1. MAJORS FAIR GIVES STUDENTS VAST POSSIBILITIES

The Transfer and Career Center hosted its second Majors Fair on Friday, September 23, 2016 in the Student Center. With the participation of over 30 faculty and staff members—including some industry recruiters in Administration of Justice—more than 450 students were able to engage in this interactive event and explore majors, degrees, and certificate programs offered at Hartnell College. In addition, attendees were able to access career exploration assessments, including ASVAB. The feedback from faculty and students was overwhelmingly positive, and we hope to continue offering this networking opportunity to help students connect majors with potential careers every fall semester. A big THANK YOU to the wonderful staff and faculty that were involved in making this fair such a meaningful learning experience for our students!

2. BOARD OF GOVERNORS RECOGNIZES HARTNELL

Last week, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors gave honorable mention to Hartnell College in the annual Excellence in Energy and Sustainability award competition for the implementation of Proposition 39 projects and executing campus wide exterior and area LED lighting retrofits.

For the last four years, the Hartnell Community College District has focused on energy efficiency projects leading to environmental stewardship and effective utilization of resources. Along with this exterior lighting retrofit, the District has installed 2 solar energy systems (one at Main Campus, one at Alisal Campus) that will save the District $9.5 million over 25 years.
Las Positas College and Cypress College also received honorable mention at the event. The three winners were Santiago Canyon College, Solano Community College and Long Beach City College. This is a wonderful recognition given there are 72 districts and 113 community colleges eligible for these awards.
“The California Community Colleges is leading the way in installing and implementing energy projects that help protect the environment,” said California Community Colleges Board of Governors President Geoffrey L. Baum. “The colleges, programs and individuals we are celebrating showcase the work being done across our great system to protect and preserve California's natural resources.”

Established in 2012, the Board of Governors Energy and Sustainability Awards highlight colleges that implemented energy projects that excelled in meeting the goals of Proposition 39, including annual energy cost savings, project cost effectiveness and job creation.

Hartnell College replaced old fluorescent, metal halide, and mercury vapor lighting fixtures with more efficient LED fixtures. The district only paid $64,000 out of the total $332,000 of project costs, with Prop 39 covering $236,000 and an Investor Owned Utility incentive of $32,000. The district will see an annual savings of at least 132,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) and a subsequent energy bill reduction of almost $16,000 per year. Furthermore, the construction for this project created over 720 hours of employment in the community.

3. SPEECH TEAM SHOWCASE STARTS NEW SEASON FOR SPEECH TEAM

The Hartnell Speech Team officially started its season with a Performance Showcase Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at Steinbeck Hall.

We had 125 patrons in attendance, including Hartnell students and members of the public. “The showcase serves two unique purposes,” said Coach Jason Hough. “It gives the student a chance to perform in front of a large audience, and it allows us to provide an entertaining and informative evening for the public.”

Eleven students presented material that will be performed at various speech tournaments this coming year:
- Casie Guido, Poetry Interpretation, “Intimidation”
- Enrique Lopez, Prose Interpretation, “Push and Pull”
- Esmeralda Ramirez, Program of Oral Interpretation, “May the Force Be With You”
- Jasleem Bonilla, Dramatic Interpretation, “You Don’t Know Me”
- Justin Pinson, Persuasive Speaking; “Plant Based Cafeterias”
- Lourdes Tinajero, Poetry Interpretation, “No Mas Machismo”
• Malia Nai, Program of Oral Interpretation, “The Tongan Crossroads”
• Meritzy Ayala, Communication Analysis, “T-shirt Campaign”
• Paola Delgado, Informative Speaking, “Vertical Farms”
• Sarina Atkins, Persuasive Speaking, “Gay Blood Ban”
• Susan Alcantar, Persuasive Speaking, “Opioid Addiction”
• Maria Hernandez, Informative Speaking, “Truvada”
• Andrea Cervantes, Dramatic Interpretation, “Not Just Juice and Peanuts”

The students will compete against other two-year and four-year institutions from California, Nevada and Oregon at nine different regional tournaments this fall and next spring, with the goal of qualifying students for the national community college tournament April 2017 in Washington, D.C.

4. STEM WELCOME DRAWS IN THE CURIOUS

On Friday, September 23, 2016 the STEM program hosted a STEM welcome for students to learn more about STEM majors, STEM Internship Program, MESA, and STEM clubs. Faculty, staff, and students were at hand to answer questions and help recruit new members.

5. SPEAKER SERIES WELCOMES TWO GREAT EXAMPLES OF GRIT

On September 16, 2016, alumni Rogelio “Roy” Garcia and Zach Wedel were the guest speakers the STEM Speaker Series and with a lot of charm, gave STEM students ideas of where Hartnell College and its support system can lead them.

Zach Wedel was born in San Diego and raised in a military family. He started Hartnell College after attending Fresno State for a short time. He participated in several internships at Hartnell as part of the Research Scholars Institute with Dr. Sewan Fan, with UCSC as part of the NSF Engineering program at the Alisal Campus and at the Naval Postgraduate School
studying high-altitude balloons. Zach transferred to Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo as a Mechanical Engineering major. **Rogelio Garcia** was born in Guerrero, Mexico and grew up in Salinas. He is the first in his family to attend college and is leading the way for his two younger brothers. He found Hartnell to be the best decision he has made! The smaller class size gave an opportunity to really get to know his professors and classmates. The sense of community through groups like MESA and the engineering club helped build his confidence. At Hartnell he was able to prove himself and ended with a 3.8 GPA. Here, he found opportunities in internships with partners like UCSC where he was part of the microgrid program with Dr. Melissa Hornstein; building the wind turbine that still stands on the Alisal Campus, and an internship at Naval Postgraduate School in the robotics lab. He worked with the NASA SEMAA program to help teach robotics to K-12 students. Roy has transferred to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo majoring in Manufacturing Engineering, active with SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) and SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers), and has just wrapped up a 9-month internship with TESLA. Upon graduation, he hopes to go back to TESLA for a second internship and move to the division where he will be designing the interiors of the newest TESLA vehicles coming off the line.

### 6. ENGAGING CUBA PANEL SPARKS THOUGHT

On Monday, September 19, 2016, Dr. Jorge Sanchez, Dr. Hortencia Jiménez, and Rafael Hernandez were part of a panel organized by the Sociology and Anthropology Department titled “Engaging Cuba: A Panel Discussion.” Rafael Hernandez visited Cuba in the Spring of 2014 and created a website on the iconic figure of Ernesto “Che” Guevara, a major figure in the Cuban Revolution and Latin America. His presentation highlighted the iconic figure of “Che” across the globe and its ability to transcend space, time, and nationality to be continuously reborn and become a part of revolutionary struggles. The website can be seen here [http://sites.miis.edu/cuba2014/](http://sites.miis.edu/cuba2014/). He was granted access to different academic institutions, healthcare facilities, government offices, cultural centers, sites of innovative developmental projects, and zones of environmental preservation. “To me the key thing is the sparks that we can create in students' minds; the seeds of wonder and exploration, and that exploration can be geographic, but also theoretic, academic, career-wise, and imaginative! - for these young minds to be able to IMAGINE themselves doing, studying, investigating, exploring and writing about amazing things,” said Hernandez.

Dr. Jiménez was one of 16 participants to be accepted in the Faculty Development International Business program to Cuba sponsored by the University of Maryland’s Robert H. Smith School of Business CIBER. Dr. Jiménez visited Cuba May 22-31, 2016 where she learned about local cooperatives, toured several
historical sites, a local cigar factory, Fabrica de Arte Cubano, and attended several talks by faculty from the University of Havana at the Centro de Estudios Hemisfericos Sobre Estados Unidos. At the panel on Monday, she shared highlights of two papers: “Leisure, Paladares, and Remittances in Havana’s big sofa” and the “Objectification and Commodification of Blackness: The (Mis)Representation of Afro-Cuban women in Figurines and Dolls.” The latter is currently in revise and re-submit status for the UC Santa Cruz Women of Color in Collaboration and Conflict journal.

Dr. Sanchez also visited Cuba during the summer 2016 and talked about the Cuban Revolution, history, cuisine, art, culture, and Education, Cooperatives, among other topics. Dr. Sanchez remarked on the importance of the Cuba Panel: "Cuba is always an easy target for criticism and stereotypical misrepresentations here in the US and abroad, which generally portray that society in very simplistic and very often negative light. That is why it is very important for institutions like Hartnell College to have more of these types of discussions.”

8. NURSING ACCREDITATION COMMISSION VISITS HARTNELL

It was an important week for the Nursing Department as the initial site visit for national accreditation by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) was held at Hartnell College last Wednesday. The meeting was held in the afternoon and it was open to the public. Dean Debra Kaczmar welcomed the team led by Dr. Marsal Stoll, CEO for ACEN. This site visit is the first review for initial accreditation of our associate and vocational nursing programs.

7. COLLEGE PATHWAYS TEAM VISITS SHANDON HIGH SCHOOL

The College Pathways Team visited Shandon High School in Shandon, CA for a college resource fair held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. What made this particular college resource fair so unique is that
Shandon High School is located 116 miles south of Hartnell’s Main Campus, and we were formally invited to participate at the request of their students! Shandon High School junior, Jesus (pictured), expressed his gratitude at our presence as he was the student who requested Hartnell College be invited, “I’ve heard great things about Hartnell!” While many students and parents were not familiar with Hartnell College, we had a great experience interacting and providing information about post-secondary options. We also met a few students who had already taken classes at Hartnell through distance education. This was a great experience that brought a fresh perspective of how Hartnell’s influence and educational opportunities are helping students throughout California.

9. CALWORKS COORDINATOR TRAINING

On September 14, 2016 CalWORKs counselor Dr. Nancy Reyes attended the new CalWORKs coordinators training. The training is very informative as it assists new directors and/or coordinators understand the history of the CalWORKs program at an international, national and local (California) level. During the three-day training, different colleges shared best practices for developing and maintaining positive working relationships with their local county CalWORKs program. The Department of Social Services (DSS) and the California Community Colleges must all work towards developing and maintaining positive, working relationships. In Salinas, we are fortunate to have a positive and supportive relationship with our DSS case managers. With support, the direct beneficiaries are students as they navigate both systems with the confidence and reassurance that we are working together to ensure their academic success. Critical in the training was also the concept of “leveraging funds.” Many CalWORKs programs collaborate with EOPS/CARE, DSPS, foster youth and other support programs on campus to ensure the largest number possible of students are served. A key aspect of all CalWORKs programs is that they must include a work study component. The goal for CalWORKs students to achieve economic self-sufficiency and obtain employment skills is of utmost importance in ensuring students obtain employment skills and mentorship that will assist them when they enter the work force. Currently, we have over 30 students employed on campus - an achievement we are extremely proud of; other colleges our size, only have 10! Students report they are learning valuable office, computer and customer service skills which we are all confident will assist them in future employment ventures.

The conference ended with an inspirational message reminding us that although the work can be challenging, the CalWORKs program is impacting students, families and their children.

10. ANGELICA VILLEGAS RECEIVES AWARD FROM LOCAL SENATOR

On September 21, 2016 Hartnell student Angelica Villegas was presented with a recognition certificate on behalf of Senator Anthony Cannella for her work in the community and with Girls Inc. She lives in Soledad and has been involved with the Girls Inc. program since she was in middle school. After graduating from Soledad High School, she continued her work with Girls Inc. as a Youth Leader and now a program assistant in the middle school programs. She was a part of the first team of leaders for the ECHO program at King City High School.
Angelica is hard working and passionate about helping others in her community in getting involved. Throughout her work with Girls Inc. she worked with over 500 young women from her community. Angelica has become a true leader, role model and an example to the girls with whom she works. Angelica is currently attending Hartnell College and will be graduating this Spring 2017 with an Associate’s Degree for Transfer in Elementary Teacher Preparation and plans to transfer to San Jose State University and become an elementary school teacher. Congratulations Angelica!

**11. KING CITY EDUCATION CENTER PARTICIPATES IN PARADE**

Last weekend, students at the King City Education Center participated in the El Grito parade and festivities. They proudly shared the Panther Pride with the community.

**12. HARTNELL MEN’S SOCCER CONTINUES TO BE EXCEPTIONAL**

The Hartnell College Men’s Soccer team played against American River College on September 20, 2016. The Panthers were exceptional at this game winning by 4-0 against the Beavers. These goals were courtesy of Leo Montellano, Wily Miranda, and two from Benito Chavez. With this game, the overall record of the team improved to 4-0-2. The Panthers are now ranked #4 in the State according to the [CCCAA Rankings](#) and #8 in the Nation according to [NSCAA Rankings](#).

On Thursday, the Panthers played against San Joaquin Delta College at Hartnell College. The final score was 3-1, another win for Hartnell at home.
After a challenging game the previous Saturday, the Panther’s Football team defeated Mendocino College! The final score was 20-19, a big win for the Panthers! Mendocino came into the game with a 2-0 record, scoring 49 and 53 points in those contests. The Panthers got on the board early when Darius Spencer blocked a punt and then recovered it in the end zone. Defensively, Jeremiah McCullough and Donyae Moody made plays throughout the afternoon. With the help from defensive linemen Eduardo Barbosa and Angel Maldonado from Palma HS, the Panther defense was able to repress Mendocino’s run game for most of the contest. However, The Eagles were able to manage an air game that kept the Panthers on their heels at times, but Hartnell made just enough stops to stymie multiple Eagle potential scoring drives. Offensively, Sherrod Hawkes carried the load for the Panthers, as he scampered for 130 yards on 21 touches and 1 touchdown. Penalties were an Achilles heel for the Panther offense as they seem to experience some setbacks on some big plays. The Panthers managed to keep it going in the second half when quarterback Dorrion Isaak connected with Jaun Campbell for a 60-yard strike to give the Panthers a big lift. Mendocino was able to score a touchdown late in the 4th quarter to tie the game, then missed their extra point so the score stood at 20-19 in favor of Hartnell. The Eagles got the ball back with 2:30 left in the game. They mounted a drive inside the Panther 20-yard line, and with 7 seconds on the clock, they threw a pass that was appeared to be completed at the 5 yard line, but as the receiver was in the air Lorenzo Novoa, from Alisal HS, laid a hit that jarred the ball loose. As the ball floated in the air, cornerback Jeremiah McCullough cruised by and snatched it up to seal the victory in excitement for the Panthers. Hartnell improved its record to 2-1.

Hartnell College Women’s Volleyball played against Cuesta College September 17, 2016. The Panthers ended with a win of 3-2. On September 21st the Lady Panthers played against Ohlone. The Panthers ended up with another win, 3-1. The Lady
Panthers are now looking forward to the next game on Wednesday September 28th against Los Mendanos, then on Friday September 30th against San Mateo.

15. WOMEN’S SOCCER TEAM IS FILLED WITH ENTHUSIASM

The Hartnell College Women’s soccer team played 3 games this past week. Saturday, against Bakersfield College, the Lady Panthers emerged with a 5-4 victory. Then on Tuesday, the Panthers played against Cabrillo and ended up with a 2-2 tie. Panthers Monique Paniagua and Norma Verduzco scored the two goals, one of them assisted by Priscilla Ruiz. The Women’s Soccer Team is now looking forward to the next games on Tuesday, September 27th and Saturday, September 30th.

16. RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR STEM CENTER ON FRIDAY

Everyone is invited to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of our new STEM Center on Friday, September 30, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at Main Campus. The ceremony will also include a sculpture dedication in Honor of Kong Yau Lowe & Kwai Ning Lowe who instilled the importance of an education for their children. The special sculpture dedication is timely. Roger Berry designed “Jaipure” at the request of Marilyn Long, who along with five of her siblings all graduated from Hartnell College and in an effort to give back, the Long Family Foundation partnered with Hartnell to commission an artist to create the sculpture, which is already installed next to the new STEM Center.

Hartnell thanks the voters for supporting Measure H that has allowed the College to make significant facilities improvements over the last 14 years. The STEM Center Building represents a powerful
statement about Hartnell's commitment to growing the next generation of leaders in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). This is a beautiful 54,000 square foot building with an enhanced planetarium that is twice the size of the existing one, has 6 lecture halls, 10 state-of-the-art labs, a Student Center (MESA and SMI support programs), faculty and staff offices, and so much more. The students of Hartnell will now have access to state-of-the-art facilities in preparing for the jobs of the 21st century. Our faculty and staff will have facilities that support instructional excellence and service in preparing our students for the future.

The occasion will include a number of guest speakers, building tours, hors d’oeuvres and refreshments. For more information, call 831-755-6810.

17. 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

The Western Stage presents: Bandido
Last weekend! 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.

Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016
We are inducting the fourth Class
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18. IN THE NEWS

Mega Body teaches kids about health and better life choices  

Hartnell’s Bonilla takes first place  

Six Degrees come to Western Stage  

Hartnell starts conference against Reedley  

Men’s Soccer: COC Edges Consumes River, 2-1  

Local Roundup: Hartnell, MPC football earn wins  
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20160917/SPORTS/160919736

Local Roundup: Butte College volleyball team tops Cuesta after failing to host Hartnell  
Hartnell football survives late charge to win