Mission Statement: Focusing on the needs of the Salinas Valley, Hartnell College provides educational opportunities for students to reach academic goals in an environment committed to student learning, achievement, and success.

1. Press tour at the Alisal Campus focuses on Ag

On Wednesday, June 18, 2014, the City of Salinas and Boots Road Group brought a group of trade journalists to Hartnell College Alisal Campus, to give them an up-close look at the Salinas Valley’s agricultural industry. Journalists from Chicago, Minneapolis, San Diego, San Jose, and North Dakota made the trip. The goal of this press trip was to give reporters a behind-the-scenes look at a variety of Salinas Valley companies and organizations, like Taylor Farms, D’Arrigo Brothers, Ocean Mist, Steinbeck Innovation Cluster, Royal Rose, and others, to help them learn about all that is happening in the region’s $8 billion agricultural industry, and show them why Salinas is a great place to do business. They were interested in the following topics:

- New/unique technology used at Alisal Campus
- Recent breakthroughs – opening of the Technical Training Building
- School views on industry trends and the Western Food Safety Summit
- Industry-wide challenges and what we are doing to combat challenges
- How Hartnell is educating future Ag leaders
- Benefits of being located in the Salinas Valley

Although the focus was on Ag and food safety, the group was also inspired by our construction program, focus on sustainability, diesel technology, welding, the NASA SEMAA lab, CSIT-in-3 program, and more.
2. New student Trustee sworn in

At the June 17, 2014 special Board of Trustees meeting, Board President Candi Depauw swore in new Student Trustee, Hector Moya, who will serve on the Governing Board during the 2014-2015 academic year. Hector is a Salinas native, and the youngest of 4 in his family. He is majoring in English Literature at Hartnell and plans to transfer to Chico State for his bachelor’s and to UC Davis for a master’s. His ultimate goal is to become an English professor. He says that the reason he wanted to run for student trustee was so he would have a close interaction with students, have influence in the district’s governance structure, and to learn about Hartnell and what makes the district function. Hector enjoys listening to students’ concerns and wants to be the voice of change for them. He loves to read; his favorite writer is F. Scott Fitzgerald. In addition, he travels a lot with his dad or brother. A quote that he lives by on a daily basis reads, “If you can make at least one person laugh, then that is a day well-spent.”

3. Career Exploration Workshops

The Hartnell College Counseling Department presents the Major Exploration Workshop Series to assist students in planning their educational goals. The workshops are designed to give important information on determining a major and career. Scheduled workshops will be in Building B, room 110, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m., and include:

- **Psychology/Sociology**  
  - Tuesday, June 24, 2014
- **Administration of Justice**  
  - Tuesday, July 15, 2014
- **Business Administration**  
  - Wednesday, August 6, 2014
Those interested in attending the workshops must call 755-6820 to reserve a spot.

4. Ag students travel to Chicago and learn about food safety

Four students in the Agriculture Business & Technology Institute traveled to Chicago last week with Director Dr. Susan Pheasant as part of Hartnell’s NIFA grant. The purpose of the trip was to participate in the United Fresh 2014 Conference and sit in on the National Steering Committee meeting for the harmonized Good Agricultural Practices’ (GAPs) Food Safety Standards. The conference/trade show offered retail and produce executives the opportunity to connect with customers and industry counterparts - and with Hartnell students!

In addition to meeting vendors on the trade floor, the students participated in learning sessions devoted to sustainability, social accountability, transportation, listeria guidance, and best practices, produce traceability, whole genome sequencing for tracking pathogens back to their source, safe handling guidelines for produce at retail, and the Food Safety Modernization Act. Educational side excursions included a tour of the Chicago Board of Trade by a trader, learning about the architectural history/diversity of Chicago as viewed from a boat, traveling 1,400+ feet up to the SkyDeck of the Willis/Sears Tower, and expertly navigating the public transportation system on a twice daily basis.

About the students - Leora is a returning Hartnell student retooling her repertoire in Ag Industrial Technology. Rosalinda is studying ag production/business and has been featured as the face of Hartnell College on local television. Daniel and Martin represent 50% of the Alfaro siblings currently enrolled at Hartnell (i.e., there are four!) with an additional four waiting to become of age. Both Daniel and Martin are studying ag production and working towards attaining their Pest Control Advisor licenses.

Dr. Pheasant serves on both the technical working group and the calibration committee for the Harmonized GAPs Food Safety Standards. Dean Zahi Atallah serves as the principal investigator and Molly Lewis as the grant manager for the NIFA grant. PHOTO L to R - Leora Trafton, Rosalinda Luna, Bruce Taylor of Taylor Farms, Daniel Alfaro, Martin Alfaro pose briefly after hearing former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speak at the conference opening general session.

5. The Foster & Kinship Care Education Program at Hartnell

At Hartnell College we have a program that helps our community in many ways: from helping foster parents and children, to assisting our homeless students, to being a
beacon of light for the needy, and being a hand of support to staff who need extra assistance due to life changes. The Foster & Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Program’s office is in Building ‘D’ first floor and is headed by Director, Margie Wiebusch along with a team of caring ladies who make a difference in people’s lives every day. If you or anyone you know is in need of training or education on how to care for a child, how to become a foster parent, parent development, be a part of an advisory committee, kinship care, and much more, call 831-755-6709.

L to R – Margie Wiebusch, director; Mariana T. Jimenez, childcare coordinator; Susan Derichsweiler, peer recruiter and FKCE trainer; and Frances Gutierrez, program assistant.

6. Staff Spotlight – Patrick Mendez now a Hartnell Alumnus

We are used to seeing Patrick Laurence Mendez in his capacity as an Accounting Assistant for the Office of Administrative Services, but on May 30, 2014 he was part of the 2014 Commencement Ceremony where he officially received his Associate’s Degree in Social Science and Behavior with an emphasis in History. Patrick has worked at Hartnell for about nine years and he managed to take classes during his lunch break and evenings. He plans to take a few more history courses and transfer to a four-year university by fall 2015 majoring in History with a specialty in Native American History; he himself has Apache and Tara Humara blood and wishes to become a teacher at the high school level so he can correctly and accurately teach the youth about Native Americans.

“Even before working here, I would come to Hartnell with my dad,” he mentions of his dad’s 35 years working at Hartnell College. “I have experienced a lot of changes – from structural to the number of students that attend.”

He grew up in East Salinas, has eight sisters and seven brothers. Something most don’t know is that Patrick is a twin. His hobbies are to cooking, playing video games, reading, and watching sports (football in particular).

In addition to being a dedicated employee, Patrick is thoughtful and considerate towards his peers. When he noticed that the cashier staff needed a bit more assistance at the start of each semester, he asked to be trained so he could help relieve some of the load in that department. Congratulations Patrick!
7. NASA SEMAA Summer Camp

Our NASA SEMAA Summer Session is off to a great start. During the first week, 80 students from grades kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and middle school came to the Alisal Campus for their week-long camp. Our partnership with the First Tee of Monterey County is strong again this year; pictured are some of the students that participated in last week’s session. The week-long SEMAA Summer camps run for 6 weeks (Kinder to 12th grade), and at the end we will have served more than 500 students.

We are also partnering with the Gonzales Unified School District and Alisal Elementary School District- Migrant Education, serving another 500 students. We are very grateful for the interest the community has shown; we have received a record number of applications for this summer and the comments are amazing. One mother told us this week that her son who is in kindergarten told her, “Mom, I love coming to college every day!”

8. More exciting summer camps - Athletics

Athletics Youth Summer Camps started last week with Boys’ Basketball. Coach Andy Vasher had 30 kids attend the camp and they had lots of fun learning the game, plus confidence, responsibility, and respect. These camps will be offered all summer long and are for youth ages 5-18. The regular rate is $95 but ½ for Hartnell staff.

The next camps are baseball, tennis, girls’ basketball, softball (girls), soccer, and track & field. The soccer camp will be the largest with over 200 children participating; this will be in a partnership with the City of Salinas and parents only pay a $15 enrollment fee.

For more information and to download a registration form, visit: www.hartnell.edu/athletics

9. The Western Stage looking for a few great actors

On August 23, 2014, The Western Stage will start auditions for two lead actors and other cast members to bring A Christmas Story: The Musical to life this winter. The theatre company is searching for actors between the ages of 10-16 years of age with previous acting experience and the ability to act, sing and dance. Those interested,
send an email to twscasting@gmail.com to learn more. All participants must arrive with a parent or guardian, a headshot, and resume. All will take part in a cold reading session of the script and must bring 16-32 bars of prepared music. Piano accompaniment will be provided.

Rehearsals for A Christmas Story: The Musical start on September 27 and the musical opens on The Western Stage Mainstage November 15 and runs through December 13, 2014. Learn more at www.westernstage.com

A Christmas Story: The Musical is a delightful holiday musical that was a 1980s film and based on the book “In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash” by Jean Shepherd; it is filled with happiness and humor celebrating childhood innocence.

10. Upcoming Events

- **U-Jam Fitness – to benefit the Hartnell College Foundation**
  Saturday, June 28, 2014 – 3:30 p.m. at the Hartnell Gymnasium
  Buy admission ticket at https://give.hartnell.edu/ujam

- **Summer STEM Internship Symposium**
  Saturday, August 23, 2014
  For information, contact Brenda at bjoness@hartnell.edu

- **Women’s Economic & Leadership Forum**
  Tuesday, September 2, 2014 – Cocktail Party
  Location to be announced – Call 831-755-6810 for information

- **The Western Stage Gala – A Christmas Story**
  Saturday, November 22, 2014
  For tickets call 831-755-6810

11. IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Guthrie song fest invigorating
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/life/2014/06/19/guthrie-song-fest-invigorating/10706947/

Previously a Hartnell Trustee, Juan Martinez is a tireless activist

All Star Baseball Game at Hartnell

Mike Maker was a coach at Hartnell

New adjunct baseball coach to start this fall
Obituary for Hartnell Alumnus Stephen Wilkinson

Daily Calendar
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2014/06/16/daily-calendar/10561731/

Business news, Virginia Carlos-nursing alumna
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/money/2014/06/15/business-news/10531389/