I am proud to announce that four of our programs have been selected as **Bright Spots** by the *White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics* and will be part of a national online catalog that includes over 230 programs that invest in key education priorities for Hispanics. The announcement was made September 15, 2015 by Alejandra Ceja, Executive Director of the Initiative at the launch of Hispanic Heritage Month and in honor of the Initiative’s 25th anniversary in Washington, D.C. “There has been notable progress in Hispanic educational achievement, and it is due to the efforts of these Bright Spots in Hispanic Education, programs and organizations working throughout the country to help Hispanic students reach their full potential,” said Ceja. The innovative programs supporting student success are:

- CSin3 (previously CSIT-in-3)
- STEM Internship Program
- MESA/STEM Umbrella of services
- Women’s Education & Leadership Institute (WELI)
In the State of California, nine university programs and two other community colleges were recognized with bright spots; Hartnell College is the only one in the state with four bright spots!

As I stated in the press release, “It is an honor to be a part of the work that Hartnell is doing in transforming the lives of our students; the vision of Hartnell College states that we ‘will be nationally recognized for the success of our students by developing leaders who will contribute to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of our region and the global community.’ Having four of our innovative and successful practices recognized is confirmation that we are a national leader in educational excellence for Hispanic/Latino students.”

To view the list of all 234 Bright Spots, go to http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/list/hispanic-initiative/bright-spots.html.

2. ACCREDITATION CELEBRATION WITH A SENSE OF PRIDE

I was thrilled to host a celebration of Hartnell’s reaffirmed accreditation on Friday! It was a great time to thank everyone whose efforts contributed to reaffirmation. During the process, we were able to put procedures in place, have a process, a system, and a flow of how we do business. The twelve recommendations that we tackled as a team, elevated Hartnell College to new levels of institutional effectiveness. Governing Board President, Erica Padilla-Chavez said,

“I want to commend you for stepping up, it shows the level of commitment you have to fulfill our mission.”

Governing Board Vice President, Pat Donohue remarked, “It was no walk in the park.” They both thanked the faculty and staff for all the work that went into addressing the 12 recommendations. President of the Academic Senate Carol Kimbrough was also appreciative and added, “we have to continue doing the work.”

The efforts would not be complete without the help of our support staff; Secretary of CSEA, Ben Grainger spoke of how proud they are of the collaboration among all of the various groups: students, faculty, staff, administration, and the broader community. “This collaboration is vital to the successful accreditation of the College, and we are pleased to be able to play our part in it,” he added. Thank you to all! Next March 2016, the standard mid-term report is due.

3. INDEPENDENCE OF MEXICO CELEBRATION
The Associated Students of Hartnell College and The Office of Student Life are celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month throughout September and October. They kicked things off with the Mexico Independence Celebration. On Wednesday, September 16, 2015, the Student Center was dressed in red, green, and white in honor of Mexico’s independence. The Mariachi music invaded every corner of Building C along with a historical display, a loteria Game, a delicious Mexican lunch, aguas frescas (drinks), and a piñata. Students and staff enjoyed the celebration and offerings.

4. DR. GUTIÉRREZ GIVES INSPIRING AND MOVING TALK

The second event on the schedule was a talk from Dr. José Ángel Gutiérrez. The Chicano activist, organizer, and reformer spoke about the history of Hispanic Heritage Month, and the importance and impact Latinos are making in the U.S, including higher education and immigration issues. Governing Board President, Erica Padilla-Chávez helped organize this talk and Trustee Vice President, Pat Donohue was also present for the inspiring and interesting talk. Some professors in sociology, Spanish, and others invited their classes in to partake in the talk.

Dr. Gutiérrez was introduced by Sociology Professor, Dr. Hortencia Jiménez.

5. HARTNELL SUPPORTS ‘EL GRITO’ EVENT IN KING CITY

Hartnell College was well represented at King City’s El Grito event on September 13, 2015. Hartnell student Maritza Almaraz was named queen, Math professor Benton’s students rode in his pick-up during the parade, and retired Hartnell music director Dr. Carl Christensen led the music. The event was festive with a variety of music bands and performers – plus, Spanish professor Cabrera pronounced the "Grito." Dean Renata Funke chaired the event as part of her role as board member of the King City Chamber of Commerce. Many local agriculture producers sponsored the annual festivity.
6. HARTNELL’S TRIO PROGRAM IS A DESIRED RECIPE

On September 16, 2015, Marybel Perez, STEM Project Director and Jessica Falcon, new TRIO Director from Wharton County College, Richmond, Texas and Jose Ballesteros, MESA and SSS Director from Solano Community College came to visit Hartnell College TRIO Program to learn how to develop an exemplary TRIO Program. They were accompanied by Bill Clarke, the evaluator for the Hartnell College TRIO Program. VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo welcomed them to the Student Affairs Leadership Team meeting where they learned about the powerful synergy among all the student affairs programs. They then had a conversation with TRIO Director, Manuel Bersamin, TRIO Counselor, Nancy Reyes, and TRIO Administrative Assistant, Eva Diaz where they discussed the development of the Hartnell College TRIO Program which is now eleven years old. The Wharton County College and Solano College new TRIO staff left Hartnell College inspired and excited to develop their own new TRIO Programs.

In photo, Director of TRiO, Manuel Bersamin with Marybelle Perez, Jessica Falcon, and Bill Clarke.

7. BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS AND STUDENT SUCCESS

Business Administration Faculty Member Robert Maffei invited staff from Hayashi Wayland, an accounting firm headquartered here in Salinas, to speak to approximately 40 accounting students on September 8, 2015. Topics ranged from careers in public accounting to opportunities specific to Hayashi Wayland, including paid internships. Hayashi Wayland representatives, Melissa Speciale (Human Resources & Recruitment), Stacy Radich (Senior Audit Manager), and Marilyn Marquez (Associate Accountant) gave presentations and fielded questions.

Marilyn Marquez (right), one of the presenters, is a Hartnell College alumna who transferred to CSU San Luis Obispo and obtained her four-year degree in accounting. Marilyn shared her story of receiving a Hayashi Wayland internship while still attending school at San Luis Obispo. Best of all, Marilyn received a job offer from Hayashi Wayland before graduating, and as Marilyn noted, “it was nice to find a job locally, here in Salinas.”

8. PROFESSOR BERTOMEN FEATURED IN ARTICLE

Professor Lindsey Bertomen teaches Administration of Justice here at Hartnell, but I bet you did not know that he is a retired police officer and retired military small arms trainer! In the link below, he is one in a series of articles written about
police preparedness. He says police officers are prepared not scared. Go to: https://www.truthfinder.com/infomania/crime/police-officers-fight-or-flight/

9. FACULTY MEMBER GOES BACK TO MPC FOR A CELEBRATION

On September 12, 2015, the Monterey Peninsula College Alumni Association hosted a BBQ and Celebration to honor six State Division II Championship women’s athletic teams (3 for volleyball in 1977, 1982, & 1983; and 3 for tennis in 1980, 1982, & 1983) and one Coast Conference Championship men’s baseball team (1971). The members of all 7 teams were introduced during half-time of the football game between MPC and Los Medanos College.

One of our own faculty members, Dr. Yoshiko Matsushita-Arao (Psychology) played for the 1982 and 1983 State Championship volleyball teams and was among the honorees. All proceeds went to benefit the MPC Alumni Committee Scholarship fund and student success.

In photo, Dr. Yosiko is pictured second from left.

10. HARTNELL STAFF AT WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP FORUM

Bronwyn Moreno (MESA) joined Ag Institute staff Cristina Westfall and Dr. Susan Pheasant at the 14th Annual Women's Leadership Forum in Santa Cruz, CA. The theme was ‘Staying Connected.’ The keynote speaker was Linda Gray, award winning actress, accomplished director, author, former United Nations Ambassador and one of the world's most recognized and admired stars (aka Sue Ellen Ewing in the television series "Dallas"). Gray spoke candidly as she shared excerpts from her recently published memoir. She also retold the story of the pencil maker's inspiring words to a newly crafted pencil as he placed it into a box for sale:

1. Allow yourself to be held in good hands
2. You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time
3. You will be able to correct mistakes (learn lessons and move forward)
4. What is inside is the most important
5. You must leave a mark in order to fulfill your life's purpose

And with those words as guiding wisdom, you will be able to do great things she says.

Some of the other speakers included Belma Bovorac (Journey to Facebook … from Bosnia), Dr. Lisa Prosser Dodds (conflict resolution and styles of resolution), Laura Gomez (understanding the power of collective voices for women/minorities involved in high tech industries; background with Atipica, Twitter, Jawbone, YouTube, Google, AKQA), etc.) Cristina learned an effective “owl approach” to conflict resolution – be sure to ask her about it when you see her.
11. COMPUTER SCIENCE INTERNSHIP SHOWCASE

Two years into their three-year computer science degree, CSin3 (Formerly CSIT-In-3) students showcase their internship efforts in the new Business and Information Technology (BIT) building over at CSUMB. This past summer, students completed internships with various organizations throughout the country, traveling as far as Chicago, to working locally with Driscolls, Heavy Connect, or LanguageLine Solutions, to name a few. Students, mentors, and members of the community were invited to come out and participate in this year’s symposium. Leading figures from the tech industry were also present, with a special keynote speech delivered by Vanita Nemali, VP of Engineering from the tech giant Salesforce.

Given the great demand for computer scientists in the industry, several of our student interns have already been offered, and have accepted, full-time employment with starting salaries as high as $100K+. There is no cause for alarm however; students will still finish out their CSin3 degree prior to starting their full time employment.

12. HARTNELL OFFERS LATE START CLASSES

I am happy to announce the addition of more than 50 late-start sections in the fall 2015 schedule. The addition of the new sections is a combination of direct requests from students and the large wait lists on several other courses. "Hartnell College is dedicated to its students and the community," said Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Lori Kildal. “We will make every effort, whenever possible, to offer courses and services which meet their needs.” The sections include different levels of classes that are always in demand and fill up before each semester starts. Visit http://www.hartnell.edu to view the full list of classes offered.

These late-start classes have start dates of September 28, October 19, November 2, and November 9, 2015.

13. AUDITIONS FOR THE BIRDS AND NEW THEATER CLASSES

The Hartnell College Theatre Program will be participating in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival with our fall production of Aristophanes’ eco-comedy The Birds, Directed by Dr. Marnie Glazier, with music composed by Steve Ettinger. Performances will be December 4-6, 2015.
Interested students may register for the late-start class THA-20 (Ensemble Theatre Production). **Auditions will be October 9, 2015 6:00-9:00 p.m. and October 10, 2015 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. in K-125.**

Our participation in KCACTF allows participating Hartnell students to compete for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship as well as for numerous awards and scholarships in Design, Playwriting, Technical Theatre, and Stage Management. The theatre department is also offering THA-32 (Puppetry and Mask). Students will design and create the puppets and masks to be used in the production of *The Birds.* Classes will begin October 20, 2015.

**14. FORMER HARTNELL STUDENT DIES IN ACCIDENT**

Margarita Ramirez lost her life at 23 on September 12, 2015 in a car accident. Margarita was a Hartnell student from 2010-2012 and dreamed of becoming a teacher and was involved with the TRiO Program on campus. She is survived by her parents and sister, Blanca, who is a Hartnell and TRiO graduate. Let’s keep the family in our thoughts and prayer during this difficult time.  
(In photo, Margarita is in between two friends at TRiO office)

**15. HARTNELL ATHLETICS WEB STORE AND NEW WEBSITE**

**Buy your Panther gear**
Hartnell Athletics is introducing a new Web Store where you can get all your Panther gear. There is new apparel available for purchase online. All profits will go to the Athletic Teams. The deadline for orders is October 4, 2015 - orders will be shipped on October 23rd. Go to [https://hartnellathletics.itemorder.com/](https://hartnellathletics.itemorder.com/)

**New athletics website**
[https://hartnell.prestosports.com](https://hartnell.prestosports.com)
A New website is ready to be viewed and followed for Hartnell College Athletics. This site will take you to the latest news about all of our teams and student-athletes. You will be able to stay in the know of game schedules and special events.
The Panthers improved to 2-0, striking early and often against the College of the Redwoods, 48-7. Sophomore quarterback Justin Gutierrez found Coleman Blackston for a 51-yard touchdown pass to give Hartnell a 6-0 lead 4 plays into the opening drive. Then came back-to-back touchdown passes from Gutierrez to Ronnie Turner, the first from seven yards with 8:13 remaining in the first, the second from 21 yards out with 4:11 remaining in the first for a 20-0 advantage. Jacob Stephens also had a multi-score day, scoring a rushing touchdown in each half. His first score was from 17 yards out, capping off a two-play drive to give Hartnell a 17-0 advantage.

Once again, the defense was just as impressive. Among the standout moments were Michael Resendiz intercepting a tipped pass in the first half and J.P. Garcia recovering a fumble. Freshman Darin Washington recovered a first half fumble that was quickly turned into 7 points for the Panthers 2 plays later as Jake Stephens carried the ball 17 yards for the score. Eppy Henrigues got into the scoring binge with a 12-yard run, putting Hartnell ahead 34-0, the same score it took into intermission. The second half lead provided an opportunity for additional players to see action and they never skipped a beat from when the first string left the field.

Hartnell didn’t allow the Corsairs inside the 20 until the fourth quarter, and the Panthers immediately tagged them for lost yards. Sergio Guzman, Octavio Berralleza, and Justin Pleasant had great defensive performances in the trenches for the Panther defense. Up next is Mendocino College. (Photo: file)

It looked as though Hartnell would continue their hot streak early in this game. The Panther's Brandon Hernandez headed home an early goal in the 8th minute off a cross from Jose Martinez. Hartnell continued to pressure creating several scoring chances, but was unable to convert, which allowed West Hills into the game.

The game changed when Golden Eagle forward Moises Martinez tangled feet with the Hartnell’s Chris Santiabeanez. Martinez was able to stay up and Santiabeanez did not, creating a 1 on 1 with the Panther’s goalie Fabian Narez and putting it past him for the equalizer.

West Hill's Youri Dos Santos was taken down in the penalty box for a Golden Eagle Penalty kick just before the half. Mateus de Arantes converted the penalty kick giving the Golden Eagles the lead. Hartnell started quickly in the second half and in the 55th minute Hartnell’s Javier Alfaro was taken down inside the box giving the Panthers a penalty kick and their chance to equalize. It was All-American candidate Daniel Pulido for Hartnell who stepped up to take the penalty, but he hit the top cross bar and missed. The miss stopped any momentum and offensive pressure Hartnell created early in the half.

West Hills’ final goal came on a free kick 25 yards from goal. Mateus de Arantes hit a well placed bending ball just past the outstretched arms of Fabian Narez. (Photo from file)

Hartnell's next game is Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Rabobank Stadium versus Cosumnes River College.
18. UPCOMING EVENTS

*The Liar* at The Western Stage  
September 18-October 4, 2014  
Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.  
Sundays at 2:30 p.m.  
[www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com)

**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](http://www.hartnell.gamejam.eventbrite.com)

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

19. IN THE NEWS

**White House Recognizes Hartnell College**  

**Hartnell bright spots**  

**Dia de la independencia de Mexico**  
[http://noticias.entravision.com/monterey-salinas/2015/09/16/dia-de-la-independencia-de-mexico/](http://noticias.entravision.com/monterey-salinas/2015/09/16/dia-de-la-independencia-de-mexico/)
Hartnell College Celebrates Mexico’s Independence

Prof. Lindsey Bertomen featured in article about police
https://www.truthfinder.com/infomania/crime/police-officers-fight-or-flight/

Make Bus Rides More Attractive to Monterey County Students

Panthers on the road to end nonconference play
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/09/18/panthers-road-end-nonconference-play/72380170/

Hartnell Football Rolls Past Redwoods
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/09/14/hartnell-football-rolls-past-redwoods/72247416/

Soccer team faces uncertain future

Weekend Soccer Results: Falcon Women Defeat Hartnell, Men fall to Lassen
http://www.folsomtelegraph.com/article/9/14/15/weekend-soccer-results-falcon-women-defeat-hartnell-men-fall-lassen

CR Football: Hartnell’s Huge First Half too Much for Corsairs in 48-7 Loss