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. X-Country student-athletes named to All-State Academic Team

The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) All-State Academic Award list for Cross Country 2013 was released last week with Hartnell College having four student-athletes earning recognition. Congratulations to Diego Leon, Gustavo Manzo-Pelayo, Bruce Sloan, and Maritza Ruelas. This special recognition goes to those student-athletes who have carried a minimum 3.50 GPA from fall 2013 through summer 2014.

Diego Leon is a sophomore majoring in Environmental Resource Engineering. He is the top runner in the state heading into the final races of this season. Gustavo Manzo-Pelayo is a sophomore who has already completed an A.S. in Mathematics. He will be transferring to University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas spring 2015. Bruce Sloan completed his transfer requirements last spring and is currently enrolled as a psychology major at CSUMB. Maritza Ruelas is a sophomore majoring in Elementary Education. She is the defending Coast Conference cross country individual champion. Congratulations to these student-athletes and congratulations to our coaches, faculty, and staff who continue to encourage our student-athletes to focus on education and to perform as champions.

2. Peter Calvert presented State Award at reception

On Tuesday, October 21, 2014 Hartnell students and staff gathered in B-208 to celebrate Business Professor, Peter Calvert as the recipient of ‘Teacher of the Year Award 2014’ by the California Association for Postsecondary Education and Disability (CAPED) – a statewide award.
The CAPED Annual Conference was held on October 11-12 in Santa Clara and Mr. Calvert was unable to accept the award in person, thus his esteemed colleagues prepared this special tribute to him. VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo did introductions, Michael Burcker spoke on behalf of students, and I had the honor of delivering the award, which he accepted with a humility and grace. Peter Calvert was nominated by Theresa Carbajal, LD Specialist/Counselor. In her letter of nomination she wrote, “Peter has demonstrated all the necessary qualities needed of a great teacher. He is fully knowledgeable in theory and practice in his field; he is compassionate, flexible, energetic, efficient, and fun to work with. Peter relates very well with DSP&D students and staff alike.” Congratulations!

3. Hartnell STEM Interns do well at SACNAS

The Hartnell College STEM Internship Program would like to congratulate Jaziel Hernandez, Jhanic Ramos, Lauren Polo, Rebecca Gonzalez, Thalia Hernandez, Erik Bautista, Rexavalmar Niduaza, Carolina Zamora, Annie O, and Marisol Sanchez for participating in the 2014 SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science) national conference. In Los Angeles two students won recognitions: Jhanic Ramos (left) won for her category of Engineering (project: PV Cleaner Robot) (General) and Jaziel Hernandez (right) won for her category in Biochemistry/Biophysics (project: Quantifying Butanol production of a Genetically Engineered Halophile.) SACNAS is a society of scientists dedicated to fostering the success of Hispanic/Chicano and Native American scientists – from college students to professionals – to attain advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership in science. “This is my fourth year attending Hartnell College. I plan to transfer to the UC Davis. My career goal is to obtain my M.D. and Ph.D. at UC, San Francisco specializing in Neurosurgery to research why brain tumors and neurological diseases occur” said Jhanic.
Jazel has been invited to participate in the iGEMS competition in Boston with several of her teammates from her summer internship program. “I will be transferring to UC Santa Cruz fall 2015 and continue on to medical school focused on Pediatrics Oncology. My life goal is to contribute to the research and patient care at St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital,” shared Jazel.


4. Chief McMillin is faces tough questions

Hartnell College welcomed Salinas Police Department Chief Kelly McMillin on October 22, 2014 as a guest speaker at Steinbeck Hall. This was part of the Speaker Series co-sponsored by the Sociology Department and the Office of Student Life. The room was filled with over 100 students, faculty, staff, media, and community members who wanted to hear the latest strategies the police is taking to crack down on crime. The hot topics dealt with police-involved shootings, but the Chief could not comment on those due to ongoing investigations.

McMillin is a Hartnell alumnus and he was happy to be invited to talk about issues that affect the community. The message was for the community to get involved in reporting crime. Overall, a survey showed most attendees were happy with the talk. Chief McMillin was the first guest in the 2014-2015 Speaker Series. These talks provide an opportunity for faculty, students, and Hartnell campus community to engage in discussions on a range of social issues.

5. Wear pink, support a cause

The Associated Students of Hartnell College hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness Day at the Student Center on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. They encouraged students and staff to wear pink. They offered pink cupcakes, pink lemonade, and another pink concoction. They accepted donations to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Here I am (wearing a pink tie) with VP of Student Affairs, Romero Jalomo and Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen enjoying a drink.
6. Chevron gives energy for learning in King City

Hartnell student Vanessa Morga (left in the picture) is discussing with Greenfield Library Manager, Beth Lopez how to tutor students in the homework help program. Vanessa is a recipient of the Chevron scholarship which requires her to create change in her community. On Friday, October 24, 2014, Miss Lopez noticed there were 48 students in the featured homework help room. Thanks to Vanessa and her sense of leadership and care, this is the first time that the Chevron "Energy for Learning" program, piloted three semesters ago in South County, is extended to students requiring assistance at the local libraries.

7. Partnerships are Focused on Education Opportunities

The faculty at Soledad High School got a visit from VP of Academic Affairs, Dr. Lori Kildal accompanied by Hartnell staff to solicit input on suggested topics/courses to be taught in South County (Soledad H.S. being one). The Soledad faculty members were introduced to Hartnell deans and directors representing areas of high demand where more instructors are needed. They encouraged qualified members to serve as adjunct instructors to facilitate course offerings in South County. Hartnell Human Resources coordinator Alma Arriaga spoke about the State of California's minimum qualification requirements for community college instructors as well as Hartnell's adjunct application process. Following the group presentation, Soledad faculty had the opportunity to explore options one-on-one with the deans directors specific to their areas of expertise. A big ‘thank you’ to Soledad H.S. Principal, Elizabeth Austin and Hartnell South County Dean, Renata Funke for coordinating the visit.

L to R - Debra Kaczmar, Dr. Susan Pheasant, Dr. Lori Kildal, Kathy Mendelsohn, Elizabeth Austin, Dan Teresa, Alma Arriaga, Stephanie Low, and Renata Funke. Not pictured - Shannon Bliss.

8. Advanced Diesel & Automotive Technology stays certified

Hartnell Advanced Diesel & Automotive Technology has renewed its status as a Certified Training Institution. Pursuant to Section 44030.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Hartnell College is certified to provide the following emission training courses:

- Level 1 Engine and Emission Control Fundamentals Training
- Level 2 Smog Check Procedures Training
The certification, which covers diesel, gasoline, and hybrid vehicles, is granted by the Department of Consumer Affairs - Bureau of Automotive Repair and is valid through April 30, 2015.

9. Farm Day was a day of giving for our Ag Ambassadors

On October 23, 2014, the Agricultural Business & Technology Institute was represented at the Monterey Farm Day with our Ag Ambassadors as volunteers. The activities happened at the Rodeo grounds in Salinas and over 1,600 students from 81 schools from Monterey County attended presentations related to agriculture, livestock, farming, welding, and more. Our own President of the Board of Trustees, Candi DePauw, organized Farm Day through the Monterey Ag Education Foundation. Hartnell staff in attendance included Al Graham and Dr. Susan Pheasant. I was unable to participate due to attendance at a conference, but my wife, Michele Lewallen, served as a volunteer. They helped with guiding tours and presentations. Thanks to our students and volunteers John Grow, Geoff Fletcher, Martin Alvarado, Justin Masssa, Cody Lingbeck, Dean Lingbeck, Geoff Fletcher, Eric Painter, and John Grow.

10. Hartnell’s Planetarium hosts solar eclipse viewing

On Thursday, October 23, the Hartnell Planetarium hosted a viewing event for a partial eclipse of the sun. Several telescopes and other viewing aids were available to the well over 100 people who attended. These instruments were operated by Planetarium Educator Andy Kreyche and volunteers Ric Babcock, Hank Cho, and Greg Bosler. Astronomy instructor Dr. Pimol Moth was also on hand to
assist with explanations. The event was briefly featured during the weather report on that evening’s Central Coast News on KION television.

A solar eclipse happens when the moon briefly passes directly between the earth and the sun. In the case of this partial eclipse there was nowhere on earth that the moon completely covered the sun; just over 40% of the sun was covered from our view in Salinas. It was still a great opportunity to enjoy a special occasion to share knowledge about the universe with Hartnell students, faculty, staff and the general public.

The day of the eclipse proved to be a particularly active one for the sun, which boasted one of the largest sunspot groups to be seen in years. Through specialized solar telescopes, viewers were also able to see other features: bright finger-like prominences, long dark filaments, solar granulation, and the silhouette of moon craters and mountains against the backdrop of the sun.

Many people took pictures of the eclipse with their phone cameras and everyone enjoyed taking a few moments to ponder this special alignment and the awesome power of our closest star.

Here's a link to a beautiful photo taken by someone in Southern California:

11. The STEMART Lab – STEM and art infused!

On October 14 the President's Executive Cabinet received a presentation about an innovative educational proposal for the college. In an effort to improve the critical thinking and problem solving abilities of STEM students, a Faculty Inquiry Group (FIG) of science and art faculty devised a proposal to refit a portion of four spaces in Building J to create a unique, multi-use STEMART LAB facility. The function of this lab would be to facilitate the interaction of the disciplines of science and art. In the real world, the problem solving processes of the sciences have always been informed by the creative processes of the arts. This is not, however, addressed in academia where disciplines are separated with few interactions occurring between them. This situation handicaps students who cannot access the type of shared thinking used in the professional world. The STEMART LAB would reverse this unfortunate situation by creating an interdisciplinary focused facility with curriculum to accommodate the goal of creative thinking - out of the box thinking - in science students, while exposing art students to the methods and riggers of science. This mixture is the stuff of which innovations in these fields are made.

Hartnell's STEMART LAB would be a unique place on this campus where, while still in their formative years, STEM
students would learn, as do art students, to visualize that which cannot yet be seen; convey ideas, concepts, and discoveries in imaginative modes of visual communication; control time-space through 3-D modeling and motion pictures; and experience much more. (Members of the FIG are Ann Wright, Lawrence Yee, Eric Bosler, and Jerri Nemiro.) “After a certain high level of technical skill is achieved, science and art tend to coalesce in esthetics, plasticity, and form. The greatest scientists are always artists as well.” - Albert Einstein

12. An unforgettable performance

On Tuesday, October 14, a free concert was offered in K-125 with Shoko Hikage, on the Japanese Koto, and Thomas Schultz, on piano. The concert featured both traditional and contemporary pieces, including the U.S. premier of a piece by Hyo-shini Na, who was in attendance at the concert. These artists were invited to the college as part of the artist-in-residence series that brings world-class performers to do demonstrations and concerts for our students and the community. As part of this residency, Shoko demonstrated the Koto for five different classes and was able to interact directly with our students who took away an amazing experience - feeling as one student put it, “transported to another world.”

The next group to come as part of the series will be the award-winning group The Choral Project, an a cappella choir from the San Jose area. They will provide workshops for our choral students and a concert on Monday, April 27 at 7:00 PM in building K.

13. Leon Wins Mt. SAC Invitational - Grover Leads Hartnell Women

It was a clash of the titans in the men’s community college four-mile race Friday at the Mt. SAC Invitational in Walnut, CA. In their initial match-up back in September, Hartnell College’s Diego Leon bested College of the Canyons Rodrigo Ornelas by two seconds to win the state preview meet. Since then, Leon has won three of four meets while Ornelas has gone on to win the SoCal Preview meet and several other invitationals. They faced each other again Friday with Leon methodically working his way up through the field before finally pulling even to Ornelas just as the pair traversed the famed Reservoir Hill. It was on the course’s ominous final hill named “switchbacks” that Leon finally gained the winning
Leon stopped the clock at 20:30 with a 17 second advantage over Ornelas. His time was 58 seconds faster than he ran in 2013 and also established a Hartnell College record for the Mt. SAC course by 29 seconds. Heading into the final three meets of the season, Leon will be considered the top contender for the individual state championship. As a team, the Hartnell men placed third overall besting teams who had been ranked higher than the Panthers from Saddleback College, Glendale College, and Southwestern College. The Panthers finished just 11 points behind state fourth ranked and meet host Mt. SAC. Justin Carrancho (21:36), Rene Siqueiros (21:48), Luis Vargas (22:03), Andrews Gutierrez (22:07), Javier Garcia (22:35) and Diego Avila (22:36) made up the scoring seven for the Panther.

Malena Grover made a name for herself against a very tough field comprised of predominantly of Southern California community colleges. Grover used a very aggressive first mile to position herself amongst the top women. Her time of 18:52 was good enough to keep her in thirteenth overall. She was followed closely by teammate Brandi Hobson in sixteenth (19:07) who is making a comeback after being out two weeks with Achilles tendonitis. Rachel Shimabukuro (19:38), Maritza Ruelas (19:58), Nancy Rodriguez (20:03), Lizette Garcia (20:29), and Cynthia Tovar (20:31) helped the Lady Panthers to a fourth place team finish. This is the second time the Lady Panthers have traveled to Mt. SAC and recorded a fourth place team finish.

14. Men’s Soccer continues unbeaten streak

Marco Ruelas’ (North Salinas HS) 24th minute volley off a Jose Flores (Watsonville HS) assist was all Hartnell needed to secure a 6-0 conference start and 1-0 victory over perennial playoff contender Evergreen Valley College. Hartnell played without All-American candidate and the state leading scorer Lorenzo Vasquez and extended a 13 game unbeaten streak.

On Friday, October 24, Alejandro Cibrian’s (Watsonville HS) two goals and one assist helped Hartnell beat Chabot College 4-0 and help Hartnell maintain a perfect conference record. Lorenzo Vasquez (Alisal HS) started the scoring in the 25th minute with a redirect header off a corner. Jorge Martinez Jr. (Alvarez HS) scored his first collegiate goal in the 55th minute off a Cibrian cross. Cibrian finished the scoring with goals in the 66th and 70th minutes off assists from Daniel Pulido (Alisal HS) and state scoring leader, Lorenzo Vasquez.

Before Friday’s win at Chabot, Hartnell was ranked # 2 in Northern California, #4 in the State, and #6 in the Nation. Next game is in San Bruno against Skyline, Tuesday, October 28 at 3:00 p.m.

Pictured Alejandro Cibrian
15. Women’s soccer record continues to improve

At last week’s game at West Valley, the Lady Panthers came out with a 3-0 win. Karina Alvarez had one goal and one assist. Angelique Salinas had one goal and Marlen one assist. One of the goals was an own goal by West Valley. Anissa Stanton recorded the shutout. The Hartnell women improve to 9-3-3. The next game will be on Tuesday at City College of San Francisco at 3 p.m.

16. Volleyball team working hard to make strides

Last week, the Volleyball team defeated City College of San Francisco 26-24, 23-25, 25-19, 25-23. Standouts for this match were Maryiah Oliver with 22 kills and 19 digs. Setter Brittany Schulte dished out 43 setting assists, and served 4 aces.

Friday night had the Panthers facing last year’s State champions Cabrillo College. We lost 25-11, 25-11, 25-18. Stand outs for this match were sophomore captain Alondra Haro with 6 blocks and 7 kills. Crissy Almorada lead with 17 digs.

The league record stands at 3-1; overall 8-8.

The next matches include Monterey Peninsula College and San Jose City College.

17. Hartnell Football Team is a big contender

The Hartnell College football team traveled to Pittsburg, CA last weekend and beat host Los Medanos College 37-29. Hartnell has improved its overall season record to 5-1. Michael Turner, a sophomore, had his most prolific game in a Hartnell uniform by completing 22 of 35 passes for 324 yards and three touchdowns. Turner has thrown for at least two touchdowns in every game this year to give him 16 for the season.

His younger brother Ronnie Turner, a freshman, had six catches for 150 yards and three touchdowns. Hartnell running back Sherrod Hawkes had 53 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries. The Panthers held a slim 17-15 lead at halftime with the help of a Hawkes 3-yard touchdown run, his 10th of the year. Hartnell then broke the game open by scoring touchdowns on three straight drives in the second half.

Nias Martin and Santana Baskerville had one interception a piece for Hartnell while Robert Mosely and Hildev Manzure, out of Palma High, each had a quarterback sack. Jose Martinez of Soledad High had six tackles and three assists. Hartnell has scored in 22 of its 24 quarters this year.

18. Upcoming Events

- Harvey – a comedy of errors
  October 31 – November 23, 2014
  www.westernstage.com or 755-6816
• Engaged parents, Engaged Student Conference
Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Hartnell College
In conjunction with Literacy Campaign of Monterey County - 831-595-2665

• The Western Stage Gala – A Christmas Story
Saturday, November 22, 2014
For tickets call 831-755-6810

19. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Hartnell teacher receives statewide award

Hartnell professor Peter Calvert receives award

IMPOWER kicks off fall with sold out luncheon

Police Chief contrasts Salinas and Ferguson

(Spanish) Police Chief talk on Salinas and Ferguson
http://www.ksmstv.com/2014/10/23/comparan-a-salinas-con-ferguson/

To police or not to police
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/news_blog/to-police-or-not-to-police-a-roundup-of-recent/article_26daeaae-5b01-11e4-9e3b-0017a43b2370.html

Partial solar eclipse coming

Steinbeck Center will ask again to have debt forgiven
http://www.montereyherald.com/education/ci_26766068/national-steinbeck-center-will-ask-again-have-debt

Terry Harrell found healing and inspiration at Hartnell
Dyestatcal Post-race Interview with Diego Leon
Hartnell women try to continue surge
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2014/10/24/hartnell-women-try-continue-surge-today/17794129/
Anytime is a good time for Hartnell and MPC
Turbo combo works for Hartnell
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2014/10/20/turner-combo-works-hartnell/17627033/
King City boys second in invitational
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2014/10/21/king-city-boys-second-invitational/17648157/