1. HARTNELL SUPPORTS 2015 FARM DAY EVENT

Last Thursday, my wife Michele and I attended and volunteered at Farm Day, a program presented by Monterey County Ag Education and coordinated by HCCD Trustee, Candi DePauw. Trustee Pat Donohue and Hartnell staff were there and served as guides and volunteers. There were about 3,000 third graders from City of Salinas Elementary School District and Spreckles School District. The goal of Farm Day is to expose children at an early age to agriculture, how food is grown, natural resources and the environment, and to understand more about the biggest industry in the Salinas Valley. The program reaches about 7,800 third-grade students each year, backed by more than 1,500 volunteers and teachers. Numerous members of the Hartnell family
supported the event including: Al Graham – Faculty; Dr. Susan
Pheasant - Director of Ag Business and Technology Institute;
Cristina Westfall – Foundation staff; and Ag Student Ambassadors.
I served as a guide again for one of the classes. This year I spent the day with Ms.
Greer's 3rd grade class from Steinbeck Elementary School. Ms. Greer, the parent
chaperones, and the students were wonderful and the students enjoyed the day
learning about agriculture.
Presentations and displays were interactive, educational, and inspiring as students
learned about every aspect of agriculture imaginable. The presenters are
enthusiastic and passionate which makes for a great learning experience for the
students.

2. CALWORKS PORTRAITS OF STUDENT SUCCESS & SCHOLARSHIP

It is with great pleasure that I announce that student
Frances Wong is the recipient of the CalWORKs’
Portraits of Student Success and Scholarship Award.
This is an annual award given to those community
college students who have overcome adversity,
distress, and are now fulfilling their academic goals.
The awards will be presented in San Diego later this
spring.
According to Nancy Reyes, her counselor, Frances
is a very determined and dedicated student.
Frances wants to become a registered nurse as she
views nursing as a social justice issue. Frances' son
suffered medical malpractice and as a result, Frances
has made it her mission to become a nurse as a way of ensuring that no other family
has to go through her suffering. She embodies the traits that are required to become
an excellent nurse, which include being assertive, a critical thinker, detail oriented
and most importantly of all, she is empathic. Frances understands first-hand the
suffering of others and always shares positive words with those she comes in contact
with.
“As a student and working parent, I have been dedicated to my studies and have
maintained a 3.86 grade point average,” wrote Frances in her scholarship
application. “I am ready to move on to my next stepping stone; I am determined in
making my goals a reality and becoming a California registered nurse.”
Frances is not only a mother of 2 boys, but also works part-time as a lab tech at the
USDA Agriculture Research Service and finds time to volunteer – Natividad Medical
Center is one example. Frances has overcome life challenges that serve to remind
her that she has a purpose in life.
3. SPEECH TEAM EXCELS AT LAS POSITAS COLLEGE

The Hartnell Speech Team continued its season January 31 at the TalkHawk Invitational Speech Tournament, held at Las Positas College in Livermore, California. The team competed against 13 other two-year and four-year colleges, including Mt. Hood Community College (Oregon), California State University-Chico, and San Jose State University. The team earned several individual awards, including:

- Sarina Atkins- Top Novice, Informative Speaking
- Andrea Cervantes- 3rd place, Open Communication Analysis
- Victoria Garcia- 4th place, Open Communication Analysis
- Lourdes Tinajero- 5th place, Open Prose Interpretation
- Meritzy Ayala- 5th place, Open Informative Speaking
- Marc Dover- 5th place, Novice Persuasive Speaking

Last week, the team prepared for the California Community College State Championships to be held March 12-15, in Woodland Hills, California.

“This has been a great year of growth for the team,” said Coach Jason Hough. “Our goal was for all team members to receive an award during the season. So far, 10 of the 11 members have accomplished just that!”

The final tournament of the regular season is this weekend at Chabot College in Hayward, CA.

Front row- Sarina Atkins, Lourdes Tinajero, Joy Jubane
Back row- Marc Dover, Adrian Flores, Tanaya Landry, Victoria Garcia, Andrea Cervantes, Meritzy Ayala

4. KING CITY CHAMBER VISITS HISTORIC LOCATION

Last week, Dean Renata Funke attended a King City luncheon at the historic Hacienda on Fort Hunter Liggett (built by the Hearst family), and had an opportunity to discuss access to the famous Painted Cave by Hartnell anthropology students. The Fort’s Family, Morale, Welfare & Recreation office presented information on their programs and emphasized the connections they wish to deepen with King City. The fort, on 160,000 acres, now trains 22,000 soldiers a year and is increasing its permanent resident population. The visit ended with a tour of the former commander’s suite, now part of the Bed & Breakfast at the Hacienda. This was the monthly lunch by the Chamber where Dean Funke is a
board member. Some of the guests included community leaders from Mee Memorial Hospital, the King City/Greenfield High School District and accounting and law firms.

The Second Annual FFA Field Day was held on January 31, 2015 at Hartnell College’s Alisal Campus. This year, we welcomed 80 high school students from Salinas, Soledad, Greenfield, King City, Gilroy and from as far as Santa Maria. This was the South Coast Region FFA Chapter. They competed in Farm Power-tractor driving, Vegetable Crop Judging- students identified produce in best-to-worst categories and a large assortment of vegetables to name, and Floriculture-they made flower arrangements and identified different types of flowers and plants. This year, the Farm Power team that came in 1st place was Santa Maria, while 2nd and 3rd places went to King City teams. For Vegetable Crop Judging, 1st and 3rd places were awarded to Santa Maria and 2nd place was awarded to Salinas. In Floriculture, 1st place went to Greenfield, 2nd place went to Santa Maria, and 3rd place went to Gilroy.

Hartnell College Ag Institute would like to thank Nob Hill, RDO Equipment Co., McShane’s Nursery & Landscape Supply, Hartnell College Foundation judges, and the Hartnell Ag Ambassador Club and Associates for their...
donations and support for this wonderful event. This is the second year that instructor Albert Graham coordinated this wonderful event for our youth.

### 6. DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD – NOMINATIONS OPEN

It is time to select a Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna to also be our 2015 Commencement Speaker. This special award and recognition is granted to an individual who has achieved distinction in his/her chosen field and has demonstrated on-going contributions to the College.

The nomination period is now open and all submissions will be accepted through Friday, March 6, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Individuals to receive the Hartnell College Distinguished Alumni Award may be recommended to the Superintendent/President by trustees, employees, and the community at large. The nomination form is available by emailing Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro at emontenegro@hartnell.edu; make sure you mail, e-mail, or personally deliver nomination to her office by the deadline.

Our Governing Board will make the final selection at their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at which time the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna will be announced.

Pictured – Patricia Anna Garcia, Distinguished Alumna 2014 at Commencement.

### 7. DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION – PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

Every month, the Hartnell College Foundation recognizes a department for its work in serving students and staff. In January, Terri Ugale and Loyanne Flynn surprised my office staff with flower plants. Lucy Serrano and Cristina Zavala appreciated the recognition and are still enjoying the flower plants.
The committee for Party in the Library 2015 has been hard at work. This year, the Party will be on Saturday, May 9 in the library with the theme “strut your feathers.” This year’s Hartnell College Foundation Leadership Award will be presented to Karen Fanoe and Kathy Moser – Founding Chairs of the Party in the Library.

The Party in the Library is always a fun and over the top event. Get ready to enjoy a:

- Scrumptious Strolling Dinner
- Tempting Wines and Martinis
- Rousing Raffle
- Ultra Amazing Sounds of the Money Band
- Tremendous Auction

Join us and over 350 community and business leaders at the Party in the Library. We value your support of our students here at Hartnell College. Through your commitment, students will learn in a vibrant and state-of-the-art environment and will become the next generation of leaders in our community.

For information, contact Karen Hagman at khagman@hartnell.edu.

The Food Safety Committee at the Agricultural Business and Technology Institute is planning the Western Food Safety Summit scheduled for May 7 & 8, 2015. The Summit will be held at the Main Stage, expecting over 300 people from the agricultural industry workforce and related support service areas. The Summit targets critical food safety practices for first-line operation to executive management.

One of the topics will include new legislation,
the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), which will be implemented by federal government affecting farming operations and services at various levels. Other topics will include discussions on: microbiology, risk management for farming and processing facilities, sampling, legal responsibilities, along with case studies and panel discussions.

The committee is formed by industry expert and executive management from Taylor Farms, D’Arrigo Brothers Co. of California, Monterey Co. Health Department, Monterey Co. Ag Commissioner’s Office, Produce Marketing Association, Fresh Express, Dole Fresh Vegetables, Ocean Mist Farms, Driscoll’s, Ocean Mist Farms, Mann Packing, National Resources Conservation Services, LGMA, University of California-Davis among other businesses and agencies.

The full program will be available later in the month. For questions please contact Dr. Susan Pheasant, Director, Agricultural Business and Technology Institute, (831) 755-6702 or spheasant@hartnell.edu or Cristina Westfall at (831) 755-6810 or cwestfall@hartnell.edu.

10. FILMING OF ‘I AM SALINAS’ SPOT

A few weeks ago I was contacted by Ric Santos who is a video producer and a Hartnell College alumnus. Ric is producing a short video featuring the “I am Salinas” motto; this idea came about to counteract all the negativity that is usually associated with Salinas. His goal is to have as many community members represent a different side of Salinas in hopes for the video to go viral. The photo shows me doing my ‘I am Salinas’ sound bite.
11. WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PLANETARIUM?

February 13, 20, & 27
AT 7:00PM
CALL 770-6161 FOR MORE INFO
EXPLORE CHARLES DARWIN'S
"MYSTERY OF MYSTERIES"
AT THE
HARTNELL PLANETARIUM

Friday Kids Show
February 13, 20 & 27
at 5:30pm
Call 770-6161 for more info
Family Fun at the
Hartnell Planetarium!

12. NATIONAL SIGNING DAY - FOOTBALL

Last week, four Hartnell Panthers signed a National Letter of Intent accepting a scholarship to pursue their college education and continue with their athletic careers. These four will be joining Ernest Hawkins (South Carolina) and Derek Woodard (Arkansas-Monticello) who have also signed scholarships this year. February 4 is the first day that student/athletes around the country can sign their name committing to their prospective college; there will be a window over the next several months that will allow the rest of the players across America to accept scholarships. We expect to see another 7-8 Hartnell Panthers join the group that has already made their choices. This will mark another year that more than 10 Hartnell Football players will receive a scholarship. We are truly proud of these young men and their achievements!

These students have signed:

- OL-Anthony Romero-Alisal HS - Bethel University
- DL-Chuntony Johnson-Valdosta HS,GA - University of Northern Colorado
- DL-Saimone Penisini-Alvarez HS - University of Arkansas-Monticello
- OL-Tim Branche-Alvarez HS - Ft. Lewis College
- DE-Derek Woodard-Tracy HS - University of Arkansas-Monticello (not pictured)
- LB-Ernest Hawkins-Dunbar HS, MD - University of South Carolina(not pictured)
13. SORATOS MAKES NEWS YET AGAIN

Former Hartnell College runner Cristian Soratos earns Big Sky Conference Male Athlete of the Week for his performance last Friday at the Power River Triangular. He won the 800 meters in 1:50.06 and when adjusted for altitude and indoor flat track, it moves him to 1:47.99. That mark is the #2 time in Montana State University’s history and is currently ranked #6 in the nation for NCAA DI runners. For more, click:

Youtube Video of Soratos 800 Run

14. UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK OF LOVE!
This is a week of workshops and activities sponsored by the Associated Students of Hartnell College, the Office of Student Life, and the Hartnell College Theatre Arts Program.

Monday, February 9 at 12:00 noon – out on the Quad area
Free Fitness Class with Sara Sanchez

Tuesday, February 10 at 12:00 noon – Student Center Room C-101
Empowering Survivors and Ending Sexual Violence

Wednesday, February 11 at 2:00 PM – Performing Arts Building K
Language for Understanding

Thursday, February 12 at 12:00/6:30/7:45 PM – Steinbeck Hall
Vagina Monologues and Men’s Monologues

Friday, February 13 at 12:00 noon – Student Center
Sharing is Caring

Saturday, February 14 at 7:30 PM – Steinbeck Hall
V-Day! Vagina Monologues and Men’s Monologues

Master Class by Francesco and Matteo for Hartnell Students (Viewing open to the public)
Thursday, February 19, 2015
3:00 p.m. at the Mainstage
Piano and Organ Concert
Friday, February 20, 6:00 PM
For tickets and more information go to:
http://westernstage.com/

Cash for College Day!
Saturday, February 21, 2015- Student Services, B-110
Starting at 9:00 a.m. (12 noon and 1:30 p.m.)
Session in Spanish at 10:30 a.m.

Music Extravaganza 2015
March 20, 2015
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in building K – Performing Arts
All ensembles to perform!

15. IN THE NEWS

Art news – Chinese Calligraphy art at the Hartnell Gallery
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/life/2015/02/07/art-news/22658577/

Monterey County agencies regroup in bid to sell Steinbeck Center
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/money/2015/02/02/monterey-county-agencies-regroup-bid-sell-steinbeck-center/22775077/

Education – Board of trustee to address important issues
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/education/2015/02/02/education-digest-feb/22711157/
Monterey County flu cases – Hartnell students mentioned

Hartnell gridders sign
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/02/05/hartnell-gridders-sign/22919645/

Luis Orendain to sign with NCAA D-II Mercy

Hartnell soccer player news and Soratos news
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/02/06/hartnell-soccer-players-finalize-future/22967459/