Hartnell students, staff, and faculty came together Friday, September 11, 2015 at noon to commemorate the tragic events that took place 14 years ago in the United States. The Office of Student Life offered a time of remembrance led by emcee Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, Director of Communications. The remembrance ceremony began with student David Carrasco playing the National Anthem with his guitar, followed by remarks by me and Salina’s Mayor, the Honorable, Joe Gunter. Alumna Andrea Cervantes presented a dramatization based on the manuscript, Not Just Peanuts written by Professor of Communication Studies, Jason Hough; it depicts the story of United 93 flight attendant, CeeCee Lyles, her story, and the last moments of her life. The gathering was closed by a rendition of “America the Beautiful” by student Francisco Juarez. I am always amazed at the level of patriotism and care that the Hartnell community displays especially on days like this one. Many thanks to the Office of Student Life for giving the Hartnell Community a time to reflect.
2. 9/11 REMEMBRANCE IS PERSONAL FOR ONE OF OURS

At the Alisal Campus, Professor of Diesel Tech and Auto, Mark Dehart provided a thoughtful message to faculty and staff. He shared his personal story of what he was doing on September 11, 2001 and his decision to join the Army to ‘help.’ What follows is a bit of what he proclaimed:

I want first provide you with a disclaimer. After years of holding in my emotions I've learned one simple but important truth. It's okay to cry. I'm very passionate about this country and this day in history. My story starts in a small automotive shop on Main Street in North Carolina. I was 17 years old at the time and I worked for a towing and automotive shop. I didn't fully understand what had happened, but as the news played on, we were glued to the only television set in the shop.

At one point the camera zoomed in and you could see small things falling from high up on one of the towers. It wasn't until later that I realized what those ‘things’ were, people jumping from the towers, because they did not have any other choice. My sadness turned into anger, angry that mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters were having the choice made for them. Little did I know that this anger stayed in me and was the driving force for me joining the United States Army on March 25, 2005.

On September 11, 2001 nearly 3,000 individual were taken from this world. 6,840 soldiers killed and another 19,000 wounded because of operations taking place in and around Iraq and Afghanistan. Some of soldiers killed were my close friends, ones I call my brothers and sisters. I happen to fall in the other category, 18,999 soldiers and myself, who continue to smile on the outside but find it hard to stay asleep at night. To quote John F Kennedy “My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

-Staff Sergeant Mark DeHart, United States Army

3. THANK YOU FOR THE BIRTHDAY WISHES!
I truly appreciate the kind words and well-wishes so many faculty, staff, and students have given me this past week in honor of my 60th Birthday. It was such a pleasure to celebrate with you all last Thursday, September 10, 2015 in the Student Center. Thank you so much to everyone who has made this milestone such a special event in my life. It was fun to share this day with other staff and students who also share birthday month with me including my Executive Assistant Lucy Serrano and my wife Michele. The ‘red carpet’ event was special – I enjoyed taking photos with the guests. I want to thank the Associated Students Hartnell College for planning such an incredible day. The cake was great and the lemonade refreshing. The piñata will have to wait for another occasion!

4. HARTNELL MEN’S SOCCER RANKED #3 IN THE NATION

This year’s soccer team is off to a great start! Coach Daniel Ortega has seen them play with some of the best teams and so early in the season they have managed to be ranked #3 in the nation!
“We have some great talent here,” Ortega explains, “but because we are just far enough removed from the Bay Area, they don’t really get the exposure they deserve.” The upcoming matches along with the new phenomenal ranking will aid in getting these players their well-deserved exposure. There are three more games before conference plays begins.
On September 15, the team will play against Cosumnes River at Rabobank Stadium, on September 18, they will face off against Irvine Valley College, and on September 20, they will battle the #1 ranked college in the nation, Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut.
To see the complete colleges ranked visit: http://www.nscaa.com/rankings/4243/JuniorCollegeDivisionIII/men/Poll2

5. MESA WELCOMES THE NEW COHORT

Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) is starting the new academic year strong with strengthened services and support for nearly 400 STEM majors. 100 MESA students attended a MESA New Student Orientation activity on Friday, September 4,
MESA builds a community of support for educationally disadvantaged students. The group learned about program resources, interacted with faculty and staff and forged new friendships through structured team building. STEM Faculty, Counseling and Transfer and Career Center staff were present and helped make this event a great success. MESA is especially designed to serve educationally disadvantaged students from underrepresented backgrounds. We take a family approach in developing a learning community. However, anyone who is a STEM major intending to transfer can join MESA. Many MESA students start in pre-college math and work their way up through high levels of math coursework with the help of our intensive academic support system.

**6. 2015 FFA AND 4-H VEGETABLE JUDGING CONTEST**

Hartnell College Ag Ambassadors under the direction of faculty member Albert Graham hosted the 2015 FFA and 4-H Vegetable Judging Contest at the Monterey County Fair on Sunday, September 6, 2015. Over 30 Elementary to high school students participated this year from all over the Salinas Valley. Students competed on correctly identifying (and spelling!) 40 different vegetable, weed, and insect specimens. Participating Ag Ambassadors included: Gary Cho, Kenneth Jefferson, Eliseo Flores, Dr. Susan Pheasant, Geoff Fletcher, Albert Graham, Lauren Carminati, Fernando Ochoa, Leticia Perez, and Ramon Perez. The Ag Ambassadors will manage the same contest at the King City Fair.
On September 3, 2015, several students attended the first in a series of Ag Tech Forums presented by the Ag Business and Technology Institute in partnership with Computer Science Program. The purpose of the forum is to interact with students and offer guidance on how to establish startup companies providing technology advancement, data analysis and solutions for growers, and various segments within the agricultural industry. Throughout the forums, students will explore solutions for product development, market strategies, marketing plans and operations of a start-up company. Ag Technology is an emerging field in agriculture industry and will help growers in the decision-making process and investments needed to both maintain as well as competitively grow operations. Startups can be the bridge between new and affordable technology and increasing of production and hence adding to profitability and sustainability. Patrick Zavala and Jessica Rodriguez from Heavy Connect, a Salinas-based organization launched from the Steinbeck Innovation Cluster, presented on: creation of Heavy Connect and contributions from CSin3 Summer 2015 students, development and dissemination within the AgTech industry, involving students and growing capacity locally, incorporating students and technical talent from all industries-agriculture, plant science, computer science, robotics, biology, etc., and how supporting entrepreneurial capability is applicable to all students. The Forum is open to current Hartnell students. Register at https://agtech.eventbrite.com

Upcoming sessions

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On August 29, 2015, the College Pathways team participated in UC Santa Cruz GEAR UP Parent Leader Summit. A total of 40 people were in attendance including parent leaders from Watsonville, Pajaro, Seaside, Marina, Gonzalez, Soledad, Green Field and King City High Schools. This group of parent mentors has an important role in the creation of a college going culture in their communities. They are in charge of mentoring other parents in their children’s schools and community, and disseminating information about post-secondary education. Our College Pathways Coordinator, Laura Zavala, took the group on a tour of our Main campus where parents were able to see the existing facilities and learn about our multitude of programs and services. The tour was followed by a presentation on Hartnell’s Steps to Success and Support Programs. This summit provided our High School College Pathways Coordinator, Sara Sanchez, with an opportunity to create rapport with the South County parents who will be an incredible asset in the implementation of our Steps to Success preparation. The Parent Leaders were particularly interested in our HEP, EOPS and TRiO programs. One of the parents in attendance shared with the group her experience with Hartnell’s TRiO program and said, “in the beginning, we were unsure if Hartnell was the right step; it was not part of our plans for my son’s education. However, after attending TRiO’s orientation and meeting the program’s staff and having a conversation with them, we’re now convinced it was the best decision. We are very happy with Hartnell.” Parents left the summit feeling empowered and looking forward to sharing their experience with other parents.

Help me welcome Shaune Burke, our new Custodial Supervisor. Burke has vast experience in the field previously at Naval Post Graduate School and Monterey Peninsula College. He will be in charge of supervising a staff of 15 and is looking forward to getting acclimated to the campus community. He was born in Massachusetts but lived in Los Angeles for most of his life. He joined the Army for three years during which time he attended the Defense Language Institute to learn Korean. In the Army, he was a Voice Interceptor and spied on the Korean Army. Shaune speaks Spanish and French plus a little Italian. He lived in France with his mom for a few years and loves to play the guitar, read, and bowling.

Welcome to Hartnell Shaune!
During the summer 2015, ten Boronda International Study Program Scholars travelled to France for a two-week intensive study program. All travel, including housing, meals and admissions, was covered by the Sylvano and Maria Boronda Scholarship established by Lester Boronda in memory of his parents. Students stayed in dormitories in Paris and made excursions to the Chartres Cathedral, The Palace of Versailles, and went to Ghent, Belgium. More than 50 applications were received, and finalists were selected based on evidence of a strong commitment to one of the arts (painting, sculpture, music, theater, literature, architecture, photography, dance or graphic design).

The 2015 scholars are: Noelani Castro, Melina Espinoza, Gustavo Hernandez, Joseph Ilos, Damian Mercado, Maricela Perez-Rivera, Christopher Rendon, Ashley Sacayanan, Darlene Uribe, and Marjaneh Zamora.

“This trip will stay with me for the rest of my life,” said Darlene Uribe, while Gustavo Hernandez added, “just thank you. These two weeks have been an unbelievable experience!”

The group and the committee thank coordinator Kristy Holland and Instructor Jennifer Pagliaro for this once in a lifetime opportunity. Merci!

Nursing and Allied Health collaborated with Hospice Giving Foundation to present the documentary “Being Mortal.” The event is one of two Grand Rounds interprofessional education programs this semester. The 2-hour event will include a video followed by a panel discussion facilitated by Dr. Wendel Harry, a local physician.

The presentation will be on September 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Mainstage building K.
12. THE WESTERN STAGE OPENS THE LIAR NEXT WEEK!

*The Liar* is a classic French Restoration comedy that first premiered in Paris in 1644 written by an obscure playwright named Pierre Corneille. The whole play is in verse—specifically, iambic pentameter, à la Shakespeare. Theater goers will be pleased to find a comedy of deception, distortion and disinformation spring to life on stage with a fresh, contemporary feel thanks to David Ives take on the play.

*The Liar opens September 18, 2015* and runs through the October 4, 2015. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. For tickets and more information please visit westernstage.com. For more on The Liar, read the following link: [http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/local/off68/2015/09/11/liar-opens-western-stage/72067524/](http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/local/off68/2015/09/11/liar-opens-western-stage/72067524/)

13. HARTNELL STUDENT’S LIFE CUT SHORT

It is always sad to inform you of the passing of a Hartnell student. One week ago, Joel Quintero, 23, died of a fall in Capitola. You can read more about the accident here: [http://m.kionrightnow.com/monterey-county-man-dies-in-fall-from-capitola-cliff/35135894/](http://m.kionrightnow.com/monterey-county-man-dies-in-fall-from-capitola-cliff/35135894/).

The family has opened up a fund online to help pay for his funeral services. If you would like to help, go to [http://www.gofundme.com/ym3kd54w](http://www.gofundme.com/ym3kd54w).

Please keep the Quintero family in your thoughts and prayers.

14. BELOVED MATH PROFESSOR FAY GRIFFIN WILL BE MISSED!

Another member of the Hartnell family passed on September 3, 2015. Retired Mathematics Instructor Fay Griffin died at 88 years of age. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gloria; son, Christopher of Alameda, CA; daughter, Noelle of Marina, CA; his brother, Bob of Syracuse, NY; sister, Ruth French of Charlottesville, VA; and numerous nephews and nieces. You can find a write up about his character and love for
Memorial Service
Saturday, September 19, 2015
10:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
830 Padre Drive
Salinas, CA 93901

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be sent to:
-Gideons International (memo: Salinas Camp), PO Box 64.
Salinas, CA 93902; or
-Hartnell College Foundation (memo: Fay Griffin Math Scholarship), 411 Central Avenue, Salinas, CA 94901

Led by quarterback Justin Gutierrez's three touchdown passes, the Hartnell College football team held off Yuba 30-25 after a 4-hour bus ride on Saturday night to start the 2015 season.

Gutierrez (20 of 41, 279 yards, 2 touchdowns, 1 interception) connected with wide receiver Ronnie Turner on two touchdowns, including a 70-yard reception in the first half. Turner finished with five catches for 120 yards. The Panthers' defense clamped down on Yuba in the second half. Sophomore defensive lineman Reggie McGee had a strong performance in the trenches. Teammates Nayton Kuresa and Josh Deck both played well and they had one sack each for the Panther defense. Sophomore Tyreke Richburg came up big with a second half interception that lifted the spirits of the Panther squad.

Hartnell took a 14-7 lead after the first quarter, but Yuba surged for a 19-16 halftime edge. Hartnell held a 23-19 lead going into the final period and eventually pulled away from the 49ers with a 30-19 lead. Yuba was able to string together a time consuming drive late in the game that brought them with 5 points, but the Hartnell offense controlled the ball and ran out the clock on the final drive while in scoring territory.
Heading into this past weekend's Fresno Invitational, the Hartnell College cross country teams knew they were capable of outperforming their early season state rankings. Coming into the competition, the ladies were ranked fifth and the men sixth statewide. Despite a dark haze from the rough fire, the Panthers surpassed their expectations as both men and women placed third as a team and bested last year's defending state champions Mt. SAC for the women and College of the Canyons for the men.

In the women's five kilometer race, sophomore Lady Panther Malena Grover solidified herself as one of the top individuals in the state with her second place finish in 18:52. The time was just six seconds away from her Hartnell College school record for the Woodward Park course. Fellow sophomore Nancy Rodriguez ran the ninth best time in school history at 19:29 to place eleventh overall. Rachel Shimabukuro (19:52), Cynthia Tovar (20:17), and Maria Rodriguez (20:30) completed the Lady Panther scoring. The ladies tallied 82 points to place third overall behind only Cerritos College with 70 points and Glendale College the team winner with 60 points. Of note, the Lady Panthers had their first seven finishers cross the line before any team including the top two. Lizette Garcia (20:31) and Yessika Mayo (20:40) finished as the sixth and seventh runners for the Lady Panthers.

With multiple years of Woodward Park experience while running for King City High School, frosh Edgar Bonilla covered the four mile course like a veteran as he placed fourth overall in this large early season meet. Bonilla's time of 20:58 keeps a streak of three years in a row a male Panther has eclipsed the 21:00 mark at Woodward Park to start the year. His time makes him the twelfth best performer in Hartnell history with this year's state championship yet to be run. Eduardo Orozco (21:29), Rene Siqueiros (21:33) and Jorge Sanchez (21:34) all placed in the top
fifteen, with freshman Angel Mejia (21:51) placing 25th to complete the scoring. The men totaled 68 points to placed third to Mt. SAC with 58 points and defending Northern California champion American River College with 38 points. The Panthers bested last year’s team champions College of the Canyons who scored 84 points. Williams Ordaz (21:56) and Javier Garcia (21:58) rounded out the top seven for the Panthers.

For full Fresno Invitational results: https://www.directathletics.com/results/xc/8600.html

Hartnell College cross country will next compete September 24, 2015 in the Lou Vasquez Invitational at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

17. UPCOMING EVENTS

Accreditation Celebration
I would like to invite you to a celebration of our recently reaffirmed Accreditation Friday, September 18, 2015 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Strawberry Shortcake and ice cream will be served.
We will gather at the Student Centre and have a brief presentation at 12:30 p.m. Guest speakers will include: Governing Board President, Erica Padilla Chavez; President of the Academic Senate, Carol Kimbrough; a CSEA representative; and myself. This will be a time to give thanks and appreciation to everyone who has worked tirelessly to make sure that Hartnell College achieved reaffirmation by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

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

Al and Jane Nakatani present Honor Thy Children
Thursday, October 8, 2015
9:30 – 10:45 a.m. in K-125

Third Annual Veterans Appreciation Job Fair
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
All job seekers are welcome!

Celebrate Student Success by Brandman University
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Student Center Scholarship and Program Information
Pumpkin Jam Game Art-A-Thon
Saturday, October 24, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Both days at Hartnell College
Sign Up: www.hartnell.gamejam.eventbrite.com

At the Western Stage this summer and fall
For information on current and future productions,
visit www.westernstage.com

18. IN THE NEWS

9/11 Anniversary at Hartnell (story and video)
Hartnell President Lewallen Turns 60
The Liar Opens at the Western Stage
Hartnell Alum Honored at UC Santa Cruz
http://news.ucsc.edu/2015/09/khanh-nguyen-pister-honoree.html
Redwoods Next for Hartnell Football
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/09/11/redwoods-next-hartnell-football/72032392/
College Sports Notebook: Triumphant Hartnell, MPC are home Saturday
http://www.montereyherald.com/sports/20150909/college-sports-notebook-triumphant-hartnell-mpc-are-home-saturday
Sports Briefs
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/09/09/sports-briefs/71928100/
Hartnell Football Rallies in the Second Half for Win
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/09/06/hartnell-football-rallies-second-half-win/71829528/
Local Roundup Roller Coaster Win For Hartnell Opener
Yuba Football Falls to Hartnell in Opener