This was the third year Hartnell College had a significant participation with the California International Airshow, September 26 and 27, 2015. The K-12 STEM Programs together with the Student Clubs and the Ag Institute had the largest participation ever. Thanks to the work of the Airshow officials and the generous donation by local industries, they carried out the Young STEM Talent Runway with a record K-12 student attendance. Thanks to sponsorships and support from Chevron, Mann Packing, D’Arrigo Brothers, Tanimura & Antle, Dole, Granite Construction, and Taylor Farms, more than 500 students from San Ardo, King City, Greenfield, Soledad, Gonzales, Chualar, Watsonville and Alisal Union School District enjoyed hours of STEM exposure through NASA SEMAA, Coder Dojo, Physics, Engineering, Math, Earth Science, Robotics, Health, Ag Technology, Diesel Technology and Food Safety sub-stations. Students and chaperones received a commemorative t-shirt and tote bag as well as other goodies they were able to make while at different stations. Salinas Valley Memorial Health Systems was also part of the Runway. Our student guests were also honored to be visited by several participating pilots, that came and talked to them about aviation, passion and how to pursue their dreams. The Runway was open to the general public in the afternoons and received many visits from sponsors, families and friends. We would like to thank the many participants, teachers, students, staff, and volunteers for making this such a successful event. Click here for more pictures: https://goo.gl/photos/xPQXVipt983BYYok8
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Hartnell Community participated in a nationwide moment of silence for those affected by the tragedy in Oregon. At 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2015 the Community College League of California, the Association of Community College Trustees, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, and others in the nation held a National Moment of Silence for Umpqua Community College. We stood in solidarity for lives lost and touched by the horrible event that took place on the campus of UCC. Along with students and staff, I participated in the moment of silence in the College Center and I know that other observances occurred throughout the District.

3. B-NOTIFIED: EVERBRIDGE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Hartnell College has implemented a new emergency notification system which will help in keeping our campus and community safe. Users will receive text or voice alerts of emergencies and campus closures via their cell or home phone and email. To learn more about the system and to sign up go to www.hartnell.edu/alert. Stay Safe. Stay Informed.

4. EMPLOYEE INNOVATION GRANTS AWARDED!

On September 30, 2015, the Professional Development Committee announced the second year recipients of Employee Innovation Grants. This grant program, now in its second year, was designed to provide financial assistance to spur innovation related to the improvement of student learning. Five grants of up to $3,500 may be awarded each year. Applicants for the innovation grants—any full- or part-time faculty member, regular classified staff member, or teams of eligible employees—must link their project proposals to specific strategic priorities and goals of the college, and explain how their projects will directly enhance the quality of learning at Hartnell.

The 2015-16 awardees and their projects are:

- Mary Cousineau, Medical Assistant Training Project (pictured right)
I had the honor of being selected by the Accrediting Commission to be the chair of the first evaluation team to utilize the revised accreditation standards and procedures in conducting a comprehensive visit. Dr. Lori Kildal, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Accreditation Liaison Officer, joined me for the visit as the team assistant. The evaluation team visited Napa Valley College September 28 – October 1, 2015. One of the changes in the accreditation self-evaluation process is the addition of the "Quality Focus Essay." When an institution undertakes self-evaluation for accreditation, it may identify policies, procedures, or practices in need of change or student outcomes it wishes to improve. An institution may make some changes or improvements immediately, before an evaluation team arrives. Other changes and strategies for improving outcomes will require a longer time to accomplish. These changes and strategies should be identified as the institution’s plans for improvement (action plans), and should be integrated into the ongoing planning and decision-making processes at the college, with timelines for completion. Using the format of a Quality Focus Essay (QFE), an institution will identify two or three “action projects” for further study and action that have good potential for improving student outcomes. The projects should be related to Accreditation Standards, emerge from the institution’s examination of its own effectiveness in accomplishing its mission in the context of student learning and student achievement, be based on the institution’s analysis of data collected, and identify areas of needed change, development, and improvement. The next time Hartnell undergoes a self-evaluation in preparation for the next comprehensive visit (spring 2019), our self-evaluation will include the QFE.

I was so fortunate to have a wonderful team of faculty and administrators from other colleges who have a wealth of experience and a commitment to institutional improvement. The photo was taken as the team was touring the college on its first day. We had the opportunity to visit the Napa Valley College Winery. This is the very first winery located on a community college campus in California to be bonded and licensed to produce and sell wine.

The team included: Lori Kildal, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Hartnell College; Morrie Barenbaum, Professor of Astronomy, Santiago Canyon College; Cordell Briggs, Associate Professor, English, Moreno Valley College; Dena Martin, Librarian, Woodland Community College; Cathy Itnyre, Professor, Philosophy and History, Copper Mountain College; Jan
6. **Daniel Torres Performs on the Salterio**

On October 6, 2015 Daniel Torres performed a concert of traditional Mexican music in the recital hall of Building K. Daniel played the Salterio, a 90 string dulcimer which is plucked using finger picks. He was accompanied on several pieces by Adjunct Music Faculty Member, William Faulkner playing the harp. The program featured a wide variety of music including *Cielito Lindo*, *El Jarabe Tapatío*, and the famous *Huapango* written by José Pablo Moncayo. The audience of over 150 students and community members was extremely enthusiastic, with people singing along to the melodies and dancing on the stage.

The concert was part of the artist-in-residency series, which brings an artist every semester from outside the college to give presentations to music classes and a concert for the community. Daniel visited five different classes, sharing his talents and knowledge with Hartnell students. Many thanks go to music instructors Steve Ettinger and William Faulkner for bringing Daniel from Mexico to share his music with us!

7. **Respiratory Care Practitioner Students at Ohlone**

Hartnell Respiratory Care students enjoyed a Saturday of fun and activities at the annual Lungapalooza mixer with Ohlone College in Alameda, CA. The students and faculty joined other respiratory program faculty, students, and bay area respiratory therapists for a day of fun, sun, and food! The RCP students attended a social mixer event with Ohlone College RCP students after a regional respiratory care meeting. Students were able to meet other RCP students from colleges around the bay area along with other respiratory therapists, educators, and managers. It was a great event to learn about current respiratory care events, legislation changes, and events happening at other programs. It was also great to enjoy some food with other students afterwards! This annual event is provided by the respiratory care professional organization to foster relationships within the respiratory care community.
Friday, October 16, 2015 the Hartnell Bookstore will be conducting its annual inventory. It will be open that morning from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and will only be selling testing materials. Please take note and let your students know. A communication will go to all this week as a reminder.

For the first time since 2005, Toro Park will be the host site of the Northern California Cross Country Championship. In 2005, the men's team won the first of two consecutive regional titles with the women placing a close second for two consecutive years. It has been nine years since the last regional title for the Panther men but the women are the defending champions. On Friday, both teams ran to their rankings with the women victorious and the men placing second.

Sophomore Malena Grover has been chasing top regional runner Jenica Dodge of American River College through two previous meetings as both placed in the same order as previous encounters. Dodge was the overall winner in 18:38 with Grover second at 18:51, the closest she's had all season to Dodge. Sophomore Rachel Shimabukuro ran a lifetime best 19:25 to place fifth overall. Shimabukuro's time is the seventh best in school history. Lizette Garcia (20:01) and Yessika Mayo (20:05) also placed inside the top ten in eighth and ninth overall. The lady Panthers placed eight total runners in the top 20 with Yvette Felix (20:39), Adriana Jimenez (20:39), Maria Rodriguez (20:50) and Nancy Rodriguez (20:54). The Lady Panthers scored 35 points to win the overall title with College of the Sequoias in second with 84 points and third place American River College with 110 points.

For over five consecutive years, the men's team from American River College has been ranked at the top of the regional rankings. In this close team battle, the Panther men were unable to unseat the Beavers but did close the gap across the first seven finishing runners. Frosh Edgar Bonilla narrowly missed the individual win placing second in 20:42 to Sean Gregg of American River College at 20:38. After two more American River College runners, freshman Jorge Sanchez (21:00) and sophomore Rene Siqueiros (21:01) crossed the line in fifth and sixth overall. It was an all American River and Hartnell through the first seven runners until Jason Intravaia from Las Positas in eighth broke up the two team battle. Freshman Angel Mejia (21:32) placed eleventh and Diego Avila (21:33) fourteenth to round out the scoring Panthers. Also
running well were Oscar Mora (21:39) and Tito Chaidez (21:39). American River College was victorious with 25 points to host Hartnell College at 38 points. Las Positas College won a third place tie with College of the Sequoias as both teams scored 137 points.

The 2015 CCCAA Northern California Regional Championship will be held on Friday, November 6. The Panthers will make their annual trip to the historic Mt. SAC Invitational, the oldest cross country race in California.

10. PANTHERS TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS

The Hartnell College Panthers remain unbeaten at 5-0 after coming from behind to beat host Merced 42-35 on October 3, avenging last year’s only regular-season loss. This marks the first time since the 1989 that Hartnell has started off with a 5-0 record. Quarterback Justyn Gutierrez was 27 of 41 for 371 yards, five touchdown passes and no interceptions for Hartnell. Wide receiver Ronnie Turner had 12 catches for 207 yards and two touchdown receptions. Tyreke Richburg and Michael Resendiz each had an interception for Hartnell. Resendiz blocked a punt after the Blue Devils first possession. Hartnell led 13-7 after the first quarter, but the Blue Devils came back to take a slim 21-20 lead at the half. A Merced touchdown to lead off the third quarter staked the Blue Devils a 28-20 lead, but Hartnell responded with three unanswered touchdowns to take a 42-28 edge. Merced scored the game’s final touchdown. The Panthers had a bye October 10. Their next game is 6 p.m. Oct. 17 against Los Medanos at Rabobank Stadium in Salinas. (Photos – Merced Sun Star, Andrew Kuhn)

11. VET MOBILE ON CAMPUS TO OFFER RESOURCES

The Vet Mobile was on campus this past week providing resources to Hartnell’s military veteran students in collaboration with the Veterans Center.
12. WELI FORUM TO FEATURE ALUMNA

Edna Valdez
Hartnell Alumna and WELI Scholar
Keynote speaker at WELI Forum

13. PUMPKIN JAM GAME ART-A-THON! SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

Sign Up: www.hartnell.gamejam.eventbrite.com
14. UPCOMING EVENTS

Third Annual Veterans Appreciation Job Fair
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
All job seekers are welcomed!

Celebrate Student Success by Brandman University
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Student Center - Scholarship and Program Information

Hartnell College Political Science Club and the League of Women Voters of the Salinas Valley
Political Forum - Hartnell College Board of Trustees Areas 1 and 4
Thursday, October 15, in B-208 at 7:00 p.m. Open to the public.

Hartnell College Blood Drive
Friday, October 30, 2015
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Student Center

Transfer Day/College Night
Wednesday, November 4, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 6:00- 8:00 p.m.
Student Center

Hartnell Cross Country-2015 Norcal Championship
Friday, November 6
2:00pm Women's Race/3:00pm Men's Race
Toro Park

Athletics Hall of Fame
Saturday, November 7, 2015
10:30 a.m. - Building C

At the Western Stage
For information on current and future productions, visit www.westernstage.com

15. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell Cross Country Women Win Team Title
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/10/10/hartnell-cross-country-women-win-team-title-toro/73714438/

Spanish – Moment of solidarity at Hartnell
http://noticias.entravision.com/monterey-salinas/2015/10/08/solidaridad-en-hartnell/
Business Digest: Job Fair to be Held at Hartnell

Serena-Lopez vie for Area 4 Seat of Hartnell

Hartnell Soccer Picks Shutout After Two Road Ties

Freeman, Salazar vie for the Area 2 Seat of Hartnell Board

Merced College Football vs. Hartnell College
http://www.mercedsunstar.com/sports/article37700619.html

Football regional stats