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. Holiday Feast brings employees together to celebrate the Season

On Friday, December 12, 2014 we celebrated together with the annual Holiday Feast! Turf Club provided us with a meal with all the works thanks to the Hartnell College Foundation and the Office of the President. This is a very special gathering without an agenda – the only requirement is to enjoy with co-workers, have a great time, and ponder on the year that is just leaving us. Photos with Santa were a big hit. We used this opportunity to recognize those individuals who are retiring at the end of the fall semester. They are: Roberto Perez, more than 10 years; Al Muñoz, more than five years; Ken Rand, more than 28 years; Melissa Stave, more than 24 years; Stephanie Low, more than three years; and Yolanda Barroso, more than 12 years (not present). The crowd gave our retirees a standing ovation and wished them the best in this new phase of their lives. Many current Hartnell retirees joined us for the celebration. Board of Trustees President, Elia Gonzalez-Castro and Trustees Candi DePauw and Bill Freeman also were present for the celebration. Happy Holidays!

2. Board of Trustees re-organization and retirement surprise

At our Board of Trustees annual Organizational meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, Elia Gonzalez-Castro was elected Board of Trustees President, and Erica Padilla-Chavez was elected Vice-President. Candi DePauw gave a heartwarming good-bye to her seat as president followed by the switching of the seats to reflect the newly elected roles for Elia and Erica.

Just before the election, Trustee DePauw invited all Trustees, me, and Al Muñoz to join her in a commemoration of Al’s retirement and recognition of his diligent work that placed and kept Hartnell financially strong. This was an emotional and special moment for Al as he expressed his gratitude to the Trustees and to the College for putting all financial trust in his abilities. Al will not be leaving us completely. He has
joined the Hartnell College Foundation Board and will continue in the Arts Advisory Council. Enjoy your time Al!

3. Prof. Ken Rand’s last class!

After a 47 year teaching career, I along with some colleagues got to witness Professor Ken Rand’s last class! This was on Thursday, December 11 at noon. This particular math class was filled with young minds that have been impacted by Rand’s teaching. He leaves Hartnell after 28 years of teaching excellence. During that time, he has affected the lives of many students – one of them is our 2014 Distinguished Alumna, Anna Patricia Garcia. We sure wish him a fun and restful retirement!

4. Lights of Love 2014

A number of campus holiday traditions rely on the generosity and participation of our college family. Given the current economic picture Associated Students Hartnell College (ASHC) again knew that this holiday season would be particularly challenging for many of our students who have children. Once again, this drive was a hit thanks to the help from the President’s Office, faculty, staff and community members, who helped out with this now annual event. Everyone stepped up to the plate and helped by sponsoring all 160 children this year. Last year 110 children were sponsored. Thanks to Margie Wiebusch and her team from the Foster Care and Kinship Program for sponsoring several children.
We wish them all the best!

ASHC supported the Festival of Trees where 16 student clubs decorated Christmas trees and displayed them in the Student Center for the delight of the Hartnell College community. A contest to choose the top three trees was scored by staff, and the top winners for creativity, originality, and overall appearance were: 1st place – The Veterans Club, 2nd place shared by the Pride and Gamers Clubs, and 3rd went to the Speech Club. The trees were donated to families in need.

The Office of Student Life and ASHC hosted a Kwanzaa Celebration “the first fruits of the harvest” on Thursday, December 11 in the Student Center. This event celebrated the rich heritage of African American culture during the holidays. The program included the history of Kwanzaa, and a description of the symbols used during the celebration. Some of the attendees also participated in a Kwanzaa candle lighting ceremony and enjoyed delicious soul food.
7. Meet and greet our new security team – First Alarm

Hartnell employees and staff stopped by Steinbeck Hall this week to meet Regional Branch Manager, Julie Doyle and Site Supervisor, Zachary Zardo from First Alarm – our new campus security team.

8. Ceramics students learning right outside my door

A few days ago, Miss Silvia Rios’ ceramics class stopped in front of my office to study the 10-foot Salinas Totem ceramic- a collaboration by students of the 2012 ceramics class. Each student created one section of the work, which is inspired by the works of John Steinbeck and the Salinas Valley.

9. Immigration workshops attract hundreds

On Saturday, December 6, Hartnell College hosted two legal aid and information clinics in partnership with the Santa Cruz County Immigration Project. Approximately two hundred individuals attended each session. The first workshop was co-sponsored by the Mexican Consulate (San Jose, CA) and focused on the implementation of AB60: obtaining drivers licenses for qualified undocumented immigrants. Ted Rico from the Santa Cruz County Immigration Project was the guest speaker.
The second legal clinic focused on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and was co-sponsored by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (San Francisco, CA). The guest speaker for the DACA session was attorney Doug Keegan of Watsonville. More than six immigration lawyers and 10 of their assistants assisted with the DACA and AB60 legal clinics.

In addition to the visiting legal teams and volunteers that assisted on Saturday were a core group of Hartnell staff and students who had prepared for this day since September. The Hartnell College staff assisting included: Eric Becerra, Manuel Bersamin, Carla Johnson, Augustine Nevarez, Paul Casey, Mark Sanchez and Romero Jalomo. In addition, ten students from two Hartnell College student clubs, Transfer Through Teamwork (TTT) and Association of Leaders to Succeed (ALAS) staffed the registration tables for both events and assisted the presenters and the lawyers throughout the day.

10. CSUMB and Hartnell seek collaboration opportunities

On December 11, the administrators from Hartnell College and Cal State University Monterey Bay met to explore educational opportunities for students at both institutions. Conversations included our current established programs and partnerships with one another and potential future programs that could serve our students. Some of the new programs and services that were discussed were Ag Business, Service Learning, Nursing, EMT, Public Health, Kinesiology, Teacher Education, Foreign Languages, Cinematics, strategies to help students transfer to CSUMB, partnerships with grants, and Academic Centers.

The round table discussion included the need for additional faculty at both institutions and how we might be able to assist one another. In addition to hiring qualified faculty, both organizations identified the need for training new faculty hires on classroom management, pedagogy, methods of instruction, etc. It was recommended that each college identify faculty that could assist in creating a workshop.

The Deans from Hartnell College and CSUMB will continue to meet throughout the spring semester, solidifying plans for expansion of programs and/or creating new ones. Pictured left to right (back row): Dean Shannon Bliss, Dean Marsha Moroh, Dean Renata Funke, Dean Kris Roney, Dean Stephanie Low, Dean Shyam Kamath, Provost/VPAA Bonnie Irvin, Director of Athletics Dan Teresa, and Dean Zahi Atallah.

(front row): Dean Debra Kaczmar, Dean Kathy Mendelsohn, Dean Jose Luis Alvarado, Dean Fran Horvath, and VPAA Lori Kildal. Also in attendance, CSUMB Dean Tim Angle, VPSA Romero Jalomo, and Dean Mark Sanchez.
Last Friday, the Performing Arts Club staged a reading and performance of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare. The photos were taken by talented photography student Joshua Vallejo. The student actors displayed lots of energy, creativity, and dedication. The staff included: Director - Jacob Juarez; Stage Manager - Andrea Felix-Cervantes; and cast members - Maria Carillo, Jasmine Ramirez, Damian Mercado, Eli Murillo, Dario Shields, Calvin Lopez, Omar Gallardo, Jonathan Perez, and Anthony Barrera. The group has been invited to perform for The Western Stage’s upcoming Spring Fest in 2015.

Dr. Marnie Glazier, professor or Theatre Arts and Communication attended the American Society for Theatre Research 2014 national conference. “It was a wonderful event and I was able to attend a very interesting presentation on ‘Teaching Theatre Studies today’ wherein helpful strategies, classroom exercises, online teaching tips were put forth by an inspired group of educators,” shared Dr. Glazier. Her working group was composed of artists and educators from the United Kingdom, Australia, and North America. The area of research and practice was Performance and/of/in Ecology; she was part of the Eco-dramaturgy and Performance focus group composed of some of the most prolific scholars.

Marnie visited the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University and was able to dig into some of the archival research materials in the library’s holdings on Eugene O’Neill. “My research trip allowed me to hold the actual notebooks of the playwright and to find inspiration to continue my research with a trip to O’Neill’s west coast home, the Tao house, in Davis California -- where he wrote this most famous autobiographical play,” she said.

L to R: Downing Cless of Tufts University; Courtney Ryan of the University of California, Los Angeles; John Glazier, independent artist; Elinor Fuchs of Yale University; Theresa May of the University of Oregon, and Marnie Glazier of Hartnell College.
Hartnell College CSS faculty and students mentored approximately 65 HS students in the national cybersecurity competition program, CyberPatriot. The mentored HS teams and students spent every Friday evening from August to December learning about networking, operating systems, and computer security, in preparation for three competition sessions held in November and December. [Cybersecurity jobs continue to expand and pay better than others. Story.] Mentors and leaders at each location were:

1. King City HS, Dr. William Starling
2. Gonzalez HS, Wendy Fernandez
3. Alisal HS, Jennifer Westerbeck
4. Everett Alvarez HS, NJROTC, CPO Israel Gonzalez, USN
5. EAHS, James Clayton
6. Notre Dame HS, Liz Koenig

Our deep appreciation is extended to the staff, faculty and TAs from Hartnell College who worked tirelessly in mentoring these HS students towards studies and careers in computer science and STEM fields who were led by Cyberpatriot program leader Emily Guiterrez.

Funding support for the CyberPatriot team registration, TA support and transportation was provided by:

1. Hartnell College, CSUMB and Gavilan College Title V grant
2. Hartnell College Community Collaborative grant
3. CSUMB community investment grant

A group of 31 students from Hartnell College, Gonzales and Soledad High visited San Francisco on December 5th as part of the iAgriculture program. The merchants at the wholesale markets were very happy to host the group and give them a glimpse into the world of produce, floral wholesale, retail marketing, and distribution. The students learned about logistics, product inventory and turnover, fruit ripening, food safety, customer service, marketing, social responsibility, and the strong working relationships employers and employees can share. Students said they found it valuable to learn about how the owners started and grew their businesses, and about various career options. Some of the most important
advice they said they received was “to love your job [and] do it with passion, even if it is a hard job!”
The Hartnell students, most of whom are studying agriculture business and/or production, were accompanied by Professor David Mancera and Director of Ag Institute, Dr. Susan Pheasant. For many it was their first visit to the city, and they were thrilled to get to see so many new sites, including the Golden Gate Bridge!

14. Matsui Nursery Field Trip

On December 1, 2014, Teresa Matsui Sanders, Chief Financial Officer at Matsui Nursery hosted 10 Hartnell agriculture students. She spoke on careers in the floriculture industry and at Matsui Nursery. During lunch, a group of key employees, each with over 20 years of experience at Matsui Nursery, shared their wisdom with the students about orchid production, packaging, distribution and logistics, as well as sales, marketing, and human resources. Students heard about the history of the company and the monumental changes that have taken place in the industry during the past 3 decades. They were treated to custom tours by the Lead Growers of both the phalaenopsis orchids and the exotic orchids, as well as the packaging and distribution areas of the facility. The students were accompanied by Ag Institute faculty member David Mancera and Director of Ag Institute, Dr. Susan Pheasant as part of the iAgriculture program. Matsui Nursery, located in the Salinas Valley, was founded in 1967 and is now the largest potted orchid producer in the world.

15. Women’s Soccer Team makes history!

For the first time in the history of Hartnell women’s soccer, one of its players was selected to the All-American and All-West Region teams. Victoria Perez, Defender (San Benito HS) has been selected to the 2014 NSCAA Junior College Women’s Division III All-America Second Team, and All-West Region 1st team. She was the team captain for past
two years and the 2013 Coast Conference Defender of the Year. **Karina Alvarez**, (pictured front row, 3rd from right) was the 2014 Coast Conference Player of the year and selected to the 2014 NSCAA Junior College Division III Women's All-West Region Second Team. She led the conference in points with 38 (12 goals and 14 assists).

**1st team all-conference**
Victoria Perez, Defender
Karina Alvarez, Midfield
Maritza Nava, Forward
Angelique Salinas, Defender

**2nd team all-conference**
Anissa Stanton, GK
Gabby Pacheco, Defender
Saihra Zamudio, Defender
Adela Hernandez, Midfielder

16. Lorenzo Vasquez receives recognitions in soccer

After the leading the state in scoring with 20 goals and 14 assists, **Lorenzo Vasquez** (Alisal) was just named to the NSCAA 1st Team All American Team. He was also named Coast Conference Forward of the Year. Freshmen **Daniel Pulido**, 5 goals and 7 assists (Alisal) was named Coast Conference Midfielder of the Year.

**All League Selections**

**First Team**
Forward - Alex Cibrian, Watsonville, Freshman, 15 goals, 5 assists
Defender - Angel Menjivar, King City, Sophomore
Defender - Luis Orendain, Watsonville, Sophomore

**Second Team**
GK - Eddie Martinez, Alvarez, Freshmen, 0.55% GAA, #4 in the State
Midfielder - Chris Rodriguez, Watsonville, Freshmen
Defender - Marco Ruelas, North Salinas, Freshmen

Final State Stats
http://www.cccaastats.org/sports/msoc/2014-15/leaders
Final Hartnell Stats

17. Hartnell’s Leon to Montana State University

Hartnell College sophomore Diego Leon remembers the exact moment he would become the 2014 CCCAA individual cross country champion. Leon, who prepped at Anzar High School in San Juan Bautista, crossed the line in 20:10 on November 22 to not
only become Hartnell's second ever state champion, but also the second best performer in school history at Woodward Park. The performance completed a near perfect season that saw Leon win every race except one by more than a comfortable margin. He completed his cross country career at Hartnell College improving from 3rd to overall winner in the Coast Conference, from 4th to individual NorCal Champion, and from 54th to 1st at the State Championship.

Diego Leon has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in cross country, indoor and outdoor track & field for Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana – an NCAA Division I member - and competes in the Big Sky Conference. He will join two other former Hartnell College school record holders there, Cristian Soratos (Salinas HS) and Austin Decker (NMC HS). After his state championship in cross country, Leon will be the heavy favorite to win both the 5,000 and 10,000 meters at this spring's CCCAA Track & Field Championship in San Mateo.

Leon is one of a small group of distance runners from high school or community college who took advantage of the early signing period for NCAA universities. Leon has been a member of three regional top 3 teams at Hartnell College.

18. Upcoming Events

**SAVE THE DATE!!**
Francesco Attesti and Matteo Galli return to Hartnell.
Piano and Organ Concert
February 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM

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

**Guitar/Estudiantina Concert**
Monday, December 15, 2014
Room K-125 at 6:30 p.m.

**Winter Jazz**
Hartnell College Jazz Ensemble
Thursday, December 18 – 7:30 p.m. at Mainstage

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**Final Exams**
Dec. 12 – 18, 2014

**Campus Holiday Closure**
**IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK**

Hartnell’s Vasquez receives all-American honor
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/centralcoastscorecard/2014/12/12/hartnells-vasquez-receives-all-american-honor/20322779/  
Hartnell teams go 6 for 6
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2014/12/12/hartnell-teams-go/20279941/  
State champion Leon heads to Montana State
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2014/12/10/state-champion-leon-head-montana-state/20182125/  
Diego Leon bound for Montana State

Expanding your horizons and SACNAS

Aquariums outreach programs make a splash
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2014/12/05/aquariums-outreach-programs-make-splash/19973705/