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. Employee Innovation Grants Awarded!

On October 28, 2014, the Professional Development Committee announced the first five recipients of Employee Innovation Grants. This grant program, now in its inaugural year, was designed to provide financial assistance to spur innovation related to the improvement of student learning. Five grants of up to $3,500 may be awarded each year.

Applicants for the innovation grants—any full- or part-time faculty member or regular classified staff member—must link their project proposals to specific strategic priorities and goals of the college, and explain how their projects will directly enhance the quality of learning at Hartnell. The 2014-15 awardees and their projects are:

- Sewan Fan, Salinas Airshower Learning and Discovery Project
- Marnie Glazier, Theatre Department Research and Development Outreach Project
- Hortencia Jimenez, Community Experiential Learning Project
- Carol Kimbrough, Faculty Leadership Institute Project
- R. Burton Ward, Critical Path Construction Scheduling Internships Project

The preliminary results of the grant projects will be presented at a college-wide event in late spring. Congratulations to our creative employees!
2. Hartnell Alumna reaching new heights of success

Last week, I shared an article with you regarding Dr. Nicole Guidotti-Hernandez: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/09/10/ut-austin-mexican-american-studies_n_5800122.html?utm_hp_ref=tw she will be heading the Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies at University of Texas at Austin. Nicole is a product of the Salinas Valley. She graduated from Hartnell College, transferred to UC Santa Cruz, and moved on to Cornell University. We should be so proud! She is a published author of several books on feminism, immigration, and Latino studies, plus she continues to research these topics for future books.

Our own Sociology Professor, Dr. Hortencia Jimenez attended University of Texas and was affiliated with the Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies; she had the following statement:

“As a Sociology alumna from the University of Texas at Austin, I am delighted about the recent news that Dr. Nicole Guidotti-Hernandez, a Hartnell alumna will be the Director of the Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies at UT Austin. I was honored to have received a doctoral portfolio certification from such an esteemed department.

Dr. Guidotti-Hernandez is an inspiration and role model for students! I am proud of her accomplishments and wish her success as the new director of one of the leading and cutting edge departments in the nation on Mexican American and Latina/o Studies.” At Hartnell College we are growing leaders through opportunity, engagement, and achievement – Nicole is one who exemplifies this vision. Congratulations!

3. Hartnell presents workshops at prestigious national conferences to showcase the STEM Research Internships Program

STEMtech CONFERENCE
A team of Hartnell staff members, an internship partner, and a student presented a workshop at the STEMtech Conference in Denver, Colorado. The conference took place November 9-12 and draws close to 1,000 participants.

(Note: Joe Welch was unable to attend due to a conflict with another conference. Pat McNeill, Internship Coordinator, filled in for him.)

Student Lauren Polo presenting at STEMtech

ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONGRESS
A team of Governing Board members and staff presented a workshop at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Annual Leadership Congress in Chicago. The conference took place October 20-24 in Chicago. Some team members arrived early in the week to participate in some pre-conference symposia on selected topics.

We were honored that former superintendent/president Dr. Phoebe Helm attended our workshop presentation. Dr. Helm hosted a reception for the Hartnell team at her home that evening. The ACCT Leadership Congress draws over 2,000 attendees from community colleges across the nation. The conference features symposia on important issues and workshops featuring best practices in community college education. The conference program can be accessed at http://www.acct.org/events/2014-acct-leadership-congress. The Hartnell presentation has been posted at http://www.hartnell.edu/sites/default/files/Library_Documents/president/docs/acct_2014_final.pdf. We also shared the brief video from the 2013 STEM Research Internships Symposium (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cav8TlnVxho).
Last week, the Ag Steering Advisory Committee met for its quarterly get together at the Alisal Campus. As it is usual, the members, composed of Hartnell faculty/staff and AG industry leaders, heard updates on Ag classes at Hartnell, its students, and needs at both ends of the spectrum. During the meeting, Hartnell student Viridiana Melgoza, Agriculture Production major, was a guest speaker. She spoke of her love for agriculture and wanting to make a career in the ag industry. She aspires to transfer to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to major in Agriculture and Applied Sciences, but eventually return to Salinas and establish her residence here. “I am sad to transfer out,” she expressed. “I love it here at Hartnell so much!” Her mother, Elizabeth Ruiz sat next to her filled with pride and emotion and said, “I have never seen my daughter so excited about something before, so thank you all for making this happen for her.”

After such an emotional presentation, the committee broke out into three teams to brainstorm about the Ag Institute Programs and any gaps that might be present in meeting the workforce needs of the industry. The groups focused on careers which will be in demand in the next five years, wages associated with those positions, and skills needed to perform them. The three groups agreed that more skilled workers are needed in Ag production, business, marketing, food safety, pest control, refrigeration, and more. They are willing to assist in any way they can to make sure more young people find interest in these careers. We at Hartnell are so thankful to the Ag industry for supporting our programs and students in so many ways.

5. Speech Team takes home more prizes

The Hartnell Speech Team had its best showing in the team’s history on October 31, 2014 at the Mustang Invitational Tournament, held at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, CA. There were 18 participating schools from three states; among them, Rice University, Colorado College, and University of San Diego. The team secured several individual awards:

- Adrian Flores- 1st place Novice Poetry Interpretation; 3rd place Novice Dramatic Interpretation.
Lourdes Tinajero- 1st place Novice Prose Interpretation; Top Novice Dramatic Duo Interpretation
Chris Rendon- Top Novice Program of Oral Interpretation; Top Novice Dramatic Duo Interpretation
Victoria Garcia- 3rd place, Open Communication Analysis
Meritzy Ayala- 3rd place, Novice Informative Speaking
Sarina Atkins- 6th place, Novice Informative Speaking

The individual results earned the squad a 3rd place overall team trophy, only the second time the Hartnell Speech Team has scored high enough in a combined team effort to secure such an award. The team award is a cumulative score based on individual performances. “This is very exciting,” said coach Jason Hough. “The team members have been doing really well at winning individual recognition. However, an overall team finish is a big step forward for the program.”

The team’s next competition will be held at UC Berkeley on December 6 and 7.

Pictured front row: Lourdes Tinajero, Chris Rendon, Tanaya Landry, Marc Dover, Adrian Flores
Back row: Victoria Garcia, Meritzy Ayala, Andrea Cervantes, Joy Jubane, Sarina Atkins

6. Harmony at Home asks to invest in youth

On Friday, November 7, I attended a luncheon for Harmony at Home, a non-profit organization that uses prevention and intervention programs towards a more safe and peaceful society for children and families.

They offer onsite programs at schools in Monterey County with programs like Sticks & Stones: school based and family counseling; What about the children (WATC); youth mentoring; bullying prevention, and more.

It is amazing to see the results this program delivers: between 68-84% of children that complete the counseling programs show improvement in their overall functioning. Harmony at Home has served over 10,000 children and families and is celebrating its 10th year anniversary in 2014.

If you would like to help, call 831-625-5160 or go to www.harmony-at-home.org.

7. New campus security provider at Hartnell

Effective Saturday, November 8, 2014, First Alarm Security & Patrol will be taking over as security provider for Hartnell Community College District. All phone numbers and office location will remain the same.

First Alarm Security & Patrol was founded in 1966. They apply a unique combination of electronic security and uniformed security guard protocols to provide efficient, integrated security solutions to Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Sonoma County California residents and businesses. The First Alarm brand earned the reputation of quality, integrity and professionalism in the protection of life, property and private assets.
We thank Universal Protection Services for their dedication to Hartnell for the last seven years and special recognition goes out to Site Supervisor Bill Myers for his commitment and leadership.

In the next few weeks, we will schedule an opportunity for students and employees to meet the staff of First Alarm Security & Patrol.

8. Dia de los muertos: a colorful day of remembrance

On November 3, 2014, the Office of Student Life and the ASHC decorated the Student Center in commemoration of Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead. Every 2nd of November, the Latino community remembers those family members and friends who have passed on with altars and offerings. Some of the activities included sugar skull decoration, club altar contest, hot chocolate, and ‘day of the dead’ bread.

9. KION and Telemundo sponsor The Western Stage Gala

KION and Telemundo have become great supporters and sponsors for various fundraisers at Hartnell College. This year, they are also sponsoring the TWS Gala on Saturday, November 22, 2014. KION produced two commercial spots for us: one in English and one in Spanish. Click on the links below to check them out. Hope to see you at the Gala!

Promo in English: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gZCgaT2QeU
Promo in Spanish: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lH097NNwJ9A

10. Chancellor’s Office web site – Hartnell photo featured

www.cccco.edu
11. Women’s soccer update

The ladies continue to amaze on the soccer field. Last week, they beat Cabrillo with a 3-0 win. Two goals came from Maritza Nava and Karina Alvarez. Two assists came from Angelique Salinas and Saihra Zamudio. Anissa Stanton recorded the shutout. Then it came time to face De Anza, but there was nothing to fear. The Lady Panthers came away victorious one more time with a 2-0 win. Goals were scored by Adela Hernandez on a penalty kick and Maritza Nava off an assist by Karina Alvarez. Anissa Stanton recorded the shutout in goal. Hartnell’s record improves to 12-4-3. The next game will be at Foothill on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.

12. Men’s Soccer team gets up from a fall

On November 4, San Francisco snaps Hartnell 16-game unbeaten streak! Despite an 8 to 3 shooting and a 10 to 1 corner kick advantage, the Hartnell Men’s soccer team suffered their first defeat in conference. San Francisco scored a goal in the 51st minute and great defense was all they needed to hold off the Panthers in a 1-0 win.

But on November 7th, Hartnell bounced back when they played with Cabrillo College. The Panthers came out victorious with a final score of 5-1. It took Hartnell only 4 minutes to get on the scoreboard when Daniel Pulido tapped in a throwing at the far post. In the 21st minute, Alex Cibrian fed Lorenzo Vasquez to making it 2-0 and the rout was on. Luis Orendain cashed in on a corner kick in the 41st minute. Arturo Bolanos and Lorenzo Vasquez finished the scoring for the Panthers in the 52nd and 54th minutes. Cabrillo headed in a consolation goal in the 63rd minute for a final score of 5-1.

The Panthers are 14-2-3 overall, 9-1-1 in conference play, and have a #4 state ranking.

13. Football team continues strong

Hartnell proved too much for visiting Gavilan on Saturday - its defense registering 13 sacks in a 34-7 victory. The Panthers gave Gavilan quarterback fits as Robert Mosley had 3 1/2 sacks while Chuntony Johnson and Rodrigo De La Cruz each had two. The “sack machine” overshadowed a strong run stop performance by the defense by only allowing 14 total yards on the ground. Offensively, the Panthers Sherrod Hawkes had 21 carries, scoring two touchdowns and finishing with 177 yards on the ground. The Panthers, who led 20-7 at halftime, separated from the Rams with an electric 45-yard punt return touchdown run.
from Dominic Miller. The last score came when quarterback Michael Turner hit Randy Ivey for an 11-yard touchdown reception. Hartnell improved to 3-1 in conference and 7-1 overall. The Panthers are 13-1 in their last 14 games dating back to last year and ranked No. 6 in the state in scoring at 44.2 points a game.

14. Lady Panthers achieving in Volleyball

This last week was a very important week for the Women’s Volleyball team. Both matches were important because they would help determine if the team would be making it to the Northern California Playoffs. Wednesday night’s match was against Chabot College. They battled it out and the Lady Panthers came away with the win. The final scores were: 17-25, 25-22, 22-15, 25-21, 16-14. The fifth set had the panthers down 10-14, when the team rallied back with six points in a row to win the match. Standouts from this match were Freshmen Brittany Schulte with 34 digs and 32 setting assists. Mariyah Oliver rolled her ankle in the fourth set and came back to help with 15 kills and 21 digs.

Friday night’s match was against San Francisco City College. The panthers swept them 25-18, 25-17, 25-21. Standouts were Freshmen Taylor Blaha (North Monterey County HS) with 5 kills and 3 blocks. Sophomore captain Alondra Haro (Alisal HS) with 9 kills and 5 blocks.

Next week, the ladies will face the 2013 State Champions Cabrillo College at Cabrillo, and cross town rival Monterey Peninsula College at MPC.

15. Upcoming Events

Veterans Day Events
Tuesday, November 11, 2014
11:00 a.m. – Workout out in the quad area
1:00 p.m. - Veterans Day Ceremony at Student Center

Transfer Day * College Night
Thursday, November 13, 2014
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Student Center

Athletics Hall of Fame 2014
Saturday, November 15, 2014
11:45 a.m. Induction Ceremony at Student Center
6:00 p.m. Football game at Rabobank Stadium
For tickets, call 831-755-6810
The Western Stage Gala – A Christmas Story
Saturday, November 22, 2014
For tickets call 831-755-6810

President's Forum – Fall 2014
Monday, November 24, 2014
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall
Lunch is included

Holiday Feast for Employees and Supporters
Friday, December 12, 2014
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall

16. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Hartnell students recognized at national conference

Hartnell College and mini corps start new NASA partnership
http://www.bcoe.org/news/what_s_new/hartnell_college_and_mini_corps_start_new_n_a_s_a_

Letter to the editor – Governing Boards Summit
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/opinion/readers/2014/11/06/letters-editor-nov/18602573/

Salinas startup bridging tech divide
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/money/2014/09/30/salinas-startup-bridging-tech-divide/16512199/

Hartnell hopes to score early and often
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2014/11/07/hartnell-hopes-score-early-often/18631463/

Junior College women’s basketball preview

Hartnell overpowers Gavilan

Hartnell sets up Saturday showdown

Hartnell to enshrine 12 into Hall of Fame
http://www.montereyherald.com/localsports/ci_26903503/clipboard-hartnell-enshrine-12-into-hall-fame