Campus closure announcement

To observe the Thanksgiving Holiday, Hartnell CCD will be closed Thursday, November 26 through Sunday, November 29, 2015. The campus will resume normal operations on Monday, November 30th.

1. STEINBECK INVITATIONAL IS A HIT

The Hartnell Speech Team hosted its first regional speech tournament on the Main Campus on November 14, 2015. The “Steinbeck Invitational” event attracted multiple 2-year and 4-year schools, including: Chabot College, CSU Chico, CSU Sacramento, Diablo Valley College, Las Positas College, Modesto Junior College, San Francisco State University, San Jose State University, Solano College, and UC Berkeley.

“The tournament was a great success,” said Coach Jason Hough. “The schools were very complimentary, and we received a standing ovation from the attending schools at the awards ceremony.” The overall tournament champion in the two-year division was Las Positas College, and the overall champion in the four-year division was CSU Chico.

As host, Hartnell College was not eligible to compete for the overall championship, but several Hartnell students earned awards, including:

- Enrique Lopez, 2nd Place - Open Dramatic Interpretation of Literature
- Sarina Atkins, 3rd Place - Open Persuasive Speaking
- Adrian Flores, 4th Place - Open Poetry Interpretation
- Adrian Flores, 4th Place - Open Program of Oral Interpretation of Literature
Over 40 Hartnell faculty and administrators volunteered to be trained by Hough to be judges for the Tournament. “The involvement by my colleagues was truly outstanding,” said Hough. “It took an entire campus effort for this to be a successful event.” The team will have its last competition of the semester at UC Berkeley, December 5 and 6, 2015.

**2. BOARD OF TRUSTEES DEVELOPMENT MEETING**

Last Tuesday, the Governing Board held its development meeting in a public forum in B-208. Three presentations were given: AB 104: Adult Education Block Grant; Bright Futures; and the 2015-16 Student Equity Plan.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on December 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in room B-208. This meeting will also serve as the organizational meeting for the Governing and will include the swearing in of recently elected board members: Manuel Osorio, Aurelio Salazar, and David Serena.

**3. FOSTER CARE AND KINSHIP EDUCATION ADOPTION CELEBRATION**

It was a day of celebration. November is National Adoption Month, thus Hartnell Colleges Foster Care and Kinship Education (FKCE) Program, Monterey County Department of Social Services and Kinship Center celebrated newly adopted families at the Kinship Center; the lives of families enhanced by adoption was the main reason of celebration. Families enjoyed dinner, desserts and had the opportunity to share their adoption experiences. Family photos were taken and guests decorated picture frames.
4. THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION AT RANCHO CIELO

The Foster Care and Kinship Education program held its annual Thanksgiving dinner at Rancho Cielo last week served by the students in the Culinary Academy. Jasmine Morales (The Epicenter Independent Living Coordinator) and Anabel Guzman (The Epicenter Youth Advocate), collaborated with Margie Wiebusch (Grant's Project Director of Hartnell College FKCE) and Laura Nicola (Rancho Cielo’s Dining Room Manager/Instructor), to host a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner for the local Foster and Probation youth in Monterey County. Rancho Cielo’s current Culinary Academy students, led by Chef Patrick Hendon, and Laura taught a crash course on Dining Etiquette to the 37 guests. In addition, three short engaging team activities were introduced to engage proper etiquette and communication when dining out.

The evening was a success filled with festivity and support from several organizations including DSS, Peacock Acres, Santa Lucia, ILP and Hartnell College Foster and Kinship Care Education. Congratulations to all who contributed to the success of the event!

5. WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE – SELSO RUIZ

Help me welcome Selso Ruiz, our new Program Assistant for the Office of Student Life. He was born in Santa Clara but grew up in beautiful Monterey County. He graduated from North Salinas High School and attended Hartnell College to complete his general education. He transferred to CSU Monterey Bay and graduated with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Telecommunications, Multimedia and Applied Computing. Selso comes from a background in education as he worked in Student Services as an Online Coordinator for Heald College.

“Education is my passion,” he said. “I love to see students be successful, especially in our community!” Being a single parent of two daughters he truly understands first-hand how beneficial having an education can be. Welcome to the team Selso!

6. ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT – VANESSA MONTAÑO

Vanessa Montañó Carrillo was born in Sylmar, California. She is the oldest of four siblings (Enrique 22, Abraham 14, and Aylin 4) born to Aida Carrillo and Jose A. Montañó. She graduated from Alisal High School in 2008 after which she began attending Hartnell College and became involved with the TRiO Students Support
Services Program. Montaño was also a student-athlete who played for the Hartnell Women’s Soccer team 2008-2010. She knew that she was going to need guidance to transfer to a 4 year university since her parents only attended elementary school and she was the first one in her family to attend college.

Her father, a Mexican immigrant, came to this country in 1983 at the age of 16 and worked for low wages at a flower shop in Watsonville. Her mother also a Mexican immigrant from Jalisco, Mexico came to the United States in 1989 when she married Jose. After working several years in the flower shop, her father moved to Los Angeles to work in construction as a bricklayer. Due to the lack of work there, the entire family moved to Salinas in 1993. He continues to work as a bricklayer to this day! Her mother came to this country as an undocumented immigrant, but stayed at home taking care of Vanessa and the other children.

During her time at Hartnell she became very involved in the TRiO program. “I felt comfortable, supported, and safe in the environment that Manuel Bersamin, TRiO Director, promoted,” shares Vanessa. “I wanted to be a part of the TRiO familia so badly that I asked Manuel for a job.” The following semester she became the Student Mentor/Clerical Assistant. This allowed Vanessa to become close to Counselor, Norma Nichols who guided her through the right classes to transfer to a UC/CSU. Norma and Manuel have been Vanessa’s mentors throughout her education journey, and she considers them to be part of her family. After receiving her A.A. in General Studies with an Emphasis in Language & Rationality Vanessa wanted to stay close to her family, so she moved on to Fresno State University which offers a program in Construction Management.

She will be graduating from Fresno State this December with a Bachelor’s of Science in Construction Management and a minor in Business. And the best news: after interning with a construction company over the past two summers, she received a job offer! She will start work with The Penta Building Group in February 2015 in Las Vegas.

“I feel that all my hard work has paid off. I knew that it wasn’t going to be easy but it would definitely be worth it because after people told me I couldn’t do it I when ahead and did it for the ones that wanted to see me fail.” Vanessa remarked, “I am proud of myself for such a great accomplishment – one that it’s not just mine but my parents because they were the ones that worked hard so I could obtain a higher education.”

7. BERKELEY FIELD TRIP INSPIRES MANY OF OUR STUDENTS

Last Wednesday, a group of nearly 40 Hartnell students attended a field trip to UC Berkeley. They were welcomed with a campus tour followed by presentations from UC Berkeley Admissions Office, Starting Point Mentors Program, Berkeley Experience Program, and a 6-student panel presentation which included two of our own former Hartnell transfer alumni: Alejandro Cota, Mechanical Engineering major (AB540-Dreamer), and Ana Ibarra, Integrative Biology major (Reentry Parent). Both shared their successful transfer stories and emphasized the importance of early preparation for transfer. The students had the opportunity to ask questions about student life, application process, and transfer requirements. This university transfer awareness and networking experience at UC Berkeley was highly appreciated by those in attendance and made our slogan “I am Hartnell” feel stronger than ever.
8. PARENT INVOLVEMENT IS KEY AT TRIO

On November 17, 2015, the TRiO program held the parent engagement meeting for the new 2015-2016 cohort from the Gonzales to Salinas area. In total, 40 parents attended the Spanish workshop and about 13 parents attended the workshop in English.

The goals of the TRiO Parent Engagement Workshops is for the parents to meet the TRiO staff and to receive an orientation about the TRiO program and about how the parents can support their first generation children while they are attending Hartnell College. The TRiO Director, Manuel Bersamin and the TRiO counselors went over the 20 development steps that the students must complete to earn a university degree.

For the 2015-2020 TRiO Program, we are expanding our TRIO PARENT ENGAGEMENT Component with a fall workshop followed by a spring workshop. This focus on engaging the parents of our freshmen college students is unique to the Hartnell College TRiO Program. Research shows that first generation low-income college students whose parents have an opportunity to engage and connect with college support staff have a much greater chance of attaining college graduation and/or transfer to universities.
As part of the conversation, parents are informed about the counseling and tutoring available in the program, the mentoring process, the need for student involvement, how the financial aid process works, the need for the students to learn financial literacy, the differences between the University of California and the California State University systems, and the new realities of the transfer process (CSUMB impaction).

The Parent Engagement meeting for the parents of the new 2015-2016 cohort for the parents of the TRiO participants from Soledad to King City area occurred on November 19, 2015 at the Hartnell College King City Education Center. Dean Renata Funke welcomed the parents and hosted our meeting. In total, 30 parents attended the Spanish workshop and about 10 parents attended the English workshop.

More information and resources can be found at: [https://www.tgslc.org/pdf/files-sfts_what_works.pdf](https://www.tgslc.org/pdf/files-sfts_what_works.pdf)

### 9. CERAMICS SALE A HUGE HIT!

The Holiday Ceramics Sale to support Ceramic Arts raised over $3,000 last week. The two day sale was a success! Students, faculty, staff, and community members came to the Student Center to start off on their Christmas gift lists. The ceramics were beautiful, original, and made with love.

### 10. VIEWING OF STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

The Office of Student Life presented Student Anna Gastelum’s exhibit titled *Disney Through My Eyes*, now through November 25, 2015 in the Office of Student Life, building C. *Disney Through My Eyes* captures the different stories that most of us are familiar with; such as Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp, Cinderella, Aristocats, Lion King, Up, and Alice in Wonderland. The mediums used are acrylic paint on canvas and paper. Gastelum’s goal is to inspire individuals to pursue their goals.
11. THANKSGIVING QUOTES

“I am thankful for the beauty that surrounds and astounds me!”
Dr. Marnie Glazier, Theatre Arts Faculty Lead

“I'm thankful for my family and the many opportunities that have blessed me in my life.”
Tiffany Wells, Student

“I am so grateful for my Hartnell library colleagues, for the opportunity to work at Hartnell College and to serve the students of Hartnell!”
Beth Rosenblum, Librarian

“I am thankful for my children and all their activities that keep us busy as a family throughout the year!”
Terri Ugale, Executive Assistant for the Office of Institutional Advancement

“I am thankful for the continuous strong bonds with family, friends and my hubby- who don’t have to love you, but love you anyway and for pets (Lucky, Dexter and Khaleesi) and all animals we encounter who give us free and unconditional love.”
Belinda Saechao-Jimmeye, Program Assistant II Nursing and Allied Health

“I am thankful for my family, friends, and colleagues – you all make me better!”
Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, Director of Communications

12. VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

Last week the Lady Panthers faced the number two ranked team in the Coast Conference North, San Francisco City College. With three close sets 25-13, 25-20, 26-24 the Panthers played tough, but lost in three sets. Stand outs for the team were sophomore Crissy Almorade with 9 digs and Natalia Kaopua with 8 kills.
The second match of the week was against Skyline College. The team won in three sets; 25-20, 25-21, 25-23. Stand outs were Freshmen Middle Blocker Ruby Perez with 13 kills. Sophomore captain Brittany Schulte dished out 22 setting assists. Wednesday night was the last home game and all the sophomores were honored before the match.

- Brittany Schulte (Bret Hart High School)
- Neysha Laumatia (Roosevelt High School)
- Crissy Almorade (Everett Alvarez High School)
- Iridiana Lopez (Alisal High School)
- Andrea Navarro (Gonzalez High School)

The overall record for the team is 17-11, and 5-4 in league, placing them third in conference and ranked 12th out of the top 16 teams in Northern California. This week the team faces West Valley College to conclude conference play. The team will soon find out who and where they will be playing in the first round of playoffs set for Tuesday Nov. 24th.

13. PANTHER FOOTBALL SUFFERS FIRST LOSS IN FINAL GAME

The Hartnell Panthers suffered their first defeat of the year, falling to West Hills at Coalinga in a game that determined the Golden Coast Conference championship. The Panthers nearly pulled off a win as quarterback Justyn Gutierrez tossed a touchdown pass to Skye Geller, but the play was called back on a holding penalty with about 6 seconds remaining. West Hills improved to 6-0 in the conference, dropping Hartnell to 5-1. Both teams are 9-1 overall. Gutierrez was 23 of 46 through the air for 281 yards. Eppy Henrigues had eight catches for 100 yards, while Josh Hylton had two catches for 43 yards, including a touchdown catch. Kicker Miguel Mendez had field goals of 34 and 37 yards for the Panthers. On defense, Tymetrius Richburg, Justin Pleasont, Nayton Kuresa and Tremon Ashford each had sacks after finishing with a 9-1 record.

The Panthers have been selected to play in the Living Breath Bowl vs. Contra Costa College on November 28, 2015 at Rabobank Stadium at 1:00 PM.

14. MEN’S SOCCER MOVES INTO PLAYOFFS

Our next game will be Tuesday, November 24, 2015 in the second Round of the Northern California Regional Playoffs versus Saturday's winner of #9 Taft at #8 Feather River. Kickoff time is at 2:00 PM at the Hartnell soccer field.

Link to Regional Brackets

Congratulations! Our soccer coach and players have received a lot of regular season Special Recognition Awards, which include:

All State Team
Daniel Pulido (Soph) Midfielder, Alisal High School

All North Region Team
Daniel Pulido (Soph) Midfielder, Alisal High School
Christian Santibanez (Fresh) Defender, Alvarez High School
North Region Coach of the Year
Daniel Ortega

Coast Conference Awards
- Player of the Year - Daniel Pulido (Soph) Midfielder, Alisal High School
- South Division Defender of the Year - Christian Santibanez (Fresh), Alvarez High School
- Coach of the Year, Daniel Ortega

Final State Regular Season Ranking #1
Final NSCAA (national) Regular Season Ranking #2
Overall Record 18-1-2, 11-0-2 conference

CONGRATULATIONS AND FINISH STRONG!

15. UPCOMING EVENTS

‘The Producers’ at the Western Stage
Now through December 12, 2015
At Mainstage
visit www.westernstage.com

Nursing and Allied Health Grand Rounds
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall Hartnell College

Adelante con Orgullo Mujer Inmigrante Conference
Saturday, December 5, 2015
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.)
Student Center

Music Department Presents
- Piano Recital – Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM in K-125
- Hawaiian Music Concert – Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Mainstage
- Performance of Choirs for Children – Monday, December 7, 2015 at 10:15 AM at Mainstage
- Voice Recital – Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM in K-125

The Hartnell College Theatre Program Presents
The Birds with a Post-Apocalyptic Twist!
Performances:
- December 4 and 5, 2015 at 7:30 PM, K116, Hartnell Studio Theatre
- December 12, 2015 at 7:30 PM and December 13, 2015 at 2 PM, at MCOE/MCAET Black Box Theatre, 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas
16. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell women’s cross country second in State
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/11/21/hartnell-womens-cross-country-second-state/76200380/

Soccer news

Steinbeck Invitational – Speech competition

Western Stage Opens Funny “Producers”
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/entertainment/2015/11/16/producers-promises-laughs/75542890/

Hartnell Football Falls to West Hills in Finale

JC Football Hartnell and MPC well represented on all conference team