1. CSIT-IN-3 RECEIVES INNOVATION AWARD FOR $5 MILLION!

The great news from Sacramento reached us before 1:00 p.m. on Friday – Hartnell was granted one of the Awards for Innovation in Higher Education for the CSIT-in-3 program in the amount of $5M, one of the top prizes in the first tier!

This is a prize that will be shared equally with CSU Monterey Bay, our partners in this innovative three-year bachelor’s degree program in computer science. Governor Jerry Brown pledged $50 million to reward colleges and universities for creative and cost-effective approaches to getting more students to earn degrees in less time.

In a press conference in the Alumni and Visitors Center at CSUMB, Dr. Eduardo Ochoa and I spoke of the importance of this award which will allow us to sustain, expand, and/or create – the possibilities are endless.

Teresa Matsui spoke of her father’s vision and mission for the CSIT-in-3 cohorts. “My dad is a man of big ideas,” she said. The Matsui family has committed millions of dollars in scholarships and will fund all students in this program through 2019. Also in attendance were Trustee Pat Donohue; Professor, Joe Welch; Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Jackie Cruz; and Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro.

In 2012, the two institutions joined forces to create CSIT-in-3, an innovative fast track bachelor’s degree program that accepted its first class in the fall of 2013. It enables students to earn a bachelor’s degree in computer science and information technology in just three years. It addresses both the need to bring high-demand, high-paying technology opportunities to students in our region as well as the need to develop models that shorten the time to degree completion. The two institutions
worked closely on the program’s design and implementation and collaborate on instruction, mentoring and advising. CSUMB received an additional award for an innovative approach to math remediation.

2. TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION BOARD—UPDATED ON CSIT-IN-3

The week was filled with pride inspired by the CSIT-in-3 program. During the Board Development meeting on Tuesday, Melvin Jimenez (Program Manager) and Joe Welch (Faculty Member) presented on the CSIT-in-3 program and provided valuable data that shows how successful the program is now at almost the end of its second year. The first cohort retained and transferred 84% of the students. Over 80% of the students are Latino and over 40% are women. On Wednesday, the Foundation Board received the update from Melvin. The audience was in awe of the success the program is having and the impact in the lives of these students. This first cohort is getting ready for internships this summer. Some of the students are receiving offers in San Francisco that include stipends of $1,000 for housing and hourly rates as high as $42 per hour. The team is super charged and inspired to have high tech companies in Silicon Valley looking at our students to fill the summer internships. We are proud of the team and the students.

3. TENURED FACULTY ARE CELEBRATED BY THE COLLEGE

On Thursday, March 19, 2015 a celebration was in order to acknowledge the five newly tenured faculty: Maya Watson, Jason Hough, Rebecca Fields, Amy Taketomo, and Cristina Esparza-Luna. Employees gathered in the Hartnell Art Gallery to join in
the celebration, cheer, and enjoy some hors d’oeuvres in good company. It was an honor to congratulate them on such important milestone.

“It is an important moment in their lives and I’m so pleased that we were able to recognize their achievements!” said President of Academic Senate, Carol Kimbrough. The Governing Board took action at its March meeting to grant tenure.

4. HARTNELL’S SPEECH TEAM IS HEARD OUT LOUD AT STATE

The Hartnell Speech Team competed with 27 other colleges and universities at the California Community College State Championships March 11-15, 2015 in Woodland Hills, California. This is Hartnell’s third appearance at state displaying its best performance yet.

Victoria Garcia and Joy Jubane received 2nd place rankings in the preliminary round. To reach the finals and qualify for the national tournament, students must earn a combination of 1st and 2nd place rankings in all three rounds. “Last year we had one student come close to qualifying for the national tournament,” said Coach Jason Hough. “This year, we had two. We now have our sites on next year’s state tournament and our goal of attending the national tournament.”

The following students received a 3rd place ranking in preliminary competition:

- Adrian Flores, Poetry Interpretation
- Andrea Cervantes, Communication Analysis
- Christopher Rendon, Dramatic Interpretation
- Christopher Rendon and Lourdes Tinajero, Dramatic Duo Interpretation
- Lourdes Tinajero, Prose Interpretation
- Meritzy Ayala, Informative Speaking

Also competing for the team were Marc Dover, Sarina Atkins, and Tanaya Landry.

The Hartnell Speech Team concludes its season by hosting a showcase performance Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 7:00 – 9:15 p.m. at Steinbeck Hall. The event is open to the general public.

Front L to R: Tanaya Landry, Lourdes Tinajero, Andrea Cervantes, Adrian Flores, Victoria Garcia, Joy Jubane.
Back L to R: Christopher Rendon, Marc Dover, coach Jason Hough, Meritzy Ayala, Sarina Atkins.
On March 18, 2015 the Transfer and Career Center hosted a Career Development workshop highlighting careers in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Officer Dillon, who represented the CDCR, facilitated a presentation for Hartnell College students—a majority of whom are pursuing an Administration of Justice Associate of Science Degree. Students received information about the eligibility criteria, hiring process, and benefits of joining the CDCR upon completion of their degrees.

Nursing and Allied Health wants you – men! These students had an information table in the Student Center to motivate more men to become nurses. Although more men are entering this field, the majority of nurses are still women by a long shot. Their message is that nursing is gratifying for men and women and it pays really well.
7. STUDENTS RECEIVE SOROPTIMIST LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD

I was invited to attend the awards ceremony for 2 Hartnell students who received $1,000 awards from the Salinas Soroptimist Club. **Janet Beltran** is studying to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse and working to complete her studies in May 2016. Her short term goal is to become an LVN and her long term goal is to become an RN, achieving a Bachelor of Science degree. Janet is a single mother of an 8-year-old son and works full time.

**Marie Lizbeth Alonzo** is studying to earn a degree in Registered Nursing and working to complete her studies in July 2016. She is also working to complete her BA in Spanish studies/language at California State University, Monterey Bay. Her career goal is to become a Registered Nurse and get her doctoral degree in nursing. She is a single mother of two sons and works part time.

Soroptimist is a global women’s organization whose members work to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. The Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

Each year, more than $1.6 million in education grants are awarded to more than 1,200 women, many of whom have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic violence and/or drug and alcohol abuse.

8. SPRINGFEST PROJECT

"I'm Still Here: A Conversation with Anne Marie Hunter"

Anne Marie is a long-time Choreographer/Director/Actor with Western Stage who
was diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer’s a couple of years ago at the age of 54. She and her daughters have spoken on behalf of the Alzheimer’s Association and she asked if she might be able to present at The Western Stage.

Anne Marie and Melissa Chin Parker (TWS) have been talking over the past year about the project and presented it this past Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon to a cumulative audience of about 80 people. Donations to the Alzheimer’s Association totaled $538.

9. SUMMER RESOURCE FAIR

Foster and Kinship Care Education hosted the Second Annual Summer Fun Resource Fair on March 17, 2015 at the Life Foundation building in Salinas. This event included eight community agencies from Monterey County that will offer summer camps and activities for children. The agencies that were in attendance were Hartnell College NASA summer camp program, Hartnell College Western Stage Youth Theater Program, Hartnell College Sports camp program, Ariel Theater, Boys and Girls Club, Royal Family Kids Camp, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Medical Camp, City of Seaside Recreation Center. This event was for Foster Families, relative caregivers, adoptive families and near-kin caregivers. Also in attendance were social workers and community agency staff and families. The event had over 100 people in attendance that work with children in the foster care system in Monterey County.

10. ST. PATRICK’S DAY AT DOROTHY’S PLACE

This semester students from Nutrition FCS 23-3900 cooked Corned Beef and Cabbage for 400 on Saint Patrick’s Day including a vegan option. Each semester these events provide hands on community involvement for the SLOs on hunger and food safety. The project was to feed 200 homeless individuals and volunteers at Dorothy’s Kitchen. The other 200 servings were for Student Service’s event at Hartnell for students and staff. This course section has more than 50 students registered and Kelly Quiroz and Kylie Rager volunteered to co-chair the event and each of the 3 committees had their own co-chairs. A special thank you to Jill Sweeney, Chef and Director of Food Services for allowing us to invade her kitchen first to bake cookies
then corned beef. This was accomplished by the best prep team ever to assemble the day before--Roman, Cheri, Sonia, Yvonne, Karli, Laura, and Lorena. The menu was pretty much selected by the day although part of this project is to survey the homeless and ask them their food preferences. The survey was led by Stacey and Kelly with Amoldeep, compiling the results. The group photo stars are Leah, Jocelyn, Brenda, Marie, Delo, Nikiah, Brian, Yvonne, Sonia, Jorge, Jerry Brisson and Fernando. We left 2 persons behind at Hartnell, Kylie and Marta to help Augustine and Jill with serving and cleanup. Orlando (a satisfied customer) wanted to be included and gave me permission to make him famous by publishing his photo!

Dr. Elsa Brisson’s class works on one meal once a semester – a big ‘thank you’ to those who do more.

11. MALENA BREAKS RECORD!

Last year Maria Trujillo was inducted into the Hartnell College Athletics Hall of Fame to match her induction into the Salinas Sports Hall of Fame. Her career spanned from Hartnell College through the Olympic Marathon. While at Hartnell College she set the women's 5,000 meter run record in 1980 at 18:04.00. In the last few years a couple of women have come close to the record with Norcal champion Victoria Alcala running 18:08 and Coast Conference champion Amy Johnston at 18:10 but the record remained. Running in the second heat at the Occidental College Distance Carnival in Pasadena, Hartnell College freshman Malena Grover not only bettered the 35 year old mark but became the first Lady Panther ever to cover the 12.5 lap distance in under 18:00. Malena was timed in 17:59.51 and won her heat by 7 seconds. Grover's time was good enough to place 22nd out of 128 women ranging from community college to four year university to professional athletes. The time ranks her third overall in the state in the event and fourth in the nation for community college women. Also running the women's 5,000 at Occidental were Brandi Hobson and Rachel Shimabukuro. Hobson clocked a season best 18:38.45 with Shimabukuro 19:36.23 to go along with her 5:00.87 in the 1,500 meters run earlier in the meet.

Justin Carrancho and Rene Siqueiros made the trip south to Occidental College for the 5,000 meter races and both came back to Salinas with season bests. Carrancho was timed in 15:17.22 and Siqueiros 15:35.83. Carrancho's time shaved 5 seconds off his season best and moves him closer to the state automatic qualifying mark of 15:14.50.

For full Oxy Distance Carnival results:
http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/36490.html
The rest of the Panther track and field squad traveled to the Central Valley to compete at the Jack Albiani Invitational in Modesto. The meet was highlighted by a very far throw and a fast hurdle race. Freshman Tori Teraji pulled discus out to a distance of 129’9”. That mark makes her the eighth best thrower in Hartnell history ranks her twelfth in the nation for community college women. Fellow freshman Rhett Gonzalez took advantage of the competition in Modesto setting a season best of the 42 inch high hurdles in 15.11. The time moves him to fifth best in Northern California and fourteenth best in school history. Just a frosh, Gonzalez will look to join a very small group of Panthers to go over the 110 high hurdles in less than 15 seconds. Additional strong performers in Modesto were Lizette Garcia, Nolan Fuqua, Javier Garcia, and Frankie Gutierrez. Garcia ran a lifetime best in the 800 meters (2:26.93) and doubled back with a regional qualifying 20:19.01. Fuqua earned a lifetime best in the 400 meters (51.01) and season best in the 400 hurdles (58.29). Javier Garcia ran a lifetime best 4:14.60 in the 1500 meters and was victorious in the 5000 meters (16:10.40). Gutierrez threw a regional qualifying 159’8.50” in the javelin. For full Jack Albiani Invitational results: http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/38769.html

The Hartnell Track & Field program is pleased to announce eight members of the 2014 team were named to the CCCAA All-State Academic Track & Field Team. As a requirement, those honored had to have an overall GPA of 3.50. Only 20 women and 19 men were selected for this honor.

Mayra Padron (Salinas HS) competed in the throwing events shot put, discus, hammer, and javelin. She scored points for the women’s championship team in the hammer. This season she is already throwing hammer 10 feet further than her freshman year and is very close to qualifying to the regional championship.

Maritza Ruelas (Gilroy HS) runs the distance events and was a conference point scorer in the 1500, 5000, and 10,000 meter runs. She also scored valuable team points that helped the women to a third place team finish in the 5000 and 10,000 meter runs. She is currently a regional qualifier in the 1500, 5000, and 10,000 meters already this season.
Lenae Stevens (San Benito HS) was a conference point scorer in the 200, 400, 4x100 relay, and 4x400 relay last spring. She advanced to the Northern California final in the 400 meters and ran third leg on the second fastest 4x400 relay in school history at the CCCAA Championship. Nutrition major, Lenae is currently attending San Jose State University on athletic scholarship.

Michaela Trevino (Salinas HS) scored conference points for the Panthers in the 400 meters, 400m low hurdles, high jump, and pole vault. A two year participant, Michaela advanced to the regional trials in the 400m low hurdles. She is currently completing her transfer requirements for CSUMB. She is the daughter of PE Division Administrative Assistant Joanne Trevino.

Fernando Corona (N. Monterey Co. HS) left UC Santa Cruz for the opportunity to participate in intercollegiate track & field at Hartnell College. Fernando was both an exemplary athlete and student. He is now attending UC Santa Cruz again.

Emmanuel Gomez (Alisal) is in his second season of competition for the Panthers. Emmanuel is currently learning how to hurdle to take on the grueling 3000m steeplechase race in the coming weeks. He is excited about having the opportunity to help the team in this event at the conference championship meet.

Gustavo Pelayo (North Salinas HS) was a two year member of the track & field team running the distance events. A below average runner in high school, Gustavo showed steady progress and has expressed interest in continuing with his career after transfer. He currently holds an A.S. in Mathematics from Hartnell.

Gilberto Tapia (Alisal High School) was recruited out of the Hartnell College weight room to throw. In two years, he learned all the events and scored important team events in the hammer. Gilberto was recently certified by the Pacific Association of USA Track & Field as an Association Level official. He’s excited to give back to the sport that gave him a chance to be a collegiate athlete.
3/10 @ De Anza College: The Hartnell Baseball team dropped its 3rd game in a row to De Anza College on Tuesday by a score of 5-1. The Panthers offense was kept to 1 run on 5 hits while striking out 8 times.

3/12 @ Gavilan College: The Panthers baseball team dropped yet another game against league rival Gavilan College by a score of 8-3. Panther starting pitcher Brandon Granger (San Benito High) went 4 and 1/3 innings allowing 4 earned runs.

Heading into the 5th inning the score was 1-0 Gavilan but after a 4 run 5th inning the Gavilan Rams took a commanding lead. Panther offense was stifled by Gavilan's starting pitcher allowing one run through 8 innings of work. Hartnell was able to score 2 more runs in the top of the 9th inning, but the rally was too little too late as the Panthers dropped their 4th game in a row.

3/14 @ West Valley College: Panther Starting pitcher Tony Mendoza had a tough start to his day as he allowed 4 earned runs in the bottom of the 1st inning. It was all West Valley offense on the day as Mendoza went 4 1/3 innings. The Panthers were able score one run in the top of the 9th inning starting with a leadoff double from Logan Martin (Salinas High School).

14. SOFTBALL NEWS

After a two-win weekend at Merced, Hartnell came back to face San Mateo on Tuesday at home. Having a 24-0 record, #1 in the state, San Mateo hit two home runs with runners on base to jump out to a 5-0 lead. Many other teams have been 8-run ruled in 5 innings by them, but not Hartnell! The Lady Panthers played a clean game defensively and despite the two home runs, pitcher, Dani Blaylock went 7 innings in a 7-0 loss at home, but Hartnell managed only two hits against their pitchers.

Thursday, Hartnell went to Cupertino to play De Anza. Dani Blaylock pitched a gem, allowing only 3 hits in 7 innings! Jo Salao drove in 2 runs in the top of the second scoring Izzy DeLeon and Alma Gallegos. In the top of the 5th inning, Angie Salvaldi lead off with a drag bunt single, Marissa Martin got on by a base on balls, and Alma had a sacrifice bunt to move the runners to second and third bases. With 2 outs, Bianca Mena’s single lead the Lady Panthers to a 4-1 lead that held up for the victory.
Samantha Moore, who broke her hand in game 3 of this season, is back on the field. She is able to play defense, but unable to hit. It is so nice to have her back! She will give us a better chance to win our last 13 games of the season.

15. UPCOMING EVENTS

Voices from the Fields

March 23–27, 2015

NFAW Schedule

Monday, March 23, 2015
Art Exhibit
Student Center

Tuesday, March 24, 2015
Cesar Chavez Film
Hartnell Planetarium
1:30 p.m.

Food Chain Film
Main Campus
Office of Student Life C-140
12:30 p.m.
Alisal Campus
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Luna
Hartnell Main stage
10:30 a.m.

Mcfarland USA Showing
Maya Theater
1:00 p.m.
(Free Tickets with Spring Student ID, at C-140)

Thursday, March 26, 2015
Luna
Hartnell Main Stage
10:30 a.m.
Cesar Chavez Film
Hartnell Planetarium
1:30 p.m.

Voices from the Fields
Art Exhibit, Theatrical Performance and Panel Discussion
Hartnell Main Stage
6:00 p.m.
(Refreshments will be served)

Friday, March 27, 2015
Luna
Hartnell Main Stage
10:30 a.m.

Hartnell College
7th annual
Farm Worker Awareness Week

We celebrate the contributions of those who work to provide the produce we eat and for which the Salinas Valley is renowned.

Farm work has a long and intimate history for many immigrant families who call the Salinas Valley home, and this annual offering serves to illuminate and celebrate their labors as honorable and laudable.

For updates contact the Office of Student Life
C-140, 831-755-6734
www.hartnell.edu

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SpringFEST at The Western Stage
Gunsmoked Redoo – March 27-29 at the Carl Cherry Center in Carmel
Luna by Ramon Esquivel – March 25, 26, 27, 2015 at Mainstage – 10:30 a.m.
Camino Real by Tennessee Williams – April 18-19, 2015 in Studio Theater

Spring Fling Health Fair
Saturday, March 28, 2015
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Hartnell’s Student Center
Sponsored by Foster and Kinship Care Education, Nursing and Allied Health, and Foster Parent Association of Monterey County.
For information or to set up a booth call 831-755-6807

Technical Career Readiness Welcome Breakfasts
April 10, 2015
Alisal Campus - 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. – register at:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/technical-career-welcome-principals-and-industry-representatives-breakfast-registration-15853927524
Discuss careers leading to various jobs in the agriculture industry, workforce demand, pay scale and educational training required to pursue those careers.

Job Fair at Steinbeck Hall
Tuesday, April 28, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Contact is Mercedes Quintero at mquinter@hartnell.edu

Agricultural Business and Technology Institute
Open House at Alisal Campus
Saturday, April 18, 2015
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

16. IN THE NEWS

SPANISH-CSIT-in-3 award
http://www.ksmstv.com/2015/03/20/centros-de-educacion-superior-recibiran-subvenciones/

CSUMB award
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/local/2015/03/20/csumb-money/25105719/

CSUMB and Hartnell win State Grant

14 winners of $50 million Innovation Awards
14 winners of 50 million for their college

Fourteen winners of $50M

Award Announcement for Hartnell by MCBC
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/money/2015/03/15/salinas-valley-business/24771495/

Uber hails Salinas student for internship

Happy ending for Alton Gerard
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/03/20/happy-ending-alton-gerard-story/25126779/

Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/money/2015/03/18/salinas-valley-ag-tech-summit-back-second-year/24976667/

Soratos places second in mile at indoors

Soratos 2nd indoor mile
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/03/16/soratos-nd-indoor-mile/24832019/

Board of trustees meeting
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2015/03/16/education-digest-march/24823091/

Mcfarland USA

Growing educational opportunities in Salinas Valley
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2015/03/15/growing-educational-opportunities-salinas-valley/24822189/

Teacher recruitment at Hartnell

Obituaries – Robert Michaels
http://columbustelegram.com/schuyler/obituaries/robert-michaels/article_42c97a20-fd59-561d-8d36-7c889491bd96.html

JUCO baseball Rams use clutch hitting to beat Hartnell

Music Extravaganza
Tapia happy to be back competing
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/03/20/tapia-happy-back-competing/25066965/