We should all be proud of the City of Salinas! On Sunday, June 14, 2015 it received the All-America City recognition by the National Civic League in Denver, Colorado. The annual award celebrates and recognizes neighborhoods, villages, towns, cities, counties, tribes, and metro regions that engage residents in innovative, inclusive, and effective efforts to tackle critical challenges. A delegation from Salinas was there to present, including children who talked about Coder Dojo, Ciclovía, and other programs that are helping shape the future of Salinas.

“If you could have heard our kids talking about what they're doing to help solve difficult problems... it was moving and motivating,” expressed CEO of the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce, Paul Farmer.

During the three-day event, delegations of community activists and leaders (more than 500 in total) presented their stories of positive civic change to a jury of 13 leaders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. They also shared ideas, insights and stories of impact in interactive peer workshops.

All-America City finalists and winners receive national attention. Being an All-America City has helped communities secure new businesses, increase tourism, and secure state and federal grants.

“We are very proud to bring the award back to our city and I am happy to have represented Hartnell,” said NASA SEMAA and Coder Dojo Director, Maggie Melone-Echiburu.

Hartnell College was very well represented; the judges were impressed with Coder Dojo and what Hartnell is doing to make a difference in the lives of youth in Salinas,
especially in the K-12 STEM programs. They praised our partnerships with local industries and businesses, and highlighted the success of all programs represented.

This year, there were ten 2015 All-America Cities awarded. These are: 
- Carson, California; Salinas, California; Stockton, California; Tallahassee, Florida; Somerville, Massachusetts; Tupelo, Mississippi; Geneva, New York; Marshall, Texas; Spokane, Washington; and Yakima, Washington.

Congratulations!

2. NEEDS VOICED AT MCBC CRITICAL CONVERSATION

The Monterey County Business Council (MCBC) presented the Third Annual Monterey Bay Regional Critical Conversation on Thursday, June 18, 2015 in Monterey. The presentations and conversation were centered on education, vocational training, transportation, and housing.

A discussion about people being work-ready resulted in questioning why high school graduates are not prepared for most jobs. It was suggested that a curriculum is followed by high school teachers to get students ready for college not for work.

Someone mentioned the loss of the art of respect, courtesy, and responsibility along with the soft skills lacking now in most business offices.

There is a lot of construction happening in the tri-county area, but most young adults with decent salaries are not able to afford to buy a home.

A breakout session allowed for groups to propose ideas on how to tackle the issues discussed.

In photo L to R – VP of Information Technology & Resources, Matt Coombs; Hartnell student, Ernesto Infante; Director of Ag Business & Technology, Dr. Susan Pheasant; MCBC President, Mary Ann Leffel; and Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen. Also in attendance: Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Celine Pinet and Director of Public Grant Development & Operations, Loyanne Flinn.

3. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT – ERNESTO INFANTE

Hartnell student, Ernesto Infante, is only 19 years of age and he already knows what path he wants to take in his future. He is entering his second year at Hartnell as a Political Science major. His goal is to transfer to UC Berkeley, and double major in Political Science and International Business Management; after that, he wishes to enter law school - but not to practice law – he actually wants to become an elected official and create change in his community.
“Assembly member Luis Alejo has inspired me to follow this path,” shared Ernesto. “I respect how he built himself up to become a person of influence.”
Ernesto lives in Greenfield with his mom Rosaura Torres, and three younger sisters Ashanti, Chanel, and Nevaeh. “I do not mind driving to the main campus,” he mentioned. “One of my goals was to be a part of student senate.”
He was elected Senator-at-large for the Associated Students of Hartnell College and he enjoys having a say in the planning of events, tours, and other decisions made on behalf of the student body. He is an active member of this body and makes his presence known at every event.
Ernesto says that his junior and senior years at Greenfield High School changed his outlook and actually gave meaning to his life. He noticed a lot of restrictions were being placed upon the student body and he decided to run for class president. He won both years. He liked creating policy and change; this is how he found his calling in life.
He was raised by a single parent, his mom Rosaura who he says has always been there for him. He was faced with many challenges in his early teens, but he did not let those define him, rather he learned lessons that added maturity to his years.
In his spare time, this young man loves sports (soccer and tennis), goes to the beach, likes to travel, and enjoys spending time with family and friends.
In photo, Ernesto is with Greenfield Mayor, the Honorable John Huerta at the MCBC regional critical conversation in Monterey, where, by the way, he acted and presented himself as a true professional.
I am sure we will be hearing a lot about Ernesto in the near future.
who are making news in the world of STEM.
In the spring 2015 Issue of Office of Naval Research (ONR) STEM2Stern Newsletter, alumnus Francisco Gutierrez highlighting his time at Hartnell and internship at NPS as well as NPS SFS Monarch program experiences. The cover of the magazine and page 5 with his story are included here (click on images to access publication).
Alumna Casi Martin, former NPS intern, and current NPS SFS STEM student, was interviewed for the newest ONR STEM promotional video. You can view it here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVpvKZeD3iQ. Her portion starts at 4:08 and there is another one at 5:23. Casi and the rest of the interviewees in this video talk about the importance of STEM research and education in our world.
“The work being done by our local partnerships and on campus programs, as well as these young STEM students/professionals, should make you proud!” said Miss Kerr.

5. STEM SUMMER BRIDGE 2015 IS ON

Two groups of students are taking part in a five-week intensive STEM preparation. During their first week, the students enjoyed an overview of the program plus took classes in counseling. They also did a field trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Students were placed in groups to shadow an Aquarium staffer. The day was filled with fun, lots of information, and plenty to learn. In the next weeks, these students will be instructed in math, biology, chemistry, and computer applications.

6. RCP STUDENTS PASS AT 100%

Great news! Our first Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) graduating Therapist Multiple Choice on their first attempt! This is national average for new the first attempt is 80%.
“In order to become a therapist, the students must
higher cut score – the TMC and the Clinical Simulation Exam (CSE),” said RCP Director, Tanya Ho. “This is an incredible pass rate for our first graduating class. I couldn’t be happier and more proud of our students.”
Nine RCP students completed the first cohort May 2015.

7. NURSING STUDENTS GET FIRE SAFETY TRAINING

Last week, nursing students got out of the classroom and received training in fire safety. All of them passed with flying colors and were certified to safely put a fire out. This activity was coordinated by Art Alvarado, Supervisor of Grounds.

8. SUMMER CLASSES BEGAN! EMT STUDENTS LEARN TO SAVE LIVES

After just a short break, classes are in session! Students are motivated and excited to be a part of the summer 2015 session here at Hartnell. In this photo, EMT students learn to save lives by performing CPR effectively.

9. STUDENTS TOUR THE CAMPUS AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE

On Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 11 students from Peacock Acres visited Hartnell College for a campus tour and informational workshop. Students ranged from 9th to 12th grade with one student ready to begin classes as a 1st year student at Hartnell in the fall 2015 semester. College Pathways Coordinator, Sara Sánchez guided students around campus with help from Student Ambassador and Senator at Large, Ernesto
Infante. While touring Building K, students also received an impromptu welcome from The Western Stage Production and Facilities Manager, Steve McGrath who shared wonderful information about the upcoming 2015-2016 season and volunteer opportunities for students. The tour concluded with Steps to Success, Student Services, and Financial Aid workshop provided by Sara, Ernesto, and Financial Aid Specialist, Melissa Romero. Students also received their own Hartnell “swag bag,” which included a Hartnell backpack, notepad, pen, 1 GB flash drive, and Steps to Success and Financial Aid informational packet.

Peacock Acres is a vital local resource for displaced foster youth in Monterey County. We are excited to work even closer with Peacock Acres and assist local foster youth transition into the next steps of their education and career development. Campus visits and tours may be scheduled with College Pathways Coordinator, Sara Sánchez at ssanchez@hartnell.edu.

10. ONLINE COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

Students can now schedule counseling appointments online by visiting http://www.hartnell.edu/online-counseling-appointments

Please help us remind the students to come to appointment prepared with:
1. Transcripts from all institutions they have attended
2. General Education Sheet
3. Major Sheet
   • Major Sheets
   • Assist.org
4. Educational Plan
To schedule a counseling appointment with the Transfer and Career Center or other student support program (i.e. EOPS/TRiO/ACE), please contact that office directly.

11. CRISIS COUNSELING FOR STUDENTS
12. THE SCIENCE BUILDING IS LOOKING GOOD!

13. STUDENT PARKING PERMITS–ONLINE

No more long lines! Get your parking permit for cars and motorcycles by clicking http://www.hartnell.edu/online-parking-permits

14. UPCOMING EVENTS

Farewell to Matt Coombs!
Wednesday, June 24, 2015
Room E-112
Come by between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
The Western Stage presents:
*2x4 BASH* – Studio Theater
  *A Behanding in Spokane*
    July 10, 11, 17, & 18 at 7:30 p.m.

*She Kills Monsters*
July 24, 25, & 31; August 8, 14, & 15 at 7:30 p.m.

**Into the Woods** – Mainstage
July 11 – August 1, 2015
7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; 2:00 p.m. on Sundays
** For more information on these and future productions, visit [www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com).

**Path to Equitable Opportunities and Outcomes for Boys and Men of color**
Salinas Hearing (Free and open to the public, register at this link)
Friday, June 26, 2015
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Mainstage – Building K

15. IN THE NEWS

**Graduating Class**

**Grandma and grandson graduate together from Hartnell**

**City of Salinas receives All America designation**

**Santa Lucia Rotary gives scholarship to Hartnell student**

**Farmers give to county hospital**

**Western Stage explores two philosophies**

**All-Star baseball game set at Hartnell**

**Salinas Valley all-star baseball game**