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 Students Participate in Panetta Institute Lecture Series

Eleven Hartnell students attended an engaging panel discussion on Immigration Reform on April 8, 2013 at CSUMB as part of the Panetta Institute Lecture Series. With former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta moderating, the panelists included:

Howard Berman, Former U.S. Representative and Chairman of the house Foreign Affairs Committee,

Doris Meissner, Former Commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and Senior Fellow and Director of the Immigration Policy Program at the Migration Policy Institute

Tom Ridge, Former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Simon Salinas, Monterey County Supervisor, Former California Assemblyman and son of farmworkers

The presentation began with a lecture by Dr. Richard Kezirian, MPC faculty member, who described the United States as nation of immigrants, providing the setting for the panelists to discuss Immigration Reform. Dr. Kezirian discussed the differences between the major contemporary immigration movement and the waves of the immigration during the mid to late 19th century and the twentieth century. Sylvia Panetta introduced the panelists and her husband, Leon Panetta.

At right, ASHC Vice President James Stephens and Alisal High School student leader, Dianne Quiros
As the moderator, Secretary Panetta directed questions to the panelists. Subtopics included key elements of reform and why immigration reform is considered controversial. A pathway to citizenship, effective enforcement, future flows of immigration from different countries were a few key elements that were discussed. Panelists Tom Ridge and Doris Meissner included personal details in the 1986 Immigration & Reform Control Act. Simón Salinas gave a local point of view to the discussion, answering several of the students’ questions. ASHC President, Wayne Ross had the opportunity to ask a question to the panel. Folders, sponsored by MST, were also handed out to students and filled with relevant information on the topic.

2. Students Awarded Prestigious Department of Energy Internships

This year, for the first time, two HC students applied for the prestigious Department of Energy Community College Internship Program (CCI). Both applicants were successful and have been awarded 10-week, paid summer internships at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Marcus Wade and Jaime Vasquez will be working with Dr. Howard Matis in the Nuclear Science Division. Dr. Matis is a scientist working in the area of Relativistic Nuclear Collisions. Marcus and Jaime have conducted research on cosmic ray detection in the Research Scholars Institute led by HC faculty members Dr. Sewan Fan and Dr. Brooke Haag. The students' interest in the research led them to apply for an internship with the Department of Energy. In addition to engaging in research and technical training, Jaime and Marcus will participate in intern professional development activities sponsored by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The DoE CCI internships are quite competitive, providing not only a $500 per week stipend, but travel expenses to the host laboratory and housing arrangements. For more information about the DoE CCI program visit http://science.energy.gov/wdts/ci/benefits/

Dr. Matis visited HC to see the experimental detection apparatus that our students built. He and the interns will use aspects of the system to improve upon detection instruments that are currently part of his research.

3. ASHC Hosts Cinco de Mayo Celebration

The Associate Students of Hartnell College and Inter-Club Council hosted the annual Hartnell College Cinco de Mayo celebration on Wednesday, May 8, 2013. In addition to the sponsorship of ASHC and ICC, eight student clubs participated in the event: ACE, ALAS, Christian Fellowship, Engineering, Psychology, SIMA, WELI, and WISE. Some of the afternoon’s entertainment
featured local Aztec dancers, mariachi music (including several Hartnell students taking the microphone to lead the mariachi band in song), a Jalapeño eating contest, and raffles for those in attendance.

Members of the Hartnell College Student Senate, including President Wayne Ross and Student Trustee Elaine Duran assisted Student Life Coordinator Delia Edeza with ticket sales and prize giveaways. This year’s jalapeño eating contest was won again by Professor Peter Calvert (at right in photo), an advisor for the Veteran Student’s Club. Custom piñatas and ASHC t-shirts were among the raffle gifts distributed. There was a large student attendance and many staff members visited to purchase food and to enjoy the entertainment.

Click on the following links for some short videos from the event.
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4. Alisal Campus Solar Project Receiving Considerable National Attention

We recently received a wonderful communication from Courtney Jenkins, Program Development Manager, Chevron Energy Solutions.

"It is with great excitement that I wanted to report-out on the tremendous media coverage our energy & STEM partnership has generated over the past two weeks.

From a great article in the Wall Street Journal to positive TV coverage as far away as Iowa and North Carolina (and a splash of coverage on a Times Square Billboard – see the attached JPG!), news of Hartnell’s commitment to sustainability and setting a model for connecting smart energy with effective education opportunities in greater Monterey County has reached nearly 150 media hits! Very few stories receive so much coverage in such a short period of time – and it is a testament to your team’s willingness and enthusiasm to bring the project to life so quickly that
now others across the country are learning about Hartnell and aspiring to replicate your success as well.

As President Lewallen is quoted as saying in the piece that has been picked up by numerous Associated Press wires,

“This project will help Hartnell College advance a number of our goals, including achieving improved sustainability at all three campuses and setting an example we hope will resonate across the state.”

Based on the outstanding response to the project so far, I have no doubt the impact of this project has already reached far beyond California as well."

At right: Columns and beams installed that support the photovoltaic panels.

5. Hartnell College Track and Field Teams Strong in NorCal Championships

Freshman Iesha Boyd set two school milestones on Saturday at the Northern California Championship Trials at American River College. Boyd broke the 29 year old school record of 57.47 set by Julie Coy in 1984 with her qualifying performance of 56.71. In addition to the record, Boyd becomes the first lady Panther ever to cover the one lap distance in under 57 seconds. Boyd produced the fifth fastest time in the qualifying rounds with the top four finishers advancing to the state championship next week at the Northern California Championship. Boyd was also the anchor leg of the 4x100 meter relay team that advanced to next week's final with the fourth best time of the day. The time of 47.91 is a new school record and the first time a group of four women have run the relay in under 48 seconds.
Sophomore Victoria Alcala added to her championship titles this season with a Northern California 10,000 meter victory. Alcala covered the 25 lap race in 39:05.82. The mark was the fastest run in region all season and third best in school history. Teammate Amy Johnston placed second in the fourth best mark in school history 39:24.45. Freshman Michael Ramirez placed second in the men's 10,000 meter final in 32:36.84. Ramirez qualifies to the state championship in just his second year of competitive track and field. He was followed by sophomore Guillermo Cuevas (33:26.22) in fifth, Michael Young (33:55.02) in tenth, Luis Romero (34:22.24) in fourteenth, and Andres Guerrero (34:45.75) in seventeenth.

In qualifying heats for the women, Ashley Jones advanced in both the 100 meters (12.28) and 200 meters (24.94). Jones also advanced with teammate Kassandra Peguero in the triple jump. Peguero lead the pair with a jump of 35'7.50' with Jones at 34'6.50". Diana Chobanian and Davina Marshall advanced to the 400 meter low hurdle final with times of 67.40 and 68.13. Jessica Mattos qualified in both the discus (127'10") and hammer throw (125'7"). Erica Williams advanced in the javelin (102'1.50''). The 4x400 relay team of Jones, Chobanian, Boyd, and Lenae Stevens had the sixth fastest time in qualifying (4:03.29).

For the men, Aaron Vaughan lead all qualifiers with the second fastest time of the day in the 110 high hurdles. His time of 14.75 improves on his season best and places Vaughan in a state qualifying position going into next week's final. Vaughan also qualified in the 400 intermediate hurdles (56.30). Freshman Omar Vasquez and sophomore Eduardo Guzman qualified in the 1,500 meters. Vasquez was timed in 4:04.39 and Guzman 4:06.05. Freshman Austin Decker lead all pole vault qualifiers at 14'3". Freshman Andrews Gutierrez ran a season best 1:59.44 in the 800 meters, but did not advance to next week's final.

After two scored events of the Northern California Championships, Hartnell women lead the top three teams with 20 points followed by DeAnza College at 17 points and American River College at 14 points. The Hartnell men have a narrow lead with 12 points just one point ahead of host American River College at 11 points and Sacramento City College at 11 points. The Northern California Championships will be held on Saturday, May 11 at American River College.