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. Hartnell College Graduate Awarded NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

HC partner and student mentor, Dr. Carolee Bull, recently informed us about the success of one of our students. Dr. Bull is a research plant pathologist at USDA and she has worked with many HC students through internships.

Stacy J. Mauzey just received notice that she will be a recipient of a 2013 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. This is the highest award in science for graduate students in the country. The National Science Foundation (NSF; http://www.nsfgrfp.org/) “received over 13,000 submitted applications for the 2013 competition, and made 2,000 award offers.” Last year the award was for $90,000 over three years. This award is the result of outstanding training she received throughout her college career. She is currently a master’s degree student in the Department of Plant Pathology at Washington State University. Stacy was an undergraduate research intern in Dr. Bull’s laboratory at the USDA/ARS in Salinas.

Stacy distinguished herself in the laboratory through her focus on research and in outreach to the community. She co-authored several publications of interest to the agricultural industry in the area. There are three more publications from the laboratory on which she will be a co-author including a book chapter on phytobacteriology (plant diseases caused by bacteria). Stacy was directed to Dr. Bull’s lab and thus eventually to plant pathology as a career through the advice of a former high school teacher who had toured the lab as part of a Hartnell College bridging program.

2. Student-Athletes Named to All-Academic State Track and Field Team

Three sophomore Hartnell College Track and Field athletes were named to this year’s All-Academic State Track and Field Team. The team is comprised of the best student-athletes from all the community colleges in California. Jessica Dobbins (North Monterey County HS) lead the Panthers with her 3.845 cumulative gpa and is interested in becoming an elementary school teacher. Dobbins specializes in the pole vault, 400 hurdles, and hammer throw. This season Dobbins has already achieved the Norcal qualifying mark in the pole vault. Jessica Mattos (Aptos HS) earned honors for her 3.841 gpa. Mattos is a pre-nursing major and specializes in the discus and hammer throw. Mattos already broke the Hartnell College discus record earlier this season and just last
weekend tossed the third best and third ever 140 feet or more hammer throw. She is currently ranked second in Northern California in the discus. Phillip Cuevas (HS in the Dominican Republic) represents the men on the team with his 3.629 gpa. Phillip got a late start in track and field with his first experience coming here at Hartnell College. Cuevas is currently the ninth best performer in school history in the 100 meters (10.78) and ranked first in the Coast Conference. Phillip is a Kinesiology major and interested in a career in Athletic Training or Coaching. Prior to Hartnell College, Cuevas spent a few years playing minor league baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies organization before returning to school.

Jessica Dobbins  Jessica Mattos  Phillip Cuevas

3. Dr. Romero Jalomo Joins Hartnell College as Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Jalomo brings a rich background to Hartnell College in student affairs, student development, research, evaluation, and planning. He most recently served as the dean of research, planning, and development at San Jose City College. Prior to that position, he served for 5 years as the dean of retention and support programs at San Jose City College. During his employment with San Jose-Evergreen Community College District, he also held the following positions: dean of counseling and matriculation (Evergreen Valley College), associate vice chancellor for research and institutional effectiveness (District Office). Additionally, Dr. Jalomo was employed at Hartnell College from 2000-2005 as the director of EOP&S and DSP&S. Dr. Jalomo will start employment at Hartnell College on April 15.

Mary Dominguez has served as the interim vice president of student affairs for 14 months. She has provided outstanding leadership and management during that time and I personally thank her for her many contributions. You will not find anyone who is more committed to Hartnell College, its employees, and its students. Ms. Dominguez will return to her position as Dean of Enrollment Services.
4. PE - Athletics Field House Project Progresses

The PE - Athletics Field House Facility Project is making excellent progress. The Field House will support physical education classes and athletics teams by providing meeting rooms, changing rooms, and a satellite athletic training room. Additionally, the facility will provide permanent restroom facilities and a concession stand for visitors and fans. It is scheduled for completion in June.

5. Remodel of CAB North Bottom Floor

With the BOT’s action at the April 2 board meeting to award the construction project, work will begin on the remodel/reconstruction of the bottom floor of CAB north. Following the remodel, this area will be the home for the Foster Kinship program, TRiO program, Office of Human Resources, Office of Academic Affairs, and other administrative offices. Along with the remodel of the inside of the building, an additional elevator will be installed on the west side of the building. Everyone is working toward the goal of occupying the remodeled space in time for fall 2013.
6. Panthers Softball Team Begins Final Push Toward End of the Regular Season

Versus Chabot College on April 2 pitcher Ashley Andrew started the day with 3 strikeouts in the bottom of the 1st inning. The game would only last 5 innings as the Lady Panthers triumphed 16 to 1. Homeruns by Alyssa Seva’aetasi and Ceina Smith were highlights. The team improved its record to 28-5. The Lady Panthers start their final 5 games of the season with a game against San Jose City College for first place in the conference.

7. Track and Field Student-Athletes Shine at Recent Competitions

Freshman pole vaulter Austin Decker, who prepped at North Monterey County High School, cleared 15’7.25” to move into the California community college state leader position by one quarter of an inch over Josiah Becker of Cuesta College. The mark also moves Decker into the second position in the nation for community college athletes trailing only Pau Tonnesen's 15'10" of Mesa Community College in Arizona. The clearance was a season best by over seven inches and jumps Decker into the eighth best pole vault clearance in Hartnell College history.

You tube Video Link of Austin Decker’s State Leading Clearance http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5q0znppxMk

Panthers competed at the San Francisco State Distance Carnival as well as Stanford Invitational. Sophomores Victoria Alcala and Amy Johnston inched closer to Olympian Maria Trujillo’s school record in the 5,000-meter run. Alcala covered the distance in 18:09.00 with Johnston right behind at 18:10.31. Freshman Michael Ramirez got his state automatic qualifier in the 5,000 lowering his season best to 15:18.37. Guillermo Cuevas (15:37.48) and Omar Vasquez (15:49.06) also lowered their season best marks. Vasquez also improved to 4:06.33 in the 1,500-meter run. In the 800-meter run, Andrews Gutierrez (2:00.29) led five other Panthers to season bests. They included Daniel Vasquez (2:00.36), Steven Hernandez (2:00.61), Jose Ramirez (2:01.76), and Felix Cervantez (2:01.93).

Alesha Boyd finished second overall and the first collegiate in the 100 meter dash with her season best 12.51. Her time is the fifth best in school history. Phillip Cuevas won the 200 meters (22.11) and was second in the 400 meters (50.63). Jessica Mattos was victorious in the discus with a throw over 136 feet and her hammer throw mark of 146’0” makes her the third best thrower in school history to only state champions Clarissa Hernandez and Cindy Rojas. Omar Pelayo won his third 3,000-meter steeplechase race of the year with a season best 10:13.30.

Teammate Luis Romero ran a debut 10:20.55 to earn a spot in the regional final in the event. The women’s 4x400-relay team tallied a victory despite a switch in the line-up. Boyd was joined Lenae Stevens, Kassandra Peguero, and Karina Carcamo in a winning time of 4:15.34. Sophomore Eddie Guzman took more than 20 seconds off his 5,000-meter time at 15:53.34.

At the Stanford Invitational Sophomore Ashley Jones recorded times of 12.41 and 25.54 in the 100 and 200-meter sprints. Diana Chobanian lowered her 400-meter hurdle time to 68.58. Sophomore Julian Nagata competed in the 400 meter hurdles (56.17).
The HC baseball team concluded a tough week with a 9-0 loss to Cabrillo. For the week the Panthers had 1 win and 2 losses. The team started the week on Saturday with a 2-1 loss to Gavilan. Then on Tuesday, the Panthers beat Mission 4-3 in 10 innings. Gavin Okada drove in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th with a one out single.

For the year, the Panthers are 12-15 and 7-8 in league play. With that record, the team is tied for 2nd place 1 game out of 1st place.

The next home game is Tuesday 4/9 against Chabot College at 2:30 p.m.