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.

Saturday, November 15, 2014 was a very special day here at Hartnell. We welcomed the Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees, the Class of 2014 – celebrating the second year of this important tradition. Thirteen were inducted into this elite group, including a team. It started with what I thought would be a small group to tour the campus with me. To my surprise, around 50 signed up for it! It was a great morning of sharing the many changes that have taken place because for many it was their first time on the campus in 20 or 30 years. You could just sense the pride of our alumni and family members as I took them to the library, the Field House, Theater Arts building, the gym, and gave them a preview of the new science center under construction.

The induction ceremony was a first class. Dennis Lehnen from KSBW was the emcee once again; he introduced speakers that included Board of Trustees President, Candi DePauw, City of Salinas Councilmember, Jyl Lutes, Athletics Director, Dan Teresa, and me. A video narrating the start of the Athletics Hall of Fame tradition at Hartnell was also introduced.

It was an exciting and emotional day. Each inductee was introduced, given a medal, a poster board of their accomplishments, a Hawaiian lei, and certificates of achievement from Hartnell, Assembly member Luis Alejo, Congressman Sam Farr, and Salinas Mayor, Joe Gunter.
After the ceremony, we all walked over to the Gymnasium for the unveiling of the Athletic Hall of Fame wall, where plaques of our 2013 and 2014 inductees are placed to commemorate their achievements.

In the evening, it was game time! Hartnell’s football team defeated West Hills in a tight game 24-16. The inductees were introduced during half time and it was another year filled with honor and grace. We are looking forward to next year!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2014!

2. Salinas Race Equity and Healing Week Training

Last week, Hartnell colleagues and I participated in the Salinas Race Equity and Healing Week Training Launch sponsored by Salinas Building Healthy Communities (ESBHC) and the ESBHC Governing for Racial Equity (GRE) Workgroup. Kelly Locke, Kathy Mendelsohn, and Jackie Cruz were invited to participate as Hartnell representatives. As an ESBHC partner, we were invited to specifically participate in the 2-Day ESBHC Community session November 17-18 with a follow-up session on Friday, November 21 that included City of Salinas.
leadership. This Training is based on the emerging practice out of the Governing for Racial Equity Consortium (www.grenetwork.org), which works to end institutional and structural racism and to develop and implement policies that promote health and racial equity. The ESBHC GRE Workgroup has been working in partnership with City of Salinas staff who are actively engaged in planning this capacity building practice to achieve racial and health equity. Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez, representing Monterey County Health Department, participated in the training. The training was facilitated by Race Forward (https://www.raceforward.org/) and The National Compadres Network (http://www.nationalcompadresnetwork.com/lcc/lcc.html).

3. Hartnell Presents Workshop at Annual CCLC Conference

Last week, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Brian Lofman and I presented a workshop at the Annual Conference of the Community College League of California (http://leagueconvention.wordpress.com/schedule/). The workshop was titled “Ensuring Institutional Effectiveness through Purposeful Design of Continuous Improvement Processes.” Our presentation focused on the model Hartnell has implemented for assessing institutional effectiveness through continuous improvement processes. Information about the Hartnell continuous improvement model and processes can be accessed at http://www.hartnell.edu/continuous-improvement.

4. Special awareness workshop held for veterans

On Wednesday, November 19, the Veterans Club, with support of the Veterans Service Center, held a Suicide Awareness Forum. The forum was moderated by Professor Peter Calvert and the panel was composed of five Hartnell College student veterans. The students who spoke were Benjamin Kroskey - Marine Corps, Ryan Sparks - Army, Gilbert Bernabe - Army, Ivan Suarez - Air force, and Robert Smith - Marine Corps. They shared their personal experiences, and how these affected them and those around them; in addition, they discussed the impact of veteran stress on their education. The students shared a music
video that touched on the topics that were discussed during the forum. At the end of the student presentations, the audience asked questions. Evaluations were given out at the conclusion of the workshop and the feedback received from the faculty and staff was overwhelmingly positive.

5. New exhibit by President’s office

The exhibit space right next to my office in building E is displaying new art. The title of the exhibit is ‘Seed Pods.’ These pods rendered in clay are the first pieces made by Hartnell students during the fall semester ceramics classes taught by Sylvia Rios. Each participating artist paid special attention in creating a form that captures the character of each seed, using visual resources including a collection of pods, photographs and imagination. In photo - Gary Smith, retired arts faculty, curating the space.

6. Community Colleges: Strong Interest in Four-Year Degrees

I am happy to announce that Hartnell College is one of 36 districts that submitted letters of intent to the state Chancellor's Office indicating our desire to host a baccalaureate degree program, signaling strong support for legislation signed by the governor this fall authorizing the system to award bachelor's degrees as part of a limited pilot program. "The districts' strong interest in building baccalaureate degree programs is heartening," said California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris. "They are pioneering a new mission for the California Community Colleges and opening up pathways for Californians who may not have had the chance to earn a four-year degree."

The legislation, known as Senate Bill 850 and authored by Sen. Marty Block (D-San Diego), allows up to 15 districts to establish a pilot baccalaureate degree program at one of their colleges in a field of study not offered by the California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC).

"SB 850 is a game changer for California students," Block said. "Students now have another door that can lead to a quality, affordable four-year degree."

The thirty-six districts seek to build baccalaureate degree programs in a wide variety of diverse vocational fields. Many of the proposed programs are in fields where graduates with associate degrees can already expect to earn $60,000 a few years after graduation, making them very cost-effective. Ours is in food safety.

Any district wishing to host a program must submit an application to the Chancellor's Office by December 19, 2014. The board is scheduled to make its decision on January 21, 2015.

Under the law the four-year degree programs must be up and running by at least the 2017-18 academic year, however districts may start their programs by the fall 2015.
semester. Districts must also seek approval from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to start a program.

7. Yolanda's retirement party

On Friday, November 21, 2014 Administrative Services threw a ‘happy retirement’ party for Yolanda Barroros. She is happy and excited to take this next step in her life where traveling with her husband will be one of the activities at the top of her list.

Yolanda started working at Hartnell College as a temporary worker in Admissions and Records in June 2002 prior to becoming the main campus Switchboard Operator/Receptionist on November 3, 2003. She was always very courteous and helpful to students, staff, and the community.

“She was number 1 in customer service,” said VP of Administrative Services, Al Muñoz.” Her co-workers say that she always made sure a question was answered to the satisfaction of the one asking. She went above and beyond to help a student, staff member or colleague in need. Yolanda will surely be missed but we all wish her the very best!

8. New marketing commercial spots being produced

Stay tuned because in December we will feature new Hartnell commercial spots in the different media outlets. These spots are made in documentary style to show ‘the heart of Hartnell’ through the lens and into the homes of residents in our District. This time, we are adding new elements including a faculty member, an alumnus, and a female student who is so excited about STEM.

In photo, alumnus Samuel Medina being interviewed by the producers at Mac+Ava Motion Pictures.
9. Congratulation Hartnell Football - Conference champs!!


10. Upcoming Events

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

- Deferred Action Legal Clinic
  Saturday, December 6, 2014
  3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
  Steinbeck Hall

- Holiday Feast!
  Friday, December 12, 2014
  11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
  This is a campus-wide event
11. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

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

Obama’s immigration plan – peaceful manifestation on campus

Education digest

Salinas schools among star grant recipients

Hip Hip Heptathlon

Hartnell knocks off West Hills

Hartnell sports update

Men’s soccer

Soccer

Hartnell soccer team begins road to state