On Tuesday, September 13, 2016, we celebrated the Hartnell College Library’s 10th Birthday! The celebration took place in the lobby of the 68,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility where cake, refreshments and books were provided. As participants of the National Steinbeck Center NEA Big Read, copies of the book *Sun, Stone, and Shadows: Twenty Great Mexican Short Stories* were raffled off at the birthday bash, giving the community opportunity to join in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. The Library and Learning Resource Center was designed to meet the information and research needs of students in the 21st Century. It opened June 19, 2006. This is the third library built for and at Hartnell’s main campus in its 96-year history. The funding for the library came from local Measure H and state Proposition 47. Hartnell College thanks the community for investing in the future of our region. The two-floor facility houses traditional college library resources and services including Circulation Services, Reference Services, Technical Services, an Information Competency Center, and Computer and Media Services. In addition, within the library are a Professional Development Center, 22 collaborative group study rooms, and much more. Congratulations and here is to many more celebrations!
2. CLUB RUSH DAY IS A HIT

The InterClub Council and Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) organized its first ever Club Rush Day on September 14, 2016 in the Student Center. The goal was for students to meet new people, find new interests, join a club or start a club. In the last three years, the Office of Student Life has worked diligently to make sure that student involvement is a focus on campus. The results are apparent; the number of clubs and student participation has more than tripled. Our Panthers feel a sense of pride, love, and ownership towards all-things Hartnell. For more information, representatives of the ASHC are always available in C-140.

3. MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DRAWS DOZENS TO CELEBRATE CULTURE

The Office of Student Life and ASHC are taking part in the National Heritage Month throughout the months of September and October. The first event on campus was the Mexican Independence Day Celebration on Friday, September 16, 2016 in the Student Center. The event featured a historical presentation, Mariachi, ballet folklorico, Piñata breaking and a delicious pozole lunch. Dozens of students, faculty, staff, and community members came to enjoy a bit of Mexican culture. It was a nice, festive way to enjoy a Friday afternoon.

4. ARTS COUNCIL TO HONOR MELISSA CHIN-PARKER

The Arts Council for Monterey County has just announced the recipients of their annual Champions of the Arts. Our beloved Melissa Chin-Parker, Artistic Program Director is being recognized as a Luminary for Excellence and Leadership in the arts. Melissa has been a driving force at The Western Stage’s leadership for over twenty years, helping develop a theater company that presents stories that reflect our complex, multicultural, and multi-generational community. Every year, the Arts Council recognizes some of the most outstanding and committed individuals that really make an impact in the arts of our region. Because of Melissa’s hard work, dedication and outreach to the youth and community through the arts, she has been recognized as one of the best!
Melissa voiced her reaction, “I feel surprised, honored and a little intimidated. This is one of the biggest awards I’ve ever received and the first significant recognition of my work that I’ve received here!” The Arts Council for Monterey County expressed its praise for Melissa’s work, “Melissa has been a driving force in The Western Stage’s leadership for over twenty years, helping develop a theater company that presents stories that reflect our complex, multicultural, multi-generational community”. Melissa has been involved in the Western Stage here at Hartnell since 1994 and did such an outstanding job that in 2001, she was promoted to her current position as the Artistic Program Director. Melissa will be honored at the Champions of the Arts Gala on Saturday, January 14, 2017. For more information, go to http://arts4mc.org/champions/. Congratulations Melissa and thank you for all that you do.

5. RESEARCH BY DR. JIMENEZ WILL BE PUBLISHED BY UCSC

Sociology faculty member, Dr. Hortencia Jimenez, received an acceptance for her paper titled "Objectification and Commodification of Blackness: The (Mis)Representation of Afro-Cuban women in Figurines and Dolls" to be published in the UC Santa Cruz Women of Color in Collaboration and Conflict (WOCC) journal. The release of the journal is set for March 2017, making the 25th anniversary of the WOCC Research Cluster. A one-day conference at UC Santa Cruz in the Spring 2017 is scheduled where contributing authors will present their papers.

As part of the collaborative mentoring, on September 10-11, 2016, Dr. Jimenez attended a Collaborative Editing Workshop held at UC Santa Cruz organized by the WOCC Research Cluster and facilitated by Dr. Ekua Omosupe from Cabrillo College and Chrissy Anderson-Zavala from UCSC’s Education Department. Congratulations Dr. Jimenez!

6. HARTNELL, CSUMB, AND SALESFORCE PRESENT IN TEXAS

On Friday, September 16, 2016, Hartnell College, CSU Monterey Bay and Salesforce presented at the ACM Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing Conference. The goal of the Tapia Conferences is to bring together undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, researchers, and professionals in computing from all backgrounds and ethnicities to:

- Celebrate the diversity that exists in computing
• **Connect** with others with common backgrounds, ethnicities, disabilities, and gender so as to create communities that extend beyond the conference

• **Obtain** advice from and make contacts with computing leaders in academia and industry

• **Be inspired** by great presentations and conversations with leaders with common backgrounds

The following team provided a panel discussion regarding the CSin3 Program

• Sathya Narayanan, CSUMB Computer Science Faculty
• Bonnie Irwin, CSUMB Provost
• Willard Lewallen, Hartnell President

• Vanita Nemali, Vice President of Engineering at Salesforce

The conference is named for Richard Tapia, a mathematician and professor in the Department of Computational and Applied Mathematics at Rice University in Houston, Texas. He is internationally known for his research in the computational and mathematical sciences and is a national leader in education and outreach.

You can read more about him at this link [http://tapiaconference.org/about/tapia/](http://tapiaconference.org/about/tapia/).

8. **SOLEDAD USD BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION**

Each year the Soledad Unified School District holds a wonderful back to school event that is filled with spirit, enthusiasm, and energy. District and school representatives provide inspiring messages to parents and students about the importance of education. Hartnell CCD Governing Board President, Erica Padilla-Chavez and I attended and were provided an opportunity to address the gathering. Many student groups and organizations perform as part of the celebration. I am always particularly impressed with the Junior ROTC students and their performances. There are 180 young boys and girls
involved in the Soledad Junior ROTC program! I know that we are always deeply concerned about youth violence and disengagement of youth in our communities. If you ever need some assurance that there are many young people taking the steps to become leaders, take a trip to Soledad and see it firsthand.

9. VOICES OF CALIFORNIA CONDUCTING LINGUISTICS’ RESEARCH

A group of Stanford University professors and doctoral students from the Department of Linguistics started conducting research September 12 through September 21, 2016. The research project is aimed to trace the development of regional dialects of English in California; California is particularly interesting from a dialectological point of view because English has not been spoken here for very long and a California dialect is developing. The project synopsis consists of the relation between dialect and the social life of the community, and people’s movements locally and around the state. The interviews conducted focus on interviewees’ experiences growing up and living in Salinas, and their perception of the area and dialects around them and across the state. They will interview people of all ages and ethnicities, and all walks of life for Voices of California.

10. TROKER KICKS OFF THE START OF THE MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Monterey Jazz Festival opened its 59th annual festival with a free performance at Hartnell College with the eclectic music of the band that came directly from Mexico, Troker. The six-piece group was introduced by Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen. They created an exciting and high-energy blend of composed and improvised music, which included powerhouse funk drumming, DJ scratching, horn lines
pulled from jazz and mariachi tradition of the band’s homeland. Around 150 patrons enjoyed the free concert on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at Mainstage. The loud audience, cheered, clapped, and asked for more at the end of their set. It was an enjoyable surprise for all! The band came out after the concert to meet and greet the audience.

11. A NEW HARTNELL PANTHER MAKES HIS DEBUT

Congratulations to our Head Baseball Coach & Kinesiology Instructor, Travis Babin and wife Meg who welcomed their new bundle of joy, Boden Jame Babin, born September 12, 2016 at 8:28 PM at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP). The baby is home, healthy, and happily bonding with mom and dad.

Congratulations Travis and Meg on your new arrival!

12. NEW ART DISPLAY OUTSIDE MY OFFICE

A new display of art has been arranged right outside my office in Building E. The display was created by Instructor Pam Murakami’s class, Art 100 Ceramics: European Folk Traditions. The projects in this display case were inspired by the ancient Minoan culture of Crete; and a type of French tableware popular during the Industrial Revolution or 19th century Victorian Era. These ideas were explored with topics from the Monterey Bay and local agriculture. Come by and check out our talented students’ work.
Prior to departing for the State Preview, the cross country team donated time helping pack fruit and nutritional bags for the Monterey County Food Bank. The team of 30 was able to pack over 600 bags in under 2 hours to be distributed throughout Monterey County. The Food Bank was so impressed with the team they were welcomed back anytime! I am proud of our student-athletes who always give of themselves to be great students, athletes, and volunteers in our community.

The American River College men's cross country team has had a strangle hold over the Northern California title for the last eight years and has stood on the top podium as team champions at the CCCAA State Championship four of the last five years. Their recent unbeaten streak against regional competition stretches back to 2009 but that ended on Saturday at the Fresno Invitational. The competition also serves as the state preview meet at Woodward Park. The Hartnell College men's team came within one point last weekend of upsetting the Beavers, came into this week's larger competition feeling confident, and prepared for another assault. This time it was not as close with the Panthers taking second overall as a team with 64 points and besting their regional rival's score of 94 points. The Panthers tied Glendale College, who soundly beat them two weeks ago at the Oxnard Invitational, but broke the tie based on head-to-head comparison of the first five finishers for each team. Mt. San Antonio College, last year's state runner-up team, won the meet with a low score 44 points and will take over the top ranking as a result with the Panthers now second. Sophomore Edgar Bonilla shook the racing rust off last week with his fourth place finish at the regional preview meet. This week, in a close competition with five runners over the last mile, the former King City Mustang used his previous meet experience over the Woodward Park layout from both high school and last year to perfectly time his final move that propelled him to his biggest victory of his Hartnell College career. Bonilla took the win by one second 21:06 to Glendale College runner Shane Thompson at 21:07.
Thompson was the overall winner at the Oxnard Invitational where Bonilla did not compete. Only three Panthers have previously won the state preview meet with Daniel Tapia and Diego Leon both going on to the individual state title in November.

Already an All-American with his ninth place finish as a freshman, Bonilla joins a small list of potential candidates for this fall’s individual title. Fellow sophomore Jorge Sanchez ran much of the race side by side with Bonilla and also found himself in contention for the overall win finishing just seven seconds behind his teammate in sixth place. Sanchez narrowly missed edging last week’s NorCal Preview Meet winner Ozzie Hassan of American River College by less than one second. Last fall, Sanchez placed fifteenth in this same race. His time of 21:13 was a personal best on the course despite near 90 degree temperatures on Saturday in Fresno. Mario Perez, Jr. joined his teammates in the top 14 with his surprise thirteenth place finish in 21:40. Oscar Mora, Jr. (21:56) was 21st and frosh Jaime Garcia (22:06) in 28th complete the scoring. Andrew Martinez (22:10) and Angel Mejia, Jr. (22:45) rounded out the top seven for the Panthers.

Sophomore Yvette Felix enjoyed a breakthrough at the regional preview meet last week in Rocklin, but wanted to demonstrate it was no fluke and race better against women from Southern California. After only placing nineteenth at the Oxnard Invitational against predominantly colleges from the south, Felix showed she is steadily improving by earning thirteenth overall over the state championship 5km course. Her time of 19:42 moved her up one spot in the region and she now only trails Alyssa Block of College of the Sequoias who was the top regional finisher at 19:24. Felix took 46 seconds off her personal best for the course that she recorded last November. Fellow sophomore Beatriz Duarte followed her training partner to her best showing this season as she placed 22nd overall in a lifetime cross country best 20:20. Duarte, who was eleventh at the regional preview, moved up to fifth for Northern California women. The former Watsonville High School product has improved dramatically since last season when she was outside the top ten performers for the Lady Panthers. Alyssa Sanchez (21:25), Leslie Oseguera (21:31), and Yvette Tavarez (21:40) completed the scoring. The Lady Panthers placed sixth overall just nine points out of the top five. They still trail regional favorite College of the Sequoias who placed fourth overall. If the Lady Panthers can best the team from Visalia, they will become the first program since 1994 to win three regional championships in a row.

For full Fresno Invitational results:
https://runsignup.com/Race/Results/?raceId=38936#resultSetId-44511
15. UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!
Open House for Ag Institute
October 22, 2016
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Alisal Campus
1752 E. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA

Majors Fair
Friday, September 23, 2016
Student Center – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Western Stage presents: Bandido
Now through October 1, 2016
For tickets and information, visit westernstage.com or call 831-755-6816

Women’s Education and Leadership Institute Forum
September 29, 2016 at Tehama Country Club
Call 831-755-6810 for tickets or to make a donation

STEM Building Ribbon Cutting
Friday, September 30, 2016
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Family Science Day
Sunday, October 2, 2016
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Main Campus

Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016
We are inducting the fourth Class
Saturday, October 29, 2016
Tickets at 755-6810

The Western Stage Gala
Featuring the Western Stage production, Nice Work if You Can Get It
November 19, 2016
Call the Foundation for tickets, at 755-6810

16. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell celebrates 10th anniversary of its library
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20160913/NEWS/160919900

Hartnell Library turns 10
Folsom Lake College men’s, women’s soccer earn weekend road victories

Hartnell Men Upset State Champion American River College
http://www.cccaasports.org/sports/mxc/2016-17/releases/20160912imr4m5

Shasta College starts season 2-0 with win over Hartnell

VIDEO: Éxitos en los programas de música en el colegio Hartnell

Hartnell top NorCal team at Fresno
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/09/14/hartnell-top-norcal-team-fresno/90345240/

TOP VIDEOS – Hartnell aims to bounce back vs Mendocino
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/09/16/hartnell-aims-bounce-back-vs-mendocino/90478874/