1. LATINA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INSPIRES STUDENTS

In March, Hartnell students attended the 28th Annual Latina Leadership Network conference held at Ventura Community College. The theme was Living the Solution: A Plan of Action. ASHC sponsored five female students and one faculty advisor to attend the conference. The LLN conference provided attendees with leadership development and networking opportunities. The goal of sending our students and faculty to the conference was so they could gain insight into current issues discussed among Latina students and professionals, and share that knowledge with the Hartnell College Community and inspire others to become leaders. Workshops included Balancing Life as student leaders, Financial Smarts: the Key to a Successful Foundation, among others. “The workshops were very informational to help us increase our leadership skills,” said Juana Sanchez, an ASHC student, who attended the conference two years in a row, “Meeting other girls with the same struggles was inspiring and eye opening.”

L to R: Selena Wells, Counselor Millicent Madrigal, ASHC Senator at Large Juana Sanchez, Leslie Figueroa, ASHC Senator for Alisal Campus Lizbeth Roldan, and ASHC Senator for South County Jennifer Hatch. Not pictured: Counselor Theresa Carbajal.

2. SPRING FLING HEALTH FAIR HELPS FOSTER KIDS

On Saturday March 28, 2015, the Nursing & Allied Health Program teamed up with the Foster & Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Program and Monterey County Association of
Families Caring for Children (MCAFCC) to host a Spring Fling Health Fair for the foster families in Monterey County. The event provided education on topics such as diabetes, nutrition, stress reduction, and over the counter medications. Attendees also participated in a zumba demonstration. There were raffle prizes graciously donated by local businesses such as Perfectly Pressed Juice Bar, Sanctuary Yoga, BoKay Nursery, Jamba Juice and HomeTown Buffet. The event was organized by Margie Wiebusch & Mariana Downie of the FKCE Program, Susan Derichsweiler of MCAFCC, and 4th semester Hartnell College Registered Nursing students: Amanda Demello, Christine Durden, Jamie Guglielmo, Gabriela Serrano, Lucia Vigil, and Mimi Wong. Student volunteers enrolled in the LVN, RCP and RN Programs at Hartnell College staffed the educational booths. The event was a successful educational opportunity for the foster families of the county. I look forward to seeing this event next year, as well.

3. HARTNEL REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND NAACP GALA

Saturday, March 21 along with representatives from Hartnell College, I attended the 43rd Annual Life Membership Gala for the Monterey County Branch of the NAACP. Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer (59th Assembly District) was the guest speaker; he is the nephew of one of the "Little Rock Nine," the high school students who integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. Danny Bakewell, Sr. received the Medgar Evers Freedom Legacy Award. James Black, Chapter Treasurer, received the President’s Award. Attending for Hartnell College were Governing Board member Demetrio Pruneda (and wife Sally), myself and my wife Michele, Mary Dominguez (Dean of Student Affairs), Dora Sanchez (Payroll Supervisor), and Tony Anderson (Counselor).
4. FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: JASON HOUGH

Hartnell is now offering an Associate in Arts Degree in Theatre Arts for Transfer (AA-T). This new degree is transferable to the California State University system. The new major is streamlined and will give students the option to focus on acting, technical theatre or both.

This degree offering is due in large part to the dedication of instructor Jason Hough. During the 2013/2014 academic year, Hough redesigned the degree offering for the theatre department, resulting in the recent approval of this degree. Prior to his Hartnell appointment, Hough was the Department Chair for the Performance Studies Department at John Brown University and an Assistant Professor of Communication and Theatre.

This past year, Hough also continued coaching the Speech Team at Hartnell College, guiding students toward individual awards in multiple speaking events. The Hartnell Speech Team competed this past year against two-year and four-year programs from Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Washington.

Another initiative of Hough's is the Academic Expo. Every class he teaches at Hartnell has a common final, by which students must work in teams to research a communication topic, apply it, present findings in a public forum and design a table display to accompany the research. This event is open to the public during finals week of every semester.

Hough recently married his husband in May, and is currently working on his doctoral degree.

5. CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER OFFERS FREE CLASSES

The Child Development Center is offering free pre-school and transitional kindergarten classes for income-eligible families, starting September 1, 2015. The curriculum will adhere to California State Department of Education Preschool Learning Foundations.

Children must be at least 3 years old by Sept. 1,
6. NO PLASTIC BAGS USED IN CAMPUS BOOKSTORE

In our efforts to comply with the county-wide ordinance to ban plastic bags, the Hartnell Bookstore will not be issuing plastic bags to customers. Paper bags will be available upon request.

7. HARTNELL WINS BEST AG EDUCATOR RECOGNITION

I'm delighted to report that Hartnell College is featured in this week's edition of Monterey County Weekly's “Best of Monterey County Winners”. Hartnell’s Agricultural Business and Technology Institute was voted the “Best Local Ag Educator!”

"There's a tight relationship between the school and local industry, so students learn real-world skills that businesses are hiring for," said Dr. Susan Pheasant, director of the Ag Institute, "Business and industry members work diligently to keep the programs and curriculum relevant." Thank you to all the students, faculty and industry partners for this recognition.

We'd also like to share our success with the following industry leaders:

- **Tanimura and Antle** – Best Big Grower Fruits and Vegetables
- **Taylor Farms** – Best Box Art / Packaging
- **Earthbound Farms** – Best Grower Organic
- **Sakata Seed Corporation** – Best Seed Supplier
- **Pacific Ag Rentals** – Best Agriculture Equipment Supplier
- **Monterey County Farm Bureau** – Best Agricultural Business Association
- **Food Bank for Monterey County** – Best Agriculture Nonprofit
7. WEEKLY SOFTBALL ROUND-UP

It was a great week for the Hartnell's Women's Softball Team. Up against De Anza, the Lady Panthers won 8-0 in 5 innings for a fourth straight win! Dani Blaylock allowed only one hit; Alma Gallegos, Jo Salao, and Sam Moore each had 2 RBI's sparked by each one of their 3 doubles. The Panthers had 8 runs on the 6 hits. This gives Hartnell a four-game winning streak. This momentum should be helpful as we go back into the southern division of play and our last 5 games of the regular season.

8. PANTHERS DOMINATE SMALL JAQUAR INVITATIONAL

Despite a small field of teams at the San Jose City College Invitational the Hartnell College track & field teams managed to set numerous season bests and regional qualifying marks. With athletes in attendance from Hartnell, MPC, host San Jose, Merritt College, Chabot College, and CSUMB, the Panthers were the overall team winners for both men and women.

The men’s 4x100 relay team of Shaquelle Bowman, Marcus Washington, Alex Azevedo, and Chase Pacheco reclaimed their conference lead by posting a time of 42.58. Pacheco would also record a lifetime best in the 100 meters (10.96) to lead teammate Washington (11.08) under the regional mark. Azevedo covered the 200 meter distance in a season best 23.24. Soph Diego Leon is returning to form from illness as he was a double winner in the 1500 meters (4:00.80) and 800 meters (1:57.44)
leading teammate Justin Carrancho (4:02.81) and Javier Garcia (4:10.72) to regional marks. Nolan Fuqua continued to improve at his new event- the 400 meter intermediate hurdles (57.29). Tito Chaidez ran season best in the 3000 meter steeplechase (10:13.29) for the victory. Freshman Dustin Samms won the hammer throw with a lifetime personal best 166'4", just one inch shy of the Hartnell College record for the event.

For the women, freshman Taylor Blaha continued to impress with her improvement. Blaha ran a season best and all-time list worth 16.30 in the 100 meter hurdles. She was also able to heave the shot put 34'9.75". She finished her day winning the 200 meters equaling her season best at 26.80. Fellow frosh Malena Grover had a solid middle distance day running 4:49.33 and 2:24.70. Maribel Ortega won the 100 meters (13.12) and placed in the triple jump (32'1"). Rachel Shimabukuro and Nancy Rodriguez both made their 3000 meter steeplechase debuts with regional qualifying times of 12:18.34 and 12:44.03. Maritza Ruelas improved her 5000 meter time to 19:27.68. Tori Teraji had a lifetime best in the hammer throw at 118'8.75".

For full SJCC Jaguar Invitational results: http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/39280.html

9. UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Kids Shows: April 10, 17, 14

The Friday Kids Show in April at the Hartnell Planetarium is "Wilbear’s Adventure, " starting at 6pm. Learn about the history of flight in this tender story of a teddy bear who wants to fly. "Black Holes" begin at 8pm and explores the life of Albert Einstein.

Friday Kids Shows are designed for families with children up to 3rd grade. Cost for Friday Kids Shows is $5 per person with children 3 and under admitted free. The program plays on Fridays April 10, 17, and 24 only.

A tour of the night sky on the planetarium dome precedes the program. Cost for Friday Evening Programs is $5 General, $4 for Seniors and Military, and all students.

Payment is at the door 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 contact the Planetarium Information Line at 770-6161.
Come visit the instructional shops, learn about certificates and degree programs of study, watch student demonstrations, talk to faculty and advisory committee members, enjoy lunch. Hartnell is preparing skilled professionals for the dynamic California agricultural industry.

WHERE: Alisal Campus.
WHEN: 10:00-2:00 on Saturday, 18 April.
WHO: You are invited.
WHAT: Open House.
WHY: Monterey County Weekly readers voted The Agricultural Business and Technology Institute as the “Best Local Ag Educator.” Come see for yourself.

The Agricultural Business and Technology Institute at Hartnell College focuses on providing a skilled workforce to meet the industry needs. Monterey County’s agricultural workforce supports more than 45,000 local jobs annually-- many of those jobs are in high demand such as quality assurance technician, sustainability, pest control advisors, sales, production manager, certified crop advisor, marketing, social media, data tracking and analysis, human resources, labor relations, etc.

Join us at the Open House to obtain information about training offered to pursue careers in the areas above.
Celebrating our Youngest Learners  
Presented by the Early Childhood Education Department  
April 16, 2015, 10am-2pm  
Activities and information geared for children, adults and the rest of the community.  
For more information contact, Martiza Calvillo at maritzacalvillo@student.hartnell.edu

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

Save the Date  
Family Science Day  
Saturday May 16, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
FREE and Open to the Public!  
If you, your department, club, or organization is interested in hosting an activity or being a part of the community fair, please complete the form below no later than Friday, April 17, 2015. Feel free to email if you have any questions. Hope to see you at Family Science Day!

Link to Presenter Registration Form  
http://goo.gl/forms/259qsV6QJR

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16. IN THE NEWS

Ag-tech investments bounding higher  
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/money/2015/03/29/ag-tech-venture-capital-agriculture-investment-technology-salinas/70640924/

The scoop on our all-county teams  
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/03/27/scoop-county-teams/70573318/