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. Athletics Hall of Fame nominees selected

At this week’s meeting, the Athletics Hall of Fame committee reviewed nominations for the 2014 list of inductees. Those considered fell in one of the following categories: Athletes, Volunteer/Supporter, Faculty/Staff, and Team. After listing all the nominees, the committee picked 13 as our honorees this year. They will be notified of this special honor this week, and upon acceptance, I will soon reveal the Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2014. The committee members who had this difficult task included Richard Andre, Jackie Cruz, Alex Golomeic, Fred Ledesma, Esmeralda Montenegro, Carolyne West-Karnofel, and Cristina Westfall. The Second Annual Athletics Hall of Fame will be on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the Student Center and will include a football game and half-time commemoration that evening at Rabobank Stadium. For information about the Athletics Hall of Fame, contact Cristina at cwestfall@hartnell.edu or 831-755-6810.
At the 2013 Anniversary Dinner for LULAC Council #2055, there was an auction item to have lunch with the Hartnell president including tours of the Main Campus and Alisal Campus. The Sanchez family was the successful bidder and we were able to arrange the visit on Friday, June 6, 2014.

The Sanchez family has a deep and distinguished history of community involvement, advocacy, and leadership in Salinas. George Sanchez is a governing board member for the Franklin-McKinley Elementary School District in San Jose and he is the uncle of Aurelio Salazar, former Hartnell ASHC president and immediate past president of LULAC Council #2055. George and sister Stella are both alumni of Hartnell College.

It was an honor for me to meet with them and take them on tours of our facilities.

L to R - George Sanchez, Delia Gamiz Sanchez, Stella Sanchez, Ethan Gonzalez (seated, Stella’s grandson)

Science & Math Institute Director, Andy Newton and Hartnell alumna, Ana Ibarra were invited presenters at an Internship Mentoring Workshop at UC Berkeley’s Space Sciences Laboratory on Friday, June 6, 2014.

Andy and Ana presented on “best practices” in mentoring under-represented community college undergraduates. This summer, two Hartnell STEM majors, Kitcia Aguilar and Vincent Ramirez, will be joining four other community college students who were selected for paid summer internships with scientists and engineers at the Space Sciences Laboratory.

Ana, a Hartnell alumna shared her amazing trajectory from Mexico to the strawberry fields of Watsonville, then her transformational experience at Hartnell resulting in a full-ride scholarship to UC Berkeley majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology. She shared the positive influence and impact her research mentors had on her ability to successfully navigate through the STEM pipeline.

Andy presented the various components of the highly successful Hartnell STEM Internship Program stressing the critical role of the mentor in also providing “modeling” and “soft skills” development.

Among the summer projects that Kitcia and Vincent will be contributing to at the Space Sciences Laboratory are the NASA Ionosphere Connect Explorer Mission, which
is an orbiting solar space weather explorer and the NASA Mars Atmospheric and Volatile Evolution Mission that launched in November 2013 and will go into Mars orbit insertion this September.

4. Support for NASA SEMAA program expands

Hartnell College is proud to announce the support of the Pebble Beach Company Foundation for the NASA SEMAA program. Their gift of $7,500 will be used in the upcoming school year to assist with the program at the Alisal Campus. The Pebble Beach Company Foundation believes education is the foundation for success and distributes grants to local organizations dedicated to promoting excellence in life experiences for the youth in Monterey County. That is exactly what NASA SEMAA (Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace Academy) does for local students through their K-12 STEM outreach. It is a safe and free after-school program designed to increase the number of under-represented students who are pursuing these fields in education. This program improves literacy and educational retention while partnering with local schools to engage students and increase parent participation. It promotes higher education and creates a pipeline of college-ready students from less-advantaged backgrounds.

NASA SEMAA strengthens our partnerships with local industries, collaborates with local non-profits and adds a fantastic element to the college. The NASA SEMAA site is the only one of its kind on the West Coast and only one of 15 sites in the nation. It also houses an Aerospace Educational Laboratory equipped with a flight simulator and places cutting-edge technology into the hands of middle and high school students and exposes them to real life scenarios. Hartnell NASA SEMAA is open to all the community. During the academic year we work with K-12 schools, districts and other after-school programs, and during the summer we are open to all, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The main purpose of the NASA SEMAA program is to inspire, engage and educate to better the community through educational support and youth enhancement.

5. Summer Bridge program to start

Jointly supported by three grants, the five-week Summer Bridge program serves recent high school graduates who plan to study STEM or Allied Health disciplines. The two cohorts of STEM students start with the Student Success Seminar (COU 1) where they
learn strategies for college success, develop educational plans, and explore careers with counselors. A highlight of the first week is their career exploration at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where they meet employees and spend the day learning about the wide variety of career avenues at the Aquarium. The remaining weeks include intensive investigations in mathematics, biology, chemistry, computer technology and environmental engineering.

The Allied Health cohort starts with the two-week Foundations of Success course (EDU 110) followed by hands-on explorations subjects and careers in the allied health field. Subject matter includes biology, chemistry, math, health science, and CPR certification.

Between inquiry-based laboratory activities and field trips, all three groups of the summer bridge experience science inside and outside the classroom and gain preparation for their upcoming year as a Hartnell College student.

6. Hartnell Alumna Wendy Chapa overcomes the odds

At last month’s Student Recognition Ceremony for EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs, I had the pleasure of meeting Hartnell Alumna, Wendy Chapa, who was one of the keynote speakers. Her story of strength, focus, and faith uplifted the packed room. Wendy has done what many so easily give up on – rise up from nothing.

She was 24 when she became a single mother of twins and with only a GED under her belt, she sought help and received public assistance. But this was temporary for she had made a promise to her daughters that this was a temporary situation. “They deserved a stable, loving home, and even if I was the only parent I was going to give it to them,” said Wendy.

She started taking classes at Hartnell in spring 2005 with a Political Science class. This was a humbling and challenging experience for her, but she soon became familiar with the EOPS/CARE program and was able to obtain the support she needed to keep moving forward. Soon after, she enrolled full-time and began treatment for a life threatening medical condition. “My weight dropped from 150 to 90, my hair thinned and the constant fatigue from treatment began to take its toll,” she shared. “However,
I continued one semester at a time and my EOPS counselor kept me firm in my goal to continue. My supervisor at the Academic Learning Center, Frank Henderson, always had time to motivate me and my English professor Dan Peterson always had a word of encouragement.”

For Wendy, hard work was paying off. She got accustomed to late nights, long days, and graduation became a reality instead of a promise made in a hospital delivery room. She obtained a dual degree with honors and moved on to bigger goals. Wendy wrote a list of goals that she carried with her in her purse; the list included to obtain an Associate’s degree, obtain a bachelor’s degree, get a county job with benefits (CalWorks employment to be exact), buy her own home, and get two master’s degrees. She has fulfilled and gone beyond all goals in list.

“It took exactly 9 and half years from the day my daughters were born, but all is possible with motivation and a belief that you can achieve anything even if you are the only one who thinks you can,” Wendy expresses.

She went on to earn her bachelor’s degree from Ashford University/University of Iowa, and her two master’s degrees from the same in Public Policy and the other in Education Specializing in Family and Community Service.

In 2011, she began work with Social Services in the Eligibility Department; just this February, she was promoted to Employment and Training Counselor.

“Of all the lessons I have learned, the most important ones are as follows: have a goal; know what you are working towards and never lose sight of why; surround yourself with positive people; those who inspire you and lift you up deserve to be in your life, those who seek to hurt you or slow you down, don’t,” she concluded.

7. Welcome new employees

WADE GRANT is our new Institutional Data Analyst. He comes to us from Bay State Computers where he was an IT Business Analyst. Wade received his AA degree from Cabrillo College, a B.S. in Business Administration from San Jose State University, and is pursuing an M.S. in Predictive Analytics from Northwestern University in Chicago, IL.

MARIO ALVAREZ-FERNANDEZ is our new Library Technician. He lives in Watsonville and previously worked for the City as a library clerk. Mario is fluent in Spanish and is familiar with the community college atmosphere as he is a student at neighboring Cabrillo College and has previously worked for Monterey Peninsula College Library.

MARIA E. SCHLOTTHAUER is Program Assistant II at the Veterans Service Center. She is a Hartnell alumna who earned an AA in Administration of Justice and an AA in Liberal Arts degrees before transferring to CSU Monterey Bay where she is majoring in Collaborative Health and Human Services; she is due to graduate May 2016. Maria has worked part-time with Hartnell’s Veterans Service Center providing her experience and expertise to support her fellow veterans.
8. A baby shower for our director of communications

Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro, expects a baby boy to arrive early July; Hartnell co-workers gathered to celebrate this special occasion with a morning baby shower at First Awakenings in Salinas. This will be Esmeralda and husband Bill’s first child. The baby and parents-to-be were showered with gifts, words of wisdom, and well-wishes. Congratulations!

9. Upcoming Events

- **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)
  - U-Jam Fitness – to benefit the Hartnell College Foundation
    Saturday, June 28, 2014 – 3:30 p.m. at the Hartnell Gymnasium
    Buy admission ticket at [https://give.hartnell.edu/ujam](https://give.hartnell.edu/ujam)
- **Summer STEM Internship Symposium**
  Saturday, August 23, 2014
  For information, contact Brenda at [bjones@hartnell.edu](mailto:bjones@hartnell.edu)
- **Fall 2014 Governing Boards Summit**
  Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
  Collaboration and partnerships for improving student achievement and success.
  - **The Western Stage Gala – A Christmas Story**
    Saturday, November 22, 2014
    For tickets call 831-755-6810

10. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Board of Trustees to hold special meeting Tuesday

Hartnell Alumna is Ag Woman of the Year

Hartnell student and deferred action permits

Hartnell hires coach
White Sox draft King City's Flores

King City Hartnell Alum Flores

2014 graduates’ list

HEP graduating class of 2014

Agents of change fan out at Alisal

Steinbeck Innovation open enrollment