1. Employee Philanthropy Reaches All Time High

Each year, Hartnell College asks its employees to rally support for our students through the Employee Giving Campaign for Student Success. This important campaign supports student scholarships, emergency funds, and areas of greatest need at the college. The 2012-2013 campaign was our most successful campaign yet, raising $44,520!

This year’s campaign proved to be a success not only by the amount raised, but also by the number of participants. Each year, the school strives for 100% participation. By the end of the campaign, Hartnell’s management team had met that goal. Hartnell faculty and classified staff had 45% and 27% participation, respectively. These funds directly support our students and demonstrate the level of pride our faculty and staff have in Hartnell Community College.

Average gift: $37.22/Month
President Circle Members: 17 (at least $1,000/year)
Percentage of participation by employee group:
  - Management: 100%
  - Faculty: 45%
  - Classified Staff: 27%

I commend all employees who supported Hartnell College through this important campaign and I send a huge thank you to the committee co-chairs and members who made this happen. Your efforts are inspiring and the college and its students will be the direct beneficiaries.

Committee List: Mary Dominguez (Co-chair), Dora Sanchez (Co-chair), Lucy Serrano, Paul Casey, Margie Wiebusch, Hermelinda Rocha-Tabera, DC Washington, Terri Pyer, Molly Lewis, Daniel Teresa, Steve Triano, Lindsey Bertomen, Joe Welch, Jackie Cruz, Cristina Westfall, Lucy Serrano, Sharon Eckhart, Melvin Jimenez, Maggie Melone-Echiburu, Andy Newton, Karen Hagman
2. Comerica Bank Economic and Investment Outlook Seminar
Hartnell College hosted the Comerica Bank Economic and Investment Outlook Presentation on February 20 with featured presenters Dennis A. Johnson, Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, and Robert A. Dye, Ph.D, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, both from Comerica Bank. The presentation focused on the 2013 economic forecast in the USA and globally.

Comerica Bank donated the proceeds from the event to the Hartnell College Scholarship Fund presenting a check for $500. We are deeply appreciative of Comerica Bank’s support of higher education and our students. Many thanks to Cathy Schlumbrecht for bringing this event to the Hartnell College campus.

3. Strong Debut for Panthers Track Team
Panthers enjoyed eleven individual winning performances at the College of San Mateo. The women's 4x100 relay team of Lenae Stevens, Ashley Jones, Diana Chobanian, Iesha Boyd runs the 3rd fastest time in school history out of the gates (48.95). Sophomore Amy Sereno Johnston wins both the 1,500 (5:02.10) and 3,000 (10:58.21) with the 10th best 3,000 time in school history. Freshman Michael Ramirez also takes same races in 4:11.14 and 9:06.05. Sophomore Aaron Vaughan runs a clear high hurdles victory (15.64). Freshman Iesha Boyd debuts in the quarter mile with the 6th fastest all-time 400 meter run (58.75). Freshman Davina Marshall wins her first ever 400 meter low hurdle race (1:12.34). Freshman Michaela Trevino takes the high jump win (4'7''), Kassandra Peguero hop-steps-jumps to a triple jump win (34'0.75), and Jessica Mattos wins discus with a 4 foot PR (133'4'') to jump to 5th all-time and bettering State A mark to go along with her 4th best all-time hammer throw (137'4'') and State B mark. Sophomore Ashley Jones hit State B marks in the 100 (12.38) and 200 meters (25.16) resetting her school record in the half lap race. Panthers had several Norcal Provisional Qualifiers as well. Guillermo Cuevas in the 1500 (4:13.19), Diana Chobanian at 400 meters (62.78), Lenae Stevens 100 meters (13.01), Iesha Boyd 200 meters (25.94), and Jessica Dobbins and Isaac Rapoport over the pole vault (8'8.75'' and 12'11'').
4. **World Class Musicians Perform Symphonic Duo Including Selected Parts of Verdi's Requiem**

On December 20, students, employees, and community members were treated to a wonderful concert performed by classical musicians from Italy, Francesco Attesti and Matteo Galli. About 225 people enjoyed a spell binding performance of musicianship, interpretation, and inspiration. Attesti and Galli included a bit of history along with the performance adding to the audiences' appreciation of the music. About 75 people attended a VIP reception in the Art Gallery following the performance where they had an opportunity to meet the musicians, take some photos, and receive a copy of their recording of Verdi's Requiem in its entirety.

On the same day, HC music students participated in a master piano class conducted by Attesti and Galli. The students performed and received feedback on their technique and musicianship. I was able to stop by for a bit and there was a group of community members and students that stopped by just to observe the class.

Many thanks to Jon Selover, the Western Stage staff, and Steve Ettinger, music faculty member, for facilitating this event. The Hartnell College Foundation coordinated a lovely reception for our guests.

All proceeds from this event will go to scholarships for Hartnell College music students.
5. Hartnell College Physics Club Participates in Fall Meeting of the American Geophysical Union

In December 2012 members of the Hartnell College Physics Club were invited to participate in an outreach event on behalf of the national Society of Physics Students at the Exploration Station of the 2012 American Geophysical Union's fall meeting. The AGU meeting is an impressive gathering of more than 20,000 scientists, educators, and students. Members of the HC Physics Club demonstrated the principles of spacetime through a simple setup of spandex, hula hoop, and marbles. Adults and children alike were mesmerized by the demonstration.

L to R: Toni Sauncy (Director of the National Society of Physics Students (SPS) and Sigma Pi Sigma, the Physics honor Society); HC students George Omictin, Leo Osornio, Rolando Perez, and Roxana Ramos; Dr. Brooke Haag, HC physics professor.