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. The Western Stage kicks off its Capital Campaign

On September 20, 2014 Hartnell College Foundation hosted a fundraiser to officially launch a capital campaign for The Performing Arts Center. The private event graciously hosted by Jean Hurd, featured alum Dustin Lance Black who spoke of how The Western Stage ‘saved his life.’ We took this opportunity to present Dustin with a resolution adopted by the Governing Board early this year for his accomplishments and for being the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Community College League of California.

Black is an American screenwriter, director, film and television producer, social activist and found his roots at Hartnell College.

“Lost in high school’s most awkward years, The Western Stage welcomed me with open arms and taught me the confidence, discipline and many of the skills I still use today,” commented Black. “Those summers were my most formative and are still my most treasured.”

He has won numerous awards, including an Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay for the 2008 film Milk, a biopic of the late civil rights activist Harvey Milk. Speakers included Jon Solover, artistic director, Luna, theater arts student, and Nick Pasculli, foundation executive board. Trustee Pat Donohue, foundation board members, faculty, staff, and distinguished guests enjoyed the uplifting event.
This exclusive affair was part of a $1.5 million dollar capital campaign launched to renovate The Performing Arts Center, the home of The Western Stage. The renovation includes a new box office, lobby, visual arts gallery, improved community atrium, marquee, and exterior upgrades. These improvements will provide the Salinas Valley with a welcoming facility to engage the community in arts and culture. To-date, $835,000 has been raised through this campaign. If you are interested in learning more about this project or would like to make a contribution, please contact Jackie Cruz at jcruz@hartnell.edu.

2. A camera captures construction of science building

To keep you up-to-date on the construction of the new science building, a camera has been installed that streams activity live from the construction site. The image refreshes every 5 seconds. The camera is also recording so that we have a visual record of the construction. It will be really cool to see the entire construction fast forward in photos! To check out the image, click on the following link:

http://www.hartnell.edu/netcam/netcam.html

3. National Voter Registration Day

The Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) supported the efforts of the Monterey County Elections Department by hosting a voter registration rally on Tuesday, September 23 at the Student Center. The effort set the goal of registering fifty voters. The Student Ambassadors and ASHC Officers engaged students and staff to complete new voter registration cards or renew addresses. This event promoted civic engagement and supported a larger national effort to increase voter participation.

4. Brandman University Celebrates Student Success Day

Hartnell College and Brandman University continue to successfully partner to provide our students with transfer opportunities. Brandman University representatives were on campus on Wednesday, September 24, at the Student Center to promote their Early Advantage Program (EAP). Sixty five
students completed interest cards and received information on educational programs and scholarship. Students enjoyed free pizza, water, and cookies. Additionally, Dr. Donna Fearnside, Brandman University representative, provided ASHC with a brief presentation about the Early Advantage Program and encouraged students to learn about the opportunities available through our successful partnership.

5. Planned giving prospects receive a medical scenario

Residents and professionals from our area gathered at Hartnell’s main campus to learn about the College, its students, programs, and the work the Foundation is accomplishing. For some, it was the first time on campus and they were impressed with the level of talent in different disciplines. They met because they are interested in investing in Hartnell’s future through the Hartnell College Foundation’s planned giving program.

Nursing and Allied Health faculty and students joined in to talk about the importance of partnerships and offered a medical scenario.

In the scenario, the patient had just arrived from the recovery room after surgery. One nurse receives the report while another begins to obtain the patient’s vital signs while the patient’s “daughter” looks on.

Simulation, as an educational model, is designed to enhance realism, mimic real-life situations in a safe and controlled environment, reduce human error and increase skill development. In addition, simulation promotes inter-professional learning by combining students from all health professions programs at Hartnell College (Registered Nursing, Vocational Nursing, and Respiratory Care).

“The real learning happens in the debriefing,” said Dean Debra Kaczmar.

It was an impressive presentation followed by a class discussion and a tour of the department.

L to R - J. Victor Mastronardi (nursing student), Barbara Durham (nursing instructor), SimMan 3G as “Mrs. Phillips”, Meyzel Santiago (nursing student), and Adriana Garcia (nursing student).
This is the second year that we offer Respiratory Care Practitioner as a major here at Hartnell. This year’s class is hard at work and excited to be in such elite program that provides students with the necessary skills to be in a demanding field earning a great salary from the start. Here Gerardo Ochoa and Myriam Chavez are proudly modeling the new patch design with our new Hartnell College branding.

7. Monthly lunch with students

Every month I meet with a group of students for an informal lunch. Last week, I had the pleasure of spending time with the Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC). It was impressive to hear from each of them and learn that they are all involved in campus leadership and out in the community creating change. All of these students have goals of transferring to a four-year university and many have aspirations of advanced degrees. Some of the students’ concerns include the future of Merrill Hall after the science building is completed. They were relieved when I told them we are planning to repurpose the building and not have it demolished.

Front L to R – Laura Zavala, Office of Student Life, Juana Sanchez, Angelica Joy Jubane, Andrea Cervantes, and Nadine Natividad.
Back L to R – Augustine Nevarez, Director, Office of Student Life, Jhanic Ramos, Gilbert Ramos, Raul Tapia, me, Frank Osorio, Ben Castillo, and Ali Saleh.
As you may remember, we are working with the firm Lionakis to design a Facilities Master Plan that will outline the needs and expansion of our college for the next 20 years. Last week, Principal, Dave Younger and Architect, Carina Abella Huang presented a second draft to the President’s Executive Cabinet. The document is almost ready to be presented to the campus community before being presented to the Governing Board. Earlier in the year, we invited the community at large to participate in public forums in addition to numerous meetings with faculty and staff. These meetings provided valuable input into the needs of the Salinas Valley in terms of education and its accessibility.

On Tuesday evening, Nick Pasculli’s Sales and Marketing/Customer Service classes joined the Santa Lucia Rotary Chapter at the Harden Foundation Plaza on the Alisal Campus.

The primary purpose of the evening was to create a “live learning laboratory” in which the students could practice their networking skills with community business owners (i.e. shaking hands, conversing, exchanging business cards, etc.). After the lab portion, the students reconvened for a debriefing: what did they learn about themselves, what would they do differently next time they had a chance to practice in a business/social setting, how many business cards did they obtain, tips for how to keep the conversation flowing, what to do with their hands and eyes during the conversation, and more. The students gave the “live learning laboratory” high marks in helping them to practice and improve their skills. Hartnell extends a big thank you to the Santa Lucia Rotary Chapter for their support of Hartnell students – including the soon to be launched new Rotoract chapter!
On Saturday, September 20, we had 25 Hartnell Earth Club student volunteers participate in the 30th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day in Monterey Bay. In total, there were 3,884 volunteers at 83 sites located between Waddell Creek and Big Sur; these efforts prevented 21,979 pounds of pollution and debris from entering the bay!

In Santa Cruz County alone, 2,588 volunteers collected 12,059 pounds of waste. In Monterey County alone, 1,296 volunteers removed 9,920 pounds of waste. The Earth Club is sponsored by Robert Barminski and Ann Wright; their cleanup site was the Salinas River State Beach.

11. Hartnell Athletics winning in every which way!

MEN’S SOCCER CONTINUES ITS GREAT PERFORMANCE

Lorenzo Vasquez (Alisal HS) and Alex Cibrian (Watsonville HS) scored two goals apiece and the Hartnell Men’s Soccer team jumped out to an early lead to defeat the previously undefeated Modesto Pirates by a score of 4-1.

WOMEN’S SOCCER CONTINUES TO AMAZE!

The women’s soccer team faced the City College of San Francisco last Tuesday at home and came out with a 2-0 win. First goal was scored by Maritza Nava and assisted by Angie Salinas, the second goal was scores by Karina Alvarez on a direct free kick. Anissa Stanton recorded 2 saves in the shutout. Defensive standouts include Victoria Perez, Gabby Pacheco, Saihra Zamudio, Angie Salinas and
Dejanira Hernandez. On Friday, the team faced Evergreen Valley College at a home game and game ended in a 1-1 tie. Goal scored by Karina Alvarez and assisted by Maritza Nava. The Lady Panthers are now 5-1-3. Their next game will be on Tuesday at Cabrillo at 7:00 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETES AT THE TOP OF THEIR GAME

The City by the Bay hosted the Lou Vasquez Invitational at Golden Gate Park on Thursday. The Hartnell College cross country found the weather and course to their liking taking both the men’s and women’s team titles decisively. Sophomore Diego Leon won his second meet of the year outrunning second place by 14 seconds over the four mile course. Leon’s time of 20:20 is the fourth best in school history and a 21 second improvement over his performance last year. The former Anzar Hawk is considered the top contender for the individual state title this fall. He was followed in third place by much improved Panther Justin Carrancho; he showed promise in high school at Watsonville and is now enjoying his best season of cross country. His time of 20:40 is the eighth best in school history. Joining Leon and Carrancho in the top fourteen were Rene Siqueiros in eleventh (21:30) and Luis Vargas in fourteenth (21:38). The Panthers bested a “B” squad from regionally top ranked American River College. Also running well were Andrews Gutierrez (21:49), Jesus Vazquez (22:09), and Fernando Corona (22:19).

The Hartnell women’s team is top ranked in Northern California and demonstrated their dominance here by placing three runners in the top seven and all scoring five in top seventeen. Brandi Hobson established a new program record for the Golden Gate Park 5km layout. Her time of 19:18 was good enough for fourth overall in the race and lowered the previous mark by 2 seconds. Next in the fifth place position was freshman Malena Grover at 19:29, the fourth best in school history. Coming on strong in seventh place was freshman Rachel Shimabukuro at 19:42. She jumps up to seventh best all-time. Completing the team scoring were Maritza Ruelas (20:30) and Nancy Rodriguez (20:34). Also competing well were Lizette Garcia (20:35) and Maria Rodriguez (20:49). The Lady Panthers easily outdistanced second place American River College.

For complete Lou Vazquez Invitational results http://www.directathletics.com/results/xc/6632.html

The Hartnell men are currently ranked #2 in Northern California to defending state champion American River College and #8 in the state. The highest team placing Hartnell has had at the state championship is sixth in 2006. http://www.cccaaasports.org/sports/mxc/Rankings
The Hartnell women are currently ranked #1 in Northern California and #6 in the state. The highest team placing Hartnell has enjoyed at the state championship in the last 10 years is seventh.

http://www.cccaasports.org/sports/wxc/Rankings

Both teams will compete next week at the College of San Mateo Crystal Springs Invitational. The course at Crystal Springs will play host to both the Coast Conference and Northern California Regional Championship later this season.

**FOOTBALL CONTINUES WINNING STREAK**

The Hartnell football team earned their 3rd win of the season this past weekend with a dominating performance as they defeated the Mendocino Eagles by the score of 71-31. In a game that was marred with penalties by both teams and a total time of 3 1/2 hours to complete, when the dust settled, the Panthers had scored one of the highest point totals in school history. Brandon Neverdon continued his punt block quest and this time he had an accomplice, Jose Martinez. Both players blocked punts, Neverdon returned one of them for a touchdown. The Panthers have blocked 6 punts in the first 3 games, 4 of them for touchdowns. That must be a record! Defensively, the Panthers continued to stuff their opponents, this week they kept Mendocino to less than 100 yards in the air. Rodrigo De La Cruz capped the strong defensive night with an interception that he returned for a touchdown. Running back Sherrod Hawked had 88 yards rushing and 2 TDs as he has totaled 5 in the first 3 games. Marcus Washington stepped in the game rattled off 134 yards and a TD himself. Once again QB Michael Turner performed well as he settles in to the position. If he continues to improve each week, he will have a very productive season.

12. Upcoming Events

- **Poetic Voices 2014 Festival**
  September 30, 2014
  Steinbeck Hall, 12:00 noon
- **The Arsonist**
  At the Western Stage – September 13 – October 4, 2014
  www.westernstage.com
- **Second Annual Veterans Appreciation Job Fair**
  Thursday, October 9, 2014
  Steinbeck Hall – 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **President’s Circle Reception**
  Thursday, October 30, 2014
  Location to be determined
The Western Stage Gala – A Christmas Story
Saturday, November 22, 2014
For tickets call 831-755-6810

13. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

STEM Students- San Ardo and Alisal invited to airshow
Same as above (Spanish)
http://archive.thecalifornian.com/article/20140920/NEWS05/309200006/Alumnos-de-San-Ardo-y-Alisal-invitados-al-airshow
Hartnell announces Hall of Fame 2014
Education leaders meet at Hartnell (Spanish)
Hartnell women blank CCSF soccer team
Hartnell scores every which way
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2014/09/22/hartnell-scores-every-way/16068129/
All is well with Hartnell vs. Cabrillo
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2014/09/26/hartnell-vs-cabrillo/16247023/
Big win for Hartnell football
Football wins big
http://newsboard.kolalo.com/news/CVmWmK.html