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. Party in the Library is an elegant affair with a lot of heart

The Hartnell College Foundation presented the eighth annual Party in the Library Celebrating our Roots, on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at its usual place, the Hartnell Library. More than 400 enjoyed the evening which included a champagne greeting, an array of food, open bar, and music. This year, the party was moved to the Student Center for a special presentation, raise the paddle for our students segment, a live auction, and to receive the guest artist David Garibaldi who amazed all of us.

During the event, Joanne Taylor Johnson was presented the 2014 Hartnell Foundation Leadership Award for her outstanding involvement and support of the Hartnell College Foundation. Ms. Taylor Johnson was a Foundation board of directors president, member of the President’s Task Force, founding member of the Hartnell College Legacy Society, and provided the first endowment gift for the NASA SEMAA Aerospace Education Lab.

Hartnell student Roberto Ornerlas received the surprise of his life when presented with a $5,000 scholarship to assist with his continued success in attaining his bachelor’s degree in Business Management with a concentration in Agribusiness and Information Systems Management. Congratulations to all involved in making this event a success!
The first annual Panther Prep Days were held in King City and on the Main Campus. On Friday, May 9, we registered 107 students at our King City event. On May 10, we registered 577 students on the main campus and during the week, we registered a few remaining high school students who needed additional assistance. The numbers are a pleasant surprise and more than met our expectations for the event.

I would like to thank the lead in this project, VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo as well as members of the K16 Bridge Steering committee, our K16 Bridge Counselor/Liaisons, and the Panther Prep planning group who worked diligently on the planning activities since last fall. Among these individuals were some who were instrumental in the success of the event: Deans Dr. Mark Sanchez, Mary Dominguez, and Renata Funke; Melissa Casillas, Belen Gonzalez, and Yvonne Carreon. Kudos to Tony Anderson, Aron Szamos, Mercedes Quintero and Gabriel Bravo who hosted New Student Orientation; Jessica Tovar and her staff who hosted financial aid workshops; Manuel Bersamin and Eric Becerra who hosted Dreamer workshops; Augustine Nevarez and Laura Zavala who help coordinate campus tours and student clubs representation; and our faculty colleagues who represented their academic programs and student clubs. Congratulations!

3. Transfer Mixer 2014

On May 14, 2014, the Transfer and Career Center, in collaboration with the Associated Students of Hartnell College, hosted the first Transfer Mixer for transfer students who are graduating this spring. The Transfer Mixer was a celebration held in Steinbeck Hall, and 40 transfer students were able to network over lunch. The students enjoyed meeting other peers who would be transferring to the same university, and they also
received heart-felt advice from a panel of Hartnell alumni who already completed their bachelor’s, and in some cases, their master’s degree. Each received a Certificate of Recognition for their transfer achievement.

The alumni panel included: Laura Zavala, Program Assistant for Student Life Office at Hartnell College and a graduate of CSUMB and SJSU with a BA and MA; Sara Sanchez, Program Assistant for Transfer and Career Center at Hartnell College and a graduate of SJSU with a BA and MA; Mario Estrada, Food Safety Director for Markon and a graduate of SFSU; and Juan Ledesma, College to University Success Program Support for Science and Math Institute at Hartnell College and a graduate of UCSC. The Transfer Mixer Committee members were Augustine Nevarez, Director of Student Life; Elaine Duran, Student Trustee; Miriam Muñoz, ASHC Senator; Andrea Rivera, ASHC Senator; Transfer through Teamwork Club members; Sara Sanchez; Laura Zavala; and Mercedes Quintero, Counselor/Transfer and Career Center Coordinator.

4. Student-Athletes’ lunch reception

On May 15, 2014, student athletes who are graduating and have acquired a 3.0 GPA and were on either the President’s list or Deans List were invited to the annual Student-Athletes Lunch Reception. We had 80 students gathered for a delicious meal at Steinbeck Hall and as Athletics’ Director, Dan Teresa puts it, “these students have been very successful on the playing field, but we’re here to celebrate their academic success,” adding that “this has been one of the best years for athletics. We are a small institution going up against schools three times our size, but everyone knows who Hartnell College is. I’m proud of our coaches for being supportive of our students and we’re here today to congratulate our student-athletes.” The students received a special T-shirt designed to honor them.

5. HEP/CAMP National Association Scholarship Recipient

We are proud to announce that Hartnell HEP graduate, Jessica Cano, was selected as a 2014 National HEP/CAMP Scholarship recipient in the amount of $500.00. Jessica obtained her high school equivalency with Hartnell HEP fall 2013. Since then, she has enrolled in ESL classes at Hartnell College as a part time student with the ultimate goal of earning a degree in
engineering. This is no easy task when combined with the language challenges and her long work hours in the local agricultural fields of the Salinas Valley. However, Jessica asserts, “It may sound strange, but I am proud of knowing and contributing to the process of ensuring a salad can reach American tables. I hope people appreciate each individual’s efforts, exhaustion after standing and bending for so many hours.” She says that her goal is to demonstrate that “impossible” does not exist; that it is through sacrifice that goals are attainable. For her, every struggle carries a reward, especially if you maintain your convictions despite those that may doubt you or even ridicule your dreams.

When presented with the scholarship Jessica had this to say, “I am very excited and grateful to HEP for offering me so much support these past months. They have motivated me to pursue my goals, of which I have accomplished one more by being selected for this scholarship. The profound sense of happiness and pride I feel now that my dreams are coming true in this Country are indescribable. Thank you HEP!”

6. Hartnell College Hosts Leadership Salinas Valley

In late April, I hosted the 2014 class of Leadership Salinas Valley - a 20-week program that begins in February and is sponsored by the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce. The goal of the program is to identify and train potential community leaders and assist them in reaching their professional and personal goals. Participants gain the knowledge and direction they need to achieve greater self and community awareness through a combination of academic training, community exposure, small group interaction and team projects. I provided the group with tours of both the Main Campus and the Alisal Campus and also presented information regarding our programs, services, initiatives, and projects. The group photo was taken in the NASA SEMAA Aerospace Education Lab at the Alisal Campus. Student Trustee Elaine Duran is participating in the program.

7. During my travels in China

As many of you know, I visited Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China during the week of May 12. During my time there I came across an interesting story. Legend has it that 5 celestial beings brought 5 goats into Guangzhou. The goats were all carrying rice, which symbolized that they would make sure that the area would always be free of famine. Guangzhou has paid tribute to these benevolent goats by making them the symbol of the city and can be
appreciated in this statue. You find representations of the goats throughout the city. The purpose of my visit was to meet with vocational college education leaders and to share with them information about how we deliver CTE programs in the California Community College system. Education leaders in Guangdong are very interested in community colleges as another education opportunity for its citizens. Education leaders are also interested in education collaboration and exchanges for students and faculty. Guangdong Province is 105 million people. Guangzhou is the capital and has a population of 14 million. The visit was fascinating and I look forward to sharing my experiences with anyone who may be interested.

8. Welcome new employee!

Laura Kershner joins the Hartnell College Foundation as the new Community Engagement Manager for The Western Stage. She owns her own marketing and communications business and her background includes several years behind the scenes in television news production and promotions, non-profit public relations, fundraising and government relations. Laura is a longtime patron of the performing arts and sings with a local ladies’ barbershop chorus and quartet. She is delighted to be bringing her skills and talents to bear in the promotion of performances at The Western Stage and invites one and all to become a patron of the organization then sit back and enjoy the show. You may contact Laura at lkershner@hartnell.edu.

9. Hartnell College Foundation extends a big ‘THANK YOU!’

The Hartnell College Foundation has received multiple grants this year. Here are a few of the grant contributions that have been awarded.
The Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District gave $12,261.76 earlier this year; the funds are to be used for several projects on campus through our Diesel Technology Program throughout the 2013-2014 school year. Such projects are a smoke opacity meter that measures smoke emitted by diesel engines, training for students to use the Scan tool, Heavy Duty, Pocket IQ, and creation of a Smartphone App - “Quest for Clean Air.” This program assistance is greatly appreciated and helps to improve fuel standards and protect the environment.

The Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County donated a generous $25,000 as part two of a three year grant helping to support the Agriculture Business and Technology Institute. This grant was awarded in February 2014 and is to be used through the current calendar year for employee enhancement which will in turn benefit our agriculture program as a whole. The Agriculture Business and Technology Institute at Hartnell College continues to grow each semester as a result of innovative programs, community outreach and relevance to the needs of the local industry.

The Tanimura Family Foundation awarded a $25,000 grant in February 2014 to support the Hartnell College Agriculture Research Internship Program. The Tanimura family has given continual support to the College in various capacities. Gary Tanimura (right) is a current Hartnell College Foundation Board member, past board president, and member of the Presidents Ag Steering Committee for the Agricultural Business & Technology Institute. The dedication shown for our students via grants, scholarships, and internships is tremendous and helps give students real industry experience thus transforming their future.

We at Hartnell College thank them and all of our partners for helping us grow leaders through opportunity, engagement, and achievement!

10. Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Shine at NorCal Championships

Hartnell College may not be the largest community college in Northern California but it can boast that it has the best men’s pole vaulter and women’s 400 meter runner after Saturday’s Northern California Track & Field Championship at DeAnza College. On the shoulders of a few key performances, both the men’s and women’s track & field teams were able to pick up third place regional trophies. This is the first time since 1998 both programs placed in the top three in the same year.

Sophomore **Austin Decker** got the monkey off his back in winning the pole vault title in just six jumps. His winning height of 15’3.75” is over a foot below his season best but was over five inches better than the second place pole vaulter. The state championship pole vault competition will match Decker versus Shane Hoagland of Cuyamaca
College. Hoagland matched Decker’s national leading pole vault jump of 16’6.50” at the Southern California Championship. Sophomore Iesha Boyd went from placing ninth in the 400 meter final last year to being this year’s Norcal champion defeating top ranked Karen Osuji of SJ Delta College. Boyd’s winning time of 55.68 betters her school record of 56.71 and also makes her the first woman in Northern California to go under 56 seconds. She will be second ranked heading into next week's State Championship. Freshman Brandi Hobson (photo left) capped one of the finest championship meets for a Hartnell distance woman by placing third in the 1,500 meters in 4:51.23 and second in the 5,000 meters at 18:48.60. Her 1,500 meter mark moves her to seventh best in school history. Hobson won the Norcal 10,000 meter title as well in 38:54.08 last Friday. Sophomore Michael Ramirez (photo right) also shined in the 1,500 and 5,000 meter events. Ramirez was second in metric mile at 4:00.23 and 5000 meters in 15:23.04. He lead a pack of three Panther men in the top five in the 1,500 meters. Ramirez too placed second in last year’s 10,000 meter final in 32:18.31.

Freshman Justin Carrancho (photo ) placed third (4:00.61) and Omar Vasquez fifth (4:01.81). The pair also placed seventh and eighth in the 5,000 meters. Sophomore Kassandra Peguero advanced to the state championship in both the long jump and triple jump. Peguero leaped to season best 17’11.75” to take fourth in the long jump. The mark ties her for sixth best in school history. Peguero was also third in the triple jump at 36’3.50”. The women’s 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams earned trips to the state championship as well. The both teams consisted of Karina Carcamo (photo left), Iesha Boyd, Lenae Stevens, and Linda Delgado. The 4x100 team placed fourth at 48.69 with the 4x400 in third at 4:00.19. Also placing in scoring positions were Iesha Boyd fifth 200 meters (24.92), Rachel Shimabukuro sixth in the 1,500 meters (4:57.11), Dariani Salvador seventh in the ,5000 meters (19:38.58), Linda Delgado eighth 800 meters (2:26.61).
The 2014 track & field season will conclude with the California Community College State Championship at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA, May 16-17.

11. Upcoming Events

- **EOPS/CARE/CalWorks/DSPS Student Recognition Ceremony**
  Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
  Building C (Steinbeck Hall)
- **Nursing Pinning Ceremonies**
  Friday, May 30, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
  Building K (Main Stage)
- **Hartnell CCD Commencement Ceremony**
  Friday, May 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
  Gymnasium
- **HEP Recognition Ceremony**
  Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.
  Gymnasium
- **Veterans' Graduation Dinner/Ceremony**
  Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
  Building C (Steinbeck Hall)
- **TRiO Student Graduation/Transfer Ceremony**
  Sunday, June 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
  Building C (Steinbeck Hall)
- **Picnic**
  Through June 1, 2014 at The Western Stage
  Tickets 831.755.6816 or [www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com)
- **Woody Guthrie's American Song**
  June 7 – 22, 2014 at The Western Stage
  Tickets 831.755.6816 or [www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com)

12. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Party in the Library photo gallery
Hartnell men and women third at Norcal
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2014/05/12/hartnell-men-women-3rd-at-norcal/8987777/

The Western Stage and Picnic
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/entertainment/art/are-you-experienced-have-you-ever-been-experienced/article_d554c928-db9a-11e3-8d5b-001a4bcf6878.html

Obituary for a Hartnell Alumna – Miss Kay