1. TRIO CLUB HARD AT WORK TO RAISE NEEDED FUNDS

Congratulations to the TRiO Club for organizing a fundraiser with the goal of washing and drying 200 cars, trucks, and SUVs at Gold Star Motors on Saturday, April 16, 2016. At the end of the day, they earned $2,000 which will go towards university field trips. Owner Jim Jeffries welcomed the club members and said that the Hartnell College students were one of the best organized groups that he has ever hosted in a fundraiser. They were joined by the EOPS and Transfer Clubs for extra support. The students arrived at 7:30 a.m. and worked until 5:00 p.m. - until they reached the maximum 200 vehicles. Augustine Nevarez, director of student life and Manuel Bersamin, the advisor of the TRiO Club, where there to make sure the event ran safely. The event was student run, student led, student organized, and student engaged. Job well done!

2. NASA STEM DAY AT HARTNELL A SUCCESS

On Saturday, April 16, 2016 the Hartnell K-12 STEM Programs in partnership with NASA Ames, and UCSC MESA, carried out a professional development event on main campus that was very well attended by local K-12 educators. I had the opportunity to welcome the attendees alongside MCOE Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Jamie Valenzuela. The three keynote speakers included:

- Daniel Loewen works within Fresno County’s Juvenile Justice Campus as a math and science curricular coach and is an Associate Researcher for AIMS Math and Science Research Institute
HARTNELL WINS BIG AT STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

Last week, Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen attended the California Community College Public Relations Organization’s (CCPRO) Annual Conference in Sonoma, CA. The theme was Uncorking the Story of Success. As part of the three-day convening, an awards dinner recognized the best marketing and public relations work produced by professionals responsible for these at California Community Colleges. There were 287 submissions from 39 California Community Colleges (and the Chancellor's Office). Hartnell College (in its first year attending and participating) won:

- First Prize - Electronic Collateral, 2013-14 Report to the Community (TMD)
- Third Prize – Invitation Design, 2015 Athletics Hall of Fame (Osborne Design)

“It was great to have our work recognized by community college colleagues plus experts in the field of marketing,” said Esmeralda. “I am proud to represent Hartnell College and to share in the success.”

Neighboring Cabrillo College received two awards and Gavilan College’s Jan Bernstein Chargin received the 2016 All PRO Award – a lifetime achievement award for her work at Gavilan and in the community.

The conference offered an array of workshops in marketing, advertising, public relations, bond measures, institutional effectiveness, government relations, student/faculty/staff relations, and so much more.
4. HARTNELL STAFF ATTENDS CALWORKS TRAINING

CalWORKs counselor, Dr. Nancy Reyes and Director of Categorical Programs, Paul Casey attended the 7th Annual CalWORKs Training Institute in San Francisco with the theme *Empowering Families, Inspiring Change*. Some of the workshops attended included developing a CalWORKs orientation that inspires students. The second day of the conference is always an emotional day as regional CalWORKs scholarship winners are awarded their money and participate in a student panel in which they share their stories as they relate to being a community college student in the CalWORKs program. Hearing the stories of the panelists always brings the entire 400 attendees to tears. Every student has a story and the resiliency they display is truly admirable and a beautiful reminder of how impactful the CalWORKs program truly is. The CalWORKs annual conference allows all attendees (students, directors, coordinators, counselors, and department of social services representatives) to gain a deeper understanding of how to improve services.

“As the CalWORKs counselor, I am appreciative of the opportunity to meet new colleagues and am excited to implement some of the strategies, activities and tips I have learned during these past 3 days,” said Dr. Reyes.

5. HARTNELL GOVERNING BOARD ATTENDS MCSBA DINNER

It was a pleasure for me to attend the Monterey County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Annual Dinner and Organizational Meeting with members of the Hartnell CCD Governing Board.

Trustee Pat Donohue, Vice President; Trustee Manuel Osorio; and Trustee Aurelio Salazar accompanied me as we enjoyed the talent of Youth Orchestra Salinas (YOSAL) who performed during the event. It was an inspiring event. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Monterey County received the 2016 Excellence in Education Award. Dr. Eduardo Ochoa, CSUMB President, delivered a presentation on the Bright Futures initiative (more info at www.brightfuturesmc.org). It was wonderful seeing Roberto Rios (middle of photo), Superintendent of the Chualar Union School District. He is a proud alumnus of Hartnell College and an inspirational education leader in Chualar.
On April 8, 2016 a total of 43 students had the opportunity to visit San Francisco State University. The fieldtrip was chaperoned by Transfer and Career Center Counselor, Mercedes Quintero; Program Assistant, Elizabeth Gonzalez; Guardian Scholars Coordinator, Emma Ramirez; and CalWORKs counselor, Dr. Nancy Reyes. Upon arrival to campus, faculty member of the Graduate College of Education Dr. Eurania Lopez welcomed us. She immediately asked students how many were first generation, how many spoke more than one language and how many wanted to transfer to a four-year university. She indicated she specifically asked those questions because just like many of our fieldtrip participants, she is also first generation; she is an English Language Learner (she moved to the United States from El Salvador when she was a teen) and always knew she wanted to attend a university. Disclosing such information allowed students to immediately connect with Dr. Lopez. The trip began with a tour of the campus and then current SFSU students separated the students into three groups and we had the opportunity to visit the science labs. One of the science stations was facilitated by a Salinas native who is currently pursuing his Master’s degree at SFSU. Students witnessed the experiments and research the Salinas native performs on chick eggs. It was truly a wonderful opportunity for our students! The SFSU student panel was truly inspiring. The panel consisted of one King City native and three Salinas natives. Students shared some of the challenges they have encountered on campus, but encouraged students to step out of their comfort zone and make the most of their university experience. The panelists shared that some live on Park Merced, near campus, while others live in Richmond and take the BART to campus on a regular basis. The participants shared they rely on their financial aid and part-time employment to make ends meet. When the session ended, many students stated they felt “inspired” and “motivated” because they were seeing and hearing from students just like them, who come from farm working families, that they can achieve their academic goals. The concluding message to our Hartnell students was that regardless of where they transfer to, students must network, learn how to advocate, participate in student organizations/clubs and engage in research and internships. They all agreed that with hard work and determination, academic success is possible!
7. DIESEL TECH STUDENTS VISIT QUINN CATERPILLAR

Advanced Diesel Technology instructor Valentin Rodriguez and students recently visited Quinn Caterpillar. Ryan Jefferson, Product Support Manager, greeted the students and introduced them to shop operations. The students learned about component rebuilding, engine/final drive rebuild, tractor rebuild, and especially what it takes to work at Quinn. Hartnell extends a huge thanks to Quinn for their continued support of the Advanced Diesel Technology program. All students were exposed to the latest technology and felt welcomed.

8. HARTNELL ALUMNI VISIT THE MAIN CAMPUS

On Friday, April 15, 2016 I had a wonderful surprise when I returned from a meeting. Two graduates of Hartnell stopped by on their travels through the area, Maria Barrs and Jonathan Kemp. They met while attending Hartnell 1978-80 and they were married in 1981. They lived in Texas for many years and then moved back to California residing in Sacramento. Maria served as president of the Associated Students and also served as student trustee on the Governing Board. They both worked on the student newspaper at the time, the Panther Sentinel. This was a great visit on a Friday afternoon.

9. CAFECITO FRIDAYS AT MI CASA

Mi CASA hosted the first Cafecito Friday on April 15, 2016. Cafecito is a safe place for Dreamer students and Dreamer student allies to network and share their experiences. The goal of Cafecito is to acknowledge the voice of the Dreamer students at Hartnell College and create a sense of safety and belonging. Students at Cafecito set ground rules to ensure the confidentiality and comfort of the group. They discussed their unique identities as Dreamers and non-Dreamers, and gave suggestions for future meetings and activities. Cafecito Friday is in D-383 at 2:00 p.m. For more information please go to: http://www.hartnell.edu/mi-casa-hartnell-college-dreamer-center
**10. AUTISM AWARENESS EVENT IS INFORMATIVE**

The Office of Student Life and the Department of Supportive Programs and Services hosted an Autism Awareness event on Monday, April 4, 2016. The goal was to share with students and the Hartnell Community relevant information about Autism. The Autism Awareness color is blue and participants enjoyed blue cupcakes and refreshments. The event had a resource table with information, and donations were collected to provide a Hartnell College student with a small but mighty scholarship in the amount of $110.

**11. RODRIGUEZ GIVES STATE LEADING MARK A SCARE IN OAKLAND**

Competing on a rainy Saturday afternoon at Merritt College in Oakland, sophomore Nancy Rodriguez improved on her season best in the 3,000 meter steeplechase to 11:43.09 taking 13 seconds off her season best and remain the third best performer in the event in state. She's the top returnee in Northern California, but trails conference foe Michelle Perez-Lopez who has the state lead at 11:37.80. Rodriguez, who prepped at Norther Monterey County High School, also has the state automatic qualifying mark in the 5,000 meters with her lifetime best 18:36.71. Adriana Jimenez just missed the state automatic mark in the 3k steeplechase but did make herself eligible for selection with her season best 12:13.85 to place second behind Rodriguez.

Chelsea Andrade improved on her best in the hammer throw tossing it out to 129'7" to move into the top 15 in Northern California. This is her first season competing in the event. Beatriz Duarte had a season best 5:17.77 in the 1,500 meters and fellow frosh Carly Zako lowered her 5,000 meter mark to 20:03.35.

Dustin Samms is ranked both nationally and regionally in the hammer throw and is the Hartnell College school record holder in the event but he unleashed his best discus throw of his college career (146'2") to move eighth overall in Northern California. Edgar Bonilla ran two season bests in the middle distance races with his 1:59.55 in the 800 meters and 4:00.13 in the 1,500 meters. Former King City teammate Eduardo Orozco ran a season best 4:05.71 in the 1,500 meters. Skye Keller lowered his 100
mater time to 11.17. Nathan Bishop heaved the javelin to a personal best 159’4” in preparation for the regional decathlon championship Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12-13 at Hartnell College.
For full Maurice Compton Invitational results:  
https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/43568.html
The Panthers won't compete as a team until Friday-Saturday, April 22-23 when they host the annual Ed Adams Invitational.

12. SOFTBALL TEAM HARD AT WORK IN AND OUTSIDE THE FIELD

Hartnell Softball’s week started Sunday at Manzanita Park in Prunedale where Hartnell Softball and Salinas Wildcats put on a free softball clinic for youth softball players at their facility. Throwing, base running, and defensive skills were emphasized before lunch. Our players gave demonstrations on defensive and offensive skills during the camp. They were able to help about 70+ kids, rewarded with a thank you and a hot dog.

On Tuesday we played Gavilan in Gilroy. They scored early taking a 2-0 lead by leadoff hitters Angie Savoldi and Kaitlin Doyle. Doyle pitched a great game. Kaitlyn Shippman’s 2 doubles helped us cruise to a 9-4 win.
Thursday, the team was away again at MPC. Hartnell had only 8 hits, but MPC was timely and our team won 6-0. Doyle was again the pitcher. Her 10 strike outs led Hartnell to the win. The Gavilan win made our conference record 5 and 5. With a win against Monterey the team improved to 6 wins and 5 loses.

With 3 league games left Hartnell Softball is in good position to make a late run. Tuesday they play at West Valley and Thursday San Jose comes to Salinas at 3:00 pm. Two wins this week and league title hopes are still possible.

On Sunday Hartnell played Fresno at home. They’re number 1 or 2 in the Northern California rankings. Unfortunately, Hartnell did not respond well, losing 19-0. If all goes well in the next week and a half, the team can make a run or at least be a spoiler to someone for playoffs.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

Career Fair  
Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Student Center

39th Hartnell Physics Olympics  
Friday, April 22, 2016 – Demos, prizes, and more!  
9:00 am to 1:00pm in Building N  
(photo at right from 2015)  
Rules and schedule at http://www.hartnell.edu/physics-olympics
Nursing and Allied Health Fourth  
Annual Alumni Reception  
April 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM, Steinbeck Hall

A Musical Performance  
Friday, April 22, 2016  
7:00 p.m. in K-125, Free and open to the general public

Open House at the Ag Business & Technology Institute  
Saturday, April 23, 2016 – presentations, shows, and demonstrations  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Alisal Campus will be open to the public and Hartnell community

Ed Adams Track & Field Invitational  
Saturday, April 23, 2016 - Tri-tip BBQ  
To support the team Call 831-755-6845 for more

ASHC Candidates’ Forum  
April 27, 2016  
Student Center

Exoneree Speaker on Campus  
Thursday, April 28, 2016 9:30 -10:45 a.m., in N-1  
The Psychology Club presents a conversation with Tim Atkins

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

14. IN THE NEWS

Adventure calling – Coder Dojor, Western Stage Camps, Sports Camps and more  
Education Digest – NASA STEM Day and Athletics Hall of Fame nominations  
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/04/14/education-digest/83009372/  
Hartnell to host career fair  
Throwers meet set  
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/04/16/throwers-meet-set-sunday-hartnell/83117280/  
High Marks at NorCal Heptathlon Decathlon  
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/04/14/high-marks-norcal-heptathlon-decathlon-hartnell/83019774/  
Hartnell’s Pena mentioned  
http://www.reflector.com/ECU/2016/04/16/Purple-Gold-game-kicks-off-today.html  
Theater Listings April 14-20  