1. PARTY IN THE LIBRARY 2015 HONORS ITS FOUNDERS

On May 9, 2015, Hartnell College Foundation hosted its Ninth Annual Party in the Library with the theme “Strut your Feathers.” As one of Salinas Valley’s favorite events, the night featured a champagne greeting, dazzling strolling dinner, amazing auction, after party dancing with the Money Band and most importantly the opportunity to make the educational dreams of our students come true. The fundraising goal was set at more than $340,000!

This year’s event featured the presentation of Hartnell College Foundation’s Leadership Award to Karen Fanoe and Kathy Moser. The Leadership Award honors exceptional leaders who have exhibited significant effort and leadership on behalf of the Foundation, college, students and alumni that go above and beyond normal board or committee work. Karen and Kathy co-founded Party in the Library in 2007 with vision and passion. As a result of their leadership, Party in the Library has raised over $2,000,000 in support of Hartnell’s programs and students.

One of the featured student speakers was Alonso Mendoza from the CSIT-in-3 program. A short film was also viewed about Alonso’s journey and opportunity thanks to Hartnell and its donors.

Governing Board Members in attendance included Candi DePauw, Erica Padilla-Chavez, and Bill Freeman.
2. WESTERN FOOD SAFETY SUMMIT 2015

On May 7 and 8, 2015, a record number of individuals (235) from California’s fresh produce industry attended the annual Western Food Safety Summit presented by the Hartnell’s Agricultural Business and Technology Institute. This marked the 9th year that the Summit has been organized by Hartnell’s Food Safety Advisory Committee - dedication to continuous improvement of and for the fresh produce industry.

The summit opened with an emotional reminder of “Why We Are Here” as special guest speakers Rylee Gustafson, who was sickened during the 2006 spinach outbreak, and her mother, Kathleen Chrismer, a STOP Foodborne Illness advocate and former STOP board member, along with LGMA member Dan Sutton talked about the impacts of food safety and what has transpired in their lives during the past ten years. Together, with session chair Mike Villaneva (LGMA), they graciously and openly shared their stories and put faces to the reasons why the industry recommits itself daily to good agricultural practices and good handling practices. As part of an ongoing collaboration between The California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement (LGMA) and STOP, the latest video on the “Why Behind Food Safety” was revealed.

The overall theme of the summit focused on “How Risk Management Is Changing” – especially as new science becomes available and agribusinesses
prepare for implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) expected by October 3, 2015. The conference program highlighted two big game changers: whole genome sequencing of pathogens and the legal front. Dr. Andrea Ottesen (ORS CFSAN FDA) spoke on Metagenomics and how they can provide a better understanding of food safety. Tools such as Genome Trakr can facilitate the rapid detection of outbreaks of foodborne illnesses. On the legal front, William Marler of Marler Clark, in combination with Josh Swiger (Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial) and Bradley Sullivan (L+G, LLP) discussed recent developments on fresh produce supply chain liability.

Both days of the Summit featured regionally, nationally, and internationally recognized topic experts addressing all aspects of science-based practices and the communication/training needed to continually instill a culture of food safety in all aspects of the operation by every owner, manager, employee, contractor, and visitor.

Note: Upcoming food safety educational opportunities organized by the Hartnell’s Ag Institute include a second offering of the Agroterrorism six-part workshop series in May (in combination with UC Davis Western Institute for Food Safety and Security along with the Department of Homeland Security) and ISO22000 training in June. For more information, please contact Dr. Susan Pheasant spheasant@hartnell.edu.

3. PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTION CEREMONY

On May 4, 2015 the Hartnell College Beta Mu Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held its member Induction Ceremony. The Hartnell College Beta Mu Xi Chapter has increased its membership to 100 since its reactivation two years ago. The chapter advisor, Director of Student Life, Augustine Nevarez conducted the event. I welcomed students, their families and guests, while and VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo and VP of Academic Affairs, Dr. Lori Kildal inducted the students into the chapter.

The induction included ceremonial traditions such as the lighting of a white candle and giving of a white rose, both symbolic of purity and enlightened knowledge. Inductees were congratulated by their families and guests, and all enjoyed refreshments. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2.5 million members
ASHC INTRODUCES NEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2015-2016

The results are in and the 2015 ASHC Elections surpassed voter participation for the past five elections with a total of 902 voters which equals 11.06% of Hartnell's spring 2015 student population.

Thank you to all the candidates for the outstanding work in engaging students and the Hartnell community. They all displayed a great level of leadership and commitment to improving student life at Hartnell College. The outgoing ASHC members received certificates of achievement and the
newly elected officers were recognized during May’s Governing Board meeting. Board of Trustees’ President, Elia Gonzalez-Castro joined in congratulating all student leaders.

2015 ASHC Election Results
Ali Saleh, President
Gilbert Ramos, Vice President
Adela Zamora, Secretary
Danae Acevedo, Treasurer
Francisco Juarez, Director of Inter-Club Council
Flor Blancas, Director of Programs and Services
Juana Sanchez, Director of Public Relations
Daniel Garcia, Senator – Alisal Campus
Jennifer Hatch, Senator-South County
Mark Magno Shelor, Senator – Evening/Online/Weekend
Luis Aguilar, Senator At-Large
Adrian Flores, Senator At-Large
Ernesto Infante, Senator At-Large
Rafael Mendoza, Senator At-Large
Justin Pinson, Senator At-Large
Hector Moya, Student Trustee

6. MATSUI FOUNDATION GIVES SPECIAL GIFT TO CSIT-IN-3

Just when students were starting to get strained and tired with the grind that is typical at the end of any semester, CSIT-In-3 cohort students got a surprise visit and encouragement from their generous benefactor, Teresa Matsui-Sanders of the
Matsui Foundation. She visited both Hartnell and CSUMB to honor our students with uniformed CSIT-In-3 Timbak2 backpacks. Each backpack was personalized, denoting the program and the cohort that each student belongs to. The backpacks even have the CSIT-In-3 colors that are a blend of Hartnell and CSUMB's school colors. As an added safety measure, each backpack is also lined with reflective trimming to keep our students safe at night on the days they stay out late studying (which amounts to just about every day for our CSIT-In-3 students.) We are honored to have such a continued demonstration of support and encouragement by the Matsui foundation. Thank you!

7. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST TALK

The Diversity Committee presented Myths and realities: A discussion on diversity at Hartnell College on Friday May 15, 2015 with guest speaker Professor Jason Hough, who provided the following statement: "The discussion included analyzing demographic data to determine how diverse our faculty hires have become. One interesting finding is that although Hispanics earning a graduate degree each year only average about 8 percent of the total, Hartnell boasts upwards of 25% Hispanic faculty hires. This is impressive considering in California alone, Hartnell competes against 93 other Hispanic Serving Institutions in recruiting and hiring. In contrast, more than half of graduate degrees are now earned by women, but Hartnell has more male faculty members than women. Ideas were brainstormed as to how this might change going forward."

Participants took the Equity and Diversity Quiz, a 15-question assessment that offers eye opening insight into issues of race, gender, religion and other demographic barriers.

The seminar ended by covering some best practices going forward, particularly using data to make important decisions concerning diversity on campus.

8. SPRING 2015 IAGRICULTURE TRIPS TO DAVIS AND FRESNO

The Agricultural Business & Technology Institute took Hartnell College and local high school students to two of the top agriculture schools in the country: the UC Davis College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences and the CSU Fresno Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences & Technology. At each university, the groups were given tours of the campuses as well as the schools' farms and animal science facilities. They also received presentations about the universities' wide variety of academic programs, extensive student life, support services, and admissions.
The group that visited Fresno State on April 24 included 35 students from Hartnell, Greenfield High, and Salinas High agriculture students. The group was lucky to be accompanied by Lindsay Almond, an agriculture teacher at Salinas High, who provided valuable commentary throughout the trip that tied what we were seeing at the farm with the content students had learned in the classroom.

The group that visited UC Davis on May 1st was diverse: 8 Hartnell students, including agriculture, nursing, and ESL students; 4 students from Gonzalez, Greenfield, and El Puente high schools, including two young women who had been accepted to Davis for the fall but had never visited the campus; and 1 GED student from the Salinas Adult School who is interested in continuing on to Hartnell's agriculture production program and transferring to a four-year ag degree program.

Kristen Arps from the Agriculture Institute coordinated and chaperoned the field trips. Both school visits increased students' awareness of the educational opportunities available to them. As one student said, "I wanted to visit UC Davis for 6 years – I am happy I did now! It made me really think about my interests and what kind of school I want to go to. I am still exploring what I want to do, but it gave me many options of what I can do with what I love!"

9. ALISAL CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE

The Alisal Campus hosted the annual Open House on Saturday, April 18, 2015. The event was full of activities and information for current, prospect students, and their families.
Attendees visited the instructional shops, laboratories, and classrooms' hosting presentations, equipment shows, and hands-on demonstrations. The open house was a unique opportunity for parents and students to interact with faculty and current students to learn about the programs hosted at the Alisal Campus. The Open House provided an overview of Hartnell's outstanding programs: Advanced Diesel and Automotive Technologies, Welding, Agricultural Industrial Technology, Food Safety, Agribusiness, Agricultural Production, Construction and Sustainable Design, Drafting, Sustainable
Agriculture, Horticultural Technician, and Computer Information Systems. Over 12 businesses attended the open house informing the attendees about career options, workforce demand, employment opportunities and how the training offered by Hartnell College can lead to successful careers.

The campus resides on over 100 acres of land and features the latest technology for high quality instruction, providing students with cutting-edge knowledge. Trustees Pat Donohue and Candi DePauw attended this event.

Top photo - Dr. Susan Pheasant, Hartnell; Ivonne Petersen, Salinas Adult School; William Hartnell with Trustees Pat Donohue and Candi DePauw.

10. CALWORKS HIGHLIGHT: WELI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

by Counselor Nancy Reyes

It is a pleasure to announce that Aracely Anaya has been awarded the Women Educational Leadership Institute (WELI) scholarship. Aracely is a current CalWorks/EOPS/CARE program participant. Aracely’s goal is to earn an Associate of Arts for Transfer in Sociology and eventually transfer to UC Santa Cruz. Aracely is a mother of four children, ranging in ages from 8 months to 11 years of age. Everyone in the CalWorks/EOPS/CARE program is proud of Aracely’s accomplishment as her determination to achieve her educational goals is truly admirable. In fall 2014, Aracely gave birth to her son during the month of September. Instead of withdrawing from her classes, Aracely talked to her professors early on in the semester and arranged that she was only going to take one week off and would immediately resume her studies.

In addition to being a full-time student, Aracely works on campus at The Grill. She embodies the mission of Hartnell College as she is committed to learning, achievement and success. Aracely feels academically supported and extends her gratitude to Antonia Jaime (EOPS Program Coordinator) for all of her support. Thank you Aracely for allowing us to work with you! We look forward to your continued success as a Hartnell College student. Congratulations on your scholarship!

Submitted by Rosaire Bushey, Public Affairs Specialist
Office of River Protection, U.S Department of Energy

Even though she only understood two words, it was probably the best early mother’s day present ever for Adela Chavez. Adela, mother of Isidro, sat for three hours May 9

11. INSPIRING ALUM SPOTLIGHT – ISIDRO CHAVEZ
watching scores of graduates from **Washington State University Tri Cities** walk on stage and collect a diploma. She watched and listened without understanding as speakers gave advice and good wishes. But it wasn’t until she heard the name of her third of four children, ‘Isidro Chavez’ that Adela, who only has five years of formal education, cried.

“She doesn’t understand English so she didn’t really know what they were saying, but she sat there the whole time,” said Isidro, a procurement management support specialist working with Dept. of Energy contractor North Wind Solutions to help clean up Cold War legacy nuclear waste at Hanford in Washington state.

Born and raised in Mexico, Isidro moved to California as a three-year-old. By the time he was ready for high school, he knew he wanted to do something with his life that would require more education. Isidro made a request to his high school to no longer take ESL (English as a Second Language) courses and take the traditional high school courses in preparation for that day. At his insistence, the school let him take a test and based on the results, allowed him to take English-I instead of ESL – a move Isidro thought was important to his academic success.

After earning an **Associate’s Degree from Hartnell College** in Salinas, California, he moved to the Tri-Cities where he enrolled in Columbia Basin College where he would earn two more Associate’s degrees, one each in Business Administration and Innovation.

When he enrolled at **Washington State University Tri-Cities**, he was working at Lowes where he was named employee of the month – his first month on the job. He quickly was rotated through various sections of the store as he quickly caught on and mastered new positions, proving his work ethic and learning potential.

“A professor at WSU saw a potential in me and suggested I apply for internships,” he explained. “I remember that when I was going to classes I would pass by the building I work in today and think, for some reason, that it looked like a great place. I told myself as I passed it, that one day I would work there.”

It was a surprise then, when he was accepted for an internship with the ANR Group, a contractor with the Dept. of Energy, that he was escorted into the very building he passed every day on Stevens Drive.

His internship paid off as his mentors and co-workers realized Isidro was again quickly mastering material they threw his way. His last day of work before receiving his **Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration** was Wednesday May 6. He started his current job with North Wind Solutions, Monday, May 11, helping keep track of federal property on the Hanford site.

So with his family’s first bachelor’s degree in hand, it would be easy to think Isidro might take it easy for a while, but that wouldn’t be like him. He’ll get married to his fiancé, Maria Pantoja, in October, and after that, well, Isidro is currently looking at
options for an MBA. Considering all he's achieved so far, it's reasonable to expect that in a couple years, Adela will be crying again.

12. NEW PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OUTSIDE MY DOOR

Never without a camera, when I see something of interest I have to work fast to capture the image I see. I look for a strong composition with good content, without these two things a scene has no value. Analogue photography allows me to work more with my hands. Hand made images are the result of an all encompassing thought process that enables creativity at multiple levels.

- Shaun Trevino

13. DIEGO LEON VICTORIOUS IN NORCAL 1,500

Hartnell College sophomore Diego Leon helped the Panthers to a fifth place team finish at the Northern California Track & Field Championships hosted by American River College. Diego tallied 28 out of the 65 total team points scored by the Panthers. Leon was victorious last week at College of San Mateo in the 10,000 meter run final with a time of 31:14.83. On Friday, he added the 1,500 meter title in a new lifetime personal best 3:52.34. The mark is the best produced by a Norcal runner and third best in the state. To cap his final regional championship for Hartnell, Leon came up just short of winning a third title falling to fellow state cross country champion Luis Luna of host American River College 14:40.85 to 14:43.30. The pair finished more than 100 meters in front of the rest of the field. Leon, a former Anzar High School standout, is one of several athletes in consideration for Northern California Athlete of the Year. Also contributing to the team's fifth place finish were Dustin Samms, Justin Carrancho, Marcus Washington, Chase Pacheco, Frankie Gutierrez, and Nathan Bishop. Freshman Dustin Samms placed third in the hammer throw with a toss of 173'1". Carrancho placed fourth overall in the 5000 meter run in 15:21.00. Marcus Washington was a surprise fifth in the long jump at 22'11.25". Pacheco tied his season best in the high jump good
enough for sixth with 6’3.50". Gutiérrez grabbed sixth in the javelin with a toss of 166’11". Bishop cleared 13’10.50” also to take sixth.

For the Lady Panthers, Rachel Shimabukuro was the highest placing competitor narrowly missing a regional title in the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Her time of 11:28.96 was 0.02 away from the win, but was a personal best by 14 seconds and improves on her second best mark in Hartnell history in the event. Frosh Nancy Rodriguez took third in the event with a personal best 11:57.67 and will be the top regional returnee next spring. Fellow freshman Cynthia Tovar took fifth in a personal best 12:37.23. Frosh Malena Grover placed fourth to medal in the 5,000 meter run (18:40.36) along with placing seventh in the 1,500 meters (4:52.90). Soph Linda Delgado placed fifth in the 4,000 meters (59.65). Brandi Hobson placed fifth in the 5,000 meters (19:04.28) and eighth in the 1,500 meters (4:59.08). Maritza Ruelas and Taylor Blaha both placed sixth in their events. Ruelas was timed in 19:18.38 in the 5,000 meters and Blaha jumped 34’5.50” in the triple jump. Tori Teraji was seventh in the pole vault (9’8.25”) along with the 4x100 relay team (50.22). The Lady Panthers were just 3 points from earning a regional team trophy with their total score of 72 points.

The California Community College State Championship will be held Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16 at the College of San Mateo.

For full Northern California Championship results: http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/37730.html

 Youtube Video of the Men’s 1500 Final

 Youtube Video of the Men’s 5000m Final

14. OTHER HAPPENINGS IN PHOTOS

Special signing at Trustees’ meeting in May

Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President Kristen Goetz and member Alejandro Jimenez were recognized by the Community College League of California in Sacramento last month in the prestigious All-California Phi Theta Kappa awards. The president of the college has to sign the certificate, thus I invited Miss Goetz to the trustees’ meeting to sign this important state recognition. (Alejandro was unavailable)
On Monday, May 11, 2015 a convening of local community leaders happened at Steinbeck Hall at this year’s second Strategic Planning Advisory Group meeting. The group meets twice per year. I provided the SPAG with a progress report on strategic planning and other important planning efforts.

Hartnell employees and students put heart and soul into the fundraising efforts for Relay for life; multiple activities are engaging the campus community to benefit the American Cancer Society. Thus far, over $1,500 has been collected and more is expected as the efforts continue.

This week, the Hall of Fame Committee looked through dozens of nominations for the 2015 Hall of Fame. After reviewing and discussing, 12 individuals and one team were selected. The nominees have to respond and accept the nomination – once this happens, we will announce those selected for induction.

15. UPCOMING EVENTS

The Music Department presents:
- A Hawaiian Music Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Mainstage on May 18, 2015
- Guitar/Estudiantina Concert, 6:30 p.m. in K-125 on May 19, 2015
- Spring Jazz, 7:30 p.m. at Mainstage on May 20, 2015
- To Italy and Beyond, 7:30 p.m. at Mainstage on May 21, 2015

Academic Expo
May 21 – May 27 at Steinbeck Hall
Awards Ceremony on May 27, 205 at 2:30 p.m.
2015 Commencement
Thursday, May 28, 2015
6:30 p.m. at Rabobank Stadium

The Western Stage – Season opener:
You can’t take it with you
Season starts May 29, 2015
Westernstage.com or call 755-6816

16. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell runner Leon wins 3 state titles

Why food safety matters
http://www.lgma.ca.gov/2015/05/why-food-safety-matters/

Governor proposes record budget
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2015/05/14/california-governor-proposes-record-billion-budget/27334717/

School board elections

Being #1 in Underrepresented minority transfers to UCs
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2015/05/10/education-digest-may/27096765/

Sports Wrap