On Saturday, April 4, 2015 it was an honor for me to accept on behalf of Hartnell College the MCBC Economic Vitality Award as part of the Monterey County Business Council’s 20th Anniversary Gala. Hartnell College was recognized in the category of Higher Education/Research because of our contributions to economic vitality through workforce preparation, student STEM research, and exemplary partnerships with local business and industry. The honorees in 2015 were:

- Creative & Technology - Carmel Valley Art Association
- Health & Wellness – Central Coast V.N.A. and Hospice
- Higher Education & Research – Hartnell College
- Hospitality – The Whole Enchilada
- Sustainable Building & Design – RCA Enterprises
- Agriculture – Tanimura & Antle
- Advancing Manufacturing – The Ginger People

The Economic Vitality Awards are presented annually by the Monterey County Business Council, a non-profit group of individuals who are interested in shaping the future of Monterey County and have a vested interest in the economic vitality of the community. In attendance were Board of Trustees President, Elia Gonzalez-Castro, Trustee Demetrio Pruneda and wife Sallie, Interim VP of Administrative Services,
2. IN GOOD COMPANY

Two members of the Hartnell College Foundation Board of Directors received recognition and honors recently.

Kurt Gollnick, Chief Operating Officer, Scheid Vineyards
Mr. Gollnick received the “Growing Leaders Award” from the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council of Boy Scouts for his exemplary community service, engagement, and involvement. He was recognized at the recent Agricultural Industry Recognition Dinner on April 11, 2015.

Margaret D'Arrigo-Martin, Vice President of Community Development, Taylor Farms
Ms. D'Arrigo-Martin was recently recognized by Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Schools, for her work in placing fresh produce in schools. Let’s Move Salad Bars to California Schools has surpassed a goal set three years ago to place 1,000 salad bars in California schools. Statewide, 1,018 schools have received salad bars. D’Arrigo-Martin, co-chair of United Fresh Produce Association’s 2013 Let’s Move Salad Bars to California Schools campaign, was honored by the state’s top education official during a forum at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas on April 16, 2015.

We are so fortunate to have such outstanding leaders contributing to the work of the Hartnell College Foundation.

3. HARTNELL HOSTS WORKSHOP FOR K-12 EDUCATION LEADERS

On April 16, 2015, Hartnell hosted a workshop primarily for K-12 education leaders titled "Closing the Achievement Gap: Leadership Matters." A group of K-12 education leaders has formed the group Educational Leaders of Monterey County (ELMC) to specifically address the achievement gap between native English speakers and
English Language Learners. I was invited to participate with the K-12 group along with CSU Monterey Bay Dean of Education, Dr. Jose Luis Alvarado. Considerable data for K-12 districts and schools was presented to help everyone understand the prevalence of the achievement gap. ELMC used this event as a sort of "kickoff" networking event to set the stage for further professional development around the topic of improving achievement for English Language Learners. Several Hartnell faculty members were in attendance as well.

4. FIRST WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

Senators of the Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) were led by Juana Sanchez Anguiano to produce the first Women’s Empowerment Conference on Saturday, April 11, 2015. This student-ran event has been in the works for weeks with the goal to gather Hartnell students in a comfortable setting and provide them with motivation, encouragement, empowerment, and tools to excel academically and professionally.

The day started with a continental breakfast, followed by the program’s emcee, Hartnell’s Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen.
The Keynote speaker was Karina Cervantez, Watsonville City Council; she spoke of her educational trajectory, starting with a community college education at Porterville College, followed by UC Santa Cruz where she earned her bachelor’s degree and master’s in Psychology, and where she now is completing a doctorate. Her message was to be empowered by your voice and act on your civic duty.

The ASHC prepared four workshop topics for the attendees, of which they chose two for the morning sessions. Lunch followed along with background music and ice breakers by the emcee. The conference ended with a session on how to ‘dress for success.’ All participants received a certificate of participation, and filled out a survey.

Some of our faculty and staff were present to participate and support the ASHC in this effort, including Laura Zavala, Mary Davis, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Dr. Hortencia Jimenez, Dr. Marnie Glazier, and Charmaine Scott.

5. SOUTH COUNTY STUDENTS FOR NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

In celebration of National Poetry Month, South County students gathered at the King City Library with their instructors to read poetry they had written as part of a class project. Some of the poetry was produced in a group setting, while others were written individually; the poetry included work translated into English or Spanish.

Students in attendance came from Hartnell College or the King City High School, under the guidance of Barry Sheppy (Spanish), Chris Houston (English) and Paul Yun (English). They were joined by library staff and a few patrons intrigued by the event.

A first of its kind, it garnered enough favorable responses that another reading may follow soon.

6. HEP NEW HIRES, MARIA AND NANCY, ARE HARTNELL ALUMNI

It is my pleasure to introduce and congratulate two new HEP employees, Maria Guerrero (Administrative Assistant) and Nancy Nuño (GED Facilitator). It has been a pleasure to watch them both grow academically and professionally at Hartnell College. They truly embody Hartnell College’s mission. Although they are new to their current positions, Maria and Nancy have a history with HEP and I am proud to say that Hartnell has played a pivotal role in their journey.
“My name is Maria Guerrero. I was born and raised in Guanajuato, Mexico. My parents brought me to the United States when I was 15 years old and I now live in Salinas with my husband and my 4-year-old son. I obtained my GED with the Migrant Education Program in 2003. I enrolled in ESL courses at Hartnell College immediately after and began taking Business Office Technology courses in 2006. I was hired by HEP as a student worker in 2008, then transitioned to a GED Facilitator position in 2009 after graduating with honors from Hartnell College with my Associate of Arts degree. I now have the great honor of being hired as the HEP administrative assistant. It is always a pleasure working with the HEP family. I feel Hartnell College has challenged me and allowed me to grow academically, professionally and personally. For that, I am truly grateful.”

“My name is Nancy Nuño. I came to the United States in 2007 as a single mother with three children. I had to work in the fields because it was the only job I could do as a new arrival from Mexico. I had no academic preparation and I did not know the English language. For more than three years I worked in various temporary jobs to pay the rent and buy food. In 2008, I started taking English classes at the adult school, although at times I did not attend because I did not have time due to work. That’s when I found the HEP program. I enrolled and completed my GED in 2009. I continued with ESL classes at Hartnell College, and moved on to Business Office Technology. I now have my Bookkeeping Certificate and soon I’ll have the Information Processing Certificate. I am proud of what I have achieved so far, and I plan to take more classes to get my Associate of Arts in Information Processing. I would like to thank my family and the Hartnell community for all their support!”

7. GEARING UP FOR PANTHER PREP DAYS

Hartnell College is gearing up for its Second Annual Panther Prep Days scheduled for Friday May 1, 2015 at the King City Education Center and Saturday, May 2, 2015 in Salinas; 1,000 students are expected to be served during this two-day period. Panther Prep Days is an early college preparation model program in which Hartnell College works with high school students to assist them in their transition to college months in advance of their actual enrollment. Hartnell College is the only college in
Panther Prep Days is a culminating event for our new incoming, first time freshmen (high school graduates) and their parents. The goals are to ensure students meet with an academic counselor to:

- develop their educational plan
- register for their first semester classes
- gain valuable information on academic programs and majors
- meet other students
- involve parents in the transition from high school to college by offering a parent information seminar

On May 1st, 200 students are expected at the King City Education Center and 800 students on May 2nd at the Main Campus in Salinas. For more information, contact Dean of Student Affairs – Student Success, Dr. Mark Sanchez at 831-759-6057 or email msanchez@hartnell.edu.

To view the Report to the Community 2013-14 online, visit: http://www.hartnell.edu/community_reports
9. CALWORKS – MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN STUDENTS!

-Written by Counselor, Nancy Reyes.

CalWORKs Association 6th Annual Training:
“Education that Works-Bridging the Gap from Education to Career”

It is with great pleasure that we announce that on Tuesday, April 14th, Frances Wong received her Region 4 CalWORKs Association scholarship award in the amount of $500. Frances and counselor, Nancy Reyes, traveled to San Diego on Monday, April 13th for the CalWORKs statewide association training. Nancy and Frances participated in 3 days of educational workshops that included emotional intelligence and social competency, guide to domestic violence, supporting and mentoring LGBT CalWORKs participants, culturally competent traumatic stress identification, best practices for work study programs on campus and what people do not know about LinkedIn. Abby Kohut, who is known as Absolutely Abby, facilitated the LinkedIn presentation (pictured in the middle). Abby is credited with helping to hire approximately 10,000 people. During her LinkedIn presentation, Abby noted that approximately 90% of employment recruiters look at LinkedIn profiles. Furthermore, Abby provided strategies to enhance not only the profile, but also the likelihood of being viewed by employment recruiters. At the conclusion of her presentation, she provided all participants with her book, Top 12 Interview Questions Exposed.

On Tuesday, April 14th, all twelve of the CalWORKs regional scholarship winners participated in a student panel. It was a very emotional recognition ceremony as the CalWORKs program participants shared their struggles and the support they have found in the CalWORKs program. Although tears were present in the room, the panel reminded all of the attendees that CalWORKs truly is a program that provides education and support that works!
OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES CONTINUE TO THRIVE

TRACK AND FIELD
PACHECO WINS NORCAL DECATHLON FOR HARTNELL

Former Palma High School product Chase Pacheco knew he wanted to be a decathlete once he chose to bypass the four-year level and attend locally at Hartnell College. That decision paid off with the first Northern California decathlon champion since 2006 when Chris Brown was the winner. Competing at the College of San Mateo, Pacheco had a solid first day of competition finishing second in the 100 meters (11.01), second in the long jump (21’6”), and winning the 400 meters (49.94) and completing the day in second place with 3,596 points. On day two, the Hartnell freshman won the 110 high hurdles (15.91) in a lifetime best, won the discus with a toss of 125’2.25”, and placed third in the 1,500 meters (4:49.35). His second day total of 2,911 was the highest of all the competitors and his total of 6,507 won the competition by a comfortable 247 points over Spencer Stockton of Butte College. Pacheco’s mark moves him to the second highest decathlon total in the nation for community college athletes behind sophomore Michael Samuels of South Plains College in Texas. Chase Pacheco almost jumps to fourth all-time in Hartnell history trailing former state champion Erick Knight (6,909), state runner-up Neil Lahey (6,626), and state champion Chris Brown (6,571). Chris Brown was the last Hartnell decathlete to win both the Norcal and State championship in 2006. Chase Pacheco also achieved the requisite 6,500 points needed to qualify for the USA Junior Track & Field Championships to be held June 20-24 in Eugene, Oregon at historic Hayward Field.

For full Norcal Decathlon results: http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/39807_2482684.html

In the women’s heptathlon, the Lady Panthers sent three athletes that all scored in the event. Taylor Blaha led the ladies with a fourth place finish with 4,179 points. She had a lifetime best in the javelin 111’5.75”. Blaha’s mark is the sixth best heptathlon score in Hartnell history. Tori Teraji placed sixth with 3,586 points. She had personal bests in the 200 meters (28.65), 800 meters (2:41.07), and javelin (104’10”). Linda Delgado placed eighth with 3,425 points.
Delgado had a season best in the 800 meters (2:29.11). All three Lady Panthers had a personal best score for the heptathlon with Blaha and Teraji advancing to the CCCAA Championship at the College of San Mateo.


**TRACK AND FIELD**

**SAMMS SETS HAMMER RECORD AT HOME MEET**

Hartnell College freshman thrower Dustin Samms knew from the beginning of the season that he would better John Shaw’s 2002 hammer throw record of 167’0” but it was just a question of at which meet and by how much. It was fitting that the ring and field that Samms has practiced every day this season would be where it happened. Samms would heave the hammer further than any Panther before him out to 174’9” and propelling him to fourth overall in Northern California. Also performing well for the Panther throwing squad were Tori Teraji in the discus (133’8”) moving her to sixth best in school history and a personal best javelin 103’6”, Frankie Gutierrez in the javelin (170’3”), Eva Joachin in the discus with personal best 116’11”, and Mayra Padron in the hammer throw at 125’3”.

In the running events, frosh Malena Grover continued to inch her way to becoming Hartnell’s best female distance runner ever. On Friday, she completed the 3,000 meter run in 10:15.81 moving her to second best ever in school history behind only Maria Trujillo’s 9:52.7 set in 1980. On Saturday, Grover won the 800 meter run in 2:21.43 adding her name to school’s all-time list at thirteenth. Grover also won the 5,000 meters in 18:29.33.

Rachel Shimabukuro shaved five seconds off her 3,000 meter steeplechase to 11:47.88 and remains as second best in Northern California. Shimabukuro also qualified to the regional meet in the 400 hurdles at 1:11.09. Justin Carrancho won the 3,000 meter steeplechase in his first try at the event in 10:05.28. Carrancho also won the 3,000 meter run in 8:59.23 Nathan Bishop cleared a lifetime best in the pole vault at 14’0” making him the Coast Conference leader before the championship meet. Linda Delgado got under 60 seconds in the 400 meters for the first time this season (59.68).

For full Ed Adams Invitational results: http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/37624.html
The Panthers will send Chase Pacheco, Taylor Blaha, Linda Delgado, and Tori Teraji this Tuesday and Wednesday to compete in the Northern California Heptathlon and Decathlon Championship at the College of San Mateo. This is the first scored event of the regional championship.

BASEBALL
TEAM PLAYS WELL AND STAYS STRONG THROUGH LOSS
Vs Chabot 4/7/15: The Panthers went down early in the game as starting pitcher Tony Mendoza (Alvarez High School) surrendered 2 earned runs in the first two innings of play. Mendoza went a total of four innings allowing 2 runs. Following Mendoza were three Panther relief pitchers all of whom surrendered a run a piece. The Panthers trailed most of the game 5-1 but made a late game surge when Jackson Duda Blasted his 4th home run of the season in the bottom of the 8th to make the score 5-3. The Panthers scored one more run in the bottom of the 8th when Branson Umbarger (King City High School) scored on a pass ball to make it a 5-4 ball game in favor of visiting Chabot College.

@ San Francisco City College 4/9/15: The Hartnell Panthers Baseball team suffered a tough loss to SF City College by a score of 5-2. The Panthers offense got off to a strong start in the top of the first scoring two runs. Lane Larronde (Salinas High School) continued his strong offensive year smacking a triple to left center scoring Donato Gallano (James Campbell High School) who reached on a lead-off single. Larronde later scored in the top of the first off a Jose Guzman (San Benito High School) rbi single. Panther starting pitcher Abel Hernandez (Salinas High School) only lasted 4 1/3 innings surrendering 10 hits and all five runs.

@ Ohlone 4/11/15: The Panthers dropped their 3rd straight contest against Ohlone College by a score of 6-2. Despite the loss the Panther Baseball team played a solid game on defense and starting pitcher Brandon Granger (San Benito High School) went 6 innings allowing 4 runs. The two Panther runs came off the bat of Michael Lagier (Valley Christian High School) when he smacked an rbi single to right center scoring Jackson Duda (Salinas High School) in the 4th inning. The 2nd Panther run was from Logan Martin (Salinas High School) when he scored on an error by the second baseman after he had reached on a single.

On Tuesday, we went on the road to Gavilan with the chance for a 5-game win streak and a win against a not well-liked divisional rival. Gavilan was missing the pitcher we faced the first time we played them when we won 4-3 at home. It did not take us long to get started as Angie Savoldi lead off with a single, as did Sam Moore.
Jo Salao’s double drove in 2 runs. In the end, good pitching by Dani Blaylock and our 14 hits were too much for Gavilan as we won 9-1 in 6 innings.

We had high hopes at home against Monterey, another divisional rival. After a tough loss to MPC in Monterey, we were hoping for redemption at home. Monterey scored on a pass ball in the top of the first inning. Our bats were silent as we only had 3 hits. It was a clean game for us as we suffered a 3-0 loss.

11. UPCOMING EVENTS

The Music Department presents:

- A Choral Project performance
  April 27 at 7:00 p.m. on Mainstage
- A piano recital
  May 7 at 6:00 p.m. in K-125

SpringFEST at The Western Stage
- Puppetry Workshop Series offered by John Glazier and teaching artists from El Teatro Campesino. Now through May.
• La Conquista de Mexico by Luis Valdez: Directed by Carlos Cortez, this presentation is a joint effort between Teatro Campesino and The Western Stage. May 8-9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theater.

Job Fair at Hartnell  
Tuesday, April 28, 2015  
Steinbeck Hall - 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Party in the Library 2015  
‘Strut your feathers’  
Saturday, May 9, 2015  
Call 831-755-6810 for tickets

SAVE THE DATE!  
Family Science Day  
Saturday, May 16, 2015  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Main Campus

12. IN THE NEWS

Pacheco wins decathlon title  

Educator in Residence events  

Featuring Jorge Rubio  
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/education/2015/04/16/five-rs-shining-stars-salinas/25908823/

The Western Stage  

Busy weekend in Salinas Valley  
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/life/2015/04/15/busy-weekend-salinas-offers-variety/25850667/

Funding woes hit Monterey County literacy group  

Junior College baseball Granger  
http://www.sanbenitocountytoday.com/sports/college/junior-college-baseball-granger-comes-up-aces/article_9626ef68-e3c6-11e4-b5d9-6bb957489dc0.html

On Track star Amy Johnson  