Mission Statement: Hartnell College provides the leadership and resources to ensure that all students shall have equal access to a quality education and the opportunity to pursue and achieve their goals. We are responsive to the learning needs of our community and dedicated to a diverse educational and cultural campus environment that prepares our students for productive participation in a changing world.

1. Rabobank Makes $5,000 Contribution to "Party in the Library"

On March 21, 2013 Rabobank presented Hartnell College Foundation with a check for $5,000 in support of Party in the Library. Party in the Library is the Foundation's annual event that raises critical funds that support the foundation’s work as a catalyst for student access and success.

Rabobank has been a long-time supporter of HC's education excellence and student scholarships. Because of Rabobank's generosity, we are closer to reaching our goal of $175,000 in community sponsorships. Through this community support we are able to enrich the lives of thousands of students each year.

Thank you so much Rabobank for your continued belief in our work and our commitment to our students!


2. Hartnell College Graduate Honored at NAACP Annual Life Membership Banquet

On March 23, 2013, I attended the Annual Life Membership Banquet held by the Monterey County Chapter of the NAACP along with Mary Dominguez, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs, Terri Pyer (and husband Dave), Associate Vice President of Human Resources, Stephanie...
Low, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Tony Anderson (and wife Yvette), Academic Senate President.

Julian Bond, civil rights leader, activist, politician, and chairman emeritus of the NACCP, was the keynote speaker for the event (http://www.notablebiographies.com/Be-Br/Bond-Julian.html#b#ixzz2JUmCv6eC).

The President's Award went to a graduate of Hartnell College. Josephine Morris (pictured in HC photo at left) graduated from HC in 1979 as a journalism major. However, her professional career was primarily as a registered nurse working in several local hospitals and retiring from Natividad Medical Center. She joined the Salinas Branch of the NAACP in 1970 and served as a past president of that branch. She was integrally involved in the merging the Monterey Peninsula Branch of the NAACP with the Salinas Branch to create the Monterey County Branch.

### 3. Demolition of Annex Begins on Friday, March 22

The demolition of the Annex Building (former Library) began on March 29. Within a few days a majority of the building was demolished and the work continued throughout the spring break week. The majority of the heavy work was planned for spring break to create the least amount of inconvenience, noise, and dust while classes are in session. The demolished site will of course become the site for the new science building which is anticipated to begin construction later this year.

*Saturday, March 23, 2013*  
*Thursday, March 28, 2013*
4. Western Stage Performs Scenes from "Pastures of Heaven" at Marks Ranch

The Western Stage performed a scene from John Steinbeck's *The Pastures of Heaven* for 150 students from Santa Monica High School who were on a field trip related to California literature. The performance was at the Marks Ranch and took place in the pole barn which was built for the Big Sur Land Trust by HC’s Sustainable Construction program. The scene performed was the story of the Banks family chicken ranch which Steinbeck based on the Marks family.

5. Panthers Softball Team Continues Charge to Top Ranking in State

The Lady Panthers got through the week in dramatic fashion beating Ohlone 6-5 in 9 innings Thursday. With a record of 27-5, the team is ranked 2nd in Northern California and 4th in the state.

Tuesday’s game against San Francisco City College ended with a 9-1 victory. Highlights of the game: Ashley Andrew had a strong pitching performance and the Panthers had 3 home runs in a row off 3 straight pitches. Alyssa Seva'aetasi (at left) hit 2 home runs in the game.

Thursday at Ohlone, Dani Shipman pitched a gem and got the game winning RBI in the top of the 9th inning. Ohlone scored 5 runs in the 1st inning and the Panthers shut them down the rest of the game. The last play of the game featured catcher Alyssa Seva'aetasi throwing out Ohlone’s leadoff hitter at 1st base for the 3rd out as the tying run was trying to score.