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. 3rd annual WELI Workshops teach life skills to deserving students

The Women’s Education Leadership Initiative (WELI) entered its third workshop, as part of the Life Skills Program, this Saturday, July 12th. WELI is a model award-winning program that combines a financial award with leadership and personal development. The Life Skills Program is made up of a series of three Saturday workshops during the summer. The program has been developed by a dynamic group of local professionals with expertise in the areas of finance, financial aid, professional training and coaching, as well as on campus resources.

The past workshop included presentations regarding time management and goal-setting, as well as professional image and development. The participants also engaged in a discussion of healthy and abusive relationships, concluding with a talk focused on women empowerment. The day ended with an informative presentation about financial aid and student services.

On top of the leadership training, WELI scholars also receive powerful mentorship with a successful community leader. This workshop focused on financial management, and participants met the mentor they were paired up with. The WELI graduation will take place on July 24th.
This summer The Western Stage is engaging our local youth in theater with the Summer Theatre Arts Camp. They are currently in their second session of a very successful camp. Students ranging in the ages of 5-16 spend all day, Tuesday through Saturday learning the skill's a theatre artist needs. They learn how to sing, dance, act as well as build crafts, and costumes, and paint. These camps also give students the skills to build their self-confidence and an avenue to express themselves. At the end of each two-week session the students perform a short Show and Tell. Thirty students participated in the first session, which ended June 28. Forty students are participating in the Second Session, which ends July 19, with the finale Show and Tell at 3pm at the Western Stage.

For more information visit: [http://westernstage.com/programs/for-youth/get-involved/](http://westernstage.com/programs/for-youth/get-involved/)
As a member of the Board of the Directors for the Steinbeck Innovation Foundation, I was proud of the success of the AgTech Summit that was held on July 9. The summit brought together agriculture industry leaders from the Salinas Valley with technology industry leaders from the Silicon Valley. The purpose of the Steinbeck Innovation initiative is to partner agriculture with technology to find innovative solutions to some of the world’s most critical farming challenges. The world’s population is expected to increase to 8 billion people by 2050 and current agricultural production is inadequate to meet the food needs of such a population. During the summit I participated on a panel with educators from Arizona State University and UC, Davis. We discussed the role of education in innovation and vice versa.

A significant outcome from the summit is the partnership with Forbes Media. This partnership has resulted in Forbes Media announcing it will host “Forbes Reinventing America: The AgTech Summit” in Salinas Valley, California, in July 2015. According to Forbes Media, “This invitation-only event is expected to bring together several hundred of the smartest minds in Silicon Valley and global agriculture in the Salinas Valley to tackle some of the world’s most critical challenges. From biotech and precision farming to big data’s role in feeding a planet of eight billion people, “Forbes Reinventing America: The AgTech Summit” will explore topics at the core of this vital trend, and promises to be the definitive gathering for leaders at the intersection of technology and agriculture.”

Given our excellent programs in agriculture business and technology and computer science, we are poised to play a major role in these developments.
There was considerable media coverage for the event.

Forbes coverage

JH Article on Forbes

KSBW TV News

NPR interview on Thrive accelerator program
http://kazu.org/post/ag-tech accelerator-launches-salinas

Monterey Herald news

Californian news


Silicon Republic – Ireland
http://www.siliconrepublic.com/start-ups/item/37576-svg-partners-joins-forces-w

Prairie Star news

The Packer news
A new baby has entered this world, and I’d like to congratulate Abel Del Real and his wife, Hilda on the birth of their baby boy, Aaron Emilio.

Baby Aaron was born on July 4th at 10:04am and weighed 5 lbs, 6 oz. Abel works as a payroll technician at Hartnell College.

**Congratulations, Abel and Hilda!!**

I am proud to announce that the TRiO program is underway again, leading our incoming students toward academic success. On Thursday, July 10, Manuel Quintero Bersamin, SSS Director, along with other TRiO staff members welcomed incoming freshman students and their parents to Hartnell during the first TRiO Open House. Here, students and their parents received information on financial aid, scholarships, course selection and how the TRiO program will help them graduate and transfer to a four-year college in a timely manner. Manuel Bersamin continues to interview qualified students for selection into the TRiO program. He will be conducting these one-hour diagnostic interviews all summer until the
6. Hartnell students’ internship experience prepares them for their futures

For the third year in a row, Hartnell students have successfully competed for prestigious, paid internships doing research at Department of Energy labs. This year, Harjyot Mohar and Juan Castro obtained internships at the Lawrence Berkeley Labs and Jaime Vasquez is serving in an internship at Fermilabs in Chicago. With the guidance of Kelly M. Locke, DPA, Director of Title V Grants and a Mathematics Professor, these students excel in their internships, learning new skills, making connections and preparing for their future. Here are two of their testimonials:

**Jaime Vasquez:**
"I'm in my second week at Fermilab. So far, things are going fairly well. I visited their neutrino detector and it's massive. It's about 250 tons, which is light compared to the 14 kiloton detector in Minnesota. I participated in the quality assessment process, cataloging and testing incoming APDs. As for the environment, it's incredible. I listen to about 2 or 3 lectures per week from physicists around the world. I have access to the library and I'm taking full advantage to learn about particle physics."

**Harjyot Mohar:**
"My internship is going great. My job is all computational and desk work. What we have worked on during the year is paying off big time, the other interns have no idea about directories and how to move from one to the other! What I'm doing is modifying the script files and sending those files over to the super computer at LBL for processing. We are looking for electron density as well as which atoms there are possibilities of bonding using VESTA. So far I'm having a lot of fun."

7. Girls’ Basketball Camp a huge success!

Our summer sports camp continues to introduce new skills to our local youth. Last week, over 20 children aged 7 to 18 years old attended the Girls’ Basketball camp, where they learned defensive and offensive strategy. Coach Mary Ann Toney lead this week-long camp at Hartnell’s main gym and said the camp was a wonderful success! “For these girls, it's a time to experiment and learn new skills and pursue a passion with
like-minded girls who enjoy being active. Teaching and coaching these young girls never gets old,” said Coach Toney, “It’s so much fun to help these girls learn the game and laugh with them as they challenge themselves individually and in a team setting.”
Cheers to another week in summer on the campus of Hartnell College.

8. UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Western Stage**
- West Side Story
  August 9-30, 2014
- The Arsonists
  September 13 – October 4, 2014
- Harvey
  October 31 – November 23, 2014
- 40th Anniversary Gala – A Christmas Story
  Saturday, November 22, 2014

**For tickets call 831-755-6810**
Forbes to host Ag Tech Summit in Salinas next year

Hartnell College launching new iAgriculture program

Hartnell College off probation list for accreditation

Hartnell College probation lifted

Former Panther Michael Jensen playing for Chicago Cubs