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. Western Food Safety Summit

More than 230 attended the two-day Western Food Safety Summit last week presented by the Hartnell Ag Business and Technology Institute. This year we opened it up to more people by holding the talks at the Main Stage. The theme was Responsible Leadership in Food Safety, focused on the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) expected to be implemented in 2015. The invited guest speakers covered key topics relevant to food safety practices including training requirements for FSMA, risk analysis program, FDA investigations, legal consequences, treatment and irrigation water, foodborne investigation, organic standards, among other topics.

During the Thursday morning introduction, we presented an award of recognition to founder of the Summit, Neil Ledford – for his leadership and commitment to Hartnell and its students.

The Summit included a poster session with relevant research related to agriculture and food safety and representatives from University of Arizona, Monterey County Health Department, University of California, and University of Florida.

2. Sustainable design team International champions!

We are so proud of the Hayward Engineering and Architectural Research Team (HEART), champions as the 2014 International Firm of the Year! On Tuesday, May 6, 2014, we held a press conference for them.
With the theme of "Strength to Soar," Hartnell students Luis Lopez, Steven Mendenhall, Jaida Johnson, and Anthony Miranda were challenged to produce an iconic super-tall building for Seoul, South Korea in the collegiate category. HEART designed a mixed-use facility with residential and retail space intended for an athletic and fitness-oriented clientele. The ground floors are designed to provide significant stadium capacity for future international events. They impressed the judges, especially the one from Korea, with their design and professionalism.

The team participated in Chicago in the Mock Architecture Firm Competition - International and National Skyscraper Challenge. This is the first time in the competition’s six-year history that a community college won the prize. Last year, a university team from Spain won this recognition.

### 3. Family science, health, and literacy day draws hundreds to the

On Saturday, May 3, 2014, Hartnell College presented the Eight Annual Family Science, Health, and Literacy Day at the Alisal Campus with over 1,500 attendees. This was a free event in partnership with the Alisal Education Foundation and the Literacy Campaign for Monterey County and support from the Youth Fund of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, Chevron, and NASA.

The Family Science, Health, and Literacy Day offered a wide range of activities and demonstrations, including scientific experiments, puppet show, farm stand, soccer clinic, woodwork, live animals, live music, lots of information, and so much more. The day was a total success!
4. The Steinbeck Festival Ag Tour

Ag Business and Tech Institute Director Susan Pheasant (pictured here with Tommy Nuñes V) participated in the 34th Annual Steinbeck Festival's agricultural tour. Former Hartnell Dean of Science Vearl Gish served as the expert tour guide as participants from all over the nation visited a fresh produce cooler, strawberry field, and a lettuce growing operation. The tour provided information about current labor, food safety, and water issues.

5. Ag Ambassadors host a special banquet

On April 30, 2014, the Ag Ambassadors hosted the Monterey Bay Section’s Project Competition Awards Banquet. The Ag Industrial Technology shop at the Alisal Campus was once again transformed into a banquet facility for more than 110 Future Farmers of America (FFA) students, family members, and teachers from Soledad, Everett Alvarez, King City, Soquel, North Salinas, and Gonzales high schools. Cody Lingbeck and Al Graham, Hartnell faculty member, had previously served as judges for the Division I and Division II project competition participants as they presented their livestock projects (e.g. rabbits, chickens, sheep, goats, swine, and steers). Special thanks to the Hartnell College Foundation for its role in hosting the evening’s festivities and sponsoring the award winners.

6. Chevron continues to support the Foundation and its mission

We are proud to announce that Chevron has awarded the Hartnell College Foundation with a $55,000 grant for the 2014-2015 school year. The grant will be used for multiple purposes including program support for the Science and Math Institute, South County student scholarships, and event sponsorship for Party in the Library, which raises funds for STEM scholarships. It
will also be used to help maintain our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Student Success Program.
The Hartnell College STEM Program has more students transferring to the University of Santa Cruz than ever before. The STEM regional education pipeline to UCSC has been strengthened due to many aspects of our growing initiatives. One of these is the Hartnell College Summer STEM Internship Program and Symposium (see photo). This includes over 100 students participating in research projects at venues including the UC Santa Cruz, Naval Postgraduate School, NASA Ames and the United States Department of Agriculture. Chevron believes in the importance of education in order to make communities and people thrive. They work with partners like Hartnell College to encourage excitement about STEM education and careers. In Chevron’s words, “Tomorrow’s Chevron engineers are today’s schoolchildren.” We thank Chevron for their continual support and investment in our school and in turn, our community.

7. The Western Stage reaches the local youth

This weekend, the Western Stage’s YOU*Theatre presented two live theatre performances of 9-3-9-OH! This original performance project is based on writings from students of the Salinas City, Alisal Union, and Gonzales Unified School Districts and performed by representatives from Fairview Middle, Kammann Elementary, Oscar Loya Elementary & Roosevelt Elementary Schools. The title reflects how these young people see their communities as represented by their zip codes. (Photo of rehearsal)

8. Softball season ends – by Coach Andy Watt

Hartnell women’s softball had a good year. In our last game, we routed West Valley 10-2 at home. It was our Sophomore Day, and what a day they all had! Danielle Blaylock pitched the entire game allowing 4 hits and we had no errors. It could have been our best, if not the best game all season! Alyssa Seva’aetassi and Celina Medina had great days at the plate. Celina doubled off the fence. We 8-run ruled the Vikings to end the game. We did not make post season play; teams must win 50% of their games to qualify and we were 18-19-1. In both brackets of the state playoffs, I see teams we only lost to by one run and feel we should have beaten. Well, got to go recruit for next year! -Andy
9. Upcoming Events

- **Transfer Mixer**
  Wednesday, May 14, 2014
  Steinbeck Hall – 12:00 – 2:00 PM

- **STEM Speaker Series**
  Friday, May 23, 2014 – 2:00 PM in room N-12
  Guest speaker is Martha Arciniega

- **‘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

10. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

**Panther Prep Day in King City and Salinas**
[http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140509/NEWS12/140509003/Panther-Prep-Days-King-City-Salinas](http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140509/NEWS12/140509003/Panther-Prep-Days-King-City-Salinas)

**Party in the Library-Roots and the Linders**

**Food Safety Summit set at Hartnell**

**Foro de seguridad alimenticia/Food safety summit (Spanish)**
[http://www.ksmstv.com/2014/05/08/foro-de-seguridad-alimenticia/](http://www.ksmstv.com/2014/05/08/foro-de-seguridad-alimenticia/)

**Hartnell design champs**
[http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140507/NEWS01/305070020/Hartnell-s-design-champs](http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140507/NEWS01/305070020/Hartnell-s-design-champs)

**Hartnell College students win Chicago skyscraper competition**
[http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/arts_culture_blog/hartnell-college-design-and-architecture-students-win-a-chicago-skyscraper/article_b3ecd2c0-d6f6-11e3-87bf-0017a43b2370.html](http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/arts_culture_blog/hartnell-college-design-and-architecture-students-win-a-chicago-skyscraper/article_b3ecd2c0-d6f6-11e3-87bf-0017a43b2370.html)

**Hartnell’s HEART champions in design -Univision 67 (Spanish)**
[http://www.ksmstv.com/2014/05/06/equipo-local-gana-competencia/](http://www.ksmstv.com/2014/05/06/equipo-local-gana-competencia/)

**Hartnell students win design competition**

**Panthers run, leap to NorCal finals**
http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20140505/SPORTS/305050020/Panthers-run-leap-NorCal-finals

Graduation ceremonies