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. Team ‘HEART’ wins in Chicago!

On Friday, May 2, 2014, the time came to find out where our Sustainable Design Team had ranked in the Chicago Skyscraper Competition. For the first time in three years HEART, brought the competition prize ‘home’ to the United States. In the history of the competition this is the first time a community college has won! The team is now “2014 International Firm of the Year" for their design of the tallest building in South Korea!

(ALL THE DETAILS IN NEXT WEEK’S REPORT)

Photo on left (L to R) -Stan Wrzeski (entrepreneur), Thomas Rettenwender (mentor/architect), Phoebe Helm (Former Hartnell President), and teammates Luis Lopez, Anthony Miranda, Steve Mendenhall, Jaida Johnson.

Photo on right – Friday night celebrating the win.

2. Nursing & Allied Health Alumni Reunion

On Friday, the Nursing and Allied Health department held its Second Annual Alumni Reunion. More than 65 Hartnell Alumni attended the gathering held in Building B, room 208. The reunion was a total success and very fitting given this is the 60th anniversary year of the Hartnell nursing program! Student Trustee Elaine Duran joined me for the
event. Dean Debra Kaczmar was thrilled with the event and says this event will continue to grow each year.

3. STEM student awards and recognition ceremony

Friday was a busy day indeed! Students, family, friends, staff, and other guests gathered at the Student Center for the STEM Awards and Recognition Ceremony. The event started with a welcome from Dr. Kelly Locke and Bronwyn Moreno. I had the honor to direct some congratulatory words to the students and the parents for their work and dedication. The guest of honor was Dr. Carolee Bull from the USDA and keynote speaker was Alumnus, Ace Galermo. Both of their presentations were motivating and uplifting to the audience. There were 142 honorees who received awards from STEM faculty in an array of categories. I was accompanied by Trustee’s Vice President, Elia Gonzalez-Castro, Trustee Demetrio Pruneda, and Student Trustee Elaine Duran.

4. Honoring High Achieving Students

On Monday, April 28 the Hartnell College Beta Mu Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held its member Induction Ceremony. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2.5 million members and 1,275 chapters, and is the official honors society for two-year colleges.

The Hartnell College Beta Mu Xi Chapter currently has 45 members, and 20 members participated in the induction ceremony. The chapter advisors, Mercedes Quintero and Augustine Nevarez conducted the event. Dr. Romero Jalomo welcomed students, their families and guests, and Dr. Lori Kildal inducted the students into the chapter. The induction included ceremonial traditions such as the lighting of a white candle and giving of a white rose, both symbolic of purity and enlightened knowledge. Inductees were congratulated by their families and guests and all enjoyed refreshments.
Our Director of STEM and Title V, Andy Newton was just appointed Pre-college Outreach Officer for the Point Lobos Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). The Point Lobos Chapter is our regional chapter. The AIAA is the world’s largest technical society dedicated to the global aerospace profession. They have a vigorous education and outreach mission for K-12 which includes materials and activities for students, teachers and parents.

The appointed officers are:
Chair – Giovanni Minelli, NPS
Vice-Chair – Lara Magallanes, NPS
Treasurer – Dan Bursch, NPS
Secretary – Steve Tackett, NPS
Pre-College Outreach – Andy Newton, Hartnell College
Web-Master – Jae Jun Kim, NPS

Last week, the Hartnell College Foundation staff surprised staff in two departments with an afternoon snack to show their appreciation for their continuous support to students and to the campus as a whole.
The first visit was during the staff meeting for Student Services. Director of Development, Loyanne Flynn Guaracha thanked the staff for their arduous work with students throughout the year and the special partnership with the Foundation and its scholarship programs.
The second visit was to the Library staff. Executive Director of Advancement, Jackie Cruz delivered the same message of appreciation and partnership. In addition, she...
updated the staff on the upcoming Party in the Library, which already looks like a total success for the College.

7. Vet Net Ally Seminar

The Vet Net Ally Program was held on May 1, 2014 in the Student Services Building with a seminar that included a veteran student panel. About 40 participants attended including students, deans, counselors and staff. The VET NET Ally Program is a four-hour seminar designed to raise awareness about the unique diversity student Veterans bring to college and university campuses. The process of the seminar is also intended to build a network of VET NET Allies comprised of faculty, staff, and administrators committed to creating a welcoming and supportive campus environment for military service members and veterans. For more information, visit the following sites:

http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/veterans_university/awareness/documents/VE
TNETAllyBrochurev2.pdf
http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/veterans_university/documents/VETNETSeminar
rDescription.pdf

8. Participatory Governance workshop gets good reviews

On April 21, 2014, President and CEO, Community College League of California Scott Lay, alongside President of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, Beth Smith, were at Hartnell College for the workshop Participating Effectively in District and College Governance, held at the Main Stage. They spoke and answered questions on law, regulations, and guidelines for participating effectively. There were about 150 faculty, staff, and administration present in addition to governing board members and a few students at the workshop.
9. Adjunct faculty member seeks support for Searching for Nepal

Hartnell Astronomy Adjunct Instructor, Philip Deutschle shared with me a project that has taken him back to Nepal (after a 34-year absence). He was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nepal back in the 1970s, and that became the subject of his first book, The Two-Year Mountain. He is part of a production company working on a documentary about his return Searching for Nepal. He says “It’s a wonderful film—visually beautiful and emotionally moving.” The film is complete, except for post-production tasks and he needs help. To learn more about the film and to help Philip complete this project, visit: https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1197861387/searching-for-nepal

10. Children at the CDC get artistic to bring color to local shelter

Hartnell Alumnus, former ASHC president, and now executive director of Victory Mission, Wayne Ross (top left with children), brought light-colored tiles to the Child Development Center to have the children paint them. The tiles will be used at Victory Mission and the facility will have original art! The children and staff were delighted with the opportunity to add some color to the tiles to make clients at the Mission smile.

11. The Monterey Peninsula Foundation – Youth Fund

The Monterey Peninsula Foundation (MPF) has continuously supported Hartnell College. In particular the MPF – Youth Fund has been a great contributor to many programs on campus. This includes our CSIT-in-3 program, NASA SEMAA, Math Tutoring, ACE and the Career Advancement Network.
WELI has been chosen as one of programs in this year’s funding opportunities. We are pleased to announce that The Monterey Peninsula Foundation – Youth Fund has awarded the WELI Program with $4,000 for the 2014-2015 school year. The grant is to be used to encourage WELI scholars to participate in community engagement. One such example is WELI grad Ana Ibarra who co-founded two community events, the first ever Ciclovia in Salinas and Building Healthy Toddlers and Families 5K run in East Salinas.

12. Meet our new Panther Bookstore manager

Alexis Bollin is our new Hartnell Bookstore Manager. She has been in the bookstore business for nine years. Her career started here as a student worker for Paul Casey. Since then she has worked her way up from sales associate to managing the Gavilan College Bookstore for the past seven years. Alexis is a Salinas native and is also a Hartnell alum. Alexis is currently attending the UC Berkeley Extension program, where she is working on her Paralegal Certificate. Alexis plans to apply her Paralegal studies to Corporate Law and eventually obtain a Bachelor’s Degree in Administrative Justice. Alexis is a mother of two - Kaleena 8 and Kayla 3, who keep her very busy with sports, girl scouts, and ballet practices. In her free time, Alexis enjoys spending time with her kids and is an avid hiker. She is happy to be back at Hartnell and looks forward to building relationships with everyone on campus! To contact Alexis, call her at 831.755.6775 or email 0632mgr@follett.com. For bookstore information, go to www.hartnell.bkstr.com.

13. ASHC Election results are in!

The Office of Student Life extends its appreciation to all students for participating in the ASHC 2014 Elections using an online-voting service. The official election results are posted on the ASHC website, http://www.hartnell.edu/students/associated_students/ For further information on the Election, call the Office of Student Life at 831-755-6734.

14. End of Season for Baseball

Baseball finished its season with a 7-6 victory over Gavilan College in 11 innings. The team finished the season with a 6-18 record in league and was 11-25 overall. Jackson Duda (outfielder) was honored as first team all-conference, Jake Cabral (pitcher), Ivan Sanchez (infielder) and Branson
Umburger (catcher) were on the second team, while Zane Breschini (pitcher) was honorable mention.

### Panthers Repeat as Coast Conference Champions

Heading into the 2014 Coast Conference Track & Field Championship at College of San Mateo, the Hartnell College men's and women's teams were looking to repeat as team champions for the first time since 2004-2005 for the women and 2008-2009 for the men. Five events were contested as finals on Wednesday giving the women a seven point advantage heading into Saturday's championship with the men trailing DeAnza College by twelve points. Scored by seeding prior to Saturday's finals, the men's team was predicted to lose by 16 points. With some excellent individual performances, the men were able to repeat as champions with a score of 211 points to DeAnza College at 203 points. The women easily earned a second consecutive title at 216 points to DeAnza College at 171 points.

Sophomores Austin Decker and Michael Ramirez were able to make up most of the deficit with their multiple performances during the championship. Decker brought in 39 points for the Panthers via his winning the pole vault (15'0.25"), taking second in the 110 high hurdles (16.38) and 400 hurdles (57.62), fourth in the 400 meters (50.57), and finished his day by running on the second place 4x400 team (3:25.96). Michael Ramirez tallied 29 points and repeated as Coast Conference champion in both the 5,000 meters (15:29.26) and 10,000 meters (32:32.62), placed third in the 1,500 meters (4:02.19), and eighth in the 800 meters (2:01.27). Sophomore Robert Valencia took the 3,000 meter steeplechase title at 9:57.10 and placed second in the 10,000 meters (32:48.78). Frosh Diego Leon sealed the championship with his second in the 1,500 meters (3:59.29) and 5,000 meters (15:39.47) along with a third in the 10,000 meter run (32:55.31).

For the ladies, sophomore Iesha Boyd and freshman Brandi Hobson were instrumental in the women's team victory. Boyd was the winner of 400 meters (57.20), anchored the winning 4x400 relay (3:58.13), placed fifth in the 200 meters (25.40) and long jump (16'1.25"), and ran second leg on the third place 4x100 relay team (49.04). The women's 4x400 relay mark is the fifth best in school history and better than last year Norcal Finals mark of 3:58.51. Hobson took home three individual titles along with a third place finish. She was the winner of the 1,500 meters (4:55.07), 5,000 meters (18:48.32), 10,000 meters (42:33.46). Her third place was a lifetime best in the 800 meters at 2:24.59. Her 1,500 meter time is the ninth best in school history and gives Hartnell the four consecutive conference 1,500 meter champions. Frosh Linda Delgado...
was the surprise 800 meter champion defeating the top runner in the conference with her season best 2:21.95. Sophomores Lenae Stevens (60.11) and Karina Carcamo (60.50) took the silver and bronze behind teammate Boyd in the 400 meters. Rachel Shimabukuro chopped 6 seconds from her season best to take silver behind Hobson in the 1,500 meters at 4:58.59. Kassandra Peguero place third in both the long jump (16'6.50") and triple jump (35'4.75"). Maritza Ruelas placed third in the 5,000 meter run (19:29.82).

16. Upcoming Events

- **Panther Prep Days**
  Friday, May 9, 2014 in King City
  Saturday, May 10, 2014 on Main Campus – Salinas
  Contact Dean, Dr. Mark Sanchez for information

- **Food Safety Forum**
  Thursday and Friday, May 8 & 9, 2014 at Main Stage
  Contact Cristina Westfall for tickets at 831-755-6810 or cwestfall@hartnell.edu

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

- **‘Picnic’ at the Western Stage**
  May 10 – June 1, 2014 in the Studio Theater
  Call 831-755-6816 or go to [www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com) for tickets

- **Spring Choral Concerts-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

17. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

**Family science and literacy day**

**Girls offered a hand**

**Education Digest**

**Links to stories about HEART – the Sustainable Design team**
[http://www.thecalifornian.com/viewart/20140503/NEWS05/305030014/Equipo-de-dise-o-de-rascacielos-de-Hartnell-se-dirige-las-finales](http://www.thecalifornian.com/viewart/20140503/NEWS05/305030014/Equipo-de-dise-o-de-rascacielos-de-Hartnell-se-dirige-las-finales)
[http://www.montereyherald.com/News/Local/ci_25663063/Hartnell-students-vie-for-architecture-prize](http://www.montereyherald.com/News/Local/ci_25663063/Hartnell-students-vie-for-architecture-prize)
http://www.montereyherald.com/localnews/ci_25663063/hartnell-students-vie-architecture-prize
http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=201404300026
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140430/NEWS01/304300026/Hartnell-skyscraper-design-team-heads-finals
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2i8Z11YqzM
Hartnell repeats as champions
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140429/SPORTS/304290016/Hartnell-repeats-champions
Girls Inc. honored at event in Steinbeck Hall