1. MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM – CHAMPIONS OF GIVING!

On Tuesday, November 24, 2015 the Men’s Basketball Team helped the Interfaith Alliance of Monterey deliver 1,500 turkeys at different locations in Salinas and in Monterey. Coach Andrew Vasher says that 25 of these deliveries went to Hartnell students and their families. Under Vasher’s direction, the basketball team is community service focused throughout the year! Love, respect, and compassion are three of the mottos Coach Vasher instills in the team each year. I am sure all of the recipients were happy to receive such kind gift from our caring Hartnell students. Thank you!

In the practice of their sport, they are off to a great start! The Men’s Basketball Team is 4-1. The Saturday before Thanksgiving, the 89-78 win against Merced was great! Anthony Jasso from Soledad scored 26 points. We are currently 3rd in the state with an average point per game scoring of 87.9; first in state in team FG%, 2nd in the state in 3pt % and 3rd in state in assists per game as a team. Riley Knowles and Hyram Miskin are both in the top twenty in the state in scoring. Congratulations on all fronts!
On November 21, 2015 over 400 community leaders enjoyed themselves at the special 10th Annual Western Stage Gala. Guests enjoyed delicious food, festive libations, an amazing silent auction, live music by talented students, and a special performance of The Producers. The annual fundraiser supports The Western Stage’s work on stage, backstage, and in the community. The funds raised will support the Center for Performing Arts capital campaign. These capital upgrades include a professional box office, art gallery, infrastructure upgrades to the front of the center and a newly designed community atrium to host events and gatherings. This new vision will provide Salinas Valley with an artistic home that will inspire students, community and artists for generations. It was a pleasure to have Board of Trustees President, Erica Padilla-Chavez, Vice President Pat Donohue, Trustee Candi DePauw and newly elected Trustees, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. and Manuel Osorio among the attendees. It gave me the opportunity to introduce them in the fully packed Mainstage right before the start of the production. Hartnell College wishes to recognize and thank Chair Dottie Massey and The Western Stage Gala Committee for planning and producing our most successful Gala yet. In addition, we recognize our sponsors and those businesses that graciously donated towards the impressive silent auction – THANK YOU!
It was an honor for me to present a workshop at the Annual Conference for Community College League of California held in Burlingame, CA on November 19-21, 2015. Presenting the workshop with me, were Vice President of the Hartnell CCD Board of Trustees, Pat Donohue, and Dean of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness Dr. Brian Lofman. We presented on our efforts to develop a strategic plan that began in July 2012 and culminated in the Strategic Plan 2013-2018. The title of this workshop was “Strategic Plan Design, Execution and Assessment to Meet Governing Board Priorities.” The goal was to learn how to design, execute, and assess the effectiveness of a strategic plan linked directly to governing board priorities.

Another group from Hartnell also presented at the conference sharing additional exemplary practices at our institution. Student Frank Osorio was a key participant and presenter for this workshop title “Internships and Beyond: Harnessing Industry Partnerships in California Community College STEM Programs”. While many CCDs have been very successful in receiving STEM grant funding, they are continually challenged to provide effective programs for STEM courses, internships, and effective pathways from K-12 and transfer programs to 4-year institutions. This workshop explored approaches to building a meaningful and measurable STEM program with strong industry participation. In addition, panelists discussed creative strategies to make the connection between STEM programs and on-campus clean energy technology to better serve your students and communities in a long-term, sustainable fashion.

This year, the Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC), along with the Office of the Superintendent/President, are sponsoring and coordinating “Lights of Love.” This activity will benefit the children of Hartnell College students, particularly those served by our special programs such as EOPS/CARE, CalWorks, TRiO, etc. The purpose of “Lights of Love” is to provide gifts for the children of our students, many of whom have tremendous responsibilities and face significant financial challenges. Lights with children’s information will be on display in the Office of Student Life. The ages we are focusing on are 3 – 10 years of age. The need is bigger this year and we need your help. For more information or to choose a child to shop for, visit the Office of Student Life.
A SON FOR HARTNELL’S ERIC BECERRA

Director of HEP, Eric Becerra and wife Clarisa welcomed a new member to their family. Cain Cuauhtemoc Becerra was born on October 28, 2015 - one full month ahead of schedule weighing 5.1 pounds. After spending one week in the neonatal intensive care unit, Cain came home to join his three sisters: Alicia, Andreya, and Tlaneci. He is now one month old and strong as a little warrior. Cain is an acronym for "ancient heart reignited (in spanish)" and Cuauhtemoc is the name of the last Aztec ruler meaning "Descending Eagle." Welcome to the Hartnell family Cain!
Dr. Hortencia Jiménez along with ten sociology students traveled to the annual California Sociological Association (CSA) held in Sacramento earlier in November. Dr. Jiménez submitted a session proposal with five abstracts and all were accepted by the conference committee. She was the organizer and presider of the session “Cultivating Organic and Sustainable Farming in the Salinas ‘Salad Bowl’: Insights from a Community Based Learning Project.” Jeanette Serrano, Marissa Salazar, Daniela Hernandez, and Carmen Hernandez, presented their research to conference attendees that included sociology professors, graduate and undergraduate sociology students. Information on the session titles and program can be found at https://cal-soc.org/conference/sessions.html

The group would like to thank the generous financial support of the ASHC, whose funding covered all the conference expenses.

In reflecting on the significance of the conference this is what some of the participants had to say:

“It was significant to witness current research and topics of discussions in the field of sociology, and to see the bridge between theory, research, and the real world. It helped me see where and how sociology goes beyond the classroom.” - Qing Xu

"It was an incredibly moving experience for me. I'm thankful that I had the opportunity to present my research among leading pioneers in the field." - Marissa Salazar (presenting left) 

“This conference allowed me to develop myself professionally and academically. I also had the privilege to meet other professionals and learn about their research pertaining to current social issues.” Jeanette Serrano

Our Women's basketball team beat Mendocino College on Saturday 68-40; the second win of the season. The team was led by Toni-Ann Cameron, from New Zealand, with 22 points, 8 rebounds and 4 blocked shots. Gabby Garcia had a game high of 14 rebounds. Aliyah Urzua had 12 points. Clarissa Serrano had another good game with 17 points. Clarrisa and injured Martha Grimes were featured in the South County Times newspaper with photos recently.
After equaling the highest team place in school history last fall, the Lady Panthers set their sight on a top three trophy at this year's CCCAA State Championship at Woodward Park. With early season success at the Fresno Invitational, Mt. SAC Invitational, and repeat wins at the Coast Conference and Northern California Regional Championship, the ladies were still considered the third best program in the state. After 3.1 miles of racing on Saturday, the Lady Panthers proved they were the second best team and achieved their goal of returning to Salinas with the first ever CCCAA Championship trophy. They upset state ranked number two College of the Canyons, who had beat the Panthers handily at Mt. SAC, 117-121 on the outstanding performances of all seven ladies who ran. 

Sophomore Malena Grover achieved her goal of placing in the top three overall in the championship coming in only after repeat champion Aminat Olowora of Southwestern College and the NorCal champion Jenica Dodge of American River College. Grover's third place is the highest individual finish since 10,000-meter school record holder Kathy Lenno got second place in 1999 when the state championship was moved away from the Woodward Park course to San Louis Obispo for one year. Her time of 18:07 broke her own school record by 38 seconds set last year and she repeated as All-American moving up ten spots in this year's race to her 13th last year. Sophomore Rachel Shimabukuro concluded her Hartnell career with her finest race earning All-American honors in 13th and with a lifetime best 5k personal best of 18:43. Shimabukuro was 22nd last year and also dipped under Grover's old record of 18:45. The former San Benito High School standout also earned All-American honors last spring in the 3000-meter steeplechase. Shimabukuro also finished as the fourth Northern California female moving up one spot from her placing two weeks ago. Fellow sophomores Lizette Garcia and Nancy Rodriguez placed 29th and 30th overall in the same time 19:24. Garcia, one of the most improved runners in the state, lowered her time from September on the course by 1:06. The duo placed as the seventh and eighth NorCal females. Freshman Yessika Mayo completed the Lady Panther scoring in
52nd in 19:50. She was the eleventh overall Norcal regional finisher giving the Lady Panthers five of the top eleven, a better score than they had two weeks ago at the Norcal championship. Sophomore Maria Rodriguez (20:19) and Freshman Yvette Felix (20:28) placed 80th and 90th out of 211 runners. They leave Hartnell as double conference and regional champions and with two top four team finishes at the state championship, a record unprecedented in school history. In addition, in 2016 they will look to become the first women’s team to win three consecutive regional championships for the first time since 1989-1991 when West Valley College achieved the feat.

The Hartnell men had an equally lofty goal of placing in the top three but came up just a few places short, but did place fifth overall, the highest since 1992.

**Freshman Edgar Bonilla** led the men with his ninth place finish in 20:46. He will be the fourth best returner in 2016 setting him up for a potential state championship bid. A foursome of Jorge Sanchez, Rene Siqueiros, Tito Chaidez, and Eduardo Orozcoall finished in the top 42 and we only separated by 8 seconds. The tallied 159 points to runner-up Mt. SAC at 116, College of the Canyons with 123, and Riverside College at 139. With just a few spots by each of those four, the Panthers would have found themselves in second or third place.

With seven of the top ten returning in 2016, experience will be on the side of the Panthers and they will make a bid for a top three finish next year. Freshman Sanchez (21:21) placed 35th, sophomores Siqueiros and Chaidez (both 21:26) 38th and 39th, and Orozco (21:29) 42nd. Freshman Oscar Mora, Jr. (21:50) was 67th and sophomore Diego Avila (22:01) placed 84th. In the last four years, the men have steadily improved from 10th in 2012, 9th in 2013, 8th in 2014, and 5th in 2015. Next fall, the men will look to earn a seventh consecutive conference championship and attempt to knock this year's repeat state champion American River College.

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**9. UPCOMING EVENTS**

**President’s Forum – Fall 2015**
Monday, November 30, 2015  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Steinbeck Hall – Lunch provided

**Press Conference: California Endowment to announce $3 million investment in our community**
Thursday, December 3, 2015  
11:00 a.m. in Plaza in front of Library
**Holiday Feast for Hartnell CCD employees**
Friday, December 4, 2015  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Steinbeck Hall – Food, fun, prizes, surprises, and more!

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

**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

‘The Producers’ at the Western Stage  
Now through December 12, 2015 at Mainstage  
Hartnell students free with student I.D.  
visit [www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com)

### IN THE NEWS

**JC soccer top ranked Hartnell men stunned in playoff loss**  

**Photos – Men’s Soccer vs Feather River College**  

**Panthers vs Contra Costa in bowl rematch**  

**Hartnell Football in bowl game with Contra Costa once again**  

**Falcons Open Playoffs with 3-1 win over Hartnell**  
[http://www.folsomtelegraph.com/article/11/22/15/falcons-open-playoffs-3-1-win-over-hartnell](http://www.folsomtelegraph.com/article/11/22/15/falcons-open-playoffs-3-1-win-over-hartnell)

**College roundup – Riley Knowles**  
[http://news.hjnews.com/allaccess/college-roundup-kuresa-making-his-mark/article_060bafad-559f-5a3c-8622-6b19c61088f2.html](http://news.hjnews.com/allaccess/college-roundup-kuresa-making-his-mark/article_060bafad-559f-5a3c-8622-6b19c61088f2.html)