1. CSIN3 CEREMONY CELEBRATES COHORT 1 AND ITS GRADUATES

It was a beautiful scene to see. Our CSin3 students celebrating their upcoming graduation with a bachelor’s degree in Computer Science from CSU Monterey Bay – a goal they have reached in just three years! On May 1, 2016, the Matsui Foundation hosted a lunch ceremony at CSUMB’s University Center Ballroom for the students, families, CSin3 faculty, and friends. We started the program with 31 students in the cohort and 22 are graduating on May 21, 2016 at CSUMB – the others need one or two semesters to complete the program. This is a great accomplishment with a 71% graduation rate! The 4-year graduation rate for the CSU system is 19%. Our program with CSUMB takes 3 years of intense coursework and dedication, thus proving that with hard work and academic support students can succeed in this cohort model. The financial support of the Matsui Foundation has been invaluable in allowing students to concentrate in their studies and not worry about finances. Each student has received a $30,000 scholarship from this Foundation. The audience heard from me, Dr. Eduardo Ochoa (CSUMB President), Teresa Matsui (Matsui Foundation), Joe Welch (Faculty, CSin3 Program Co-Director), Sathya Narayanan (Faculty, CSin3 Program Co-Director), and Dr. Sonia Arteaga (Faculty, CSin3 Program Co-Director). Graduating student, Daniel Diaz talked about all the work involved in earning this degree, but he also mentioned the forms of support he experienced at Hartnell and at CSUMB. Most of these students already have jobs waiting for them, others are contemplating offers, and others are continuing with their education towards advanced degrees. We are so proud of this group and congratulate them in their achievements.

2. THE WESTERN FOOD SAFETY SUMMIT CELEBRATES 11 SEASONS

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of opening the 11th Western Food Safety Summit. This year’s summit addressed the Key Strategies To Comply With The New Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). While FSMA was enacted in 2011, the produce rule, preventive control rule, and the transportation rule have just recently been released so the Food Safety Summit becomes the perfect
training ground for educating our students and industry members right here in the heart of the Salad bowl of the World. One of the aspects that impresses me most about this event is how it showcases the science, technology, engineering, and math that are integral to the agriculture industry and especially to food safety. Included in this year’s topics and poster session were emerging technologies impacting and influencing food safety practices, microbiology, sampling and statistics, good agricultural practices, good manufacturing practices, risk assessments, the chemistry involved in cleaning and sanitation of harvest equipment, reclaimed water, transportation, recall readiness, and testing protocols relative to listeria monocytogenes and other pathogens. More than 200 people participated over the two days to learn from 24 topic experts via primary sessions in the Main Stage Theatre and 19 breakout sessions.

As part of my remarks, I also had the unique opportunity to simultaneously honor a current industry leader, a retired Hartnell leader, and two students. We are initiating two named scholarships in honor of Andrew Fernandez and Neil Ledford. Each scholarship will be in the amount of $1,000 and will be awarded to a student actively pursuing the food safety certificate offered by the Agricultural Business and Technology Institute. Andrew Fernandez is a leader in fresh vegetable food safety and served as long-time chair of the Ag Institute’s Food Safety Industry Advisory Committee. Neil Ledford, now retired, served as the Dean of Advanced Technology during the renovation of the Hartnell Alisal Campus and was instrumental in establishing the food safety certificate curriculum.

The Western Food Safety Summit is organized by our Food Safety Industry Advisory Committee and managed by the Agricultural Business and Technology Institute staff. We greatly appreciate the expertise, time, and energy that this advisory committee lends to our food safety program which has the only fresh produce food safety certificate program in California. Special thanks are also extended to the Western Stage, the Hartnell College Foundation, Chef Jill Sweeney, the Maintenance Department, and Campus Security for their support in making this event such a success.
On Tuesday, May 3, 2016 the Board of Trustees met for a special study session at 3:00 p.m. on a bond feasibility followed by its regular session on the Main Campus. The study session was to explore and investigate the feasibility of a facilities general obligation bond measure and included the following discussion, information and presentation items:

- Reviewed Measure H bond and completed projects
- Reviewed Facilities Master Plan
- Discussed possible project list for facilities bond measure
- Reviewed timeline for decision

The Governing Board is also providing input regarding stakeholders, partners, and other interested parties for education/information efforts. During the regular session, the Governing Board acknowledged the Associated Students of Hartnell College officers for academic year 2015-16 for their service to the students and the college. Board President, Erica Padilla-Chavez helped me recognize the students. The following were recognized:

- Ali Saleh, President
- Gilbert Ramos, Vice-President
- Danae Acevedo, Treasurer
- Adrian Flores, Secretary
- Francisco Juarez, Director of Inter-Club Council Director
- Juana Sanchez, Director of Public Relations
- Flor Blancas, Director of Programs and Services

- Max Rivera, Senator-at-large
- Diana Ruiz, Senator-at-large
- Ernesto Infante, Senator-at-large
- Rafael Mendoza, Senator-at-large
- Justin Pinson, Senator-at-large
- Daniel Garcia, Senator for Alisal Campus
- Mark Shelor, Senator for Evening/Weekend/Online
- Elizabeth Madrigal, Senator for South County

We will have the newly elected ASHC in the next report. As a special treat, the Board witnessed the recognition of five students who have stood out for their academic and extra-curricular achievements:

- Adrian Flores, First Hartnell College student to qualify for the national Phi Rho Pi speech tournament
- Malena Grover, Record-breaking Year in Cross Country and Track & Field
- Ursula Silvas, Recipient of UCSC Pister Scholarship
- Francisco Juarez, 2016 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team
- Daniel Poore, 2016 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team
This was one of those special meetings where we were reminded of why we do what we do. We celebrated, we got emotional, and we felt proud of the work the students, the faculty, the staff, the administration, and the Board of Trustees are doing to transform lives and to improve our community.

4. WOMEN’S FUND LUNCHEON FEATURES HARTNELL STUDENTS

On Thursday, May 5, 2016 I attended the 11th Annual Women’s Fund Luncheon of the Community Foundation for Monterey County. The Women’s Fund invests in women and girls to create a better future for all in the community. The Ballroom at the Hyatt in Monterey was packed with community members who support the mission of this program. We received presentations about the impact the Women’s Fund has in our local community. I was overjoyed to learn that two of the featured speakers are Hartnell students. Martha Zepeda (pictured on stage) belongs to Women in Action in Soledad. She told how she found herself working in the fields while pregnant and realized that she did not want to do that type of work. She enrolled in adult school and in just three months completed her GED. She came to Hartnell to continue her education and is now successfully completing her second semester with us. She proudly and humbly spoke of the support she has found at the Women’s Fund and at Hartnell College. The second speaker was Jacqueline Guzman who graduated from Soledad High School and is now attending Hartnell. She spoke of the flood of support that is helping her get through college and on to a bright future. Trustees Erica Padilla-Chavez and Aurelio Salazar were also in attendance.

(In photo at right, Martha Zepeda with Loyanne Flinn, Laura Zavala, and Esmeralda Montenegro Owen. Photo at left with my wife Michele with Pinnacle Bank representatives including Susan Black, CEO and member of Hartnell's Foundation Board of Directors)

5. REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2014-2015 NOW AVAILABLE!

Hartnell College is proud to announce the completion of its 2014-2015 Report to the Community – the District’s annual report with a story of an institution showing growth, achievement, pride and grit.
This report summarizes Hartnell’s commitment to
growing leaders through opportunity, engagement, and
achievement.
The 2014-15 Report to the Community captures the
many achievements, outcomes, and accomplishments of
Hartnell College, its students, and its employees. It is
clear from this report that Hartnell is focused on its
primary mission: student success. When I review this
report I am filled with an enormous sense of pride as a
result of our students' successes and the support they
receive from our faculty, staff, administrators,
Foundation, and the Board of Trustees. The annual report is a retrospective look at the previous
academic year. It proudly is a true reflection of the excellence offered at Hartnell College. With the
continuing support of the community, the college continues to add to the history of success already
displayed in the pages of the report.
The 2014-15 Report to the Community may be accessed by clicking the following link on our website:
http://www.hartnell.edu/community_reports. Printed copies will be available next week.

6. CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION AND SPECIAL GUEST

On May 5, 2016 Hartnell Alumnus Dr. Sergio Chavez,
sociology professor from Rice University gave a talk in
commemoration of 5 de Mayo. He talked about his
experience as a Hartnell College student, his journey in
graduate school and his research. His first book Border
Lives (Oxford 2016) examines the dynamic migration and
working strategies border migrants employ on a daily basis
as immigration policies, border enforcement, economic
restructuring, and social resources evolve in the cross-
border urban environment of Tijuana. He is currently in
the writing stages on a second book (with Robin Paige) that investigates the centrality of emotions in
the migration process and how non-migrant women support the paid labor of their migrant spouses. He
is also in the process of conducting research for this third book that investigates how masculinity
shapes the way men perform their jobs in the highly dangerous roofing industry, how they deal with
injuries and sickness, and how they draw on social
support from family and friends to overcome isolation
and dangerous working conditions. In addition to
writing books, he has worked on the Study of Health
and Migration in Mexico (SHMM) that compares the
health status of non-migrants and return migrants. The
educational goals would not have been possible had it
not been for Hartnell College which gave him a second
chance after graduating from Gonzales High School. It
was through the process of earning an associate’s
degree that Sergio developed a passion for learning. The Sociology Club gave Dr. Chavez a certificate of appreciation and recognition of his outstanding academic and professional achievements as a Hartnell College Alumnus. Following his talk, people enjoyed pozole for lunch while the Hartnell College Folklorico Club performed. This event was sponsored by the Office of Student Life and the Sociology Department.

7. LAW DAY BRINGS EXPERTS TO TALK ABOUT CAREERS AND MIRANDA

Hartnell Community College District, the Monterey County Office of Education, and the Monterey County Superior Court present Law Day 2016: Miranda – more than words on May 2, 2016. This opportunity brought about 300 12th Grade students enrolled in U.S. Government classes in Monterey County High Schools and their teachers. The goal was to create learning opportunities for students to learn about Miranda Rights and the 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendments to the United States Constitution.

Together with Superintendent of Schools in Monterey County, Dr. Nancy Kotowski, I gave opening remarks followed by the keynote address by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California, Justice Ming W. Chin. A panel of experts provided a unique learning experience to deepen understanding of the law.

Hartnell is participating in this event as part of the Pathway to Law School Program and to create a legal culture on campus to encourage participation in the Pathway Program. Top Monterey County law enforcement and court officials addressed high school students with their personal stories regarding how they came to be in their careers. Assistant District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni dropped out of flight attendant school. The first person Salinas Police Chief Kelly McMillin ever arrested at gunpoint was his best friend in third grade. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Larry Hayes was about to become a real estate agent when his appointment to the bench kept him in a law career. Monterey County Public Defender Jim Egar worked on the Los Angeles docks to support himself through college.

It’s the first time Monterey County has celebrated Law Day, established by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1958 to mark the country’s commitment to the rule of law. Organizers put together the event to give high school students a broad view of different law careers and to inform students about the country’s judicial system.

Law Day is held every year to celebrate the role of law in our society and to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal profession. The 2016 theme Miranda – more than words, explored the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution, how these rights are safeguarded by the courts, and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty.
A special thanks to the Law Day Committee, the Hartnell College Foundation, Brandman University, and the Monterey College of Law for their sponsorship and support.

8. HARTNELL COLLEGE VIP DAY AT UC DAVIS

Last week, 49 Hartnell students enjoyed a VIP Day at UC Davis where they enjoyed tours, presentations, and more in a day designed for the Panthers. Dr. Blas Guerrero, Rural Partnerships Manager of Undergraduate Admissions at UC Davis contacted our counseling department to talk about ways in which more Hartnell students can transfer to this university. UC Davis is in the process of increasing its diversity, accepting more women into STEM majors, providing improved services to DREAMERs, and overall improved climate that caters to the demographic realities. Students were inspired by Dr. Guerrero who comes from a farmworker family from rural Ventura County and is a UC Berkeley graduate (BA, MA, and Ph.D.); it was refreshing to the group to know he is especially motivated to assist the youth of Monterey County to learn about the wonderful resources of UC Davis.

9. DR. JIMENEZ CONTINUES HER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Dr. Hortencia Jimenez was invited by the Monterey County Office of Education, Migrant Education Program, Region XVI to facilitate a Spanish workshop for their first Out of School Youth Conference. Her workshop was on the social, emotional, and physical well-being of Latina/o immigrants. Attendees were migrant youth between the ages of 17 and 22. The conference was held at El Sausal Middle School in Salinas. Angelica Fonseca, Migrant Education Director provided Dr. Jimenez with a certificate of appreciation for her participation.
10. CSIN3 COHORT 4 HAS A BIG WEEKEND!

The Hartnell CSin3 had a great weekend, Cohort 4 attended 9 of 13 Math Intensive sessions at the Alisal Campus. Out of the 36 students in the cohort, 9-10 of those are motivated Grit students and several have completed math requirements, moving forward to learning the Python programming language. Code2040 program manager Mimi Fox Melton was hosted by Dr. Sonia Arteaga and Olivia Davalos for 3 hours at the Alisal Campus. Code2040 representatives led a short workshop with Cohort 4 that was inspirational and had substantial impact on the hearts and aspirations of the Cohort 4 students. Mimi is one of the most committed "Merry Band" members - she said she would do anything for these students.

11. IAGRICULTURE ON THE ROAD

Students participating in the iAGriculture program recently enjoyed the chance to tour the DeBrito Chocolate Factory and the AGRON Bioenergy facility. At DeBrito, students observed how candy apples are made and designed and learned about the origins of chocolate and how DeBrito came to be a household name. DeBrito Chocolate Factory is home to quality chocolate, California dried fruit, fresh nuts-combinations that can make you feel good about indulging. Student participant, Aracely Ortiz said, “All of the machines were interesting and it amazed me that the five ladies could do up to 6,000 apples per week!” The group got the chance to sample some of the delicious chocolate! The second part of the day consisted of visiting the AGRON Bioenergy facility. AGRON Bioenergy is a leading producer of clear, distilled, low emission biodiesel. Students learned about AGRON’s fully automated, continuous flow biodiesel production technology. Unlike traditional batch or plug-flow technologies, which require eight to twelve hours of multi-step operator intensive processing, their process delivers ultra-pure biodiesel from raw materials in less than five minutes and upwards of 40,000 gallons per day! Hartnell students were engaged and enjoyed learning about this technology. “I learned a lot about fuel options that I didn’t know of before and hopefully I can convince others to switch since I plan to!” A Hartnell student said. Another student was so intrigued by the company, he even asked for internship opportunities!
The Ag Institute hosted the meta-evaluators for the 21st Century Soft Skills grant; Hartnell College is one of 10 colleges participating in the pilot. The visit included interviews with some of the faculty implementing the curriculum (i.e. Valentin Rodriguez in the diesel program, Dr. Susan Pheasant in food safety program, and Albert Graham in the Ag industrial technology program), classroom observations as the curriculum was being presented, and a student focus group. The curriculum is also being implemented within our automotive program and there are plans for expansion to the sustainable construction program.

Last week faculty members in both the advanced diesel and advanced automotive technology programs participated in training provided by ATech. This company designs many of the trainer devices students utilize in learning diagnostic skills and trouble shooting.

A reporter from National Public Radio visited the Alisal Campus to do a story on the collaboration of Heavy Connect and our Ag Industrial Technology Program. Under the mentorship of Heavy Connect team Patrick Zelaya and Jessica Gonzalez, an app was developed to control the starting of farm equipment based on a pre-operation inspection and verification that the potential operator has received prior and appropriate training to safely run a given piece of equipment. If the pre-op is favorable and the potential operator is approved as having been trained, then the key can be turned and the equipment will start to run. If either of those two criteria are not met, then the equipment will not be allowed to start. And all of this functions via an interface between a device such as phone/laptop and the farm machinery.

The HeavyConnect team was born by inspiration from the Steinbeck Innovation Hub and the vision to create technologically advanced tools to support growers. This summer they will be hosting three internships to develop apps addressing farm input reporting. The interns will be from Hartnell’s computer science and agriculture business and technology programs.
On average, the Hartnell College men's track & field has averaged 8 out of 10 conference championships every decade since the 1970's. On Saturday, the Panthers made it five total and four in a row since 2010. Spearheaded by three freshmen individual champions and a repeat sophomore performance, the Panthers easily won the Coast Conference Track & Field Championship with a score of 230 points to next scoring team host DeAnza College at 154 points. Sophomore Dustin Samms easily repeated his hammer throw title with a toss of 167-0, more than 3 meters further than second place. Samms, is the school record holder in the event and ranked third in Northern California. Freshman distance ace Jorge Sanchez earned his first conference title in the 10,000 meters (33:12.92) to lead a perfect top eight sweep of the scoring positions. He was followed by Javier Garcia (33:26.33), Angel Mejia, Jr. (33:32.11), Mario Perez, Jr. (33:36.45), Andrew Martinez (33:52.69), Bryan Stamos (34:16.47), Edgar Bonilla (34:26.19), and Oscar Mora, Jr. (34:26.80). Freshman Norman Napolitano earned a state qualifying mark in his pole vault victory clearing a lifetime best 14'10". Frosh Paul Koenig defeated defending conference 400 hurdles champion Paul Turks of CCSF with his lifetime best 55.11. He was followed in second by teammate Rhett Gonzalez at 55.21. Freshman Andrew Martinez added to his conference honors haul with a victory in the 3000 meter steeplechase (10:07.17). The Hartnell Lady Panthers knew they were behind the eight ball heading into the conference championship as they trailed host DeAnza College by up to as much as 90 points. Despite individual titles in the 800, 1500, 5000, 10,000, 3k steeplechase, and 400 low hurdles, the Lady Panthers were unable to win a fourth consecutive team title. Sophomore Malena Grover carried much of the team load winning four events, a possible first in championship history. For the ladies, Grover tallied 40 points individually winning the 10,000 meters on Wednesday and the 1500, 800, and 5000 meters on Saturday. Her winning time on Wednesday of 37:36.20 established a new meet record. Sophomore Stephanie Powers surprised heavy favorite Breann Scally of MPC in the 400 low hurdle finals edging ahead in the final 10 meters 66.49 to 66.55. Nancy Rodriguez upset home track favorite and top ranked in the state Michelle Perez-Lopez of DeAnza College in the 3000 meter steeplechase. Rodriguez moved up from runner-up in 2015 to winner in 2016 with her season beat 11:42.70. She also placed second in the 10,000 and 5,000 meter runs. Sophomore Tori Teraji placed second in both the hammer throw (147-7) and discus (1132-
9). **Alyssa Pochop** placed second in the javelin (106-8) followed by Teraji in third (106-2). For full Coast Conference Trials/Finals results: [https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/43119.html](https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/43119.html)

16. **MARIA RODRIGUEZ EARN CA STRAWBERRY GROWERS SCHOLARSHIP**

Every summer, Hartnell College sophomore cross country/Track & field athlete Maria Rodriguez works 8-10 hours a day in the strawberry fields throughout the Salinas Valley. Instead of logging miles or doing workouts to prepare the season with her teammates, she is earning $10-12 an hour in hopes that she can save enough to allow her to run during the school year without having to work. This past week, Maria was notified she has been selected as recipient of a California Strawberry Growers scholarship. Her award of $900 will be presented in a formal ceremony on May 26, 2016 in Watsonville.

Maria is enjoying her best year of running since she started a freshman at Alisal High School. In the fall, she repeated as all-Coast Conference in cross country and placed top 25 in Northern California. A two-time member of regional championship teams, Maria has also been a part of state meet history as her teams have placed fourth in 2014 and second in 2015, the two highest in program history. This spring, Maria has also found success on the track moving her name on to the school's all-time performance lists for the 1500, 3000, 5000, and 10,000 meter runs. She is set to compete in the Northern California Track & Field Championship in the 1500 and 5000 meter runs on May 14th.

Maria is a Social Work major and will take her 3.7 GPA to Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, NM where she will continue to compete in cross country and track & field.

17. **MEN’S SOCCER PERFORMING WELL DURING OFF SEASON GAMES**

[Image of a soccer team]
On April 30, 2016 the Hartnell Men's soccer team played against California State University Monterey Bay, as part of their spring off season games. Hartnell Panthers once again showed to be fierce against the Otters. For the first half of the game the team was down 2-0 with the Otters winning. About 20 minutes into the second half, the Panthers scored two goals by Benito Chavez and a penalty kick taken by Willy Miranda. These were unanswered by the Otters making the final score 3-2 win over CSUMB by Hartnell College. This game was also significant to four of our players since it will be their last game as part of the Hartnell College Men's soccer team. These proud panthers are: Daniel Pulido, Marco Ruelas, Chris Martinez and Uriel Garcia. They are all graduating and transferring to four year universities at the end of this month. Daniel Pulido, will be transferring to Cal Poly with an athletic scholarship; Marco Ruelas, will be transferring to SFU with an athletic scholarship, Chris Martinez, will be transferring to SJSU, and Uriel Garcia will transfer to Bethany College. We are proud of these Panthers!

18. HARTNELL FOOTBALL IS RECOGNIZED AT SALINAS CITY COUNCIL

Head Football Coach Matt Collins proudly received a certificate of recognition from the Salinas City Council for hosting and winning the Living Breath Foundation Bowl at Rabobank Stadium.

19. UPCOMING EVENTS

Educator in Residence is back!
Educator in Residence Rushton Hurley is back to provide valuable workshops open to faculty, staff and students. All workshops will be inside Steinbeck Hall and will include:

- Monday, May 9, at 6:00 PM Learning Beyond the Classroom
- Tuesday, May 10, at 2:00 PM Using Technology to Pursue Excellence with Every Student

Rushton has trained teachers around the world, and regularly presents at national and international conferences.
Spring Music Concerts

- **Piano Recital**
  Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM in K125

- **A Hawaiian Music Concert**
  Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM on the Mainstage

- **A Vocal Extravaganza**
  Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM in K125

20. IN THE NEWS

**Education Digest: Bond talks on tap**

**Women Empowerment Conference**
http://noticias.entravision.com/monterey-salinas/2016/05/02/conferencia-para-mujeres-emprendedoras/

**Monterey County students celebrate Law Day**
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20160502/NEWS/160509975

**Salinas Celebrates Steinbeck, Hartnell, and more**
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/entertainment/2016/05/04/salinas-celebrates-steinbeck/83946994/

**Having a Ball at Hartnell**
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/05/03/having-ball-hartnell/83877472/

**Five Jayhawks Invited to Attend Rookie Mini-Camp Tryouts**