1. 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR OFF TO GREAT START

The fall semester began! Tuesday, August 18, 2015 was a busy day at all campus locations with thousands of students filling the hallways, classrooms, and open space. Students seemed excited and eager for the new academic year. Employees and student ambassadors throughout the District were focused on helping students with their transition to and integration into the College.

2. HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY HARTNELL COLLEGE!

It was on August 18, 1920 that the Salinas Junior College (SJC) opened its doors as California’s 13th junior college serving 28 students, according to the local newspaper, The Battery. Salinas High School principal E.L. Van Dellen was the main promoter.

“For 95 years, Hartnell College has been actively engaged in ensuring that students have the opportunity and support to fulfill their dreams. During this time, the college has gone through various chapters and over the years many stories have unfolded,” said Board of Trustees President, Erica Padilla-Chávez.

In 1948, SJC was renamed Hartnell College linking it to William Edward Hartnell, who is credited for bringing the first educational institution to
California in 1834, El Colegio de Hartnell (which translates Hartnell’s School). In 1949, it became what it is today, Hartnell Community College District with the goal to serve more students in a larger span. We are all proud to be a part of a higher education institution that has stood the test of time for 95 years to become a premier community college recognized for the achievements of its students, innovation, quality, and effectiveness. Hartnell College has a history of success and a future with unlimited possibilities!
For more about our history, visit the following link: http://old-
www.hartnell.edu/history/images/slideshow.php?directory=.&currentPic=1

3. FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS ATTEND CONVOCATION

Just before starting the new semester, we held a few orientations for new adjunct and full-time faculty as well as for new employees. On Monday, we held convocation to get all faculty ready and set for the start of the new semester. During my part, I spoke of the state of the college, accreditation, budget, FTES comparisons, the latest accomplishments for Hartnell College, and more. During the morning session, the group received a presentation on our Employee Giving Campaign, the latest marketing campaign, Human Resources and offerings, IT support, our financials, and more. In addition, the winners of the Employee Innovation Grants (Dr. Sewan Fan, Dr. Marnie Glazier, Dr. Hortencia Jimenez, and Burton Ward) each gave a short presentation on their projects. The afternoon was secured for the group to be well versed on assessments.

4. INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

On Friday, August 21, 2015 the Student Center was dressed with lots of 'scientific' talent. There were 94 poster boards in display for the Summer Internship STEM Symposium Open House. The students presented their individual research results to guests who were curious to learn of this successful internship that pairs up a student with industry professional
to work on a problem – the result always amazes everyone who understands the level of expertise needed to achieve results. These types of internships are usually experienced by students in their senior year in four-year universities. It is another testament of how at Hartnell College we are growing leaders through opportunity, engagement, and achievement.

5. HARTNELL HOSTS TURKISH DELEGATION

Hartnell’s Ag Business and Technology Institute at the Alisal Campus enjoyed the privilege of hosting the visiting delegation from Turkey on Friday afternoon. The delegation originates from Soke, Turkey which, like the Salinas Valley, also has an agriculturally based economy in close proximity to a coastal tourist destination. Lionel Handel, Maggie Melone-Echiburu, and Melvin Jimenez shared information about their programs during the visit. The group was happy to learn more about Hartnell and its educational programs.

[Image of a group of people]

L to R - Maggie Melone-Echiburu (K-12 STEM), Melvin Jimenez (CS-in-3), Susan Pheasant (Ag Business & Technology Institute), Paul Farmer (Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce), Fahri Sivrioglu (Vice Mayor of Soke Municipality, Turkey), Haluk Kutlay (Soke Ticaret Odasi Chamber of Commerce), President Willard Lewallen (Hartnell College), Dean Zahi Atallah (Hartnell College), Chuck Scurrah (Santa Lucia Rotarian), Demetrio Pruneda (Hartnell CCD Governing Board Member), Vice President Lori Kildal (Hartnell College). Photo taken by Santa Lucia Rotary President, Kevin McWilliams.

6. HARTNELL SUPPORTS MOCO FARM BUREAU GOLF TOURNAMENT

On August 20, 2015, Director of Agricultural Business and Technology Institute, Dr. Susan Pheasant, and Administrative Assistant II, Cristina Westfall, represented Hartnell College well by supporting the Bill Baker Memorial Golf Tournament; proceeds are donated to the Monterey County Farm Bureau.

The tournament was held at Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside, CA and, as expected, sold out several days prior to the event. Over 250 players enjoyed the amazing tournament followed by dinner, raffle, and awards. Among attendees were teams from Tanimura & Antle, Fresh Express, Foothill Packaging, Duda Farm Fresh Foods, Holaday Seed Company, Pacific Ag Rentals,
Paraiso Vineyards, Pacific Gas & Electric, RDO Equipment, Salinas Land Company, Salinas Valley Ford/Lincoln, KION, Steinbeck Country Produce, Keith-Williams Seeds, and many others organizations. Monterey County Farm Bureau is the private, nonprofit association serving farmers and ranchers in the Salinas Valley. With office in Salinas, the Monterey County Farm Bureau provides information, advocacy, benefits and services to the agricultural industry and support services.

In photos:
Top left - Cristina Westfall (Hartnell Foundation), Norm Groot (Executive Director – Monterey County Farm Bureau), and Dr. Susan Pheasant (Hartnell Ag Institute director) pose amidst the social preceding the BBQ dinner.
Above right - Cristina Westfall (Hartnell Foundation) along with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin who participated in the tourney.

7. PROFESSOR EARN MEGGERS PROJECT AWARD

It is a great honor to be awarded the prestigious Meggers Project Award from the American Institute of Physics (AIP) and a bonus to when the prize amounts to $10,000. Our Salinas Airshower Learning and Discovery Project (SALAD), under the direction of Hartnell College physics faculty and Dr. Sewan Fan, are the beneficiaries of such award. This achievement will enable them to provide Salinas High School and Soledad High School students and their physics teachers valuable hands-on cosmic ray instrumentation workshops. Funding from the Meggers Project Award will scale SALAD to serve 30 students over the next two years.

The SALAD project received start-up funding from the Employee Innovation Award in April 2015 and provided Saturday workshops in April and May with 13 students and 2 physics teachers. Students who attended both days received a stipend and equipment to continue their work. A comment from the student survey reads, "I would strongly recommend this to other students because it is extremely beneficial, in that the techniques have a log of different applications."

The goal is to encourage high school students to follow pathways into STEM disciplines, and in particular, to pursue major studies in physics. Congratulations to the physics department, Dr. Sewan Fan and our high school partners.
Hartnell College’s Agricultural Business and Technology Institute is joining nine other California community colleges in piloting implementation of twenty modules focusing on 21st Century Soft Skills. In August, faculty members Albert Graham (AIT; Hartnell’s lead for the grant), Valentin Rodriguez (ADT, AUT), and Dr. Susan Pheasant (Food Safety adjunct instructor, Ag Institute Director) participated in a two-day training for curriculum implementation and data collection. Initially, Hartnell College will implement the curriculum into coursework within the Ag Industrial Technology, Advanced Diesel, Advanced Automotive, and Food Safety programs. Additionally, the curriculum is tied to student internships and work based learning.

Entrepreneurial Mindset + Technical Skills + Work Based Learning = 21st Century Worker

Van Ton-Quinlivan who serves as Vice Chancellor, Workforce and Economic Development at California Community Colleges, welcomed the participants and shared the commitment this program has within the Doing What Matters initiative.

- Recent Small Business Sector “California Employer Needs Surveys” identified soft skills as the top skills gap amongst new hires
- In a report from Intuit, by 2020 more than 40% of the American workforce, or 60 million people, will be freelancers, contractors, and temp workers

Special thanks to Feather River College for initiating the curriculum and managing the grant to include collaboration amongst 10 community colleges. Ten community colleges are participating in the New World of Work 21st Century Soft Skills grant to implement the twenty modules into career technical education curriculum.

In photo above - Valentin Rodriguez (ADT) receiving his certificate from New World of Work grant director Rajinder Gill.
9. OSCAR MARTINEZ AND OTHERS HONORED IN VIRGINIA

Recent graduate, Oscar Martinez is the recipient of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship for $40,000 per year for up to three years and on July 30, 2015, he and the rest of the scholarship recipients in the country, were gathered in Leesburg, Virginia. This was a special weekend just for them alongside past scholars at the National Convention Center. During a special presentation, Martinez shares that General Colin Powel and Secretary of Education Arnie Duncan were two of the guest speakers. In addition, they were all surprised when First Lady, Michelle Obama directed a message to them. During the weekend, they took time to get a fun group photo. Martinez is far back right.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. By offering the largest scholarships in the country, in-depth academic counseling and other direct services, the Cooke Foundation seeks to help high-performing, low-income students to develop their talents and excel educationally. Cooke Scholars are selected from a national pool using such factors as exemplary academic achievement, financial need, grit, determination and social commitment.

10. CONGRATULATIONS TAYLOR FARMS!

I think everyone in Salinas has been anxious to finally see the new Taylor Farms Headquarters open in OldTown Salinas. On August 20, 2015 it did with a great celebration. We congratulate the Taylor family and its employees on such an important achievement. This is a positive win for Salinas! For photos and a video about the new building, go to: http://www.taylorfarms.com/news/our-new-home/
11. UPCOMING EVENTS

Corridos! Tales of Passion and Revolution
By Luis Valdez
*Post-show reception* on Sunday, August 30, 2015
Matinee performance is at 2:00 p.m.

At the Western Stage this season
For information on current and future productions,
visit [www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com)

Third Annual Veterans Appreciation Job Fair
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
All job seekers are welcome!
For more information, call 831-759-6007

12. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell College delivers warm welcome to students

CSin3 featured
[http://us10.campaign-archive2.com/?u=27b60858ed2868ee5269937fe&id=7b2920a78f&e=60edb8e917](http://us10.campaign-archive2.com/?u=27b60858ed2868ee5269937fe&id=7b2920a78f&e=60edb8e917)

Heavy Connect and CSin3

Turkish delegation to visit Alisal Campus
[http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/news_blog/turkish-delegation-arrives-for-a-week-long-monterey-county-tour/article_b84f3f06-42cf-11e5-a296-c3ce84de60ea.html](http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/news_blog/turkish-delegation-arrives-for-a-week-long-monterey-county-tour/article_b84f3f06-42cf-11e5-a296-c3ce84de60ea.html)

Ernest Hawkins at University of South Carolina

Former Hartnell coach moves on to Cabrillo