1. PISTER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER SURPRISED AT CABINET MEETING

I never know what students think is happening when they are summoned into the president’s office. For one student this week, that intrigue had a nice payoff. Ursula Silvas came in on Tuesday during the President’s Cabinet weekly meeting. She had no idea what was about to happen. I handed her a letter to read in front of Cabinet members, and tears of joy began to run down her cheeks. Silvas was awarded the UC Santa Cruz, Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program Award. The scholarship is for $20,000 and it is divided into awards of $10,000 per year for two years. Silvas is a math major at Hartnell and is happily headed to UC Santa Cruz this fall. Congratulations to Ursula! We wish her the best in her educational journey! For more information about the Pister Scholarship, visit http://financialaid.ucsc.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/pister.html.

2. PRESIDENT’S SPRING FORUM AND LUNCH

On Friday, April 8, 2016, I hosted the President’s Forum and Lunch at Steinbeck Hall for all of Hartnell College’s employees. During the forum, I took the opportunity to introduce the recently tenured faculty who came and joined me on stage. Every semester I present a state of the college address that includes information regarding budget, accreditation, facilities, enrollment, foundation,
outcomes, accomplishments, events, and future plans. I shared information on the feasibility of a facilities bond measure in November 2016. In addition, I mentioned a bit about the progress in developing the next strategic plan for the period 2018 – 2023.

Our financial status is stable and strong and I thank every one of our employees for helping the District maintain a healthy fiscal status. The Employees for Student Success campaign surpassed its goal. Next year I am certain the committee will set the bar even higher! To access my presentation for the forum, go to

http://www.hartnell.edu/sites/default/files/u90/presidents_forum_2016-04-08.pdf

3. FLORES REPRESENTS HARTNELL AT NATIONALS FOR SPEECH TEAM

For the first time in its history, the Hartnell Speech Team was represented at the national level during the 2016 Phi Rho Pi Community College National Tournament, held in Costa Mesa, CA last week. Student Adrian Flores qualified for the tournament by earning a Bronze Medal at the California Community College Forensics Association Championships. The tournament truly represented coast-to-coast attendees, with 64 schools attending from Florida, Illinois, New York, Texas, Washington and other states.

At the national tournament, Flores competed in two events. The first, Poetry Interpretation, is an 8-10 minute memorized program of poetry around a theme. The second, Program of Oral Interpretation, is an 8-10 minute memorized program of prose, poetry or dramatic literature around a theme.

In three rounds of preliminary competition, Flores earned a second place ranking in one round of Poetry, and two third place rankings in Program of Oral Interpretation. He fell short of the three round total needed to advance to finals, which was a combined low total of 7. He ended the tournament with a combined total of 10 in both events.

“This is the first time we have ever fielded a Hartnell student at the national level,” said Coach Jason Hough. “Although Adrian did not make finals, we know we are on the right track for the Hartnell team to become national level competitors in the future.”
Flores was impressed with the competition and will not soon forget the experience. “I’m excited to come back next year and compete,” said Flores. Competing at the national level made me realize where I needed to be in terms of performance. It was humbling to see competitors from across the country perform such powerful and inspiring literature and speeches.”

HARTNELL SPEECH TEAM AUDITIONS

The Hartnell Speech Team will be holding auditions for the 2016/2017 competitive season Wednesday, April 13, 2016 during the afternoon/evening (by appointment) to fill four spots. Any student planning on enrolling in a minimum of 6 units fall 2016 and spring 2017 can audition. Students on the team will be expected to:

- Attend monthly regional tournaments from September-March
- Dedicate Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. for team practice
- Remain in good academic standing
- Participate in team activities

To schedule your audition, contact Coach Jason Hough at jhough@hartnell.edu.

4. GUEST SPEAKER AT KING CITY ROTARY CLUB

At the invitation of Rotarian and former Hartnell Dean, Paulette Bumbalough, I was the program presenter the April 6, 2016 meeting and I provided a general update about Hartnell College. As a Rotarian myself (Salinas Downtown Club), it is always a treat to visit other clubs in the Salinas Valley. Also in attendance were Dean Renata Funke and Ben Jimenez, Coordinator of Hartnell's Transition Program at Soledad CTF. It was wonderful to see many friends and Hartnell supporters at the meeting.

5. DR. JEFFREY HUGHEY’S TRIP TO ASIA

Biology faculty member Dr. Jeffery Hughey attended the 40th Annual Japanese Society of Phycology meeting held in Tokyo last month from March 18-March 20, 2016. At the meeting he delivered a professional talk detailing his recent work on a group of red seaweeds that are native to the northeastern Pacific Ocean. Following the meeting, he was invited to Korea from March 21-March 24, 2016 to speak at Chungnam National University in Daejeon. While in Korea Dr.
Hughey also discussed ongoing research collaborations with his colleague Dr. Sung Min Boo, initiated two new projects, and visited a famous collection site on the island of Jindo. Dr. Hughey will give a 50 minute presentation that is open to the college community on April 29, at 1:00 p.m. in Building N, Room 1 titled “Genomics Made Me Do It: My Trip to Asia and Current Seaweed Research.”

6. SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS ATTEND CONFERENCE WITH PROFESSOR

Sociology Professor, Dr. Hortencia Jimenez and six sociology students attended the annual conference of the Pacific Sociological Association held in Oakland, California from March 31-April 2. Sharmaine Deluna and Monica Guillen presented research in an undergraduate roundtable session and Dr. Jiménez organized and presented a session titled ‘Latina sociology faculty transforming community colleges through a pedagogy of engagement,’ and was a presider for an undergraduate session on race and ethnicity. “My experience at the PSA taught me how essential it is for me to build up my social capital and be able to network with others. The people I have met and connected with could potentially open the doors and other opportunities for me that I did not know existed,” said Deluna in reflecting on her participation.

“The Pacific Sociological Association Conference gave me the opportunity to share a space with undergrad students and education professionals who are passionately trying to spread awareness on important social issues. I am extremely proud of my peers, who were some of the few students representing a community college,” shared Jeanette Serrano. The Sociology Club extends a special thanks to the Associated Students of Hartnell College for offsetting the costs to attend. What a great opportunity for our students!

7. FREE INTRODUCTION TO BUILDING TRADES COURSE!
8. STEM CENTER BUILDING IS MAKING PROGRESS

The new building at the Center of the Main Campus will house STEM classes this fall. A grand opening celebration is set for September 2016.

9. ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME SEEKS NOMINATIONS

Hartnell College is gearing up for its Fourth Annual Athletics Hall of Fame 2016 to take place on October 29, 2016 and seek nominations for the next class of inductees. The Athletics Hall of Fame Committee seeks nominations from students, staff, and the community at large to identify those special individuals who left a mark in Hartnell Athletics. The nomination form and guidelines are available at http://www.hartnellpanthers.com/panther_backers/Hall_of_Fame_2016_Nomination.pdf.

Deadline for submissions is May 6, 2016.

We have a rich and diverse history of athletic success and launched the Hartnell College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2013 as a way to honor and recognize the contributions of individuals and teams to that legacy.

Hartnell College has a rich athletic tradition and long history of success that spans over the past 82 years. Hartnell has produced well over 15,000 student-athletes who have not only achieved success in the athletic arena, but also in the classroom and beyond.

The inductees will be selected by the Athletics Hall of Fame Committee comprised of retired Hartnell faculty/coaches, Hartnell staff, and volunteers.

For more information, contact Joanne Trevino in the Athletics Department at (831) 755-6884 or jtrevino@hartnell.edu.
As the softball team enters into the last third of their season, they currently stand at 12-17 overall. In league, they are 4-5, with only 6 games left and rank 4th best. Recently they beat the second best team in Coast North, Ohlone College, 8-3 at home. The team has played 7 of the top ten teams in northern California. Although they did not beat any of those teams, many of those games were very close. Hartnell has 7 players currently batting over .300 in our conference play. One of them, Angie Savoldi, is batting .437 and is second best in conference. Kaitlyn Doyle is 5th best with .392 and is among the top base stealers in the state at 24. Her 59 strikeouts are 4th best in league as a pitcher. Three of the last games will be played at home and 3 will be away. The team will play at Gavilan and Monterey this next week, both of which the team won against the last time they played them. However, the team will unfortunately be down one player going into these games! The whole Hartnell Community is wishing the softball team luck as they conclude the season!

Hartnell College was on spring break but the track and field team was still working hard toward a championship season competing in three meets during the week off from classes. On Tuesday, the Panthers competed in the College of San Mateo Spring Break Classic. Sophomore Malena Grover used the meet to test her speed and was rewarded with a lifetime personal best 2:16.65 winning mark in the 800 meters. The time is the sixth best for the two lap distance in school history and just 1.4 seconds from breaking the school record. Grover's time moves her into the second ranked position in Northern California and top five in the state.

Sophomore Stephanie Powers took a break from the long hurdles to cover the same distance in a personal best 62.26. Carly Zako lowered her season best in the 5,000 meters to 20:13.24. Frosh Adriana Jimenez debuted in the 800 meters with a regional qualifying 2:28.26. For the men, Andrew Martinez was an event winner in the 1,500 meters with a lifetime best 4:08.54. Alex Acevedo placed second in both the 100 and 200 meters in season best times of 11.52 and 23.33. Oscar Mora, Jr. won both the 800 meters (2:05.19) and 5,000 meters (16:37.52). Fernando Garcia bested the long jump field with his lifetime best 21'0.75". Robbie Rykowski (52.03), Paul Koenig (52.73), and Christopher Wells (52.76) lead
the Panthers in the 400 meters.
For full CSM Spring Break Meet
results: https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/44537.html
The distance runners returned to the track Friday at the San Francisco
Distance Carnival lead by Malena Grover's improvement on her 5,000
meter school record to 17:09.72. The time leaves her just one second
behind state leader Jenica Dodge of American River College.
Sophomore Nancy Rodriguez lowered her personal best to 18:36.71 to
earn the State "A" mark to add to her qualifying 3000 meter
steeplechase mark.
In the men's 5,000 meters, Jorge Sanchez (15:17.16), Edgar Bonilla
(15:24.89), Andrew Martinez (15:36.44), and Mario Perez, Jr.
(16:08.96) all improved on their season bests.
For full SF State Distance Carnival

12. BASEBALL - A LOSS AND A WIN WITH GAVILAN

The Hartnell College Baseball team went 1-1 on the week
improving their overall record to 11-15 on the season.
Hartnell Baseball suffered another tough loss to visiting
Gavilan College on March 29, 2016 by a score of 12-3. The
Panthers offense had a hard time maximizing their scoring
opportunities during the day, with all three runs coming in
separate innings. The Panthers offense only amassed 4 hits on
the day. Zack Foster (North Salinas HS) led the offensive
charge going 2-4 on the day while blasting his
first home run
of the season.
Hartnell baseball beat Gavilan 9-7 on March 31, 2016 securing their 11th victory of the season.
Panthers starting pitcher Brandon Granger (San Benito HS) threw 5 1/3 innings allowing 3 runs while
striking out 5 batters and secured his 4th win of the season on the mound for the Panthers. Austin Lee
(Northgate HS) came in and threw the last 3 2/3 innings to earn the save. The Panthers offense put up
13 hits on the day while 4 separate panthers all had multi-hit games. Isaiah Azua (Valley Christian HS)
blasted his second home run of the season going 2-5 at the plate while adding 2 RBIs. Koby Fleck
(Valley Center HS) was also 2-5 on the day and also had a strong day behind the plate for the Panthers
defense.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

NASA STEM Day for k-12 educators
April 16, 2016 in Steinbeck Hall – 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Register by Wednesday at https://www.etouches.com/163078
For questions contact Maggie Melone, at mmelone@hartnell.edu or call (831) 755-6970.
In athletics!
NorCal Heptathlon/Decathlon Championship April 12-13, 2016 - 11:00 AM
Toro Park Trail Challenge Runs April 16, 2016 – Registration at 8:00 AM
Ed Adams Track & Field Invitational Saturday, April 23, 2016 Tri-tip BBQ to support the team Call 831-755-6845 for more information

Career Fair
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
9:30 – 11:30 AM
Student Center

Ag Institute Open House
April 23, 2016 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Alisal Campus – Free and open to the public

Alisal Campus Law Day
May 2, 2016 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Main Campus

Nursing and Allied Health Fourth
Annual Alumni Reception
April 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM, Steinbeck Hall
To RSVP call 831-770-6146

14. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell hosts educators in NASA STEM Day

Spanish – Building Trade Course
http://noticias.entravision.com/monterey-salinas/2016/04/05/certificados-gratuitos-2/

Spanish – Hartnell celebrates farmworker week
http://noticias.entravision.com/monterey-salinas/2016/03/21/hartnell-celebrara-semana-de-trabajador-agricola-2/

Doyle pitches Hartnell softball past MPC
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/04/08/doyle-pitches-hartnell-softball-past-mpc/82781414/

Football Recruiting: ACC’s Big Four Land Major Prospects
http://www.fayobserver.com/sports/college_sports/recruiting/football-recruiting-acc-s-big-four-land-players/article_cebb95fa-fb66-11e5-8881-bfe1fff0f211.html

Lee: Finish Strong on that Run
http://www.sanbenitocountytoday.com/lifestyles/lee-finish-strong-on-that-run/article_a6bbd8ba-fb72-11e5-9489-d333e9f13307.html

Ag Tech Summit

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DQ4aVucTVQ