Last week was filled with music and excitement in our Performing Arts Building. Francesco Attesti and Matteo Galli were visiting Hartnell for the fourth time and sharing their talent with our college community as well as with hundreds of 5th graders and educators. Mainstage has never looked so vibrant!

Attesti and Galli offered a master class and visited music classes during their one-week stay. In addition, we did something different this year: four matinees were performed for over 1,600 5th and 4th graders from the Salinas City Elementary School District. Each performance was about 45 minutes long and the artists were so impressed with how well behaved the children were during their performances. It was incredible to see most children moving their fingers instinctively as both Matteo and Francesco played the piano and the organ – together.

“We are so happy to have played for the children,” commented Francesco. “I think many will be inspired to play an instrument now.”

The week culminated with a concert free to the community on Friday, February 19, 2016 at Mainstage. More than 200 guests enjoyed an exciting piano and organ concert fit for a king. During a brief intermission, Hartnell students Francisco Juarez and Daniel Garcia offered two songs. The performance ended with Gioacchino Rossini, in a grand finale that provoked a standing ovation. Families with children came on stage post-concert to meet the artists and get photos taken plus some asked for autographs. It was a beautiful scene to see. This year, we had more children attend the main
Hartnell Theatre and Music students participated in a very successful trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, for the five-day Region VIII Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Conference. The group was invited to participate in this conference after a successful performance of ‘The Birds.’ They performed to great success in the Evening of Invited Scenes, which featured stunning performances from Vanguard University, the University of San Diego, the University of Guam, San Diego Mesa College, Merced College, Hartnell College, Cal Poly Pomona University, the LACC Theatre Academy, Utah Valley University, Brigham Young University, Weber State University, and Chaminade University of Honolulu. The students got rave reviews for their auditions in the Irene Ryans - Jose Navarrete and Noe Zepeda each received $1,000.00 scholarships to the CSU Summer Arts workshop: Steppenwolf Classes West at California State University, Fullerton. Students also participated in multiple workshops on theatre practice and career preparation, and many participated in the KCACTF Next Step Auditions, from which they received additional invitations, including Daisy Barajas's call back for participation in the Summer Arts Program at CSUMB. We are so grateful to all of our donors and all those at the college and in the greater community who helped to make this trip possible by believing in us and lending their fiscal and emotional support. This was an act of love and collaboration, involving Theatre Arts faculty member Dr. Marnie Glazier, Composer and Chamber Ensemble Lead, Steve Ettinger (Hartnell music faculty member), Mask Designer, John Glazier, along with students: Norma Delgado, Jacob Horn, Mireya Pamatz, Jose Navarrete, Briana Sandoval, Daisy Barajas, Adrian Murillo, Noe Zepeda, Louie Gonzales, Gabriel Alvizo, and Gustavo Hernandez.

### 4. HARTNELL STUDENTS VISIT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

On February 19, 2016 fifty Hartnell students visited San Jose State University. They were greeted with a presentation and campus tour by the EOP and TRiO programs at the university. This was the first of four planned university visits funded by the Hartnell Student Equity Plan for spring 2016. The Hartnell Transfer and Career Center is looking forward to coordinating the next three trips with the same success. Coming up next is Fresno State, San Francisco State, and UC Davis. Students need to sign up for trips.

### 5. HARTNELL FORUM FOR MALE STUDENTS

On February 17, 2016 Student Affairs – Special Programs hosted two events to launch the 2016 male mentoring program and promote equity for male students at Hartnell College. The opening remarks were given by Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo. Both events were facilitated by Thomas Brown of Thomas Brown and Associates LLC. The student forum was from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in Steinbeck hall. The purpose of the forum was to seek input from male students regarding their needs and preferences. The data collected at the forum will be used to develop curriculum and activities for a formal male mentor program beginning summer 2016.

That afternoon, faculty and staff participated in a *Workshop on Supporting Success and Engagement for Male Students* in Building C, Room 101. This workshop included specific strategies for increasing retention and persistence for students who are at risk of dropping out. Hartnell is committed to promoting student success and equity for our male students. Male college students are not graduating from community college at the same rate as female students statewide and locally. We recognize that male students face unique challenges and issues
inside and outside of school. The purpose of the forum is to gather information from the students regarding their unique needs and preferences. Here is some data taken from the California Community College Office of the Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Scorecard for your reference:

6. TRUSTEES HEAR REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF BOND MEASURE

On February 16, 2016, the Governing Board heard a presentation from John Isom of Isom Advisors who conducted a survey to test the feasibility of a facilities bond measure for this year’s ballot. The bond would be used to make improvements and increase services on Main Campus and throughout the District. The results of the survey (500 sample) were positive and supportive. Additional work and activity will continue in investigating the feasibility of a facilities bond measure to be placed on the ballot in 2016.

To read a story about the proposed bond measure and the results of the survey, go to: http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/02/19/hartnell-talking-bond-november/80637314/
To read the survey results, go to: http://content-static.thecalifornian.com/newsroom/srp_02162016_hartnellCCD.pdf

7. HARTNELL PRESENTS AT ACCCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Association for California Community College Administrator’s 2016 Conference took place February 17 -19, 2016 in Riverside, CA on the theme of Mission Possible: Initiate, Innovate, Integrate and Hartnell College was well represented. I participated in a panel discussion organized by Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Celine Pinet, titled “Transforming our colleges when transformation is tough.” Two other panelists joined us including Vice President of Student Services, West Valley College, Dr. Victoria Hindes, and Vice President of Academic and Student Services at Woodland College, Dr. Al Konuwa. The team spoke of various transformational changes, and in that context, I spoke of the many changes implemented at Hartnell College over the last few years including accreditation reaffirmation. Other panelists spoke, for example, of building buy-in while restructuring and moving from center status to college status. Transformational tools were distributed to attendees and the workshop was well attended and appreciated.

8. MEET HARTNELL’S NEW DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS!

Amy Lehman is the Director of Student Affairs for the Department of Supportive Programs and Services, which serves students with disabilities on campus; she will also be a resource for faculty and staff for disability-related student issues. Amy began her career in education teaching English as a Second Language after earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in English
from Kent State University, followed by her Master of Arts Degree in TESOL from the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom.

Prior to working at Hartnell, Amy spent several years at San Jose State University as the Writing and Learning Skills Specialist for the university’s tutorial center, Retention Specialist at the Disability Resource Center, as well as Associate Director of International Gateways, the intensive English/ESL program on campus, which enrolled nearly 1,000 students per year. Most recently, she was the director of the American Language and Culture Program at CSU Monterey Bay. Having traveled to over 15 countries, Amy believes that “we can learn something important about life and ourselves from every individual we interact with, as long as we’re paying attention.” She hopes to work closely with the Hartnell community to contribute further to student success initiatives and inclusivity. Amy has a son, Elliot, who is studying Physics at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and a daughter, Olivia, who is a freshman and member of the Cross Country and Track teams at Marina High. In her free time, Amy enjoys traveling, antiques, documentaries, and spending time with her children.

9. BILINGUAL POETRY, TRASHION, AND ART IN KING CITY

Magic was in the air at the King City Library when students from English instructors Paul Yun and Chris Houston joined those of Spanish instructor Barry Sheppy for a bilingual poetry reading on the topic of Love...Not only were the young scholars able to show themselves in different roles of friends, lovers, and husbands; some also ventured to try on another language: A native English speaker described his affection for his wife in Spanish, a Spanish-speaking woman expressed her new-found love in English, and many fledgling poets attempted to translate their lines, offering the audience an English and a Spanish version. The group got to decide which language a poem sounded better in - and Spanish tended to be the favorite. In giving voice to their dreams and hopes, the poets created a special space for all - in a neutral study room at the public library, thanks to librarian and host Robin Cauntay!

Dean Renata Funke attended a luncheon hosted by the Area Agency on Aging that combined fundraising with a Trashion Show at the local Fairgrounds in the Orradre Building. Organic farmer, teacher, and choral conductor Celestina Ripley is featured draped in empty bird seed bags - a creation by folks from the Sol-Treasures Arts Center in King City.

The Sol Treasures Arts Center also featured a few local authors at a reception last Friday, including Hartnell College biology instructor Dominic Gregorio. Apart from teaching and ranching, Dominic works as docent at the Mission San Antonio west of King City. In that capacity, he researched an insightful book on the history of one of the loveliest missions in California.
10. FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The 2016 Black History Month Commemoration provides students with an opportunity to learn and celebrate. Through the month of February, a pictorial highlighting prominent African-American individuals will be displayed at the Student Center. On February 9, 2016, the Office of Student Life and ASHC welcomed author Jan Adkins who provided students and staff with a lecture on African American History in Monterey County. Adkins encouraged Hartnell Students to learn about their local history and to document their own personal history through writing and photographs. On Monday, February 29th, from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. students and staff will enjoy a day of celebration with refreshments and entertainment at our “Afternoon of Jazz and Blues.” The event will provide musical performances by Hartnell Student Bobby Peoples (piano) and Hartnell Adjunct Faculty Charmaigne Scott (vocals) who will delight students and staff with a selection of musical pieces.

11. TOGETHER WITH LOVE WALK/RUN IN PACIFIC GROVE

On Valentine’s Day Hartnell employees and families joined me in the 2016 Together with Love 5K/10K Race in Pacific Grove. The race was an annual event to support the efforts of the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center. I was joined by my wife Michele, son Parker, Maggie Melone and family, Laura Zavala and friend, and Dr. Susan Pheasant. It was a great morning to enjoy the Monterey Bay and support a worthy cause.
On Friday, Jose Martinez (Soledad HS) signed a football scholarship with Montana State University-Northern. Coaches, family, teammates, and friends were in attendance at the Gymnasium to celebrate this special moment for the sophomore.

“As a Hartnell Panther, Jose was a terrific defensive back, a solid teammate and a strong student in the classroom,” shared Football Head Coach Matt Collins. “He made a commitment to Hartnell for two years, and today he is taking a step closer to fulfilling his educational and athletic goals.”

The Lady Panthers continue to improve and are having an outstanding season. A late comeback against Gavilan on the Rams home floor helped Hartnell to a 61-56 win on January 29, 2016. The next Wednesday at Cabrillo, the Panthers played an excellent game without two top players (Gabby Garcia, Salinas HS and injured Clarrisa Serrano, Greenfield HS) and led almost the entire game, but unfortunately lost 59-58 on a made free throw by a Cabrillo player with 3 seconds to go in the game. On Saturday, February 6th, Hartnell hosted our Alumni team in an unofficial game with the current Lady Panthers hustling to a 70-56 win over a team of 12 previous players. It was Hartnell’s 7th win this season, which is the most in the past 3 seasons. The game was a friendly affair with current and former players reuniting on the day with much goodwill. The Alumni want to make the game an annual affair. The next two games the Panthers played excellently against Foothill and DeAnza, respectively and showed how much they have improved. Against state ranked and Coast Conference leader, Foothill, we played our best game of the season leading with 7 minutes to go in the game, but the more experienced Owls earned a close and hard fought victory. This was a large improvement from our earlier game at Foothill. The next game at home versus DeAnza on February 12th was similar as the Panthers battled hard and had the deficit to only 4 points late in the game but DeAnza prevailed. All opposing coaches have commented on how much Hartnell has improved during this season and over the past year. The following are notable player statistics: Panthers rated in the top 50 in a category in California:

- Aliyah Urzua, (North Salinas HS): 4th in steals per game, 22nd in 3 point percentage
- Brittany Lindsey, (Liberty HS, Phoenix): 1st in assists! 7th in assist to turnover ratio
- Toni Ann Cameron, (Waikato Diocesan, New Zealand): 4th in blocked shots per game, 45th in points per game, 44th in rebounds per game
14. MEN’S BASKETBALL UPDATE

This past week we split with San Jose; L Hyram Miskin from Hollister had 30 pts. and hit nine 3s, but DeAnza College won 86-84. Riley Knowles had 27 pts. Anthony Jasso from Soledad had 22, Hyram Miskin had nine assists and our team had 26 assists on 33 baskets. Hartnell is currently second in the state in team assists per game! We have our last two games at home. February 17 is our Coaches vs Cancer game against West Valley and Friday, February 19 against MPC is our sophomore night. Our three sophomores are Hyram Miskins, Arthur Laguna, and Anthony Jasso. Hyram and Anthony have been on the President’s or Dean’s lists all three semesters here at Hartnell; Arthur has been two out of the three semesters. All are in line to graduate this spring! Congratulations!

15. SOFTBALL TEAM UPDATE

On February 13, 2016 Hartnell softball traveled to Stockton to pay two games – Stockton and Feather River. For some reason, there were no umpires, so we ended up playing Feather River first; this would be our only game in which we lost 8-4. We were in the game until they hit a 2-run homer in the 5th inning. We changed pitchers, Lezlie Morris to Kaitlyn Doyle, which slowed their scoring, but we also had lost defensive momentum. Emily Espino had a good day at the plate going 2 for 3.

On Monday, we traveled to Coalinga to play West Hills. Down 5-3, we scored 1 with a solo home run for Kaitlyn Shipman to make it 5-3. In the top of the 5th inning, 5 hits in the inning put us up 8-5. Emily Espino got a RBI double and Kaitlyn Shipman a 2 RBI triple to the opposite field. In game 1, Emily Espino was 2 for 4, Shipman was 3 for 4, and Marley Morlet was 2 for 3. Game 2 in Coalinga, we fell behind 3-1 after not scoring with bases loaded. In the top of the 6th inning, we scored 3 with base hits by Jo Salao, Kaitlyn Shipman, and a 2RBI double by Viviana Soria. In the top of the 7th, we did not score with bases loaded and 2 outs, hoping to finish the game with a one run lead. With 2 outs and runners on 3rd and 2nd, we were unable to field a pop fly ball that was lost in the sun, we lost 4-5. We are 7 and 4 overall. Up next: Gavilan College.

16. HARTNELL BASEBALL GOES 1-1 TO AN OVERALL RECORD OF 6-3

The Panthers were led to victory over visiting American River College by a strong pitching performance by sophomore Brandon Granger (San Benito HS). He threw seven strong innings allowing just 1 run while striking out 3 ARC batters. The Panther offense scattered 11 hits on the day while Wes Carswell (Pacific Grove HS), Michael
Secrist (Woodland) and Jacob Regester (Palma HS) all had 2 hits on the day and scored runs. The Hartnell College baseball team suffered a tough defeat to visiting American River College dropping the 2nd game of the series by a score of 3-2. The Panthers carried a 2-1 lead into the top of the 7th inning until a 2 run triple by ARC took the lead for good. The Panthers starting pitcher Austin Lee (Northgate HS) had yet another stellar pitching performance on the mound going 8 innings allowing 3 runs while striking out 10 ARC batters. Despite the dominate pitching performance by Lee the Panthers offense was limited to just 3 hits on the day. The Hartnell College Baseball program will continue its current home stand with San Mateo and Reedley College. You can follow coach Babin on periscope.com @coach_Babin.

17. Upcoming Events

Cash for College
Saturday, February 27, 2016
B-110 – Main Campus
Meet with a Financial Aid Representative and Complete the FAFSA!
Workshops in English at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 1:30 p.m.
Spanish – 10:30 a.m.

Afternoon of Jazz and Blues
February 29, 2016
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Steinbeck Hall
Celebrate Black History Month with entertainment and refreshments, featuring Bobby Peoples in piano and Charmaigne Scott vocals.

Honor Thy Children Presentation with
Al and Jane Nakatani
[Flex Approved for Faculty]
Thursday, March 3, 2016
Room K-125, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Hartnell College Blood Drive
Friday, March 4, 2016
11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall – Building C
Walk-ins welcome – To make appointment, call 1-800-Red-Cross
Sponsored by the Hartnell Registered Nursing Class of 2014

Game Jams – room still available!
Saturday, March 5, 2016 and Sunday, March 6, 2016
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1rgEzdi7oU
Sign-Up: http://digitalgamejam.eventbrite.com
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

Law Day
May 2, 2016
9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Main Campus

18. IN THE NEWS

Jason Hough Leads Speech Team to Success

Hartnell talking bond for November

Workshops for Parents on Raising Successful Students at Hartnell College
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/calendar/public_citizen/workshops-for-parents-on-raising-successful-students-at-hartnell-college/event_899976a4-d523-11e5-8a1c-5ba7eb78fab6.html

Class Notes
http://www.montereyherald.com/social-affairs/20160213/class-notes
Rio Farms Bob Martin Knows His Onions, and a Lot More

County Clipboard: Johnson Back in the NBA

Agriculture a Promising Field for Graduates

Education Digest
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/02/12/education-digest/80251890/