1. VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IGNITES EMOTION

On Tuesday, November 10, 2015 the Hartnell College Veterans Program in conjunction with the Veterans Club and Office of Student Life hosted the annual Veterans Day Ceremony. The program was led by Professor Peter Calvert; I was fortunate to be a part of it and share a brief story about my dad who was a WWII veteran, plus I read President Barack Obama’s Proclamation. The keynote speaker for the ceremony was done by Air Force combat engineer Rick Phinny, who is also a member of the American Legion Riders of Post 31. During the ceremony the Battlefield Cross Ceremony was performed by Hartnell student veterans Gilbert Bernabe, Alonso Rodriguez, Michael Sheerin and Chaplain Steve Culver from the American Legion Riders of Post 31. The ceremony concluded with Taps by a Hartnell Band bugle player. Following this ceremony, a presentation on PTSD was offered by Fernando Ortiz, MSW Readjustment Counselor from the Capitola Veterans Center. The students who participated in the PTSD student panel were Roberto Cruz, Gilbert Bernabe, Trentin Sharp and Michael Rodriguez.

2. NOVEMBER 11, 2015 – HARTNELL PRESENT AT ANNUAL PARADE

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2015, the Hartnell Veterans Club participated for the first time in the Salinas Veterans Annual Parade. The Club took the replica of Oscar the Panther for a ride on a C-10.
3. HARTNELL COLLEGE AMONG 2016 MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

For the fourth year in a row, Hartnell College is proud to be highlighted by Victory Media in the 2016 Military Friendly Schools list for exhibiting best practices in support of military students and employees, respectively. Thousands of institutions of higher learning competed for the title by completing an extensive survey covering ten indicators of success, including: support for student veterans on campus, graduation and employment outcomes, and military spouse policies.

In 2012, we opened a Veterans Service Center to provide education support services tailored to military veterans. Hartnell College is honored to serve those who have served this country and Hartnell is committed to helping them achieve their goals and dreams following military service. In its 13th year for companies and seventh year for post-secondary schools, Victory Media’s Military Friendly ratings recognize colleges and companies with leading programs for veterans, members of the Armed Forces leaving military service, and military spouses.

“I am overjoyed that our Veterans Program has received such a distinguished award for the fourth year in a row,” said Dean of Student Affairs/Enrollment Services, Mary Dominguez. “We are proud to help student Veterans transition from military life to student life.”

This designation is important to Hartnell students who find it comforting to know they have support available to them. During the 2012-2013 academic year, Hartnell was serving 170 Veterans and dependents; currently, that number stands at 267.

4. POSTHUMOUS DEGREE TO BE AWARDED AT 2016 GRADUATION

At last week’s Governing Board meeting, the vote was unanimous for Tomas Valdez, 29, a student Veteran who passed away on August 21, 2015 to be awarded a posthumous degree. His mother Reyna and wife Nancy were present during the meeting and they appreciated the action by the Board. This will be the fourth student to be honored in this manner as he meets all of the established criteria as set forth in Administrative Procedure 4111. Board President, Erica Padilla-Chavez greeted the family and offered comforting words during this bitter sweet moment. Valdez wanted to be a chemist or a pharmacist and according to his widow, “he loved helping others.”

5. LONG FAMILY FOUNDATION DONATES SCULPTURE

A presentation was given to the Governing Board on Tuesday by Sculptor, Roger Berry (http://www.rogerberry.info/) who has been commissioned by The Long Family Foundation to design a
sculpture for Hartnell. We looked at both the Alisal and Main campuses and found that the outside of the new science building has the best area and visibility for one of Berry’s designs. The Long Family has 7 siblings that attended Hartnell College; an area of focus for the Long Family Foundation is Culture and Arts and the Foundation has commissioned numerous public works of art. Berry uses mathematics as a key concept in many of his sculptures. He shared three designs that transition, visually, as you walk by them or around them. One of the models is a favorite. The Governing Board and the audience were impressed with Berry’s talent and understanding of our College culture.

6. PARTNERSHIP RESOURCE TEAM VISITS HARTNELL

On November 9, 2015, a Partnership Resource Team (PRT) formed through the Chancellor's Office's new Institutional Effectiveness Division, visited Hartnell College. This visit was the first in a series of at least 3 visits with varying purposes over a several month period; the initial visit consisted of interviews and meetings with individuals and groups applicable to the areas of focus. Hartnell will be responsible for the development and implementation of a college innovation and effectiveness plan focused on the areas under consideration, and may request additional resources to make progress toward that end.

You may be aware that the college's institutional research (IR) function has been centralized within the purview of the Institutional Planning and Effectiveness (IPE) Office. This organizational structure decision comes seven years after an office with a similar function was disbanded. Although some great headway was made in this arena during the intervening time period, substantial foundational work and expanded, systematic efforts are required at the institutional level to ensure that faculty, staff and administrators have convenient access to valid data, useful reports, and user-friendly reporting mechanisms, and more broadly to further cultivate data-informed decision making at the college. The team met with me and with the management team throughout the day.

From L to R - Joseph Moreau, Vice Chancellor of Technology & CTO Foothill/DeAnza; Mark Beam, Assoc. Vice Chancellor of Institutional Research Yosemite CCD; Dr. Kevin Walthers, Superintendent/President Allan Hancock College; Diana Bennett, Digital Media Professor and Academic Senate President; College of San Mateo; and Dr. May Kuangchi Chen, VP of Institutional Effectiveness Berkeley City College

7. UNITED WAY PRESENTS “IMPACT MONTEREY” FINDINGS

Last Thursday, United Way presented its Impact Monterey County Report to the Community at MCOE’s Black Box Theater. The panel was composed of Impact Monterey County Leadership that included Hartnell College Foundation President, Alfred Diaz-Infante (CHISPA). This was the first time the group made public the results of the county-wide assessment and shared:

- Findings from surveys and community conversations
• The panelists discussed the four community priorities: economic self-sufficiency, education, health, and safety

• Next steps

In essence, the almost 7,400 who participated in the survey, and 400 who shared in a kitchen table conversation responded that they want to feel safe, self-sufficient, healthy, and they believe educational achievement supports career aspirations and lifelong learning.

A good number of members of the Hartnell management team accompanied me to this presentation.

8. HARTNELL COLLEGE FOUNDATION GETS HIGH RATINGS!

There are over 1,600 community colleges in the United States, thus this story is extremely important and should make us all proud! The Hartnell College Foundation is #5 in California, and Top 25 in the entire country! The Center for Community College Advancement (CASE) based results on an analysis of IRS Form 990 data by Bill Crowe, former president of Tyler Junior College, in which Hartnell College is among the top 25 community colleges with an FTE enrollment of 5,000-10,000 in terms of funds raised over the last five years.

In response to requests for benchmarking data, CASE has created a “Mission Group” for these foundations in their IRF Data Book, so that we can benchmark our efforts with similar-sized community colleges. This is our opportunity to participate in this important benchmarking initiative, which will help inform of others of our efforts as well as contribute to the advancement of the profession.

There is more information at www.case.org/irf.

Photo – Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and the Hartnell College Foundation, Jackie Cruz.

9. OUR STUDENTS IMPRESS AT AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY

In October, students from the Hartnell College Research Scholars Institute Physics program traveled to CSU Long Beach to attend the Far West chapter meeting of the American Physical Society (APS). Hartnell students submitted 3 abstracts to attend the meeting and they were all accepted by the conference officials and as a result the students were also provided free accommodation. The students presented their research findings at the APS meeting before an audience of professors, graduate and undergraduate students. Several questions were
raised regarding their research work accomplished during their summer internships. In particular, the session chair, Dr. John Price of Cal State Dominguez Hills, was very impressed by their research and asked several questions which the students answered flawlessly. The trip to APS was generously funded by the ASHC and the Title V Grant Office. The APS program of abstracts is available at http://meetings.aps.org/Meeting/FWS15/Session/S1
PHOTOS - Students Mark Shelor and Leonardo Elizondo presenting their research; Hartnell student Luis Castro presenting his research work; Group photo of Hartnell students with session chair Dr. John Price of Cal State University Dominguez Hills after the students delivered their talks.

10. HARTNELL CHEER TEAM GIVES BACK

Our Cheer Team spent last Monday in Chinatown feeding the homeless. Not only do they spread cheer to our campus, but they also give to those in need. What an awesome example of Hartnell Spirit!
In photo: Daniela, Ariel, Valerie, Maria, Jazmin, Celeste, Viridiana, and Michelle with ASHC President, Ali Saleh.

11. GREATER VISION 2015: TECHNOLOGY AND AGRIBUSINESS

The 8th Greater Vision event was co-hosted by the Grower-Shipper Association Foundation and CSU Monterey Bay College of Business. Dean, Shyam Kamath Ph.D., set the stage for the keynote and panel as he commented on the “tsunami of technological change” that is happening within the world as a function of the pace of rapid changes in technology, digitization, and recombinant innovations. The keynote address was by Tom Rolander, AgSoft Consulting; Dennis Donohue of Royal Rose, moderated an expert panel comprised of Dr. Bob Whitaker, Produce Marketing Association; Lorri Koster, Mann Packing; and Kevin Murphy, Driscoll’s. Concepts explored included vertical farming without soil (e.g. hydroponics, aeroponics, and aquaponics) and farming with soil/substrate (e.g. stacked shelves, table tops, tunnels, greenhouses, rooftops); computational capacity, including the need for people capable in using, manipulating, and harvesting big data; the Consumer Paradox: the vision of the small family farm versus the reality of sustainably producing enough food to feed 9 billion people; traceability combined with technology land use policies; and green waste
technologies. The panelists encouraged students to build their skills in math, business communications, attain a “black belt” in Excel spreadsheets, critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and being adaptable.

12. WATSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT VISITS AG INSTITUTE

 Watsonville School District administrators, faculty members, and community leaders were guests of the Ag Institute as they toured the instructional career technical education facilities at the Alisal Campus. Watsonville is building a vision for career technical education to maximize their existing facilities as well as engage in partnerships with local community colleges, such as Hartnell, that offer vocational and life skills programs.

13. AGRICULTURE AND BRANDSTORM 2015

Eleven agribusiness and food safety students were accompanied by faculty member Nick Pasculli and Ag Institute Director Dr. Susan Pheasant to San Francisco to participate in BrandStorm 2015 hosted by the United Fresh Produce Marketing & Merchandising Council. The event focused on agricultural marketing strategies, maximizing opportunities via available marketing channels, engaging in case studies, and building a brand narrative. Our students had the opportunity to network with agribusiness marketing leaders from not only our own Salinas Valley, but also attendees representing key firms all over the United States. The Ag Institute’s iAgriculture program is focused on agricultural career exploration, identification of skills necessary to excel in those careers, and how Hartnell programs of study can lead to success.

14. BASEBALL COACH MAKES TIME FOR CASTROVILLE 4TH GRADERS

Baseball coach Travis Babin and student-athletes participated in Volunteer Day at Elkhorn Elementary in Castroville. “We had a great time and the kids absolutely went crazy, they loved our players and had a blast. We took them through our active warm up, did some different agility drills and also played a baseball game,” shared Coach Babin. It was a great experience for the players; they even got some ‘heart melting’ thank you letters from the 4th grade class days after the event. What made this activity
so much more special is that a lot of these kids are underprivileged and lack male role models in their lives. Many of their fathers and uncles and brothers work construction jobs in distant places or follow the crops up and down the state. In some of the letters they wrote of how much it meant that our baseball players had come up and taken the time to hang out with them.

This was a great experience for these youngsters and for our team members. “We are looking forward to taking this model to other local elementary and middle schools in the future,” added Babin.

**15. HARTNELL ATHLETICS WRAP**

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL START OF THE SEASON IS BEST IN YEARS**

Our 2015-16 season has started well. After losing our home opener to College of San Mateo, we won at the College of Marin 65-45 November 6, 2015. The team had lost 49 games in a row stretching back to February of 2013! The streak is over!!!! The next day at Marin we lost 67-65 to Yuba when Brittany Lindsey's shot rolled off the rim with 2 seconds to go. The team had a post-game meal at In and Out Burger and then visited Fort Baker, north of the Golden Gate for photos!

Needless to say, we have a much improved team with tremendous potential for a successful season. All but two of our 15 players are from the Salinas Valley and have come together well. Freshman, Aliyah Urzua, (North Salinas HS) is Number 1 in the State at 3 point shots made. Our team is number one in 3 point shooting percentage in the state also. Sophomore Brittany Lindsey, is first in the state in assists and Freshman Toni-Ann Cameron, from Cambridge, New Zealand, is second in the state in blocked shots.

The Panther's next game is against Mendocino College at home on Saturday, November 21st. “The future is bright for Hartnell College Women's Basketball,” said Head Coach, Tracy Carpenter.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL IS UNDEFEATED!**

Hartnell Men's Basketball is 3-0, averaging 91 PPP (points per play). In the last game, the numbers said it all: Hartnell 105 Alameda 84. Riley Knowles had 32 and Hyram Miskin from Hollister had 29. We are third in the start in 3 point shooting % and assista per game as a team and 1st in 3 point shots made.

**HARTNELL MEN’S SOCCER TEAM DESERVING OF PRAISE**

Hartnell men's soccer team is on a 10 game win streak. Over the last three games we have beaten Chabot College 11-0, Gavilan College 4-0 and Foothill College 4-1. During that span, we have captured the Coast Southern Division title with a couple of games to play. Currently, we are ranked #1
in the State and #2 in the nation since October 18, 2015. We have a couple of players who are up for conference awards.
  
- Daniel Pulido - Player of the Year
- Javier Alfaro - Forward of the Year, #2 in the state with assists and #4 in total points (34)
- Jose Mendoza - Forward of the Year, #4 in the state in goals scored with 16
- Chris Martinez - Midfielder of the Year
- Christian Santibanez - Defender of the Year

Hartnell Leads the state in scoring with 66 and is #2 in the state in goals against average.

HARTNELL WOMEN’S SOCCER IS THRIVING
On November 10, 2015 Hartnell had a great game at MPC; we came out with a 3-0 win! This improves our record to 10-4-4, 7-2-2 in conference. Goals scored by Priscilla Ruiz, Norma Verduzco, and Aimee Rodriguez. Jazmin Vasquez and Jisel Ruelas each had an assist. Karina Valenzuela recorded the shutout on goal and had two saves.

VOLLEYBALL THIRD IN CONFERENCE
Last week the Lady Panthers faced the number one ranked team in the Coast Conference North - Cabrillo College. With three close sets 25-18, 27-25, 25-21 the Panthers played tough, but lost in three sets. Stand outs for the team were freshmen Natalia Kaopua with 12 kills, and freshmen Baylei Furman with 11 kills and 2 aces. The second match of the week was against cross town rivals, Monterey Peninsula College. The team had a commanding win 25-10, 25-15, and 25-18. Stand outs were Freshman Middle Blocker, Ruby Perez with 7 kills and three blocks. Sophomore captain Brittany Schulte dished out 19 setting assists and served up 5 aces. The overall record for the team is 16-10, and 4-3 in league. Placing them third in conference and ranked 11th in the top 16 teams in Northern California.

HARTNELL BATTLES BACK LATE - FINISHES REEDLEY
A 43-yard field goal by Miguel Mendez with 10 seconds remaining sealed a 23-20 Hartnell win over Reedley on November 7, 2015 at Rabobank Stadium, keeping the Panthers unbeaten on the season at 9-0. Reedley did not go down without a fight keeping the game close throughout, including an 85-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter to tie it at 7-7. Reedley took a 20-13 lead early in the fourth quarter, but was forced to punt with 3:39 left. Hartnell, behind quarterback Justyn Gutierrez, ran off 10 plays in 2½ minutes before Gutierrez hit Eppy Henriques for a 6-yard touchdown pass to tie it at 20-20 with 1:13 left. On the second play after the ensuing kickoff, Reedley coughed up an an interception to Hartnell’s Tymetrius Richburg at the 30-yard line. Then, with 52 seconds remaining, the Panthers ran three plays to set up Mendez’s game-winning kick. Gutierrez was 27 of 50 for 334 yards, three touchdown passes and three interceptions. Henriques had 11 catches for 206 yards,
three touchdowns and six carries for 41 yards. On defense, Richburg also had a sack while Reggie McGee had two sacks. Next up, West Hills.

**SORATOS WINS KANSAS ROAD MILE**
Former Panther Cristian Soratos (Salinas HS) continues to impress as a professional runner taking the overall men's title at the Kansas Road Mile in Wichita, Kansas. His winning time was 4:09. In addition to taking the win, Cristian had the opportunity to meet former World Mile Record Holder and the first high school student to break 4:00 in the mile, Senator Jim Ryun. Congratulations Cristian!

**WOMEN WIN REGIONAL, MEN REPEAT RUNNER-UP FINISH**
For the first time since 2005 Hartnell College played host to the CCCAA Northern California Regional Championship at Toro Park. Under ideal race conditions, both teams performed as expected with the Lady Panthers repeating as regional championship for the third time in school history. The previous back to back championships came in 2002-2003 and 2009-2010. The men faced the #1 ranked team in the state American River College and despite having all seven runners finish before the Beavers sixth runner, the visiting team was victorious 28 to 52. Sophomore Malena Grover, who prepped at Salinas High School, would close out her Hartnell College career with a shot an individual regional title on her home course. A Hartnell woman had not won the regional since 1980 when future Olympian Maria Trujillo accomplished the feat when colleges were separated into large and small school divisions. Grover produced her best time at Toro Park after six years of running the course through high school and at Hartnell College with a time of 18:01 but was only good enough for second place to Jenica Dodge of American River College. Grover has chased Dodge all season though four invitationals having never been closer than 12 seconds but this time closed the gap to just five seconds 17:56 to 18:01. Grover's time bested the Hartnell College record for Toro Park by 25 seconds and makes her the third fastest all-time community college performer on the course. In placing second, Grover became the first Lady Panther to take the runner-up position since Meri Hawkins did in 2004. The Lady Panthers had three other all-regional performances in sophomores Rachel Shimabukuro and Lizette Garcia and freshman Yessika Mayo. Shimabukuro improved on her 2014 finish moving up to fifth this year in 18:56. It was the first time in her career ever to dip under the 19 minute barrier at Toro Park and makes her the third best performer in school history. Garcia might be the most improved runner not just in the region but in the state with the seventh place finish.
in 19:17. As a freshman, Garcia's season ended as the ninth runner for the Lady Panthers having only competed at the conference championship and served as alternate for the final two competitions. The time was also a 44 second improvement from the regional preview competition where she only placed eighth. Last spring, Mayo produced a tenth place finish in 19:47 in just her first collegiate season. Sophomore Maria Rodriguez placed 21st in a lifetime best 21:17. Freshmen Yvette Felix (20:32) and Adriana Jimenez (20:36) completed the team and placed 24th and 25th respectively. Sophomores Nancy Rodriguez, twelfth last year, and Cynthia Tovar, seventeenth, were held out in hopes they will be ready to compete at the CCCAA Championship on November 21. As a team, the ladies tallied 42 points to repeat as champions, the third lowest team total in championship history and a three point improvement from last year's state fourth place team score. Next year, the Lady Panthers will try and become the first women's program to win three consecutive regional titles since West Valley College from 1989-1991. The Lady Panthers will head to the state championship on November 21 as the third ranked team, the highest ranking in school history.

In the men's championship four mile race, the Panthers literally threw all seven runners at top ranked American River College placing all seven in the top 16 finishers. American River College was able to wrestle a sixth consecutive championship from the host Panthers with the overall win from last year's runner-up in Abdul Hamid and by placing five Beavers in the top nine overall. Out of the top 16 finishers, an amazing twelve were from either American River College or Hartnell College. Leading the way for the Panthers was freshman Edgar Bonilla in sixth. Bonilla recorded a season best 20:35 on the course to move him into a tie with former program record holders Jose Garcia and Daniel Tapia, but was 14 seconds short of the win. He trails only 1500 meter school record holder Cristian Soratos at 20:30 and state champion Diego Leon at 20:16 with a year remaining at Hartnell College. As a consolation, Bonilla is the fastest freshman ever on the Toro Park course for the Panthers. From places ten through sixteen it was all Panthers with five more Panthers earning all-region honors. Sophomore Rene Siqueiros repeated as an all-region runner and set a lifetime best 20:58 for the course in tenth. Surprise eleventh place finisher was sophomore Tito Chaidez; he had only placed eighth overall at the conference championship and as the final seventh runner. The former Watsonville High School product, earned his first all-region honor with his best time ever in 21:02. Freshman Jorge Sanchez was twelfth (21:05), Diego Avila moved up from 22nd in 2014 to 13th this year in a lifetime best 21:13. Freshman Oscar Moratook the last all-region spot in fourteenth (21:24) with fellow freshman Angel Mejia, Jr. just missing top 15 by one second in sixteenth (21:29). The Panthers totaled 52 points to American River College with 28 points. The Panthers repeated their runner-up finish from a year ago and have placed no lower than third in the region since 2009. The Panther men head into the state championship as the sixth ranked team but will look to finish higher as the best team finish; there has been sixth.
2015 Athletics Hall of Fame Moments

Hartnell Alumnus and Administrative Services employee, Patrick Mendez volunteered at the 2015 Athletics Hall of Fame as a photographer. He found that one of his brothers appeared in one of the poster boards with an inductee (Ed Heineke) – small world! Thanks for volunteering Patrick!

16. UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Ceramics Sale
To support Ceramic Arts
November 18, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
November 19, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Student Center

Startup Hackathon Monterey Bay
Three-day mobile APP development
Competition at CSUMB
November 20, 21, and 22, 2015
FREE to students (click CSUMB Student) – register at
https://startuphackathonmb.eventbrite.com

The Western Stage Gala
Featuring The Producers
Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
Call 831-755-6810 for tickets

‘The Producers’ at the Western Stage
November 14 – December 12, 2015
Mainstage
visit www.westernstage.com

17. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell Lauded for Veterans Services
Hartnell College Honors Veterans

Latest election results show a few upsets in school board

Men’s College Basketball mentions an alumnus
http://www.brainerddispatch.com/sports/college/3880326-mens-college-basketball-raiders-expectations-remain-high

RC volleyball defeats C.O.S, football falls to Hartnell
http://www.reedleyexponent.com/articles/2015/11/11/sports/doc56437bbac2c2e0445157877.txt

Shimabukuro a blast from the past
http://m.sanbenitocountytoday.com/sports/college-shimabukuro-a-blast-from-the-past/article_2a18f622-8745-11e5-ba02-abf59e494319.html?mode=jqm

Athletics Hall of Fame Honors 13 and a Team

Hartnell Football Rallies to Beat Reedley, Move to 9-0