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.

Happy Thanksgiving

1. The Ninth Annual Gala is as exciting as ever!

On November 22, 2014 over 350 community leaders enjoyed themselves at the 9th Annual Western Stage Gala. The fundraiser celebrated The Western Stage’s 40th Anniversary and supports the work being done on stage, backstage, and in the community.

Guests enjoyed delicious food, festive libations, an amazing silent auction and a special performance of A Christmas Story: The Musical. The play, based upon A Christmas Story depicts a delightful holiday musical based on the 1980s film filled with happiness, humor, and childhood innocence. The student group Bobby Peoples Trio delighted the audience with their festive tunes.

Hartnell College wishes to recognize and thank the Hartnell College Foundation, Karen Hagman, Chair - Dottie Massey, and the Western Stage Gala Committee for orchestrating such a successful and fun event. In addition, we recognize our sponsors and those businesses that gave donations for the ‘so popular’ silent auction – THANK YOU! The funds raised will support our programs and students in Theatre Arts.
Governing Board Members Candi DePauw, Pat Donohue, and Demetrio Pruneda were in attendance and enjoyed a good time with family and friends.

So now mark your calendar for next year’s 10\textsuperscript{th} Annual Gala, Saturday, November 21, 2015. See you then!

2. Girls expanding their horizons at Hartnell

More than 300 middle school and high school girls from Monterey County converged upon Hartnell College on Saturday, November 22\textsuperscript{nd} to attend hands-on math and science workshops and explore STEM related careers at the annual Expanding your Horizons Conference. From dissecting cow eyeballs to designing and testing Remote Operated Vehicles (ROV’s), the girls experienced the variety and excitement of real world careers while interacting with female mentors in industry. Lieutenant Anne Gibbon, a Design Principal at BMNT Associates, delivered an inspirational keynote address about her family experience as a Latina first generation student. Transfer counselor Mercedes Quintero moderated a workshop for parents and educators focused on the college experience of female STEM majors and what we can do to better support them. Hartnell College MESA students shared their stories at the workshop and served as ambassadors and guides for the event. Many thanks to Chris Pederson, Maggie Melone-Echiburu, and Bronwyn Moreno for their involvement on the planning committee.
3. Hartnell MESA students train MESA K-12 teachers

Hartnell MESA students delivered robotics training to 20 K-12 MESA teachers at their monthly advisor meeting at La Paz Middle School on November 19th. Frank Osorio and Buddy McPherson, who also serve as engineering club officers, taught the teachers about building and programming Lego Robots. The training was a collaborative effort between UC Santa Cruz MESA Schools Program and the Hartnell College MESA Program within the South Bay Regional MESA Alliance. The K-12 MESA teachers will use the information gained in the workshop to implement robotics programs in schools throughout Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

4. Fall 2014 - President’s Forum is uplifting

On Monday, November 24, 2014, I held this fall’s President’s Forum during lunch time at Steinbeck Hall. Hartnell staff attended to get an update on different topics on what is happening at the College this year.

I started the forum by introducing a good number of new employees who have joined us recently. We are happy to see the Hartnell family grow.

Accreditation was the next topic of conversation – I was happy to review that we went from probation to warning by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. This is a huge win for us and it is thanks to the hard work and collaboration of faculty, administrators, and staff – so kudos to all! The next follow-up report is due March 15.

As many of you have heard, SB-850 was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown. This is a pilot bachelor’s degree program that will allow 15 community college districts the ability to offer a degree in a discipline not taught in any other CSU or UC in the State. We are one of 36 districts who submitted a letter of interest; if selected (in January 2015), we will offer a B.S. in Food Safety.

In addition, I presented information regarding the Strategic Plan 2013-2018 with six strategic priorities, 11 goals, 38 outcomes, and more than 100 key performance indicators. I reviewed some of the outcomes and KPIs from Strategic Priorities 1 and 2.
5. Veterans’ Club participates in urbanathalon

The Hartnell College Veterans Club participated in the 2014 San Francisco Men’s Health Urbanathalon. The Club sponsored 10 club members who participated along with one of the advisers. The event was composed of an 11-mile urban run, along with 15 obstacles including the San Francisco hills, going under/over taxis, going over crates and a school bus covered in netting! The final obstacle was a wall that was about 9 feet tall. The experience was great and the veteran students enjoyed being reminded of the camaraderie and physical exertion that they experienced in the military. The Veterans Club enjoyed the event so much that there is future planning for a 2015 event already!

6. Foster and Kinship Care Education needs your help

Did you know that a Clothes Closet is maintained by our own Foster and Kinship Care Education in partnership with the Monterey County Association of Families Caring for Children (Foster Parent Association)? The clothes are stored for small children of members of the association, relative caregivers, and community members. The clothes closet began a few years ago with a few donations that were distributed to foster parents. The ‘Closet’ needs to be restocked monthly due to the constant need. Many times a child is placed with a foster family with very few items and the need to support these families became overwhelming and appreciated. Each month the clothes closet serves 10 - 15 families. Families make appointments for the first Saturday of each month and families are supported during the month as the need is determined. The clothes closet is now accepting donations of gently used clothing for children ages 0-12. Donations can be dropped off at the Foster and Kinship Care Education Department, Building D, Room 119. Please contact Susan Derichsweiler at 831-770-7039 or sderichsweiler@hartnell.edu.
7. Keep those in need fed and warm this season

Foster and Kinship Care Education staff and Foster Parent Association members along with family and staff from Realty World, Sharon Shaw-Flores, will distribute food and essential items on Christmas Eve to the homeless on Soledad Street. We are asking for help with donations of tarps or toiletries (small size from hotels). For more information, or to help, please contact Margie Wiebusch at 831-755-6923 or mwiebusch@hartnell.edu. Donations can be dropped off in Building D, Room 119 and at the Library (circulation desk).

8. Hartnell students have hearts of gold!

As we begin the Holiday Season, we are reminded of the good fortunes we have received throughout the year. It is also a season of giving, and a time for all of us to give to the less fortunate. This year, student clubs have been asked to volunteer and contribute to a community service project of their choosing. Thus far, countless hours of service have been donated by our student clubs.

The students of the TRiO Club, led by Club President, Frankie Juarez (far left), chose Project Christmas Tree as their community service project. Their task is to donate 30 Christmas trees to families from the CalWorks and Foster & Kinship Care programs. The TRiO Club has donated the first 10 trees and kindly asked Hartnell staff to help get the other 20.

“This is my new cohort of TRiO students,” said Manuel Bersamin, director of TRiO. “They are mostly freshmen and a few sophomores trying to give back to their own low income community. They are learning so many non-cognitive variables like leadership, self-direction, and creating their own destiny.”

This is a great example of how we, at Hartnell College are growing leaders through opportunity, engagement, and achievement!

9. Staff presenters at education conference

Kristen Arps and Dr. Susan Pheasant recently attended the Fall Career Technical Education Conference in Rancho Mirage, CA where they served as co-presenters on “iAgriculture: Ag Career Exploration in the Field.” Kristen is a professional expert conducting her master’s practicum with Hartnell’s Ag Institute and will soon be graduating from Monterey Institute of
Dr. Pheasant is the Director for Hartnell’s Ag Institute. Also in attendance from our area were Carol Caetano, Nancy Renteria, and Sharon Albert (from Salinas Union High School District/Mission Trails ROP).

**10. New Holland brings tractors to Alisal Campus**

Last week, New Holland Tractor put on a two-day Grape Harvester Training at the Ag Institute. It was great to see these big units in action as well as industry members utilizing the Alisal Campus to demonstrate the latest in tractor technology. Special thanks to Valentin Rodriguez, Dawn Henry, and Chef Jill Sweeney for their efforts with logistics and refreshments. It was a great learning opportunity for our students!

**11. The Planetarium has lots in store for December**

Hartnell Planetarium’s Friday Kids Show for December is “George and Oatmeal Save Santa.” Santa Claus is missing, so a snowman teams up with a wizard to locate him. Along the way they learn about the sky and the stars. Friday Kids Shows are designed for families with children up to 3rd grade. Cost is $5 per person with children 3 and under admitted free. The program plays on Fridays, December 5, 12, & 19 only.

The Friday Evening Program features the holiday show “Season of Light.” The program examines the traditions of a variety of cultures and belief systems as they relate to the time of year around the winter solstice. The presentation will include a live sky tour showing constellations and planets currently visible. “Season of Light” plays at 7:00 PM on December 5, 12, & 19 only. Cost for Friday Evening Programs is $6 General Admission and $4 for seniors, military and all students. Payment is by cash or check only. Doors open fifteen minutes before show time. No reservations are accepted so arrive early for the best seats. The planetarium is located on Hartnell’s Main Campus at 411 Central Avenue in Salinas. Parking is available in the three-story Parking Structure on Central Avenue. The planetarium is located behind the
parking structure opposite the west entrance to the Merrill Hall Science Building. For more information call the Planetarium Hotline at 831-770-6161.

10. Men's Soccer looks forward to 2015

The Hartnell Men's Soccer team’s season came to an end with a dramatic 1-0 loss to #1 seed Taft in double overtime. Goalkeeper Eddie Martinez was fantastic for the Panthers recording a season high of 8 saves; but with 2 minutes to go before penalty kicks, Martinez could not keep the 118 minute header out of the net. Hartnell finished the season with a 16-4-3 record. 14 out of the 21 players on the roster are freshmen. The future looks good. Hartnell will be a contender next year as well.

End of Years Awards
Coast Conference Forward of the Year:
Lorenzo Vasquez (Alisal) [pictured above]
*Vasquez was also nominated for All American

Coast Conference Midfielder of the Year:
Daniel Pulido (Alisal)

First Team All-League
Luis Orendain (Watsonville)
Alex Cibrian (Watsonville)
Angel Menjivar (King City)

Second Team All-League
Eddie Martinez (Alvarez)
Chris Rodriguez (Watsonville)
Marco Ruelas (North Salinas)

12. Men’s Basketball play well and give back

The men’s basketball team is hard at play and also involved greatly in giving back to their community. Thus far, the record is 2-3 and the team has played 4 teams ranked in the top ten and play #6 San Francisco next. Our student-athletes have been involved with the interfaith alliance of Monterey Thanksgiving baskets. Over 1,200 turkeys and dinners were delivered to needy families on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
What a difference a year makes – especially for sophomore Diego Leon. Last year, Leon ended up on the bottom of a pile-up just after the start of the Woodward Park race, never to recover and place a disappointed 58th and much slower than he ran weeks before at the Fresno Invitational.

In the year since, he has racked up thousands of miles of running to prepare for his second chance. On Saturday, Leon became just the second Hartnell College runner ever to win the individual title! Only World Championship marathoner Daniel Tapia had achieved the same feat. Leon ran amongst a large pack of runners for over three miles before having to match strides with Southern California regional champion Lucio Ramirez.

A final explosive sprint in the last 100 meters sealed the title for Leon in a winning time of 20:10. The time was inconsequential, but is the second best ever in school history, a personal best for Leon by 20 seconds, and ranks amongst the best ever for the four mile course at Woodward Park. Leon, who prepped at Anzar High school, won every meet this fall except one, the Tour de Cuesta in San Luis Obispo where he placed a close second. His performance spearheaded a solid eighth place team finish by the Panthers. Sophomore Justin Carrancho placed nineteenth (20:44) in the seventh best time ever in school history. Freshman Rene Siqueiros placed 33rd (21:02) with Andrews Gutierrez (21:58), Luis Vargas (22:08), Diego Avila (22:10), and Javier Garcia (22:12) rounded out the team. The eighth place moved the Panthers move up from their ninth place in 2013.

Ever since the Lady Panthers placed a respectable fifth at the Fresno Invitational over the same five kilometer layout as would be used for the state championship, the discussion became placing in the top five come November. After a full season of being top ranked in Northern California, perfect scoring at the Coast Conference Championship, and handily winning the team's first Norcal title since 2010, the ladies were hungry to prove themselves against the very strong Southern California teams. With Malena Grover in thirteenth and Brandi Hobson in fourteenth to earn All-American honors, the tone was set for the rest of the ladies. Grover (18:46) and Hobson (18:47)
both bettered the former school record of 19:02 set by Victoria Alcala in 2012. Rachel Shimabukuro placed 22nd also tying the record at 19:02. She was followed by Nancy Rodriguez (19:35), Maritza Ruelas (19:57), Cynthia Tovar (20:00), and Maria Rodriguez (20:33). The Lady Panthers scored 159 points equaling the schools lowest state championship point total and finishing place. They had the same total and place as the 1998 team who was led by Karen Carrillo. All seven women had season bests for the Woodward Park course.

In addition to his state title, Diego Leon was named 2014 Northern California Outstanding Regional Performer and Head Coach Christopher Zepeda was named 2014 Northern California Women’s Cross Country Coach of the Year. Congratulations to all!

14. Upcoming Events

Wish Roberto Perez a happy retirement!
Friday, December 5, 2014
Student Center – Staff Lounge, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Call Martha at ext. 6950 if you’d like to bring a dish to share
Diego Leon will join Decker and Soratos at Montana State in fall
Hartnell Football readies for bowl game feast
Video – Hartnell football
Obama’s immigration plan
STEM students receive national recognition
AgKnowledge – Crash course on cash crops (Dr. Pheasant in group)
Review-TWS A Christmas Story
Salinas girl becomes ambassador for those in need
First Friday phenomenon alive in Salinas
Soccer ousted in 2-overtime against unbeaten Taft
Defending champs move on
Men’s soccer wins Central Coast Conference
Men and women’s soccer