1. STUDENTS FROM ROOSEVELT SCHOOL VISIT OUR CAMPUS

Last week, Trustee Demetrio Pruneda brought a group of 5th graders from Roosevelt school to tour Hartnell College. Parent volunteers also accompanied the group as chaperones. Their adventure started at the Library with Systems/Technology Librarian, Deborah Stephens who gave them a tour of the beautiful library. They continued on to visit different areas of Hartnell and made a quick stop at the president’s office. They were a joy to meet and I am happy to have been a part of their ‘college tour’ experience.

2. MOVIE NIGHT – A FUN FAMILY EVENT AT STUDENT CENTER

A movie night was held on Friday, February 27 at Hartnell College, Student Center for families in the EOPS, CalWorks and CARE and families from the Foster Parent Association. Families were treated to a fun meal of hotdogs, nachos, chips, popcorn and drinks; they featured the movie Big Hero 6 - it was enjoyed by all ages. This family event is the second in which these groups at Hartnell work together to provide a fun atmosphere for students and families. More events like this one are planned for the near future.
3. MANDATORY TRAINING ON DIVERSITY

On Friday, March 6, 2015, Hartnell College hosted a mandatory training session titled "Hiring the Best While Developing Diversity in the Community College Workforce," given by Laura Schulkind, an attorney with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore. Miss Schulkind talked about the importance of equality of treatment, learning to leave personal bias outside of the hiring process, to evaluate only what comes out of an interviewee’s mouth, and to evaluate candidates only on job-related criteria. It was an informative session where everybody learned the importance of diversity and good practices in interviewing and hiring. The presentation was given twice to accommodate all employees; those who were unable to attend due to teaching schedule, office hours, vacation, etc. will receive an alternate date to complete this requirement.

4. HARTNELL JOINS READ ACROSS AMERICA

All of last week, Boronda Meadows Elementary participated in Read Across America and our Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen represented Hartnell College as a volunteer reader. She read for Miss Serenos’ 2nd and 3rd graders. This is an annual event sponsored by the National Education Association in celebration and promotion of literacy; this week is also to commemorate Dr. Seuss’ birthday, which is on March 2nd. The two books read for this class were Dr. Seuss’ Wacky Wednesday and I can read with my eyes shut. The children enjoyed the books and were happy with the special treat.
5. WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE!

Layheng Ting, Ph.D. is our new Institutional Research Analyst in the Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness. Layheng received her Master’s and Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Policy from the University of Albany, NY. She was a recipient of various awards (Fulbright, Ralph W. Harbison, and Maryknoll) to support her higher education studies. Her main areas of interest are assessment and evaluation, student affairs and administration, and financing of higher education. She is a firm believer in evidence-and data-driven decision making.

Prior to joining Hartnell College, her most recent work was serving as a national technical advisor for the World Bank project with the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport in Cambodia, where she developed a comprehensive higher education policy report and advised top education leaders on different education policies and policy-related aspects. She was also an assistant dean and a professor at the Faculty of Education, Pannasastra University of Cambodia. Also a firm believer in equitable access to quality education for all, in Albany, NY, she actively worked to better the lives and the education of recent immigrants and refugees through her various roles as an education counselor, education director, and executive director of an NGO, now called Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE).

6. ALUM SAYS ONLINE EDUCATION WORKED FOR HIM

Instructor in Administration of Justice, Lindsey J. Bertomen, recently shared on the success of Online Education. One of the classes he teaches is Intro to Investigations (ADJ 8); in the online version, students are given real homicides to investigate. The students are divided into groups and each group has a component of the investigation. This is an application of the "jigsaw method" of instruction.

Each group has an advisor or mentor. One of the advisors is a former student Rob Nichols. The post says it all.
On Friday, March 6, 2015 the Agricultural Business and Technology Institute hosted the first of three Technical Career Readiness Welcome Breakfasts at the Alisal campus. Approximately 30 counselors from schools throughout the Salinas Valley learned how to better support their students in making decisions about careers and developing an educational program beyond high school. Of particular interest to the group were presentations by industry members, Alan Heinzen (Heinzen Manufacturing Inc.) and Teresa Matsui Sanders (Matsui Nursery Inc.) as they shared about careers in agriculture necessary to sustain their respective businesses, the skill sets required for those positions, and the abundance of employment opportunities. The counselors were also treated to presentations from two advanced diesel students, Cruz Dimas and Cesar Quinones, who provided insights on their involvement in the ADT program, how they chose Hartnell and what they liked best about the associate of science degree program. The morning’s full program included presentations by Melissa Casillas (articulation), Monica Galvan (UCSC Transfers, agro ecology program, adjunct Hartnell counselor), Kristen Arps (iAgriculture), Imelda Suarez (admissions and records), and Renata Funke (Dean, King City Education Center) along with faculty members Dr. Steven Triano, Michael Davis, Valentin Rodriguez, and David Mancera as well as a tour of the Technical Training Building’s diesel and automotive instructional shops. Special thanks to Cristina Westfall for all her super organizational work before, during, and after the event. Upcoming technical career readiness welcome breakfasts are scheduled for March 20 and April 10, 2015. Contact Cristina at cwestfall@hartnell.edu for more information.

The Central Coast Young Farmers and Ranchers Crab Feed was on Saturday, February 28 at the Salinas Sports Complex. Approximately 400 people attended this year. The Hartnell College Ag Ambassadors were hired to help prepare and serve the food. The Ag Ambassadors prepared the evening’s dinner which consisted of bread, salad, pasta and crab. They were able to serve the 52 tables in approximately 20 minutes. It
was a lot of fun and everyone got to enjoy the live music, food and drinks. It was a successful night for both the CCYFR Crab Feed and Ag Ambassadors. The students who volunteered, along with the extra helping hands of family and friends, were: Berenice Gomez, Celeste Gallegos, Maria Ramirez, Leora Trafton, Leticia Perez, Juan Carrillo, Jesus Mariscal, Fernando Ochoa, Cezar Almeraz, Chantel Pizano, and Viridiana Melgoza, along with club advisor Al Graham and the Director of the Agricultural Business and Technology Institute, Dr. Susan Pheasant. The Ag Ambassadors are looking forward to next year's CCYFR Crab Feed.

9. HARTNELL AT CHAMBER LUNCHEON

On February 26, 2015, Hartnell was a sponsor at the 94th Annual Awards Luncheon for the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce. The event was held at Sherwood Hall in Salinas. Awards were given for businesswoman of the year, spirit of the community, citizen of the year, small and large business of the year, and agricultural leadership.

In attendance were Board of Trustees President, Elia Gonzalez-Castro, Trustee Pat Donohue, VP of Academic Affairs, Dr. Lori Kildal; Interim VP of Administrative Services, Stephen Garcia; Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen; Director of Student Life, Augustine Nevarez; student, Andrea Cervantes; and President of Associated Students of Hartnell College, Raul Tapia.

As it is always to be expected, the Chamber added a bit of excitement to this business lunch and supplied props on tables so the guests would have ‘a little fun.’ Can you guess who is behind these props?

10. HARTNELL ORCHESTRA DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
12. SHOUT OUT TO THE GRILLE STAFF

The Agricultural Business and Technology Institute wants to give a special thanks to Chef Jill and her staff for the great support she provides in catering our special events – good food, appropriate agricultural themes, and great attitudes. Our industry and educational partners/guests appreciate the work that Chef Jill and her team provide. – Dr. Susan Pheasant
Congratulations to our Lady Panther Malena Grover (Salinas HS). She's the Monterey County Herald College Athlete of the Week for her performances last weekend at the Gary Shaw Track & Field Festival. Malena became one of the few women in this school's history to go under 40:00 in the 25 lap 10,000 meter run last Thursday then came back on Saturday to win the 1,500 meters (4:54) in her second best time of the season, 800 meters (2:27) in a lifetime best, and 5,000 meters (18:41) under the state "B" qualifying mark after 40 laps of racing! She's getting ready to become the first Lady Panther to run the 5,000 meters in under 18:00!

http://prepnation.blogspot.com/search?updated-max=2015-03-03T08:02:00-08:00&max-results=2&start=6&by-date=false

Former Hartnell College head track & field coach Gary Shaw oversaw the program for over 20 years before retiring in 2006. Under his guidance, the Panthers became a perennial power in the Coast Conference and Northern California winning numerous conference and regional titles. It is only fitting that a track & field meet is held in his honor just as Hartnell College hosts the Ed Adams Invitational each April for honoring its other longest tenured track & field coach. The Gary Shaw Track & Field Festival lasted from Thursday through Saturday and included the men's and women's two day multi-event, a 10,000 meter run, and a regular track & field meet.

In the multi-events, former Palma High School standout Chase Pacheco tried his hand at the men's version in the decathlon. Pacheco scored 6,140 points to become the sixth best performer in school history. The ladies competed in the seven event heptathlon with freshman Taylor Blaha tallying 3,660 points to meet the state championship automatic qualifying mark. Linda Delgado achieved the minimum mark to compete in the regional heptathlon in April with a score of 3,244. Rene Siqueiros (32:42.16) and Diego Leon (32:42.65) paced a pack of Panthers in the men's
10,000 meter run. Both were timed under the state automatic qualifying mark of 32:43. Malena Grover (39:35.55) became one of the few Lady Panthers to ever cover the 25 lap race in under forty minutes as she became the state's early leader in the event. Brandi Hobson, last year's Northern California 10,000 meter champion, was second in a state qualifying 40:02.39. On Saturday, Marcus Washington recorded a solid 22'6" in the long jump. Nolan Fuqua was a double winner in the 400 meters (51.43) and the 400 intermediate hurdles (59.77). Diego Leon took victories in the 800 meters (1:59.96), 1,500 meters (4:05.59), and 5,000 meters (15:51.65). Nathan Bishop won the 110 high hurdles (17.04) and pole vault (13'0"). On the women's side, Malena Grover added to her 10k win with three victorious events on Saturday. The former Salinas HS standout won the 800 meters in a personal best 2:27.49, 1,500 meters (4:54.18), and 5,000 meters (18:41.20). Rachel Shimabukuaro added two regional qualifying marks in the 800 meters (2:30.44), and 1,500 meters (5:01.26). Tori Teraji won the pole vault (9'0"), shot put (33'8.75"), and discus (124'10.50").


The Panthers will compete at the American River College Beaver Relays. ARC will host the 2015 Northern California Championship Finals.

### 15. SOFTBALL REPORT

After a home win with Gavilan, the Lady Panthers had two road games. First against Monterey Peninsula College; we were down 0-1 giving up a solo homer to their number 4 hitter. In the top of the 3rd inning, we exploded with 4 runs with key hits by Santana Rodriguez, Alma Gallegos, and Jo Salao. In the bottom of the 5th inning we held 4-1, when Monterey got 3 to tie 4-4. In the top of the 6th we did not score and MPC went on to win 4-12. The next game was at West Valley where the Lady Panthers played well, but came up short 0-6.

### 16. UPCOMING EVENTS

**Educator in Residence - Dr. Anne Benvenuti, Public Lecture**

March 12, 2015, 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Mainstage, Building K
(FREE to general public)

Topic – Gender, depression, and social change

If you are able to attend, join the live web stream by visiting: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/780655819670128385](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/780655819670128385)
Music Extravaganza 2015
March 20, 2015
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in building K – Performing Arts
All ensembles to perform!
$5 (students/seniors), $10 (general) – at the door
Food, prizes, and wine.

Save the Date
Agricultural Business and Technology Institute
Open House at Alisal Campus
Saturday, April 18, 2015
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

17. IN THE NEWS

Education digest – Distinguished Alumni Award
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2015/03/01/education-digest-march/24241273/

News about the Planetarium
http://www.meetup.com/Monterey-County-Skeptics/events/220985030/

Alumnus Michael Rodrigues making news

Documentary about maternal mood to be held at Hartnell
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/local/2015/03/05/dark-side-full-moon/24431139/

United Fresh offers recall workshop

Hartnell jumping hurdles

Hartnell baseball wins thriller
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/03/04/hartnell-baseball-wins-thriller/24359207/

Women’s basketball news
http://lavozdeanza.com/uncategorized/2015/03/03/womens-basketball-crushes-hartnell-college/

Area roundup