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 Faculty Member Lisa Storm Presents at AACC Convention

Lisa Storm, faculty member in Administration of Justice, presented a workshop at the recent convention of the American Association of Community Colleges held in San Francisco April 20-23. Professor Storm has been at the forefront of online learning and the workshop she presented with educators from other colleges focused on the utilization of open educational resources.

The panel discussion "Using Open Educational Resources to Expand Access and Support Innovation" included William Davis, Director of Instructional Services at Northern Virginia Community College; Paul Golisch, Dean of Information Technology at Paradise Valley Community College (AZ); James Glapa-Grossklag, Dean of Educational Technology at College of the Canyons (CA). Professor Storm specifically discussed her creation of the Hartnell College Open Educational Resources pages (http://www.hartnell.edu/oer/affordable_textbooks.htm), her textbook (http://catalog.flatworldknowledge.com/catalog/editions/storm-criminal-law-1-0) and her MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) in U.S. Criminal Law (https://www.canvas.net/courses/u-s-criminal-law). Through the open educational resources site faculty at Hartnell College are authoring open textbooks to replace expensive commercial textbooks.

2. Music Department Gets a Little Help from Friends

On Friday, April 26, four talented vocal ensembles from across the Monterey Bay region combined forces to present a benefit concert at the Main Stage Theater at Hartnell College. The benefit for Hartnell College’s music program, "We Get By With a Little Help From Our Friends," featured friends of the Hartnell music program: Aria, Junction68, Pacific
Voices and Urban Renewal. I was honored to serve as MC for the event and HC choral conductor Sandy Rudo invited me to "sit in" with HC music students backing Junction68. Yes, that's me in the photo on guitar trying to keep up :).

The four groups provided an evening of inspiring music and song that varied in style, size, and genre. All of the groups have a commitment to music education and their belief in the enduring community-building power of music.

Aria, an auditioned choir of 40 women's voices founded in January 2012 by the Monterey Peninsula Choral Society that is conducted by Sean Boulware, performs a wide variety of music for women's voices. Junction68, a quartet of singers, has been delighting Salinas and Monterey Peninsula audiences for more than 10 years with its eclectic mix of jazz standards, swing, blues and classic vocal harmonies. Pacific Voices, a popular and powerful 70-voice community chorus, specializes in the preservation and innovation of sacred choral and folk music from traditions around the world, composed over the past eight centuries, and sung in 15 languages. Urban Renewal is Monterey's newest vocal jazz choir, a 24-voice, highly energetic ensemble founded by Dennis Murphy and Paula Arnold in 2012 through Express Yourself INC, the non-profit charity from the Dennis Murphy School of Music.

3. The Newest Additions to the Hartnell College Family

There is nothing so heartwarming as the birth of children and especially when the parents are part of the HC family. When I sent the photos to my wife Michele her reply was two simple yet powerful words, "tiny perfection." I could not agree more.

Benjamin Johnson (left) made his arrival on February 19th @ 8:30am, weighing 6lbs 12oz and 18-inches long; one week ahead of schedule. He is a very healthy baby boy with wonderful facial expressions who loves to use his hands! The proud parents are Carla and Scott Johnson. Carla is the director of the HEP program at HC.

Peter Hornstein McCallum (right) arrived on April 12th at 6lbs 12oz and 19.5 inches. The proud parents are Andrew McCallum and Melissa Hornstein. Dr. Hornstein teaches engineering at HC.
4. Technovation Project Reaches Young Girls

This semester, Hartnell's Center for Advanced Technology is hosting a group of high school and middle school girls every Friday for Technovation, a project through which girls learn to program mobile phone apps that solve problems in their lives and community.

Technovation is a national outreach activity that since 2011 has reached over 1,300 girls. At HC a dozen students give up their Friday afternoons to participate in the challenge. The students come from Gonzales and Alisal High Schools and from El Sausal Middle School. HC faculty members Pam Wiese and Sonia Arteaga instruct the group, and Casi Martin, a HC graduate and current CSUMB student, is assisting with the project. Supported by funding from a Title V grant, the project is expected to continue for a total of three years.

Since the inception of the program, an amazing variety of apps have been designed by participating groups across the country: to view some examples, visit http://iridescentlearning.org/programs/technovation-challenge/app-quilt/.

Those participating in HC's program include two students who have been accepted into the CSIT-in-3 program, a partnership between Hartnell and CSUMB to support well-prepared students to complete requirements for a BS degree in Computer Science in only three years.

5. Hartnell College Track and Field Athletes Continue to Perform at High Levels

Freshman pole vaulter Austin Decker defeated all challengers in a mostly four year college/university competition at the UC Davis Woody Wilson Classic on April 20. Decker moved his seasonal best up to 16'0.75" to join the elite group of HC pole vaulters to eclipse the height. Decker, who prepped at North Monterey County, became just the sixth Panther to jump 16 feet or higher. He is now within less than six inches of the school record held by both Mike James and Dave Grijalva. The next closest vaulter, Vernon Sampson of Fresno City College, was almost a foot behind Decker's winning clearance.

On April 19, Victoria Alcala lowered her 3k steeplechase school record to 11:22.02 and moves into the Norcal lead by over 13 seconds and goes to second in California. Sophomore Ashley Jones won the 200 meters in her third sub 25 second clocking of the year at 24.84. Jessica Mattos set a lifetime best in the hammer throw at 146'6" improving her third all-time ranking mark in school history. Sophomore Aaron Vaughan placed second overall amongst all
competitors in the 110 high hurdles (14.89). Amy Johnston ran 18:11.50 in the women's 5,000 meters followed by Alcala at 18:26.80. The men's 4x400 relay team of Phillip Cuevas, Austin Decker, Julian Nagata, and Jake Singley ran a season best 3:23.30.

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## 6. Panthers Softball Team Enters Northern Regional Playoffs

The Lady Panthers finished the regular season with an overall record of 31-7 and finished second in the Coast Conference (South Division) with a record of 13-4. HC is seeded 5th in the tournament and will play Solano College (13th seed) on Saturday, May 4, 2pm at Hartnell College. Congratulations to the Lady Panthers who won 30 games for the first time in college history.