Hartnell College is proud to announce that it has been selected as one of nine recipients of NASA’s Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) for cooperative agreement awards totaling $3.6 million to create and operate a NASA MUREP Aerospace Academy. This program was formally known as NASA SEMAA.

The institutions will receive as much as $160,000 per year for two years and up to $100,000 for a third year. The Aerospace Academies will engage historically underserved and underrepresented students in grades K-12 through hands-on activities that reflect each of NASA’s four mission directorates: Science, Aeronautics, Space Technology and Human Exploration and Operations. The academies will also provide access to NASA technology through an Aerospace Education Laboratory, and encourage families and communities to get involved through the Family Café, an interactive forum with activities, workshops and guest speakers.

Hartnell NASA SEMAA has been serving our community for the last four years, with close to 10,000 students benefiting from the NASA curriculum and hands-on activities. Students from all over the county and beyond come each year to experience our program. Hartnell’s NASA SEMAA was the first site on the west coast. Hartnell NASA MAA will be one of two in the state of California. MUREP awards promote STEM literacy and enhance and sustain the capability of institutions to perform NASA-related research and education.

The goals of the program are to expand the nation’s base for aerospace research and development, increase participation by faculty and students at minority serving institutions, and increase the number of undergraduate and graduate degrees in NASA-related fields awarded to students from minority serving institutions.

Photo above – Maggie Melone-Echiburu (Director of K-12 STEM Programs) with Program Coordinators Claudia Contreras, Joseph Alcantara, Edna Valdez, and Michelle Ramos.
2. COACH CHRIS ZEPEDA HONORED AT TRUSTEES MEETING

Photo 2 – Maggie is interviewed by Reporter Adriana Frederick Sutton from Univision about this award.

One of my favorite things to do is brag about Hartnell faculty and staff! It is even better when others recognize the hard work and dedication they are doing. The California Community College Athletics Association named our very own Christopher Zepeda the 2015 Coach of the Year for his work in Women's Cross Country. It was only fitting that at the September 1, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting we gave Coach Zepeda a well-deserved congratulations. Governing Board President, Erica Padilla-Chavez and Athletics Director, Daniel Teresa joined me during my report to the board to present Chris with a plaque from Hartnell as well as certificates of recognition from Congressman Sam Farr, Assemblymember Luis Alejo, and Mayor of Salinas Joe Gunter.

Chris was appreciative of the recognition and said that it is the result of the awesome student-athletes he works with. He complimented the Lady Panthers in Cross Country as tough and dedicated. As you read the articles that follow, Hartnell Cross Country is already making the news. I think it is fair to say we are off to a great start! We are so proud of you Chris and your student-athletes! Keep up the good work!

3. OUR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE RANKED #9 IN STATE!

A few reports back, I included a story about being ranked #9 Top Supporting Corrections & Criminal Justice offering in California; regionally we rank #1 and this includes the San Francisco Bay Area. It is a recognition that makes us proud. The study was revealed by CorrectionalOfficer.Org. The study analyzed 120 schools in California and ranked 50 in every state based on student data, published surveys, and other school and career data collected from several sources which include government agencies (National Center for Education Statistics and The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System).
Salinas Police Chief and Hartnell Alumnus, Kelly J. McMillin says this recognition does not surprise him. “Salinas PD has had great luck with Hartnell graduates who have gone on to provide years of dedicated service to the City of Salinas. I am a Hartnell graduate as are both Deputy Chiefs, two Police Commanders, and a number of Sergeants and Police Officers.” He added that as Salinas PD Continues to ramp up hiring efforts, they will pay close attention to Hartnell graduates who bring a quality education and intimate knowledge of the region to the service of the community.

Administration of Justice Professors Lisa Storm and Lindsey Bertomen said, “This ranking indicates that our program is promoting student success and degree attainment, which is essential for any career in criminal justice and corrections. It provides notice to our students that the program has gained recognition in the field, enhancing employment opportunities in law enforcement, corrections, and other criminal justice careers.”

4. HARTNELL FACULTY AND STAFF ATTEND 2015 EQUITY SUMMIT

On August 28, 2015 nine Hartnell faculty members and staff attended the 2015 Equity Summit sponsored by the California Community College Success Network (3CSN). The mission of 3CSN is to help community college leaders in California pinpoint practices on campus that may promote inequality among certain demographics, including minority students, students with disabilities, veterans and foster youth. The keynote speaker was Veronica Neal, Equity Director at DeAnza College; her address emphasized thinking about equity on campus that must become a part of a campus’ identity.

Hartnell attendees included Kathy Mendelsohn (Dean of Academic Affairs), Kristen Arps (AB86 Project Planning Coordinator), Professor Jason Hough (Communication Studies and Student Success Coordinator), Professor Lana McDonnell (Communication Studies), Francisco Corchado (Counselor), Liz Estrella (Counselor), Professor Michael Hooper (English), Dr. Elsa Brisson (Family and Consumer Science), and Professor Nick Pasquale (Mathematics).

Hartnell College will be partnering with 3CSN to host a conference on “Habits of Mind,” November 20, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Attendees will discuss strategies on how to infuse intellectual practices into the classroom and curriculum. The conference will be open to all Hartnell faculty members and staff.
5. DR. JIMENEZ PRESENTS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Sociology Professor, Dr. Hortencia Jimenez attended the annual conference of the American Sociological Association in Illinois, Chicago in August. She visited the Sociology Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and met with several leading faculty in the areas of Latino/a sociology and attended the Norma William Mentoring Program held at UIC aimed at helping graduate and junior faculty succeed in academia. She says this was an amazing, inspiring, and informative space. “I also visited the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum at UIC,” said Dr. Jimenez. “Jane Addams co-founded one of the first settlements in the United States, the Hull House in Chicago, Illinois, and was named a co-winner of the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize. Addams made great contributions to the field of sociology and social work.” At the Conference, she presented on her exploratory research on Latino/a immigrant organic farmers, plus she attended several workshops of interest to her area of study.

6. ARTS COUNCIL FOR MONTEREY COUNTY CALENDAR

Dean Renata Funke was co-curator of the Arts Council for Monterey County 2016 Calendar. The calendar features photographs and paintings from South County Artists and is available for purchase. To order a copy, call (831) 622-9060.

7. FAREWELL TO LINDA TAYLOR!

Staff and faculty gathered at the Child Development Center last week to wish Linda Taylor the best in her new endeavors as a retiree! The staff filled her office with balloons and the CDC with joyful decorations.
Linda came to Hartnell College in 2000 to serve as the Director of the Child Development Center bringing to the position a great sensitivity to diversity and a high level of emotional intelligence. With foresight and leadership, she led the CDC, building up staff development and empowering the staff to implement cutting edge approaches to child development, for example providing environmental improvements through outside spaces and activities for the children as well as offering classes for the parents of children attending the center. Loved by colleagues, staff and parents alike, she will be missed!

As we wish Linda Taylor all the best in her retirement, we welcome Dr. Susan Ratliff as our new Director of Early Childhood Education/Child Development Center (ECE/CDC). The California Native has lived all over the state but has called Salinas home for the last 23 years. Her background is primarily in elementary education level. She has a BA in Home Economics from Fresno State, an MA in Educational Leadership with a focus in diversity from San Jose State University, and a Doctorate in Education from William Howard Taft University with her dissertation focus on social emotional skills in children before kindergarten. Susan’s passion is working with young children and especially those who are marginalized. Her research and love is working on the social emotional aspects of children and all things related. She hopes to continue to infuse her passion for helping all students
succeed in higher education along with training the new Early Childhood Education work force in the importance of reaching all students. Welcome to Hartnell!

9. FORMER HARTNELL COACH INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

My wife Michele and I, along with others from the Hartnell family, had the privilege of seeing former coach Gary Shaw inducted into the Salinas Valley Hall of Fame. Shaw coached at Hartnell from 1969 to 2006. No team in any sport at Hartnell College had the same level of long-term success as the track and cross country teams coached by Shaw. His men’s track team won 29 conference titles; the women claimed 15. The Shaw-coached men’s cross country teams earned 10 conference crowns and five Northern California crowns. In total, this is a staggering 62 conference titles! Coach Shaw will also be inducted into the Hartnell Athletics Hall of Fame on November 7, 2015.

10. NEW ART EXHIBIT BY SYLVIA RIOS OUTSIDE MY OFFICE

Our Ceramics Instructor Sylvia Rios has done it again! She has dressed the display right outside my office in Building E with art pieces made out of clay. Her Trompe L’Oeil objects are made of ceramic materials with the exception of small pieces of wire.

“Clay holds a fascination for me because of its amazing chameleon ability to become anything you can imagine, whether it’s a flower, fabric or metal,” Sylvia remarks in her artist statement.

Her work does just that. At first glance the pieces look like woven bowls, pieces of wood, even metal, but as you look more closely at the art, you begin to notice the subtle clues that tell you they are ceramic pieces. Sylvia Rios has done a phenomenal job of creating this exhibit. I am proud to call her
11. DEAN AND PROFESSOR GET IN DEPTH LOOK AT DROUGHT

Dean Renata Funke, and Theatre Instructor Dr. Marnie Glazier attended the **2015 South County Ag Tour**, where this year’s focus was on water. The tour provided breathtaking views and in-depth information on the history of irrigation in the region and the ways in which the current drought is affecting the Ag Industry. For Dr. Glazier, it was a great source of information for the theatre program’s upcoming performance project on the effects of drought on the Salinas Valley. Interested students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to participate in the project this spring by enrolling in **THA 7, Devised Theatre and Performance Creation Workshop**!

12. THE WESTERN STAGE OPENS CORRIDOS!

Luis Valdez was present at Sunday’s matinee showing of **Corridos! Tales of Passion and Revolution** to personally answer questions posed by the audience of 375. One even gifted him with a book of Corridos! dating back to the 1930s. Following the play a post-show reception was hosted by Hartnell’s Theatre Arts Council and sponsored by Rotary Salinas Santa Lucia Club and Scholl & Co. LLP. Governing Board Vice President, Pat Donohue attended and is also a member of the Theatre Arts Council.

In photo L to R- I am with Luis Valdez, Cesar Flores, TAC member Pat Horsley, Jon Selover, and Trustee Pat Donahue.

13. FALL 2015 SEASON BEGINS FOR SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL

The Hartnell College men’s soccer team started its 2015 season with a 4-1 victory over San Joaquin Delta College on Saturday in Stockton. Brandon Hernandez scored the
first goal of the season in the sixth minute on an assist from Jose Martinez. Hernandez finished with a hat trick, scoring in each half. Daniel Pulido scored in the 11th minute to give Hartnell the lead for good. Salvador Meza tallied an assist.

At Stockton, the Women’s Soccer team was shutout 3-0 by the host Mustangs. Hartnell had four shots on goal in the game. Hartnell goalkeeper Karina Valenzuela had four saves in the game. Hartnell Women’s Volleyball fell to American River College in their first match of the year in five sets. The Lady Panthers have since won three straight, defeating Lassen, Butte and Siskiyous, all in four-set contests. The Panthers won back to back matches on Friday in Oroville, improving to 3-1 on the season. At Butte College, Hartnell first defeated Butte. Andrea Navarro had 11 kills, while Ruby Perez had seven kills. Veronica Lampreda tallied seven kills and 15 digs, Zenie Silva had 13 digs, Kaitlyn Doyle had 11 digs and setter Brittany Schulte had 30 assist. In the second match Hartnell defeated Siskiyous College. Hartnell has another double header Wednesday at Skyline College. The squad will face Los Medanos and Skyline.

**14. HARTNELL DOMINATES EARLY SEASON START**

With a lethal combination of seasoned veterans and motivated newcomers, this year’s Hartnell College cross country teams could be two of the best in school history. On Friday, Hartnell hosted a very early season preview of the Northern California regional championship course with teams from DeAnza College, Merritt College, College of San Mateo and College of the Siskiyous in attendance.

On the women’s side, the Lady Panthers scored a perfect 15 points with ten women placing in the top 14 overall. The men outdid their female counterparts by also scoring a perfect 15 points but placed twelve men in the top 14.

Sophomore Malena Grover, a former Salinas High School standout, begins the 2015 season as a returning CCCAA All-American and second best returnee in the region. Friday she raced solo to the victory over the three mile course at Toro Park in 18:46. Her time was a personal best by 12 seconds and moves her to the second best Hartnell female ever to complete the course. She trails only 10,000 meter record holder Kathy Lenno’s 18:26. Grover was followed by fellow all-region teammates Rachel Shimabukuro (19:44) in third and Nancy Rodriguez (19:47) in fourth. They were joined in succession by Cynthia Tovar (20:13), Yvette Felix
CROSS COUNTRY AT COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

The Hartnell College cross country teams kicked off the 2015 season by traveling north to Eureka for the Beat the Heat Invitational hosted by College of the Redwoods. As part of the trip, the Panthers also were able to run amongst the land of the tall trees for an extra day in preparation for the coming meets this month. Both squads picked up where they left off with team and overall individual champion victories.

Former CIF all-state runner Edgar Bonilla started his Hartnell College career with the win in 20:55. The former King City High School standout becomes one of the few true freshman to ever run under 21:00 for the four mile layout at Toro Park. He was followed by fellow freshmen Eduardo Orozco (21:21) and Angel Mejia (21:35). Sophomores Rene Siqueiros (21:39) and Diego Avila (21:46) rounded out the Panther scoring. Also placing in the top were Williams Ordaz (21:46), Javier Garcia (21:57), Oscar Mora (22:03), Maria Perez (22:19), Tito Chaidez (22:20), Andrew Martinez (22:26), and Jose Ruiz (22:45).

Hartnell College will host the 2015 Northern California Championship at Toro Park on Friday, November 6, 2015. The Panthers will compete next Friday at the Fresno Invitational hosted Fresno City College.

For full Norcal PRE-preview Meet Results
https://www.directathletics.com/results/xc/8047.html
Article in The Californian
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/09/05/hartnell-runners-storm-wins-toro-park/71761870/
Sophomore Malena Grover, broke the course record for the 5k layout on the campus of College of the Redwoods by 46 seconds in 19:12. Grover, a 2014 All-American, is looking to build on her outstanding first year at Hartnell that saw her win the Coast Conference champion. After a finisher from Santa Rosa JC in second, the Lady Panthers occupied the next eight spots while separated by only 38 seconds with Lizzy Garcia, Nancy Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Yessika Mayo, Cynthia Tovar, Yvette Felix, Carly Zako, and Adriana Jimenez all placing in the top 10. The Lady Panthers scored an almost near perfect 18 points to win the team title. In the 2014, the Lady Panthers placed fourth at the State Championship and are aiming for a top three finish in 2015. Despite running without two of the top runners on the team, the men were able to easily win the four mile team competition. Sophomore Javier Garcia was the individual winner at 22:00. He was followed by scoring Panthers Angel Mejia in fourth (22:07), Rene Siqueiros in sixth (22:17), Jorge Sanchez in seventh (22:19), and Mario Perez in ninth (22:37). The Panthers scored 27 points to easily outdistance second place Butte College at 54 points and and Coast Conference rival DeAnza College in third with 78 points. The Panthers are the defending Coast Conference team champions and second place regional team.

16. UPCOMING EVENTS

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
Friday September 11, 2015
12:00 -1:00 p.m.
Student Center
Speakers, Music, and a Moment of Silence

Poetic Voices 2015
September 22, 2015
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in B-208
Featured Poet – Joanna Fuhrman

Third Annual Veterans Appreciation Job Fair
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
All job seekers are welcome!
At the Western Stage this summer and fall
For information on current and future productions, visit www.westernstage.com

Upcoming home contests – Support our student-athletes!

Men’s Soccer vs. Cosumnes River College
Tuesday, September 15, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Rabobank Stadium

Women’s Soccer vs. Cuesta College
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Rabobank Stadium

Football-Hartnell Panthers vs. College of the Redwoods
Saturday, September 12, 2015
1:00 p.m.
Rabobank Stadium

Track and Field Toro Invitational
Friday, October 9, 2015
Toro Park, Salinas

17. IN THE NEWS

Last major measure H project – the Science Center Building
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/education/2015/09/03/last-major-measure-project-percent-complete/71665232/

PHOTO GALLERY - An inside look at the new Science Center building

NASA awards grants to expand STEM education

NASA invests in universities’ aerospace academies STEM education

Anita Garcia from CSin3 gets scholarship
https://csumb.edu/news/code-tomorrow

Critchfield Honored to Join Brother in Hall of Fame

Salinas Valley Sports Hall of Fame Welcomes New Class
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/08/30/salinas-valley-sports-hall-fame-welcomes-new-class/71436362/
Hartnell runners storm to win at Toro Park
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/09/05/hartnell-runners-storm-wins-toro-park/71761870/

Hartnell women attempt to build previous big season
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/09/03/hartnell-women-attempt-build-previous-big-season/71632970/

Hernandez Powers Hartnell in Men’s Soccer Opener
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/08/30/hernandez-powers-hartnell-mens-soccer-opener/71434674/

Hartnell Board Meets Tuesday on Budget

Hartnell Volleyball Team Aims for Conference and More
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/09/02/hartnell-volleyball-team-aims-conference/71561100/

Hartnell Sweeps Eureka Cross Country Meet
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/09/02/hartnell-sweeps-eureka-cross-country-meet/71561112/

ARC Outlasts Hartnell 3-2 in Come From Behind Win
http://www.arcurrent.com/sports/2015/09/01/arc-outlasts-hartnell-3-2-in-come-from-behind-win/

Hartnell Starts Soccer Season with Seasoned Veteran’s
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/09/02/hartnell-starts-soccer-season-seasoned-veterans/71586462/

Video – Ronnie Turner after Football game
http://www.thecalifornian.com/videos/sports/2015/09/06/71805608/

Video – Eppy Henriguez after Football game
http://www.thecalifornian.com/videos/sports/2015/09/06/71805606/

Video – Hartnell College Football Preview