Tuesday, June 30, 2015, we held a press conference at Steinbeck Hall to announce the good news - Hartnell College’s removal from Warning and our accreditation reaffirmation! The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges made its decision based on the College Follow-Up Report, evidence submitted for review by Hartnell College as well as a report made by an evaluation team carefully looking over material and impressions gathered during their visit on April 15, 2015.

The ACCJC met June 3-5 to make the final decision that Hartnell College has successfully addressed and resolved the deficiencies recommended previously by the Commission. Institutions like Hartnell College are expected to meet and maintain certain eligibility requirements set by the Commission in order to receive Accreditation.

In her letter announcing the great news, Dr. Barbara A. Beno of the ACCJC complimented our teamwork and advised us to continue to implement all the positive changes into a sustainable system.
I am proud of the collective effort of the Hartnell community to maintain our Accreditation; I have no doubt that we will be ready to submit a great report for our March 15, 2016 Midterm Review.

2. THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE’S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Music, Cupcakes, and Lemonade! It doesn’t get much nicer than that. On Thursday, the Office of Student Life was gracious enough to provide a good start to our long Holiday weekend in observance of the 4th of July. David Carrasco Jr. got everyone’s Independence Day celebration started by playing The National Anthem, God Bless America, and America the Beautiful. Meanwhile the crowd enjoyed cupcakes and lemonade, two July 4 favorites!

3. PRESIDENT’S HONOR ROLL AND DEAN’S LIST SPRING 2015

Hartnell College is honored to announce the names of 624 students in its Dean’s List and 656 in the President’s Honor Roll for the spring 2015 semester. All 1,280 students were enrolled in at least 12 units. The maximum grade point average (GPA) per semester is a 4.0. The GPA for each category had to be within the following ranges:

- Dean’s List students earned a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.49
- President’s Honor Roll students earned a grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0

I am so proud of the academic achievement of our honor roll students. Many have overcome significant challenges in their lives to reach high levels of academic achievement.

At Hartnell College, we are growing leaders through opportunity, engagement and achievement.

The Hartnell College Transfer and Career Center hosted a UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) Workshop facilitated by our partners from the UC Transfer Preparation Program (TPP). The workshop was held, June 30, 2015 - over 30 students participated in this informative session where they learned the requirements and process of applying for early admission review to six of the nine UC campuses that accept upper-division transfer students.

The UC Santa Cruz TPP supports prospective transfer students from California community colleges and assists them in enrolling at the University of California, Santa Cruz, as well as other UC campuses. TPP representatives work most closely with students who are attending one of the thirteen community colleges in the region to plan a successful transfer program, but will assist any California community college student who has questions.

The Transfer Preparation Program also collaborates with programs and initiatives that strengthen the transfer process and support individual students in making a successful transition to a four-year institution. We are extremely proud to be able to share this collaborative resource with our students at Hartnell College. We hope to continue to strengthen the transfer bridge via workshops like these throughout the academic year. The TAG filing period is from September 1 through September 30, and students who are planning to transfer out by the end of this academic year should start preparing now.

The next TAG Workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the Transfer and Career Center, C-132. Students interested in participating are encouraged to RSVP by contacting the Transfer and Career Center at 831-759-6007.

This summer, students are taking part in a five-week Summer Bridge on Main Campus and at the Alisal Campus. Professor Ann Wright says that the students are so excited about all the great new things they are learning. Just a week ago, the students in the Computer Science cohort were learning about the components in computers; they were able to identify motherboards, daughter boards, R.A.M., fans, and power supplies. On Thursday's site visit by
Loaves and Fishes, they took apart the computer, evaluated it, and reassembled the system.

The students also learned how easy it is to add more R.A.M. Their instructor, Juan Campos, told them, "You could save a hundred dollars by doing a few seconds worth of work."

In the Biology cohort, the students and instructor Nancy Wheat learned about Alternative Energy. They used Lego blocks to build machines and vehicles that used wind energy and static electricity from a hand crank to power the machines. They ended the week by building and operating a wastewater treatment system. Talk about timely!

6. DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION – TWS

Every month, the Hartnell College Foundation recognizes a department for its work in serving students, staff, and the community. In June, the Foundation surprised The Western Stage staff with coffee and sweet treats. The Western Stage is a cultural hub of excellence in the Salinas Valley. The programs and productions celebrate our culture, while building community pride. The Foundation is proud to collaborate with The Western Stage in the development of grants, an annual gala event, and many other projects.

7. MEET OUR NEW DIESEL TECH INSTRUCTOR

Mark DeHart is our new Advanced Diesel Technology Professor at the Alisal Campus. He is excited to teach our students the skills necessary to be a great mechanic. He was adjunct professor at Heald College and recently retired from the U.S. Army where he was a Staff Sergeant, Active Duty Instructor in military mechanics. He has a Master’s in Business Administration Management and a Bachelor’s in Criminal Justice Administration Management from University of Phoenix. What follows is his story in his own words. Welcome Mark to Hartnell College!
Imagine yourself sitting on a white rocking chair overlooking a freshly cut lawn, as green as a Crayola crayon. In the air are the well-known scents of cut grass and a hint of pine from the two large pine trees in the front yard, which provides the shade for the evening gatherings that take place. The place that you have in your mind is a small town nestled in the Great Smokey Mountains of North Carolina. The name of this small town is Bryson City - this is where my story takes off. My name is Mark DeHart and I am 31 years old. I have been married for just over five years to the most wonderful woman and have two daughters. My mother and father divorced when I was six years old. I chose to live with my mother in our two bedroom trailer overlooking that wonderful lawn where I spent many years of my life playing and growing up in. My mother was a strong, intelligent woman who taught me well. Mom, my best friend, went home to be with the Lord when I was 17 years old. I had to grow up quickly thus left school to take on two full time jobs to make ends meet. For a couple of years, I had a rough life and made some mistakes, but quickly I decided to go back to high school, got my diploma, and went off to college to become a medic. When times are hard there is always an end in sight, we may not be able to see that end if we have our head down, so I kept my head up looking for the light at the end of the tunnel. This light came at the age of 20 when my daughter Shaelyn Faith was born on my mom’s birthday, May 2, 2003 - s one of the best days of my life. My second daughter was born on February 14, 2013. She is growing so fast but we are enjoying every minute of it. My wife and I are so happy and blessed. I was in the military for eight years. I explored a number of jobs while there and my time as an instructor was the most special to me because of the overall impact I had on so many deploying soldiers' lives. I also enjoyed the mechanical aspect of my job.

Floriberto Garcia was born and raised in a small town in Oaxaca, Mexico. At the age of 16 he decided to migrate to the United States in hopes of a better future for self and family. After working in the fields for seven years, he began to dream of a life with more. After much consideration Floriberto returned to school at the Salinas Adult School to learn English. This led him to meet with High School Equivalency Program (HEP) staff member, Julia Mena, who helped him enroll in the Hartnell College program. He quickly exceeded through the program and began the next step: ESL
Floriberto’s family background was the driving force in his education. His childhood was no stranger to adversity; being one of seven drove him to seek opportunities that would allow him to provide for himself and help others. Floriberto also never had the opportunity to expand his education beyond primary school. Later in life he quickly realized that this would limit his options.

His transition back to school was not always easy. He often had to make choices like eating or getting to class on time. Throughout his education, Floriberto was not able to leave his job in the fields; he often worked 10 or more hours before attending evening classes. As he sought guidance in his education, HEP offered the perfect opportunity for him. Later in his educational career, he would return to HEP not as a student, but as a staff member. This was the perfect opportunity for him to give back just as he had always wanted.

This spring, he completed his Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology at UC Davis with an emphasis in General Social Work. Most people would consider this enough, but not Floriberto. This fall he will enter the Master’s in Counseling program at Sacramento State University where he plans on learning and putting his current skills to work.

Congratulations to this young man!

9. WELCOME NEW BABY EMILIO!

Congratulations to HEP Administrative Assistant, Maria Guerrero and her husband Emiliano Cruz on the birth of their second son, Emilio Cruz. The baby boy was born on May 16, 2015; he weighed 7 pounds and measured 19 inches in length. Emilio joins his big brother Santiago in the newly extended happy family. Congratulations!

10. PROFESSOR’S DAUGHTER AND GRANDSON HONORED

Hartnell College Professor of Early Childhood Education, Andrea Zarate has shared with us the touching story of her young grandson, Joshua, who was honored in June as a representative of the State of Virginia by “Speak Now for Kids;” 50 children were selected from across the
nation to be a *Hero for Advocacy Day* representing children with rare diseases. Joshua suffers from severe allergies to all of the “top eight” food allergens (milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, soybeans and wheat) as well as other non-food allergies like pollen. His condition is known as *eosinophilic esophagitis*, or EoE. In order to combat the allergies, Joshua’s diet is restricted to an expensive formula and corticoid steroid medication which helps to prevent allergy attacks. Zarate’s daughter, Dawn McCoy (far right) has been instrumental in passing a bill through the Virginia Senate to prevent cross contamination and training of restaurant workers in the hopes of preventing allergy attacks in both her own son and others suffering from conditions similar to Joshua’s. For this she was honored not only by the Governor of Virginia but also received a National Award from the American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders. Her efforts are bringing awareness of diseases and better resources to the families affected by these financially draining illnesses. Thank you Andrea for sharing your family’s story!

### 11. UPCOMING EVENTS

**Happening at Western Stage**
- **2x4 BASH – Studio Theater**
  - *A Behanding in Spokane*
  - *She Kills Monsters*

- **Into the Woods – Mainstage**

**Women’s Education & Leadership Institute forum**
Thursday, October 29, 2015
Tehama Golf Club
For more go to [www.hartnellfoundation.org](http://www.hartnellfoundation.org)
12. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell College’s accreditation reaffirmed

Spanish – Hartnell vuelve a recibir acreditacion
http://noticias.entravision.com/monterey-salinas/2015/06/30/hartnell-college-vuelve-a-recibir-acreditacion/

Accreditation warning lifted

Hartnell taken off warning list

Chancellor’s News – Hartnell’s Accreditation

Innovation awards received by CSUMB