1. A HUGE FARM DAY SALINAS 2016!

On Thursday, February 4, 2016, Farm Day Salinas helped introduce 3,300 students from 130 different 3rd grade classes to the diversity of agriculture in Monterey County. Hartnell College Volunteers helped in many ways including parking cars, guiding students, working displays, and more! Trustee Candi DePauw asked for help – Hartnell employees and students came forward to assist where needed. Trustee Pat Donohue was also present and so glad to be among so many youngsters.

We were proud to be a part of such a great event and maybe even plant a seed in the minds of these students to attend Hartnell in the future! What a great experience for these young minds.
2. DAVE PHILLIPS IS NEW VICE PRESIDENT

The Governing Board voted to approve the promotion of **Dave Phillips to VP of Information Technology and Resources** at its February 2, 2016 meeting. Phillips was hired in February of 2014 as Director of Information Technology Systems and last year stepped in as Interim VP of Information Technology and Resources upon the departure of Matt Coombs.

“I am proud to serve in the role of a Vice President at Hartnell College, and plan to focus on improving student success through the use of technology, improving IT customer service, and continuing the professional development of staff,” said Phillips.

Prior to Hartnell, he worked at Gavilan College as Assistant MIS Director for 12 years. Phillips participated in Gavilan’s Learning Council and Veterans Council where he used his expertise to find ways to improve student learning and success. He is a Gavilan College Alum, received his BS in MIS from the University of Phoenix, and an MBA in Information Technology from Western Governors University.

Phillips plays the guitar, likes to hike, read fiction, and write. He lives in Hollister with his wife of 35 years, Nicki, has three grown children, and four grandchildren. He also enjoys getting everyone on a sugar high by having chocolates right as you enter his office! Congratulations Dave!

3. HARTNELL SPEECH TEAM CONTINUES TO SHINE

The Hartnell Speech team finished its regular tournament season with nine individual awards and a 2nd Place Overall Team award at the Las Positas Invitational held on the main campus in Livermore, CA February 6, 2016. Thirteen two-year and four-year colleges from around the region competed, including San Francisco State University, Diablo Valley College, and Modesto Junior College.

“They will be ready for the state championships,” said Assistant Coach Lana McDonnel. “They did awesome!”

Sharing her enthusiasm, Coach Jason Hough said, “This was a great finish to a great season.”

Individual awards included:
One week ago, the Hartnell Speech team started the spring semester tournament season with several individual awards at the Keeling Invitational held on the campus of Chabot College in Hayward. Leading the team was Lourdes Tinajero. She earned two awards, including a 2nd place finish in Program of Oral Interpretation of Literature and a 3rd place Poetry Interpretation. Other competitors receiving awards were:

- Meritzy Ayala, 3rd Place, Communication Analysis
- Enrique Lopez, 4th Place, Dramatic Interpretation
- Andrea Cervantes, 5th Place, Program of Oral Interpretation
- Esmeralda Ramirez, 5th Place, Prose Interpretation.

The team attends the Northern California Spring Championships February 20 and 21 in Modesto. This will be the team’s last competition before attending the California Community College State Championships March 9-13, 2016 at City College of San Francisco.

4. HARTNELL STUDENT ACTORS RECOGNIZED FOR ‘THE BIRDS’

Five Theatre Students were present at the February 2, 2016 Board Meeting to receive awards and get public recognition for their achievements with the production of The Birds. Under the leadership of Dr. Marnie Glazier, these students were honored by the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. The Festival Judges selected three noteworthy Hartnell student actors as Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Nominees: Jacob Horn, Jose Navarrete, and Daisy Barajas; Gabriel Alvizo, and Norma Delgado received meritorious recognition for directing and design.

This leads to an outstanding opportunity for the students: that of attending the KCACTF February 2016 festival in Hawaii and of advancing in the competition from a regional one to a national level. We wish them all the best!
The 2016 Legislative Conference by the CCLC was held last weekend at the Sheraton Hotel in Sacramento. This annual program is offered to college trustees and administrators to discuss new bills, the governor's budget, and other legislation that affect community colleges in California. Trustees David Serena, Manuel Osorio, and Aurelio Salazar Jr. plus Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen attended. The overall sentiment on the Governor’s proposed budget is the positive push to educate our future workforce via CTE and the basic skills initiative. We have to wait for the May revision to see what will be moved forward. The California Promise was a huge topic of discussion. How do we work together to reduce financial barriers to college? Some colleges have created their own ‘promise’ and students are better able to navigate through college with ease. Accreditation and California’s Community Colleges was another interesting topic that engaged discussion. Interesting sites to visit are: [www.headupamerica.us](http://www.headupamerica.us) and [www.collegepromise.org](http://www.collegepromise.org)

The Monterey County Business Council (MCBC) 21st Anniversary Gala and Annual Economic Vitality Awards was held on Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Monterey. The event honored eight businesses in our community that stand above the rest. In addition, Congressman Sam Farr was saluted for all of his contributions to the community. The recipients of the awards were:

- **Carmel Building & Design**, Sustainable Building & Design Award
- **Taylor Farms**, Agriculture Award
- **Steiner eOptics**, Advancing Manufacturing
- **Sand City’s West End District**, Creative & Technology
- **Middlebury Institute of International Studies**, Higher Education & Research
- **The Monterey Program for Executive Health**, Health & Wellness
- **Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance**, Hospitality
- **Cannery Row Company**, President’s Award
Last year, Hartnell College received the Higher Education and Research Award. I attended the Gala with President of the Board of Trustees, Erica Padilla-Chavez; Vice Mayor of Soledad, Alejandro Chavez; Trustee Manuel Osorio with wife Susan Osorio; Trustee David Serena; and Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen with William Owen. Congratulations to all the awardees!

7. HARTNELL COLLEGE PARTICIPATED IN STARTUP WEEKEND

Startup Weekend was held at California State University, Monterey Bay at the end of January 2016. It provided a great opportunity for community members, including Hartnell College students, to get hands on experience in the exhilarating world of startup businesses. This year’s program had 85 registered participants, 38 ideas pitched, and 12 new startup teams formed. Hartnell College student Michelle Kim was a member to one of the 12 startup teams formed. Her team’s name was Our Sommelier (which is for a wine pairing mobile application targeting millennials). Michelle is pictured right, standing.

Professor Robert Maffei, accounting and business faculty member, was invited to be a coach and mentor at Startup Weekend for the fourth consecutive year. He was approached by team Jam Cloud (a social voting application for music targeting college students) to help, along with other coaches, with their final presentation: a five minute pitch. Team Jam Cloud took first place and is pictured above left. This is a 3-day event that accelerates creativity and collaboration.

8. ACADEMIC SENATE AND HUMAN RESOURCES TRAIN ON DIVERSITY

On January 29, 2016, Academic Senate President Carol Kimbrough and Associate Vice President of Human Resources Terri Pyer attended an all-day training on Equal Employment Opportunity and Equity in Faculty Hiring at Chabot College in Hayward. The keynote speaker was Kimberly Papillon, who spoke on the neuroscience of decision-making and
understanding implicit association bias. Thuy Thi Nguyen, interim general counsel from the Chancellor's Office, spoke on the educational benefits of diversity.
This training, sponsored by the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative of the Chancellor's Office, is one of seven regional trainings being presented around the state in January and February. Two similar trainings, co-sponsored by the State Academic Senate, were offered last fall, and attended by Nora Torres-Zuniga and Alma Arriaga from Hartnell's Human Resources Office.
All Hartnell employees received training on diversity hiring last spring. Attendance at these additional workshops is part of Hartnell's ongoing commitment to diversity and equity.

9. FUNDRAISER PLAY FOR THE MONTEREY SYMPHONY

Last year I worked with the Monterey Symphony to bring its "Mystery Play" to Salinas and Hartnell College. In previous years it had only been performed in Monterey. This year the play was again performed on the Mainstage at Hartnell and this past weekend at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey. It was an honor for me to have a "walk on" role again this year as Detective #2, a part of Detective Columbo's crew. We had the tough job of arresting and watching over 3 lovely ladies of the evening. The coordinators of the play give me plenty of latitude with my lines because I get to promote Hartnell College in my lines. The scene is Detectives 1, 2, and 3 follow Columbo onto the stage and crash into each other. Here are my lines.
"Sorry boss, I was daydreaming. I was dreaming that I was the president of the best community college in the United States. Yes, Hartnell College serving the Salinas Valley."
At both Hartnell and over in Monterey this brought much response and laughter. A little risky saying this over there in MPC country, but what the heck.
Both events raised funds to help the Monterey Symphony with its outreach and youth programs. Anything we can do to partner with organizations such as the Monterey Symphony can only help to strengthen our music programs at Hartnell.

10. DR. JIMENEZ CENTERS TALK ON EDUCATION

On January 26, 2016, Sociology Professor, Dr. Hortencia Jimenez was invited as a guest speaker by the English Learner Advisory Committee known in
Spanish as *El Comité Consultivo de Estudiantes del Ingles como Segunda Lengua* at Main Street Middle School. The event was organized by James Showalter-Garcia, middle school teacher and coordinator for the English Learner Advisory Committee. Dr. Jimenez spoke to an audience of parents, middle school students, and children. Her scheduled talk turned into a workshop since childcare was not available for the small children who were at the meeting. The workshop’s theme revolved around education. The culmination of the workshop was a presentation of each of the groups followed by discussion. Dr Jimenez was pleasantly surprised to see Timothy Miguel, one of her former Hartnell College students giving back to the community in his new role as a teacher of Latino Studies at Main Street Middle School. What a proud moment!

### 11. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AWARDS GRANTS

The Professional Development Committee awarded nearly $12,000 in funds to 13 employees during the January round of travel and conference grant applications. Grant recipients will be traveling to several conferences in California, as well as to Chicago, Las Vegas, Honolulu, Orlando, Tokyo, Japan, and Havana. Three recipients will be giving invited talks at the conferences they attend.

Grants were awarded to five full-time faculty (biology, geology, math, music, sociology), four part-time faculty (allied health, communication studies, library, theatre arts), and four managers (academic support, enrollment management, grant management, student support). Grant recipients will be sharing their new knowledge and experiences with their peers and others from throughout the college when they return from their travels. The travel and conference program makes awards of up to $1,000 per employee per year for travel to and attendance at conferences and trainings that will improve student success. There are four funding cycles each year. The deadline for the next round of travel and conference applications is April 15, 2016.

### 12. VANESSSA MONTANO – MAKES HISTORY AT FRESNO STATE

After graduating from Hartnell College, Vanessa Montano continued her education at CSU Fresno. She chose a path that not many like her had chosen before. If you remember, we did a spotlight on her last fall. She graduated in December 2015 with a degree in *Construction Management*. So here are some amazing facts. She was the only woman and the only Latina in her cohort! She is only the third Latino to complete this program! Vanessa has worked hard her whole life to accomplish her goals, from her time at Alisal High School to her participation in TRiO at Hartnell and now, her graduation from this program; she has continued to succeed! We have no doubt this impressive young lady will continue to thrive in every pursuit!
13. CSUMB PARKING PERMITS ALLOWED ON CAMPUS

Effective immediately, Hartnell will recognize parking permits from CSUMB at all times. We have a number of collaborations between our institutions where students and staff are spending time on both campuses. We do not want anyone having to pay for parking permits at both institutions. Hartnell students and staff affiliated with collaborative programs are accommodated at CSUMB.

14. FOUR FOOTBALL PLAYERS SIGN WITH COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

Hartnell Head Football Coach, Matt Collins was ecstatic and proud this week. Four of his football players signed with major universities throughout the United States to continue with their education and playing football for a chance at a great future. Last Wednesday, February 3, 2016 was National Football Signing Day. Students who signed are:
- Stephen Messenbert, Grambling State University
- Marque Greene, Virginia Union College
- Ronnie Turner, University of Alabama-Birmingham
- Justin Pleasont, Wayne State University

Coaches, friends, and family members were present at the signing. Congratulations to all!

15. SOFTBALL SEASON OFF TO A GREAT START

The Softball team won three of their first four games. Our team is blessed with many versatile and talented players. Depth could be an issue if we do not stay healthy!

This year’s starting infield has Jo Salao (Salinas High) at first base, Kaitlyn Shipman and Kailyn Dole (both from North Salinas High) at middle infield, Emily Espinosa (King City) at third base, and sharing
catching duties has been Pisces Milovale (Seaside High) and Vivi Soria (Alvarez High). In our outfield we have Angie Salvaldi (Carmel High) in left field, Alli Yatsky (Salinas High) in center field, and Marley Mollet (Gonzales High) at right field. We have four players who pitch; our main pitcher will probably be Lezlie from Yuma, Arizona. Currently, we are 3 wins and 1 loss; wins over DeAnza, Porterville, and College of the Siskiyous, and one loss to Santa Rosa. We travel to Cuesta for games on Tuesday versus Reedley and Cuesta.

16. MEN’S BASKETBALL UPDATE

The Hartnell Men’s basketball is continuing to perform extremely well this season. The Panthers won their last game 75-59. They will play against Cabrillo College, and then return home February 10, 2016 to play against San Jose and finish off the season with four home games! Riley Knoles is currently ranked 4th in the state in scoring and 8th in assists!

17. GAME JAMS: THIS IS AN ACTIVITY YOUR STUDENTS WILL LOVE!

The Digital Game Jam on Saturday, March 5, 2016 and Sunday, March 6, 2016 will create games on scientific principles for STEM classes. The first day students will create visual assets for games. The participants will work with CSUMB faculty and CSUMB student mentors at Hartnell College to develop analog black and white drawings of characters, backgrounds and secondary items. Here is a tease. They will photograph their drawings and open them in digital imaging software to color and fine tune the drawings. The second day will be the incorporation of the visual assets into the game mechanics. Participants will work with animated sprites and game mechanic controls.

CSUMB will bring iPads for the students to work on. This is a STEMART collaboration of the ART and Science departments at Hartnell with Professors Eric Bosler, Alex Edens, Jerri Nemiro, Dr. Ann Wright, and Lawrence Yee. This is a Title V collaboration with CSUMB and Hartnell including Pat Watson, Communication Design Faculty and CSUMB mentors: Jared Fox, Lido Giovacchini, Maggie Solomon, and Jessica Vega. The video link below is from our last Game Jam: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEVKOsGhDjw&feature=youtu.be There is still room, so promote this with the students. To register, lead them to:
Sign-Up: http://digitalgamejam.eventbrite.com

18. UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month: Guest speaker, Jan Adkins
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
B208 at 12:00 p.m.
Attesti and Galli Concert
Friday, February 19, 2016
Mainstage – FREE concert for all!
6:30 PM – tickets at box office.
First come, first served

Cash for College is back!
February 27, 2016
Room B-110 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit
March 30, 2016
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Alisal Campus

Ag Institute Open House
April 23, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Alisal Campus
LA Times writes a story about CSin3 program at Hartnell and about Salinas (Video/Photos)

Education Digest – FFA and other stories
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/02/05/education-digest/79837174/

She makes sure Ag officials have HR down to the letter

Former Seaside High-Hartnell Receiver Reunites with Brother

National Signing Day 2016 Area Colleges
http://www.wtvm.com/story/31128234/national-signing-day-2016-area-colleges

Wildcat football adds four players to 2016 recruiting class
http://kticradio.com/regional-sports/wildcat-football-adds-four-players-to-2016-recruiting-class/

Gang Prevention Summit Returns to Salinas

Skate Park improvements down pipe – MILPA and Hartnell mentioned

Rivera adds County Super Bowl ties
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/02/06/rivera-adds-county-super-bowl-ties/79919098/

Basketball coach with ties to Hartnell