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. Meet our first “Educator in Residence”

On Friday, December 5, 2014, our first Educator in Residence, Dr. Anne Benvenuti was on campus to meet students, faculty, and staff. As Hartnell College’s Educator in Residence, Dr. Benvenuti will be with us several times this spring (January, March, April, and May) to present public talks, staff roundtables, and student seminars. Some of the topics will include nature and human nature, global perspectives on depression and mental health, resilience, and a public lecture and reading from Spirit Unleashed.

Dr. Benvenuti will draw on her experience from 24 years as a psychology and philosophy professor at Cerro Coso Community College; she has also been a co-convener of the Gender Perspectives and Mental Health Working Group of the United Nations NGO Committee on Mental Health, a trustee and UN representative for the Council for a Parliament of the World’s Religions, a poet, and author of Spirit Unleashed: Re-imagining Human-Animal Relations.

This new venture is a program brought forth by the Professional Development Committee. You will hear from the committee on Dr. Benvenuti’s schedule in early January. For more on her work, visit the following page:

http://newarchaic.net/?page_id=21

2. Hartnell gets Theater Arts Degree for Transfer approved!

On Thursday, we heard the good news: Hartnell College can now offer a Theater Arts Degree for Transfer! This has been a labor of love among some of our faculty since early in 2012 when Dean Stephanie Low and Communication Studies Instructor Jason Hough began collaboration with the Theatre Arts instructors to design this degree.
"It has been a two-year journey," said Hough. "I am so happy our new Theatre Arts instructor, Dr. Marnie Glazier, has an exciting new program to offer students." Glazier began her work at Hartnell this year; she will be directing the program. Upon receiving the news, her response reflected everyone's feeling, which was simply a collective sigh of relief!

“We have all worked so hard to build the Theatre Arts program for Hartnell students,” said Artistic Director, Jon Selover. “Students are guaranteed that they will be able to complete the AA in two years AND be able to transfer to a California State University.”

Thanks to Jeff McGrath, Susanne Burns, Suzanne Mann, and Jason Hough who did all the work developing the curriculum to support this degree and to Marnie Glazier for helping us over the finish line. Congratulations!

3. The Strategic Plan Advisory group meets and gets updates

On Thursday, December 4, 2014, the Strategic Planning Advisory Group convened at Steinbeck Hall for a lunch and important updates affecting Hartnell. Board of Trustees President, Candi DePauw gave a brief introduction and Trustee Pat Donohue was in attendance, as well as Alfred Diaz-Infante, president of the Hartnell College Foundation. The group is composed of Salinas Valley leaders in education and industry. I gave a progress report on the Strategic Plan focused on priority one – student access and priority two – student success. In addition, I briefly gave updates on our accreditation status, the facilities master plan, and on SB-850, the bachelor’s degree pilot project. Hartnell is one of several College Districts in California to submit a letter of intent – and the only one to choose ‘Food Safety’ as the degree to adopt. In late January, up to 15 College Districts will receive the acceptance letter from the Chancellor. The next meeting for the group will be April 30, 2015.
4. Hartnell congratulates Pinnacle Bank

Last week, Susan Black, President and CEO of Pinnacle Bank celebrated eight years of the bank’s growing success. The Annual Holiday Party was held at San Juan Oaks Golf Club, which was attended by our Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen (pictured with Black). Susan Black is a member of the Executive Committee for the Hartnell College Foundation and a key component in keeping ‘the books in order.’ This year, the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce named Pinnacle Bank the 2014 Large Business of the Year and American Banking Magazine ranked it 31 out of 200 in May 2014. Pinnacle Bank was founded by a group of community leaders in 2006 who understood the need for a locally owned and managed community business bank. Congratulations Susan for leading such a successful business!

5. New email to reach counselors

General Counseling has opened a new service for those who need answers from counselors. It is the new General Counseling email, counseling@hartnell.edu. The primary reason for this new venture is to help students who need a quick answer to a question. This may be helpful for students who are taking online classes.

For this service, you need to use your Hartnell email account and student ID number as a reference. With this new method, your question or concern will be answered within 48 hours.

If you are a new student, you first need to complete an application at http://www.hartnell.edu/application-admission-0. You should also complete the online orientation at http://www.hartnell.edu/online-orientation-new-students to find answers to most of the basic questions.

If a student needs urgent attention, Crisis Counseling should be contacted immediately at 831-770-7019.

6. More Hartnell alumni get work published

A group of six students from the Hartnell College Research Scholars Institutes of 2012 and 2013, along with their Hartnell faculty mentors, Dr. Sewan Fan and Laura Fatuzzo, have had their manuscript accepted for publication. Harjyot Mohar, Annie O, Steven Jimenez, Leonel Muñoz, Victor Hernandez, and Arturo Estrada are the authors of the paper Assembly of a Versatile Micro Dispenser Using Off-
**the-Shelf Components for Applications in Microfluidics.** It will be published in the Proceedings of the Materials Research Society Spring Meeting and will be available in their Online Proceedings Library at [http://dx.doi.org/10.1557/opl.2014.926](http://dx.doi.org/10.1557/opl.2014.926)

The students’ research led them to develop drop-on-demand micro droplet dispensers that could produce consistent droplet sizes. The apparatus they developed also allowed them to measure acceleration of the droplet, and droplet size, in addition to creating images of the droplets in order to make them visible to the naked eye. One of the major breakthroughs of their research is the ability to create this apparatus with readily available, and relatively inexpensive components. Research on this project is continuing and RSI students from summer 2014 will be presenting at the Materials Research Society spring meeting. Here is a photo of an early apparatus that was developed in the 2011 RSI program. I have also included a diagram from the paper. Thanks to Dr. Kelly Locke for keeping us informed about such important achievement by our students.

### 7. It’s time for staff to give via “Lights of Love”

Colleagues, it is time again to give in the *Lights of Love* holiday gift program sponsored by the Office of student Life. *Lights of Love* is designed to provide a gift for the children of Hartnell College students. You may stop by Student Center C-140 to pick up as many light bulbs as you wish. Each light bulb features a child’s gender and age. The children featured are mainly 3-12 years of age.

The gifts need to be in by this Friday, December 12, 2014. Thank you for your thoughtfulness once again. Your gifts make such a difference in a child’s life.

### 8. ‘Oscar’ makes appearance at Salinas’ Parade of Lights

The Office of Student Life and ASHC participated for a second time in the *Salinas Parade of Lights* on November 30, 2014. This year’s float was designed to honor the *I am Hartnell* slogan and was titled “Panther Leading the Way” where the replica of
Oscar the panther was pulling a decorated sleigh. In addition, the AG Ambassadors Club also participated in the parade with a float with a country theme.

9. **Manuel Bersamin will be on the cover of a local magazine**

Those of you who know Manuel Bersamin are familiar with his big heart and passion for helping Latino students succeed through education. He has demonstrated this during his time here at Hartnell as the Director of TRiO transfer program. Because of this and his previous engagement with student achievement, he was nominated to be on the cover of *Paloma Revista* as their “Orgullo Hispano” for setting good examples for the youth to follow and caring for the community at large.

Last week, the photographer for the magazine was on campus to capture Manuel at work. The magazine will be out at the end of December and we will share that link with you as soon as it is available.

10. **Roberto Perez goes into retirement**

On Friday, December 5th, the M&O Department held a festive Retirement Party for Roberto Perez who leaves Hartnell after 10 years of service as a maintenance specialist. During his time here, he helped faculty, staff, and management with work orders that went from fixing chairs to working on the preventive maintenance of heavy equipment such as boilers and HVAC systems.

Roberto is really excited and happy to take this next step in his life. He plans to stay busy with many activities at home and spend time with his wife and family. He has traveled the world and will continue to do so. He has said, “Why wait until retirement; traveling should happen throughout your life that way it is enjoyed.” Roberto always had a great attitude, had a great sense of humor, was cheerful, and was kind to his team members. Roberto will be missed and wish him a great retirement.
Ambar Mercado is the new Instructional Associate II for the Diesel and Auto Programs. She was born and raised in Salinas and attended Salinas High School. She is a Hartnell Alumna with an Associate of Science in Welding Technology. She brings more than eight years of experience.

“I believe that Hartnell is vital to our community, which I am proud to be a part of,” Ambar said.

In her free time, she enjoys riding her motorcycle along Highway 1’s coastline or South Highway 101. She enjoys local state parks and run the trails plus looks forward to Monterey’s Auto Week every August, which includes live auctions, historic auto races, films, and cars.

Meaghan Black is the new Science Lab Technician at the Alisal Campus. After attending Tompkins Cortland Community College and Cornell University Ithaca, NY, Meaghan could not pass up an opportunity to move back to her native California in 2010. She realized that she prefers the country life and, therefore, resides with her husband in Hollister, CA.

She has earned a BS in Natural Resources and enjoys living among agriculture fields. Her experience as lab manager at a local, agricultural molecular diagnostics and genomics lab has
provided her with the necessary skills to contribute to student success at Hartnell College. She hopes to ignite in students her passion for science by sharing her experience, knowledge, and foresight, plus she will help them obtain the skill set for success in this field. She is so glad to be part of a community college atmosphere, as this is where she started her college education, and realizes the importance of these institutions within our current academic environment. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, hiking, river rafting, camping, most things outdoors, learning about the environment, and her pets.

13. Escape Fire screening is a success

In November, Nursing and Allied Health sponsored an interprofessional educational event for Hartnell, Cabrillo, Monterey Peninsula, Gavilan, CSU Monterey Bay, Foothill, Ohlone, Skyline, and Napa Valley’s nursing, respiratory care, and allied health students and faculty. More than 200 attended the screening of Escape Fire, The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare. The award winning documentary on the United States’ health care system combined powerful human stories with commentary from leading experts. The filmmaker’s goal was to promote a paradigm shift in how our country views health and healing.

The screening was moderated by nurse residents who graduated in 2014. The nurse residents posed questions to the audience during the documentary. The screening sparked an honest debate and inspired audience members to take better control of their personal health.

14. It was an exciting season for football team

The Hartnell College men’s football team came up short against Contra Costa College, losing 34-27 Saturday in the Living Breath Foundation Bowl at Rabobank Stadium. Fireworks occurred early and often as both teams combined for 534 yards of offense in the first half, scoring a total of 55 points. Each side recorded four touchdowns, but Hartnell was down 28-27 at the half.

Hartnell quarterback Michael Turner connected with his brother Ronnie Turner on a pair of scoring passes. Ronnie Turner finished the game with four receptions for 98 yards and two touchdowns, all in the first half.

In the second half, the game turned into a defensive struggle. The score remained the same.
for the entire 3rd quarter and even halfway through the 4th until the Comets were able to punch in a short yardage score with 7 minutes remaining. Contra Costa’s lead of 34-27 ended up being the final score, as Hartnell’s attempt to win the game late didn’t work out. Panthers’ defensive back Tyreke Richburg earned the game’s defensive MVP award. Richburg intercepted a pass and had several key tackles. We are proud of our team; the Panthers finished with back to back 9-2 seasons.

15. Upcoming Events

Meet and Greet
our New Campus Security

Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Main Campus—Steinbeck Hall
12:00—1:00 PM

Thursday, December 11, 2014
Alisal Campus—Room C-212
12:00—1:00 PM

This is an informal meet-and-greet session for you to get familiarized with the new security team and ask questions. A brief presentation will take place to introduce:
- Julie Doyle, Regional Branch Manager
- Zachary Zardo, Site Supervisor
Small bites and drinks will be served.

SAVE THE DATE!!
Francesco Attesti and Matteo Galli return to Hartnell.
Piano and Organ Concert on February 20, 2015
More information to come soon.

Holiday Feast!
Friday, December 12, 2014
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall

Pathway to Law School Orientation
December 8, 2014 – 1:00 – 2:00 PM
December 9, 2014 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Student Center, Room C-101

A Christmas Story the Musical
The Western Stage
LAST TWO WEEKENDS!
Tickets 831-755-6816

**A Winter Choral Concert with the Hartnell Choir & Chamber Singers**
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Mainstage

16. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

- Legal aid for immigrants
- SPANISH – Legal aid for immigrants
  [http://www.ksmstv.com/2014/12/05/taller-ab60-y-daca-en-colegio-hartnell/](http://www.ksmstv.com/2014/12/05/taller-ab60-y-daca-en-colegio-hartnell/)
- Hartnell student earns bronze with a team of scientists from UC Santa Cruz
  [http://news.ucsc.edu/2014/12/igem-team.html](http://news.ucsc.edu/2014/12/igem-team.html)
- Vasher off to solid start at Angelo State
- One last hurrah for Hartnell Football
- Hartnell running back league mvp
- Hartnell Panthers in drop back and forth battle
- VIDEO - Hartnell College Football
- PHOTOS – Living Breath Foundation Bowl
- Bowl loss does not dim Hartnell season
- Monterey County theater listings