1. HONORING THE GILLS – A DESERVING TRIBUTE

On March 5, 2016, the Boy Scouts of America brought tribute to David and Susan Gill at the Building Future Leaders annual banquet in Monterey. The Gills were chosen as the honorees this year for their philanthropic hearts, their volunteerism, and involvement in community improvements. The Gills featured three of their favorite charities: the Carmel Mission, First Tee, and the Hartnell College Foundation. We felt honored to be included in such a list. David and Susan Gill were invaluable in getting the King City Education Center established in South County. And, it was David’s leadership and enthusiastic support of the Ag program at Hartnell that has led to the renaissance in the program that we are experiencing now. Both are loyal supporters of Hartnell College; they believe in the value of hard work and good people, and embrace the opportunities to learn from others. The headways created by the Gills have made the King City Education Center a great place to learn. With outreach efforts, we have raised the percentage of freshmen entering from King City H.S. by 20% in the 2015-16 academic year. The Ag Business & Technology Institute was founded by the President’s Ag Steering Committee chaired by David Gill in 2007. With 150 students and one full-time faculty member at that time, David and his partners envisioned “The best Ag program, in the State.” Today, the Institute has grown to five full-time faculty members, 1,100 students, degrees in Ag Business, Ag Management, Ag Production, Sales, Marketing, Welding Technology, and more under development. The Institute developed the first Food Safety Certificate program in the State. Our growing partnerships with regional universities will help develop prepared and committed local employees.

I was accompanied by Trustees’ Vice President, Pat Donohue; Trustee Manuel Osorio; Trustee Candi
On March 5, 2016, Monterey Peninsula College hosted its 25th Annual Lobo Hall of Fame Banquet at the Marriott Hotel in Monterey. It was a special night for one of ours; Psychology Instructor, Dr. Yoshiko Matsushita-Arao, was inducted into the Hall of Fame for her athletic and academic achievements. While at MPC, she played on two women’s volleyball teams that not only won the Coast Conference, but also the Division II Northern California State Championships both years. She earned an All-State tournament award in her first year of playing. In her second year, she was the captain of the team and earned Second Team All-Conference and Coach’s awards. Yoshiko earned her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at UC Santa Barbara. She has been teaching full-time at Hartnell College since 1997.

“When I got the job at Hartnell College, it was and still is, a dream come true,” she said in her acceptance speech. “I am passionate about teaching psychology and feel so fortunate for the opportunity to touch lives.” At the event, two current students won the Peter J. Cutino Male and Female Athlete of the Year Awards; four people won the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award, and five were inducted into the Hall of Fame (with one person posthumously). Congratulations Yoshiko!

Photo captions: (1) Yoshiko with MPC Volleyball Coach Gretchen Hausmann and teammate Mary Toole-McFadden. (2) Yoshiko accepting her induction and plaque. (3) Yoshiko with husband Jimmy Arao, and son Bruce Arao.

On March 3, 2016, Hartnell’s Pathway to Law School team launched its Regional Advisory Board, gathering local and State-wide leaders. Participants from the legal profession included, Latressa Alford, Executive Director of the Statewide Pathway to Law School Initiative; Lori Espinosa, President of the...
Monterey County Bar Association; Mitch Winick, Dean of the Monterey College of Law; Terri Pyer, Associate Vice President of Human Resources at Hartnell College; and Rebecca Fields, faculty lead for the Pathway to Law School program at Hartnell College. Attendants also included a number of Hartnell faculty and administrators.

I welcomed the group to the campus, thanking them for joining us. Ruthe Ashley, Executive Director Emeritus for the Pathway to Law School Statewide Initiative, spoke with passion about the importance of building a diversity pipeline into the legal profession to strengthen the quality of social justice and democracy. Rebecca Fields closed the meeting, speaking of forthcoming events, including Law Day, scheduled for May 3rd. This year’s Law Day theme, which is dictated by the California Bar Association, is “Miranda: More than just words”. This event will bring 300 high school students from all over Monterey County to Hartnell College.

4. DIGITAL GAME JAMS WAS A FUN SUCCESS

It was an exciting weekend for our STEM students and faculty! Game Jams on March 5 and 6, 2016 was a huge success with 25 students participating from Hartnell and Gavilan College. Professor Jerri Nemiro shared that nine faculty members from Hartnell College, Gavilan College, and CSUMB came together to help instruct students in creating digital games using iPads and other electronics. The projects began with a drawing and ended up becoming an actual game. It was a lot of fun to see the students engage and work together to achieve the goal.

To see the students and faculty in action, watch the following video: https://youtu.be/fp8whoNKuxA
5. DIESEL STUDENTS/INSTRUCTOR VOLUNTEER AT VTA BUS RODEO

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority hosted a regional rodeo for more than 1,000 bus maintenance mechanics and operators/drivers. Bus operators competed on driving transit buses; technicians competed on diagnosing and fixing problems. Diesel instructor Valentin Rodriguez served as a judge for the electrical and PLC events. Hartnell diesel students observed and volunteered at the competition. Winners qualify for the national competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

6. TWO NEW AGKNOWLEDGE FELLOWS

Dean of Science Math and Engineering, Shannon Bliss and Program Assistant II for the Agricultural Business and Technology Institute, Iris Medina were selected as fellows in Class X of the Ag Knowledge Program. AgKnowledge is an executive leadership and education program which gives local community leaders a unique, hands-on experience and a broad understanding of the agriculture industry and its local, national and global impacts. Friday's opening session featured presentations by Sam Farr (U.S. House of Representatives), Lorri Koster (Mann Packing), Darlene Din (Ag land use and public policy consultant), Eric Lauritzen (Agricultural Commissioner), Jim Bogart (Grower Shipper Association), and Steve, Leslie, and Molly Dorrance (Dorrance Ranches). In photos, the Ag Knowledge fellows pose with Congressman Sam Farr and don protective clothing to meet food safety good handling practice requirements for produce facilities prior to touring Mann Packing.

7. HARTNELL VOLUNTEERS AT AG EDUCATION DAY IN KING CITY

Over 1,500 third graders were introduced to agriculture at the King City event of Monterey County Ag Education Day. Ag Ambassadors along with faculty members Albert Graham, Lionell Handel, Valentin Rodriguez, and Dr. Susan Pheasant provided hands-on activities related to automotive, diesel, plant science and fabrication disciplines. A number of Hartnell management and staff also volunteered as guides including: Joseph Reyes (Director
The College Pathways Team is proud to announce its Third Annual Panther Prep Day taking place at the King City Education Center on Friday, April 29, 2016 and on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Main Campus. This is our official freshman welcome event for local graduating seniors who plan on attending Hartnell College after high school graduation. The College Pathways Team has been working with 15 Salinas Valley high schools (from North Monterey County High School to King City High School) since October 2015 to help prepare students for their transition from high school to college by facilitating the Steps to Success process of enrollment over the course of their senior year. Students have already completed the Application for Admissions, Online Orientation, FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application, and the Accuplacer Assessment. On Panther Prep Day, students will meet with counselors to complete their fall 2016 initial education plan and receive fall 2016 priority registration. They will be fully enrolled college students before they graduate from high school!

We are anticipating to serve up to 400 incoming freshman on Friday at the King City Panther Prep Day and up to 800 students on Saturday at the Main Campus.

We need your help!

This is a huge event and a great experience! If you would like to help welcome our future Panthers, please email College Pathways Coordinator, Sara Sanchez at ssanchez@hartnell.edu or Administrative Assistant, Isaura Arreguin at iarreguin@hartnell.edu.
On March 4, 2016 fourth semester RN students, Katrina, Maria, Marivic and Pamela, lead a Blood Drive as part of the Leadership and Image of Nursing Project at Hartnell’s RN program. The Blood Drive held in conjunction with Red Cross succeeded at reaching 160% of its 30 donor goal. In organizing the Blood Drive, these Hartnell RN students build leadership skills by promoting, educating and advocating for health in our community. This is part of what Hartnell College ignites in each of the students, combining motivation and resources to become professionals in the health care field and practicing their leadership skills. This student led project was a success!

“I’ve been here since 2005 and leadership has always been a focus in our program during the final semester. The Image of Nursing Project teaches our students to work in teams with others with differing work styles. It is all about the process from start to finish. The purpose is to work on professionalism, teamwork, collaboration and communication,” commented Dr. Barbara Durham, DNP, RN, CNE, Nursing Faculty and Blood Donor.

“I love the nursing program here. I graduated from the CNA and then the LVN program at Hartnell,” said Katrina. “When I decided to go for my RN, I only applied to Hartnell because it is where I wanted to go. It has been an even greater experience. The instructors teach all the right things we need as RNs. It is like a family and everyone is so supportive.”

For more information on Hartnell’s Nursing Program, contact Hartnell Nursing and Allied Health Department at 831-770-6146. To donate blood or for information on blood donation, go to www.redcross.org.

The Nurse Residency Program is a 6-month program that offers a first-time work experience for Hartnell nursing graduates from the Associate Degree Nursing program. Eligibility requirements to become a nurse resident include:

1. Completed application with letters of references
2. Participation in a panel interview for selected area of practice
3. Pass NCLEX
March 1, 2016 marked the completion of the Nurse Residency Program at Hartnell College. Thirteen nurse residents completed a minimum of 500 clinical hours at local hospitals (Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, Natividad Medical Center, and Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center). Each resident worked closely with a staff nurse who was their preceptor and mentor. Sixty two percent (8/13) of residents have successfully gained employment upon completion of the program; the remaining residents have offers pending.

NATIVIDAD MEDICAL CENTER HIRED:
- Denise Emmell-Melching in the Emergency Department
- Gabriela Serrano in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Jamie Guglielmo for Neonatal ICU
- Klaryssa Segovia for Labor and Delivery
- Mae Mowatt for Mother-Infant Unit

SALINAS VALLEY MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM HIRED:
- Lynette Perez for Mother-Infant unit
- Christine Durden for Mother-Infant Unit
- Amanda DeMello for Med/Surg (pending)
- Mimi Wong for the Operating room (pending)
- Rosemary Bernhard for the Emergency Department (pending)

SUTTER MATERNITY AND SURGERY CENTER
- Lauren Braun for perinatal areas (pending)
- Corrie Slyder for perinatal areas (pending)

We are so proud of them and their achievements. Congratulations!

Photo - Top row: L to R - Lauren Braun, Corrie Slyder, Leslie Lambert, Klaryssa Segovia, Mimi Wong, Jamie Guglielmo, Lynette Perez, Christine Durden, Denise Emmell-Melching, Dr. Janeen Whitmore
Bottom row: L to R - Dr. Barbara Durham, Rosemary Bernhard, Gabriela Serrano, Amanda DeMello, Mae Mowatt

11. SAN BENITO HIGH SCHOOL VISITS HARTNELL

The College Pathways Team hosted 25 San Benito High School seniors and chaperons for a visit to Hartnell on March 7, 2016. Students enjoyed a tour of both the Alisal and Main campuses; they met with faculty and staff and were exposed to the academic and career technical opportunities available to them.
FAMOUS HARTNELL ALUM AND FACULTY MEMBER JOE BRAGDON DIES

At less than three months of his centennial, Joseph C. Bragdon, 99, of Shelburne Falls, MA, died February 29, 2016 at home, surrounded by his wife of 74 years, Doris; his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Joe’s family moved from Glenshaw, PA to California in 1926; Joe completed elementary school and went on to graduate from Hollywood High. In 1935, the family moved to Monterey where they opened a restaurant. This experience inspired Joe’s lifelong love of cooking. In 1937, he began working in the now world-renowned sardine canneries of Cannery Row. The same year he met Doris Barnard and they were married in Pacific Grove in 1941 and shortly thereafter Joe was drafted in the U.S. Army serving his entire tour of duty in California and Texas. After the war, Joe began attending Hartnell College in Salinas, where he met his teacher, mentor, and friend, noted regionalist painter, Leon Amyx, who motivated Joe to earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Art at San Jose State and a Masters in Art from Stanford. Joe began teaching high school in Stockton and shortly after the birth of their third son, returned to Salinas to teach with Leon Amyx at Hartnell College. In the early 60s, while working to save the fragile Monterey Bay coastline from the imminent threat of a major oil refinery, the Bragdons became friends with photographer, Ansel Adams, who inspired Joe to pursue photography. Joe spent many hours photographing with Adams both in the High Sierras and along the California Coast. In 1971 and 1972, the Bragdons spent a year driving and camping in Europe, North Africa, and the Soviet Union. During this year, Joe was able to develop an intimacy with many great works of European and Middle Eastern art. He also made some of his most memorable photographs during this time. Joe retired after 30 years of teaching at Hartnell, but continued to pursue his love of drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and sailing. In 2012, the Bragdons moved to Shelburne Falls, MA to be near their son, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In 2013, the Bragdons made the trip back to California where Joe had a major retrospective of his photography at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas where both Joe and Doris had been volunteer docents for many years. In 2015, Joe was given special recognition from the US Congress and the California State Assembly for his years of service as a teacher and mentor to thousands of art students.
I came across an interesting fact and photo on Facebook. It was 25 seasons ago that this Hartnell College women's basketball team proceeded to have a very successful season. It may have been the first time that a Hartnell women's basketball team enjoyed a 20-win season (21-9 overall, 10-4 in Coast Conference). Front row (left to right): Penny Hudson, Bernie Medina, Kanani Flores. Back row (left to right): Assistant Coach Matt Borchert, Christi Bryan, Maritza Mejia, Mary Bohner, Debbie Sparks, Liz Wilkinson, Head Coach Ellie Spier. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Joe Friedrich, Manager Larry Manzano, Cel Esperanza, Abe Estomo, Alex Medina, Steve Wilkinson. It was a season to remember, a team to remember.

The Hartnell College baseball team lost both games played during the first week in March. The Panthers overall record is now 8-8 before heading into league next week. Hartnell baseball lost by a score of 4-2 to host College of San Mateo on Tuesday's non-conference game. The Panthers pitching and defense had a strong day despite a 4 run 3rd inning. Despite the 3rd inning the Panthers held #3 ranked San Mateo in check for most of the day. Adam Tanoue (Moanalua HS) led the Panthers offense with both RBIs going 1-3 on the day.

The Hartnell Baseball team fell short yet again vs perennial powerhouse Mission College who is currently ranked #6 in Northern California. A flurry of Panther errors on defense led to 3 of the 4 runs scored by Mission and was ultimately the deciding factor. After going down early the Panthers rallied in the bottom of the 8th inning to tie the game 3-3 when Isaiah Azua (Valley Christian HS) hit a double off the top of the left field fence. The Panthers were unable to keep the score tied as Mission plated a run in the top of the 9th ensuring the victory. Hartnell Baseball will begin league this week and looks to get back on track. Go Panthers!!!

We just finished a weekend in Fresno, but due to rain only 2 of 4 games were played that included a win versus West Hills and a loss to Sacramento City. We are currently 10-10 for the season and in
league play we are 2-3. This weekend we go to the Ohlone Tournament to play 4 games. Our team batting average is over .300 and we are ranked in several offensive categories in the state. If we can improve our defense, we can compete with anyone in the state!

16. UPCOMING EVENTS

Speech Team Showcase
March 16, 2016 @ 7:00-9:15 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall
Adult Themes, No Children Please

Women’s History Month
Hartnell Author’s Showcase
March 18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
Student Lounge - C140

Music Extravaganza 2016
March 18, 2016
6:00 – 9:00 PM in Building K
Students/Seniors $5, General Public $10

The Western Stage presents
In & Out of Shadows
March 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Mainstage Building K - $5/$10 at door

Voices from the Fields as part of
National Farm Workers’ Appreciation Week - March 21-24, 2016

Women’s History Month
“He named me Malala”
March 21, 2016 at 1:00 PM, Mainstage

Educator in Residence Presentations
Tuesday March 22, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. for Faculty and 6:00 p.m. for students
Steinbeck Hall
Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit
March 30, 2016
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Alisal Campus
Registration at: http://sv-ag-summit2016.eventbrite.com

NorCal Heptathlon/Decathlon Championship
April 12-13, 2016 - 11:00 AM
See the best athletes in NorCal- (831) 755-6845

Toro Park Trail Challenge Runs
April 16, 2016 – Registration at 8:00 AM
Come Support Hartnell Cross Country - (831) 755-6845

Nursing and Allied Health Fourth Annual Alumni Reception
April 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM, Steinbeck Hall
To RSVP call 831-770-6146

Ed Adams Track & Field Invitational
Saturday, April 23, 2016
Tri-tip BBQ to support the team - (831) 755-6845

17. IN THE NEWS

Former MSY Track Star Soratos Adjusting to Professional Career
http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/sports/bobcats/track-and-field/former-msu-track-star-soratos-adjusting-to-professional-career/article_2ff2241d-ac3b-57db-ae36-280d300d3f56.html

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http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/article/NE/20160312/NEWS/160319886

Ag Tech Summit and Spelling Bee at Hartnell
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/03/10/education-digest/81611566/

Monterey Bay Economic Partnership education bites
http://us10.campaign-archive1.com/?u=27b60858ed2868ee5269937fe&id=3ac7397ba9&e=60edb8e917