **Party in the Library – Roots**
  Saturday, May 10, 2014
  Call 831-755-6810 for tickets

- **Spring Choral Concerts with the Hartnell College Choir and Chamber Singers Ensemble**
  Friday, May 16, 2014 – Two shows: 10:15 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m.
  At Main Stage – Call for more information at 831-755-6804
Hartnell students compete with a Russian architecture school to design tallest building

Hartnell throws a party for new science building
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140425/NEWS01/304240050/Hartnell-throw-party-new-science-building

Groundbreaking photo gallery

New science building at Hartnell

Construccion en Hartnell (groundbreaking) - Spanish
http://www.ksmstv.com/2014/04/24/contruccion-en-hartnell/

Expert to address climate change
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140421/NEWS01/304210013

NPS and Hartnell – updated internship story

Student brought gun to Hartnell

Open house at Alisal Campus
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014304180010

Baseball season ends with walk off win
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140425/SPORTS/304250029

Hartnell unable to rally in loss to Skyline
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140423/SPORTS/304230024/Hartnell-unable-rally-loss-Skyline