The Forbes AgTech Summit came to Salinas for a second year attracting more than 600 attendees from our local area and from all over the globe; it offered a number of ag talks, seminars, Innovation Showcase, tours, film screenings, and more.

On Thursday, July 14, 2016 the City of Salinas awarded me the Forbes Impact Award, and I accepted it on behalf of all of you who are part of Hartnell College and its success. I particularly want to recognize the Hartnell Board of Trustees who has demonstrated tremendous leadership in supporting innovation and creativity at Hartnell College.

The award was presented by Co-Chair of the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership, Bud Colligan who in his introduction said, “A very important aspect of a thriving tech eco-system is the strength of our educational system. Hartnell College has shown tremendous leadership in this arena through its innovative CSin3 program in partnership with CSU Monterey Bay.”

At Hartnell College, we are growing future leaders through opportunity, engagement, and achievement. For example, cohort 1 of CSin3 saw 71% of students graduate with a bachelor’s degree in May of this year; that is an amazing accomplishment in three years and others will graduate in 3 ½ or 4 years. Hartnell College currently has 3 other CSin3 cohorts in progress.

Nationally, the percentage of full-time enrolled community college students who complete a bachelor’s degree in 6 years is 25%. The Forbes Impact Awards are given out at each Summit to individuals who are leading, innovating, and pushing boundaries in their given field. Previous recipients of the Forbes Impact Award include Malala Yousafzai, Bruce Taylor, Liz Scott, Alex’s Lemonade Stand, Veronika Scott, The Empowerment Plan, and Brian Antle. It is an honor to be among this amazing group of individuals.
“Hartnell’s vision is to be a STEM magnet for the region – a vision led by Dr. Lewallen whose career is characterized by one central theme: students first,” added Colligan. We are focused on providing a world class education for the students of the Salinas Valley so they are prepared for 21st Century jobs.

Preceding the award presentation, I was part of a panel themed ‘Reinventing Salinas’ with Teresa Matsui (President, Matsui Nursery), Patrick Zelaya (Founder, HeavyConnect), Ray Corpuz (City Manager, Salinas), John Hartnett (Founder and CEO, SVG Partners, moderated by Dennis Donohue (Chief Innovation Officer, Cultiva Global).

Governing Board President, Erica Padilla-Chavez was at the Summit and it was great for us to hear how Hartnell College was mentioned throughout the conference.

2. HARTNELL IS TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES

On Monday, July 11, 2016 a Chinese delegation of college instructors visited Hartnell’s Alisal campus in East Salinas. It was an honor to host such an educationally diverse group with a wide range of animal, plant, and science backgrounds. Dr. Susan M. Pheasant, Director of the Agricultural Business & Technology Institute, and I hosted the group and provided a tour of the campus including a visit to the NASA MAA Lab where Director of STEM K-12 Education, Maggie Malone, and staff shared about the thousands of students served with STEM education each year. The group was accompanied by three interpreters and three colleagues from the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security. They learned about the offerings at the Agricultural Business and Technology Institute from Dr. Pheasant.

3. PAPER SUBMITTED BY FACULTY-STUDENT PAIR IS PUBLISHED!

Congratulations to Professor Jeffery Hughey and his student Diana A. Tamayo for accomplishing an incredible feat. On July 12, 2016, their research paper was published on the Taylor & Francis Online database. The paper is a scientific analysis of the marine red algae species Dasya binghamiae A.J.K. Millar. Great work Diana and Professor Hughey! You make your Panther family proud!

To read about the research, go to this link. What an achievement!
On Wednesday, July 13, 2016, Board of Trustees member, Candi DePauw gave a glimpse of how the Salinas Valley produces healthy food for a nation. She, along with the Monterey County Agricultural Education, Inc. (MCAE) organized the Bob Johnson Ag Tour hosted by Frank Garcia (Fresh Express, MCAE President), Peter Odella (Blanco Farms & MCAE Director), and the Board of Directors Members of MCAE presented the group with eye opening activities of our ag industry and how the connections created amongst our community members and the families its companies supports. This year, Facilities Supervisor Art Alvarado and alumnus Frankie Juarez attended the tour. The Bob Johnson Ag Tour has been an eye opener for about 200 people to date. It is offered primarily to people on the peninsula who have never had the opportunity to see Monterey County's number one industry. Bob is deeply committed to our community, to Agriculture and to Education in many ways.

At the end of the tour guests were treated to a complimentary lunch and a presentation on the MCAE’s Annual Farm Day, coordinated by Candi and scheduled for later this fall.

The Monterey County Agricultural Education has been an active advocate for agriculture since the mid-1980s. The Farm Day Experience is MCAE’s primary program and in the first twenty years it has reached approximately 130,000 third graders, 26,000 parents (as chaperones) and hundreds of third grade teachers in Monterey County. During each school year, every third grade class in Monterey County is invited to attend one of three events, reaching approximately 6,500 students annually. The Farm Day Experience provides basic, current facts about the agricultural industry of our county, gives students and teachers the opportunity to become familiar with food production, and makes the important, personal contact with farming that has been lost through increased urbanization. It also gives those involved in our industry a chance to interact with the enthusiastic and interested children – and adults.

For inquiries regarding Farm Day and volunteer sign up, please contact Candi DePauw at (831) 905-3669 or email candi@razzolink.com
On Thursday, July 7, 2016 Counselor and instructor Sergio Diaz invited the Program Assistant for the Office of Student Life, Selso Ruiz, to give a presentation on the Programs and Services our college has to offer. Counseling - 1 students were informed on campus events, CAT Card opportunities, and student involvement. Students were also provided with incentives and informed on the available job opportunities for students on campus. Sergio has also welcomed other programs such as EOPS, TRiO, MESA, etc. to speak about the opportunities and services available.

In its efforts to provide student support, the Office of Student Life (OSL) assisted students during the first week of the summer 2016 session. An information table was available during the first two days to guide students to classrooms and support services, and provide general information to begin a successful semester. Another support for students this summer was the approval of 120-$50 book vouchers to assist students in purchasing textbooks at the bookstore and the calculator rental program, doubling the number of vouchers dispersed from that of summer 2015.

Students must have 0-30 units completed, a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher for continuing students, and must be considered a full time student. Only one $100.00 voucher per student per academic year is approved. Pell Grant and other book voucher program recipients (i.e. EOPS, CalWorks) are exempt from
A huge thank you to OSL for their work in student support. For more information on future book voucher applications contact Selso Ruiz at (831) 770-6043 or at sruiz@hartnell.edu

### 7. ACADEMIC ADVISORS ‘GEAR UP’ FOR UPCOMING SENIORS

On July 11, 2016 the College Pathways Team hosted a Steps to Success Training session for CSU Monterey Bay’s Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). Fifteen CSUMB GEAR UP Academic Advisors participated in the two-hour training which took place in the New Welcome Center conference room located in Building R and included important updates about Financial Aid and Dreamer/AB 540 support services on campus. Financial Aid Technician, Christian Regalado and College Pathways Coordinator, Laura Zavala facilitated each topic, respectively. Participants received Hartnell "swag bags" and a resource folder with important information about the Steps to Success process including student services programs on campus. Assessment Coordinator, Ariana Rodriguez, and College Pathways Coordinator, Sara Sanchez, facilitated the Steps to Success portion of the workshop. The 15 CSUMB GEAR UP Advisers participated in hands-on learning including exercises like logging into PAWS for the first time, setting up a Hartnell GMAIL account, and starting the Online Orientation; all mandatory steps for all new Hartnell students.

The STS training session proved to be a HUGE success and will help the CSUMB GEAR UP team with essential information about Hartnell College. This is especially important since the participating GEAR UP Advisors will be working with 9th and 10th grade cohorts in Salinas Valley high schools.

"Continued training like this will help our high school partners empower and better inform high schools students early on, so that by the time I see them as seniors, they are more aware of the college process and better prepared for the high school to college transition" - Sara Sanchez, College Pathways Coordinator.

GEAR UP is a competitive grant program under the U.S. Department of Education that aims to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education by providing States and local community-educational partnerships via six-to-seven year grants to offer support services to high-poverty, middle and high schools. Their involvement with Hartnell College has
created a gateway to provide high school seniors with the necessary tools to continue their academic journey. The training was a huge success thanks to our CSUMB GEAR UP partners! Excellent work Pathways team, keep it up!

8. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS HOSTS A PLANNING RETREAT

On Friday, July 15, 2016, Lori Kildal hosted the Academic Affairs Division Retreat for classified staff of Hartnell. During the retreat, the classified staffs worked together in 6 different groups and were given the task of researching several different topics, pulling evidence and presenting their work in order to create a handbook of academic affairs for the Hartnell website, to be used by Hartnell College as a resource page. Breakfast was provided by the Foster Parent Association and the Foster and Kinship Care Program set up the retreat and provided lunch.

9. HARTNELL ATHLETICS CO-HOSTS BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Men’s Baseball team co-hosted a high school baseball tournament with Northern California American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC) and the Northern California Select Baseball. This tournament is one of four qualifiers for the AABC state tournament – it went on from July 7 to July 10, 2016. Teams from both 18-under and 16-under divisions came from all over the Bay Area to participate in this three-day tourney. Hartnell College Men’s Baseball took charge of preparing and maintaining the fields at all times. “This is a great recruiting opportunity for the baseball program and gives us a
Last week Hartnell College Women’s basketball program organized the annual Girls’ Basketball Summer Camp. Assistant Coach, Jim Rimado organized this camp in which he facilitated basketball skills for girls 5 to 18 years old. Attendees learned the rules of the game and basic basketball skills including: passing, dribbling, and shooting.

Meanwhile, Hartnell College Softball head coach, Andy Watt, coached the annual co-ed tennis summer camp. This camp was open to boys and girls ages 7 to 18 years old. Thank you to the Hartnell College Athletics Department for your ongoing work in our community!

It is wedding season and some of our employees decided to tie knot! Dora Sanchez headed to Las Vegas for a unique ceremony with Elvis Presley to wed Hector Mosqueda. They wanted a small wedding and for Elvis to, of course, sing as Dora walked down the aisle. The special event was attended by Hector’s daughter Monique Mosqueda, his sister, Maria de Socorro Mosqueda, her daughter Heidi Mosqueda and family friend Tiffany Marrero. Dora’s niece Melinda Pedraza gave her away; Hector’s son Michael Mosqueda served as best man. The happy couple plans to Honeymoon later this year and hopes to travel to Mexico. Congratulations!
12. WEDDING BELLS – CONGRATULATIONS AL & LAUREN!

On Saturday, July 9, 2016, Instructor Al Graham married Lauren Carminati at the Paso Robles Inn. They were joined by family and friends. The happy couple is now enjoying their honeymoon in Europe. These two have a lot in common, starting with being educators and their expertise is in Ag and Ag Tech. Lauren is an agriculture teacher at Soledad High School. Sounds like a perfect match! Congratulations!

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

The Western Stage presents Carrie: The Musical
Now through August 6, 2016
Students are free with a valid I.D. (CatCard)
For tickets and information, visit westernstage.com or call 831-755-6816
Watch the trailer here: https://vimeo.com/173089793

Hartnell CCD Governing Board Meeting
July 26, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
Main Campus in Building B, Room 208
A vote on a Resolution to whether or not move forward with a bond measure expected
2016 Board Meeting Dates: Calendar

Women’s Education and Leadership Institute Forum
September 29, 2016 at Tehama Country Club
Call 831-755-6810 for tickets

Grand Opening of Science Center!
September 30, 2016
More information to come!

Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016
Saturday, October 29, 2016

The Western Stage Gala
November 19, 2016
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