The professional development committee has announced the selection of **Rushton Hurley** as our 2016 Educator in Residence; he is an educator who believes this is a great time to teach. In his work, he has taught Japanese language at the high school and college levels, been principal of an online school, directed a professional development program, and succeeded as a social benefit entrepreneur. He loves creativity, collaborative innovation, and laughing at himself. Rushton founded and is executive director of the educational nonprofit Next Vista for Learning, which houses a free library of over fifteen hundred short videos by and for teachers and students at [http://NextVista.org](http://NextVista.org). His graduate research at Stanford University included using speech recognition technology with beginning students of Japanese in computer-based role-playing scenarios for developing language skills. His talks will be for all employees, instructors, and students. They will be held in Steinbeck Hall; the dates and topics are:

- **Tuesday, March 22, at 2:00 PM**  
  Making Your Teaching Memorable (for instructors)

- **Tuesday, March 22, at 6:00 PM**  
  Making Your Learning Memorable (for students)

- **Wednesday, May 4, at 6:00 PM**  
  Educational Possibilities, Great Colleges, and a Changing World

- **Friday, May 6, at 2:00 PM**  
  Four Fun, Powerful, and Quick Activities for Starting Class

- **Monday, May 9, at 6:00 PM**  
  Learning Beyond the Classroom

- **Tuesday, May 10, at 2:00 PM**  
  Using Technology to Pursue Excellence with Every Student

In the 1990’s his work with teenagers at a high school in California led him to begin using internet and video technologies to make learning more active, helping him reach students who had struggled under more traditional approaches. Rushton has trained teachers around the world, and regularly presents at national and international conferences. His fun and thoughtful talks center on the connection between engaging learning and useful, affordable technology, as well as professional perspectives of teachers.
2. THE K-12 STEM PROGRAM IS ACTIVE AND ENGAGING

The winter sessions are off to a great start in 2016 for the K-12 STEM Program. The Alisal STEM Academy is in full swing, students from Virginia Rocca Barton, Oscar Loya, Jesse Sanchez and Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary are participating in the 8-week NASA program and enjoying it very much as you can see in the pictures. Coder Dojo also had a great start for the year, these sessions have all beginner level students and the black belt group too. More than 120 students signed up and are filling the rooms at the Alisal Campus on Saturday afternoons. They also went on a great field trip to the Computer History Museum in Mountain View. The trip had 85 students, 12 parent chaperones and 8 staff/instructors/mentors greeted by the amazing partners we have at the museum and enjoyed guided tours in the facility. This week, the program was visited by a delegation of leaders from the County of Santa Clara (heart of Silicon Valley), they were here to see the program in action and learn from Salinas’ Coder Dojo Steinbeck Country about how Hartnell has established the program in our community. Hartnell is exploring the possibility of helping them launch a Coder Dojo program in the southern part of their county – Salinas helping Silicon Valley!!

As part of Hartnell outreach efforts, the program also participates in community events, including 2016 Salinas Farm Day and the Migrant Education Program during its 2016 La Familia Conference. The program hosted a high school class with a Coder Dojo activity and a NASA mission too. For more pictures you can go to our Facebook pages: www.facebook.com/hartnellMAA and www.facebook.com/coderdojosteinbeckcountry

3. VOTE FOR HARTNELL! IN BEST OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Our very own Ag Business and Technology Institute has made the list of finalists for the 2016 Best of Monterey County Reader’s Poll! Voting will continue through February 24, 2016 at www.MontereyCountyWeekly.com/BestOf! Take the time to vote and help us make it onto the final list!
4. HARTNELL STUDENTS ATTEND WORLD AG EXPO

On February 11, 2016 nearly 30 students attended the 49th Annual World Ag Expo in Tulare, CA. The World Ag Expo is one of the world's largest annual agricultural expositions. Students were able to meet face to face with more than 1,500 exhibitors and industry professionals. Across the expo students witnessed displays from the latest in farm equipment, communications and technology on 2.6 million square feet of exhibit space. Free seminars focus on a variety of topics important to dairy producers, farmers, ranchers and agribusiness professionals. One of the attractions included the Equipment Showcase that demonstrated all the latest and greatest farming and agricultural equipment. Students had a phenomenal time meeting new people, networking and witnessing one of the largest agricultural expositions in the world!

5. FIRST FRIDAY OF 2016 – NEW EMPLOYEES GET TOUR

Recently hired Hartnell employees participated in February’s First Friday and got a tour of the new STEM/Science building plus lots of information about the College.

6. WELCOME ADMIN. ASSISTANT FOR INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING!

Valera Key comes to the Hartnell Campus as the Administrative Assistant II for the Institutional Planning, Research and Effectiveness Department. With 25 + years of experience in accounting, auditing and administration, predominately in the Escrow/Title and Financial/Mortgage Industries, Valera has worked for both small businesses and large corporations. Valera’s career began as a teller in a small city bank where she quickly excelled within her first year to Operations Assistant. Her banking
and loan knowledge were instrumental in helping her move into the Escrow and Title Industry for a Nationwide Company. Her knack for numbers and organizational skills offered her the opportunity to work under the Accounting Manager. This is where she gained her greatest knowledge for accounting and administration. Her goal was to learn almost every aspect of the Escrow and Title Industry. Earning the respect of management for her dedication and skills, she accepted a very coveted auditor’s position where she worked for over 7 years. Before coming to Hartnell, Valera worked most recently as an Executive Assistant to 2 Regional Vice Presidents who serviced over 23 branches nationwide for a privately owned mortgage corporation. In whatever new endeavor or challenge comes her way, Valera says she always tries to keep this in mind “My enthusiasm, level of commitment and trust to learn new things help guide me through the path of the unknown. Challenge your fears, because if you don’t try, you’ll never succeed.”

She hopes to expand her knowledge and skills here at Hartnell to contribute to the success of the students and college as a whole. In her free time, she enjoys working on her small farm, growing a variety of fruits and vegetables, learning to weld, camping, reading and enjoying time spent with friends and family. She is a horse owner and avid horse rider with a competitive background in team penning and cattle sporting events. For many years she rode with a Central Valley based drill team known as the Painted Ladies. The team was fortunate to be accepted as an entry and rode in the 2010 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Welcome Valera!

7. DONATE DRESSES AND HELP FOSTER TEENS GO TO PROM

The Kinship and Foster Care Education program seeks your help to fulfill the need of gently used or new formal dresses to donate to high school students in the foster care system. The goal is to provide one dress to each of these students so they are able to participate and experience this end-of-year event and look great!

These very deserving kids would greatly appreciate your Tax Deductible Donation to PROMises of MCAFCC. If you are interested in donating Prom and Formal Attire, please contact: Susan Derichsweiler 320.4757, Margie Wiebusch 261.9088, Diane Malloy 594.9887, or Tracie Wyrick 596.9277!

8. RECYCLE YOUR SHOES TO HELP THE PANTHERS!

The Hartnell Cross Country Team has joined the Community Recycle Leap Year Shoe Challenge in an effort to reduce shoes going to the landfills. All gently used athletic shoes (no holes) will be accepted and help raise fund for the team. There will be a CR recycling box outside Chris Zepeda’s office (H106), but if you request a pick-up he will run over and grab your shoes at your convenience. Please let Chris know day/time/office location that is best for you. Shoes for men, women, and children are allowed in
the recycle program. The shoe drive ends February 29, 2016 - so please keep those shoes out of the landfill.

9. SOFTBALL NEWS

Last week the Hartnell Softball Team played at Cuesta winning the first game against Reedley 8-2. The Panthers lost the second to Cuesta 3-2 and was called because of darkness. On Thursday the Lady Panthers came home to play at Hartnell, but Contra Costa was unable to field a team so they played a double header against Reedley. Hartnell won both games, 9-8 and 8-0. Game one featured a great come back thanks to Kaitlyn Doyle's pitching performance.

10. TRACK AND FIELD: GARY SHAW TRACK AND FIELD FESTIVAL

Hartnell College track & field coach Gary Shaw retired in 2006 leaving behind a legacy in Coast Conference and regional competition. On Friday and Saturday, the second annual Gary Shaw Track & Field Festival paid homage to tradition of excellence he built within the program. The Panther men were victorious in the team competition tallying 207 points to conference rival DeAnza College with 133 points. The women placed second with 120 points to DeAnza College in the top spot with 196 points. Also in attendance were teams from Monterey Peninsula College, Diablo Valley College, College of San Mateo and College of the Siskiyous.

Sophomore Malena Grover returns for her final season with the Lady Panthers as an All-American and school record holder at 5,000 meters and is looking to earn her first regional championship this May. Grover picked up four individual victories starting with her signature 5,000 meters (19:47.96) on Friday and returned Saturday to win the 1,500 meters (4:55.41), 800 meters (2:25.71), and 3,000 meters (11:21.90). Fellow sophomore Tori Teraji as the only other individual event winner with her victory in the pole vault (8’6”). Teraji also established a new lifetime best in the hammer throw with her toss of 127’5 and earned a regional provisional mark in the discus (115’7.75). Joining her with a discus qualifying mark of 109’4.50” was Chelsea Andrade. In the women’s 5,000 meter run, Yessika Mayo (19:50.88), Nancy Rodriguez (19:51.59), Beatriz Duarte (20:03.48), Yvette Felix (20:03.83), Adriana Jimenez (20:04.11), and Carly Zako (20:20.31) all dipped under the regional qualifying mark of 20:40.00. Mayo and Jimenez also earned early season qualifying marks in the 1,500 meters behind Grover with their times of 5:14.64 and 5:16.55.

For the men, sophomores Nathan Bishop, Rhett Gonzalez and Dustin Samms along with freshmen Edgar Bonilla and Paul Koenig were all event winners. Bishop took the top honors in the pole vault (14’0”). Gonzalez is one
of the top returning 110 hurdlers in Northern California and opened the season with a win in 15.76. Dustin Samms took the hammer victory with a state automatic qualifying 161’4”. Bonilla, a cross country All-American from the fall, won the 1,500 meters in 4:09.30 with Koenig crossing the 400 hurdles finish line in first in 57.68. Bonilla also picked up a regional qualifying 15:41.80 in the 5000 meters followed by fellow teammates Javier Garcia (16:06.44), Oscar Mora (16:09.53), Eduardo Orozco (16:16.06) and Jorge Sanchez (16:19.83). Freshman Norman Napolitano picked up a regional qualifying 13’6” in the pole vault.

For full Gary Shaw Track & Field Festival Results:
http://www.hartnellpanthers.com/sports/mtrack/2015-16/schedule

The Panthers will compete next at the Coast Conference Preview Meet hosted by Monterey Peninsula College on Saturday, February 20, 2016. Field events start at 12:00 p.m. followed by running at 1:00 p.m.

11. HARTNELL BASEBALL UPDATE

Hartnell College Baseball finished week 2 with a 2-2 record which puts the Panthers at an overall record of 5-2 to start the season. On February 2, 2016 Hartnell was able to improve to 4-0 to start the 2016 season with a 7-3 victory over Laney College. The offense was led by several Panther batters as Wes Carswell (Pacific Grove HS) was 2-4 at the plate with a double, 2 runs scored and also had a stolen base. Isiaha Azua (Valley Christian HS) also had a big day at the plate going 2-5 with a double and 2 RBIs. Brandon Granger (San Benito HS) picked up his first win of the season tossing 5 innings and allowing 3 runs. Jaxon Trimm (Grand Junction HS) threw 3 scoreless innings in relief before handing the ball over to Josue Gutierrez in the 9th where he also kept Laney scoreless.

On February 4, 2016 the Panthers moved on to Reedley College where unfortunately they picked up our first loss of the season falling to Reedley College by a score of 8-1. Jake Hillier (Ponderosa HS) picked up the loss for Hartnell going 5 innings allowing 4 runs. The Panthers offense was virtually shut down as there were only two hits recorded on the night for Hartnell. Jacob Regester (Palma HS) was 1-4 on the night with a single and Michael Secrist (Pioneer HS) went 1-3 with a single. The next game Hartnell fared no better as the Panthers fell to Golden West College by a score of 6-1 to fall to 4-2 overall on the season. Ryan Pedersen was charged with the loss for Hartnell tossing 3 innings and allowing 6 runs. The Panther offense was silenced for the most part except for freshman Koby Fleck (Valley Center HS) who was 2-3 on the day in his first college start. Fleck blasted a double in the top of the 9th inning to push across Hartnell’s only run on the day. On February 6, 2016 Hartnell bounced back to pick up its 5th victory of the season, beating El Camino by a score of 7-5. The Panthers were led yet again by another strong pitching performance from Austin Lee (Northgate HS) who threw 6 innings allowing 3 runs while striking out 10 El Camino batters. Jacob Register (Palma HS) led the offensive charge going 3-4 on the day with a double and 3 runs scored. Isaiah Azua (Valley Christian HS) also had a big day at the plate going 2-3 with a double,
2 RBIs and 3 runs scored. Adam Tanoue (Moanalua HS) was also 2-3 on the
day with 3 RBIs. Josue Gutierrez (Greenfield HS) Picked up his 2nd save of
the season.
The Hartnell College baseball team will play 2 homes games this week: Friday at 2:00 p.m.
and Saturday at 11:00 a.m. vs visiting American River College.

12. HARTNELL BASKETBALL

Our Hartnell Coaches vs. Cancer game will be held Wednesday, February 17, 2016. That same day the
women’s team will play against Mission College at 5:00 p.m. followed by the men at 7:00 p.m. against
West Valley College. Team member Riley Knowles is still ranked within the top 5 for scoring in the
State and 8th in assists!

13. ALUM JEFF SCHMIDT – ENGINEER, PHILANTHROPIST

Jeff Nessen Schmidt was born on January 27, 1924, the 10th of 12 children
of Nessen Timothy and Mary Schmidt of Bitterwater, California. Working
for years as a rocket scientist, Jeff Schmidt epitomized what it meant to be
a self-made man as he lived out the American dream.
After graduating from King City High School in 1941, Jeff attended
Hartnell College (then called Salinas Junior College). In January 1942, a
few days after turning 18, Jeff enlisted in the U.S. Navy with the dream of
flying planes in World War II. However, the Navy needing engineers for
their ships, had different plans for Jeff. Realizing his proficiency with
math and science, Jeff was kept in school for the duration of the war. He
was the Valedictorian of his Salinas Junior College class, and went on to
attend the University of Texas and Midshipmen's School at Columbia University in New York City,
and was the top student in his M.I.T. Radar Academy. Jeff ended the war studying at Bowdoin
University in Maine while patrolling the North Atlantic coast for German submarines.
Using the G.I. Bill, Jeff returned to California and earned his engineering degree from UC Berkeley.
In 1949, Jeff met the love of his life, Willette "Jean" Leieritz, at a dance in Huntington Park, near
Downey, California, where Jean had been born and where Jeff then worked. They were happily married
over 64 years until Jean passed away in September 2014.
Jeff Nessen Schmidt was a true American success story with a remarkable career as an aerospace
engineer. As both an engineer for North American Aviation and Rockwell International, he worked on
guidance systems for the Polaris submarine, which was the first to pass under the ice at the North Pole,
the Hound Dog Missile, the Minuteman Missile, the Apollo project, and the Space Shuttle. He became
involved with fundraising efforts for Hartnell College as Jeff always credited Hartnell with giving
him the firm foundation in math and science that he needed for his future academic and
professional successes.
Jeff passed away peacefully at home on January 20, 2016. Jeff is survived by daughters Shari and
Suzanne, son Steve, four grandchildren, and his brother Bob.
The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in the name of Jeff Nessen Schmidt be made to:

Hartnell College Foundation
Math, Science, and Engineering Fund.
411 Central Avenue, Salinas, CA 93901
14. A FREE CONCERT FOR EVERYONE!

FRANCESCO ATTESTI and MATTEO GALLI
AT HARTNELL COLLEGE

Piano and Organ Together Once Again!

SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016
6:30 P.M.

Free concert to the general public
in the Mainstage Theater
411 Central Avenue - Building K • Salinas, CA 93907

PLUS, in the day, leading to the concert they will offer:

• Four concerts for 5th graders
• Master class for students and the community
• Visit to Music Classes at Hartnell

Francesco Attesti (Cantoro, June 6, 1927) is an Italian pupil of international acclaim. Among his generation of musicians, he is considered one of the most important Italian pianists and early twentieth century performers.

Matteo Galli received his Bachelor’s in organ and composition at the Conservatorio of Pavia, he is a chief organist at the Basilica di Santa Maria presso S. Satiro and the Basilica of San Giovanni at Piacenza, both in the center of Milan.

In 2007, they published the first recording of Verdi’s Requiem, transcribed for piano and organ, on the “La Voce della Casa” label.

Hartnell students and employees: pick up your tickets in Student Center
C-140 - Office of Student Life- between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

15. UPCOMING EVENTS

The Office of Special Programs presents:
For students:

You are invited
Let your voice be heard!
Men of Hartnell College Forum
February 17, 2016
Steinbeck Hall
12:00 — 2:00 PM
Share your ideas about how to make
Hartnell College a better place for men

Lunch will be served!

Questions?
Please contact
Andi Gonzalez
651-715-6723

For employees:

OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS
Workshop for Faculty and Staff with Guest Speaker
Wednesday, February 17, 3:00 - 5:00
Building C, Room #101

Thomas Brown
Supporting Success and Engagement for Male Students

About Thomas Brown
Thomas Brown is a highly educated
with an impressive record of effectiveness in creating Academic
and Student Affairs programs that
promote increased engagement,
learning, and success.
A thoughtful, experienced, and
giving leader, Tom often uses
honesty to produce frank
and meaningful dialogue around
controversial and meaningful topics. His
work is based on an integration of
theoretical, research, and
practical experience that make a
real difference for individuals and
institutions.

Tom has served as a consultant
to more than 400 colleges and
universities in the US and
abroad.

Publications include:
Fulfilling the Promise of the
Community College: Increasing
Three-Year Student Success (Co-
editor)
"Critical Competencies in Allied
Training and Development," in
The Academic Advising Handbook
"Advancing Students of Color," in
Academic Advising for Student
Success and Retention
Cash for College in South County!
February 17, 2016
6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Greenfield High School Library
Meet with a Financial Aid Representative and Complete the FAFSA!

Game Jams
Saturday, March 5, 2016 and Sunday, March 6, 2016
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1rgEzdl7oU
Sign-Up: http://digitalgamejam.eventbrite.com

Majors Fair
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM - Student Center

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

Career Fair
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
9:30 – 11:30 AM - Student Center

Ag Institute Open House
April 23, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Alisal Campus

16. IN THE NEWS

The promising field of agriculture for graduates

Hartnell College Students Offered Tech Job Opportunities

Educacion al Dia: Soñadores (Spanish – Dreamers program at Hartnell)
https://www.facebook.com/NoticiasCostaCentral/posts/1056150507759429

Follow Your Dreams

Salinas Valley, CA Shows Need for Computer Science
http://www.dailytoreador.com/opinion/opinion-miller-salinas-valley-calif-shows-need-for-computer-science/article_878d506e-cfa7-11e5-a292-3f6f9b113e5c.html

Hundreds named to honor lists at Hartnell
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/02/12/education-digest/80251890/

Salinas Hopes to Turn Farm Workers' Children into Computer Scientists

CSUMB Broadens Reach in Salinas
Salinas Reboots to AgTech: Why I/You/We Eat Too Much Calories

Obama Proposes Tax Credit for Businesses that Hire Community College Grads

Hartnell’s Grover Wins 4 Events at Track Festival
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/02/08/hartnells-grover-wins-4-events-track-festival/80038824/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=

County Clipboard

Jeff Nessen Schmidt

Jeff Nessen Schmidt January 27, 1924 - January 20, 2016
http://www.gilroydispatch.com/obituaries/jeff-nessen-schmidt-january---january/article_3ec7bf59-717a-5bc7-9d3e-9bf3a6fff223.html