Mission:
Focusing on the needs of the Salinas Valley, Hartnell College provides educational opportunities for students to reach academic goals in an environment committed to student learning, achievement, and success.

Festival of Trees – the look and feel of the Holiday Season!
On December 9, 2016, Associated Students of Hartnell College and Inter Club Council hosted their annual Festival of Trees. This festival is designed for clubs to decorate Christmas trees and donate them to families in need. The clubs also compete to have the best decorated tree. This year, children from the Child Development Center on campus voted for their favorite tree. The winners of the competition were: First place for Sociology Club, Second place for Communication and Pre-Law Clubs, and Third for Veterans Club. The trees will be displayed in our Student Center through finals week.

Trustees select new Board President – Manuel Osorio will lead the way in 2017
On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, the Governing Board for Hartnell Community College District conducted its Annual Organizational and Regular Governing Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous; Trustee Manuel Osorio was elected President, and Trustee Patricia Donohue was elected Vice-President of the Board for 2017. I want to thank Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez for her role as president in 2016. Following are the results of elections and appointments:

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Members, Officers, and Board Representatives for Calendar Year 2017

Manuel Osorio (Area 1)
Governing Board President
Board Representative to District Audit Committee (two-year term; 2017 and 2018)
Board Representative to Strategic Planning Advisory Group (2nd year of a two-year term)

Aurelio Salazar, Jr. (Area 2)
Board Representative to Strategic Planning Advisory Group (two-year term; 2017 and 2018)

Patricia Donohue (Area 3)
Governing Board Vice President
Board Representative to Hartnell College Arts Council

David Gomez Serena (Area 4)
Board Representative to Hartnell College Arts Council

Ray Montemayor (Area 5)
Board Representative to District Audit Committee

Erica Padilla-Chavez (Area 6)
Board Representative to Monterey County School Boards Association Executive Council

Candi DePauw (Area 7)
Board Representative to Hartnell College Foundation Board of Directors

Willard Lewallen, Superintendent/President
Governing Board Secretary

A festive and educational Kwanzaa Celebration

On December 9, 2016, the Office of Student Life hosted the annual celebration of Kwanzaa at Stainbeck Hall. During the event, students and staff learned about Kwanzaa and engaged in discussion about the history, values and principles of Kwanzaa. We were also delighted by Charmaigne Scott’s a capella singing. The Office of Student Life provided traditional African-American food for attendees.

The celebration of Kwanzaa aims to be an opportunity for students in our community to learn more about each other’s cultures and practices.
Santa Drop-off location at Hartnell
Hartnell College collaborated with KION/Telemundo to have a ‘Santa Drop-Off’ location outside the Student Center last Monday for Project Santa. KION did live streaming during the afternoon newscasts inviting the audience to bring toys to Hartnell. Over 20 gifts were received for foster youth and children. In photo, (L to R) KION Reporter Barry Brown; Project Santa promoter, Dyane Tori; and KION/Telemundo Marketing Advisor, Lori Magdaleno.

Study-a-thon helps hundreds of students at three campuses
The Office of Student Affairs and its Early Support Program led by faculty member Melvin Jimenez presented a Study-A-Thon at the King City Education Center, at the East Alisal Campus, and on Main Campus. Hundreds of students benefited from having a space dedicated to studying for their finals with professors and tutors at hand to help. Students were thankful for the assistance; they also had food, printing, blue books, scantrons, and childcare. What a way to start finals – prepared and energized!
Strategic Planning Advisory Group gets update

The Strategic Planning Advisory Group met on December 5, 2016 for a lunch presentation. The group comprised of community members, community leaders, and Hartnell staff received information on the Strategic Plan Progress Report and learned that we are on our way to preparing for the next one. Along with reporting on strategic plan outcomes, I provided an update on accreditation, the Strong Workforce Initiative, the HSI STEM Grant awarded, and Measure T. I shared outcomes that demonstrate increases in student access, student success, transfers to UC and CSUs, and more. It was great to have Trustee Manuel Osorio attend the meeting on behalf of the Governing Board. This group meets once each semester and we look forward to meeting with this group in the Spring 2017 to provide the next update.

STEM Center Open House! Lots of excitement to see it come to life!

On December 9, 2016, the STEM Center had an open house for students, faculty and staff to visit the new STEM Center. Students that visited the building seemed very excited to have classes there in the future. The building is scheduled to accommodate classes in the spring 2017 semester. New equipment is being moved into the building in preparation for the new year. This Center will allow students to collaborate with each other in new and exciting ways. The pendulum in the large open area was moved from Building N. This pendulum is now 50 years old. We are looking forward to seeing this facility become of model learning environment.
Faculty Attends CTE Conference


One session, by Dr. Vera Jacobson-Lundeberg, focused on “soft skills.” Her research stems from a presenter who told a group of teachers “We hire them for their hard skills and fire them for their soft skills.” Soft skills include: (1) interpersonal skills (teamwork), (2) thinking skills (problem solving), and (3) personal skills (self-management).

Communication and collaboration soft skills serve to share one’s thoughts, while learning to think and express ideas that provide dignity. If one does not have a voice, then one does not have power. These skills are essential for innovation and the success of students in college, career, and life.

A fond farewell to retiree Carol Kimbrough

Psychology faculty member Carol Kimbrough announced her retirement recently and a gathering was organized to wish her well. She has been a part of Hartnell College for 37 years! Carol joined Hartnell in December 1979 as part of the newly developed Animal Health Technology program. This career field was really in its infancy, so she worked very hard to create curriculum, gain national accreditation and graduate our first class with a 100% passing rate! (We maintained that passing rate throughout the program’s existence). She served as program director/instructor and, as a result her my involvement in developing this career field, received a Governor’s appointment to the Veterinary Medical Board.

In 2003, Carol was asked to join the psychology department. After getting her feet on the ground with psychology courses, an idea was proposed to develop a mental health/crisis counseling program that would serve the emotional needs of Hartnell’s students. A number of Hartnell administrators, faculty, and staff collaborated with area graduate programs in mental health - and Crisis Counseling Services came into existence. She has served as the clinical supervisor of this program and has had the opportunity to work with a number of
wonderful graduate students on their way to earning clinical hours for their license. Through this program, she learned first-hand how valuable education is to our students and the sacrifices they frequently make to earn their degrees!

Curriculum has been a passion ever since she had the opportunity to develop the courses for the AHT program - and this passion extended into collaborating with others to develop programs in Psychology, Sociology, and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling. She has been Chair of the Curriculum Committee since 2011 and has enjoyed the opportunity to work with some very gifted faculty and staff who share a commitment to developing curriculum that is current, relevant and meaningful to our students.

"Campus service has given me an opportunity to develop broader perspectives and build collegiality within our campus community," Carol said, “I encourage all Hartnell faculty and staff to become involved with participatory governance!” She has been active in serving in various governance councils/committees including:

- Academic Senate (President)
- College Planning Council (Co-Chair)
- Academic Affairs Council (Co-Chair)
- Advancement Council (Co-Chair)
- Accreditation Council (Member)
- Curriculum Committee (Chair)
- Student Affairs Council (Co-Chair)
- Faculty & Staff Development Committee
- Tenure Review Committee

Carol, thank you for your work, service, and dedication to Hartnell. We all wish you a great retirement!

CSEA’s Kimberly Kessler receives her award

Kimberly Kessler was unable to attend the Holiday Feast last week; thus, she was extra surprised when she heard the news that her peers had voted to award her the Heart of Hartnell 2017 Award for a CSEA employee. She came by the Foundation Office to claim her certificate, gift card, and brick. Lucy Serrano and Loyanne Flinn helped make this a special occasion. Congratulations Kimberly!
Student-Athlete Spotlight - Priscilla Ruiz

On December 3, 2016, Priscilla Ruiz, participated in the All-Star Sophomore Showcase game at the Final Four event. Priscilla plays midfielder and forward for the Hartnell College Women’s Soccer team. She has been instrumental to and a leader for the team’s success thus receiving the First Team All-Conference this year. Priscilla is majoring in Kinesiology and general requirements for transfer. She has not decided what institution she wants to go to next, but she is looking for an out-of-state program. She is planning to continue to play soccer at a four-year college and pursue her passion. “I love being around and helping athletes. If I can’t be playing soccer anymore then I might as well help other athletes continue to do what they love,” expressed Priscilla. She was born in Salinas and was introduced to soccer when she was in fourth grade; she has loved the sport ever since. We are proud to help student-athletes like Priscilla pursue their true passion through higher education.

Sophomore Showcase at Soccer Final Four

On December 3 and 4, 2016, Hartnell College Men’s and Women’s Soccer Sophomores were called to participate in the all-star game prior to the final game for the State Championship title. Javier Alfaro and Chris Rodriguez participated exceptionally well in their game. Jose Vasquez, Hartnell’s goalkeeper was also called to participate. However, due to an injury he was not able to participate. Norma Verduzco and Priscilla Ruiz participated in the women’s All-star game. Norma and Priscilla accounted for the winning three goals in their game.
Basketball Season continues over the holidays!
The Hartnell College Men’s and Women’s Basketball Teams will be hosting and traveling to games over the Holidays. Both teams will travel to tournaments this coming weekend. The men’s team will be participating at the West Valley Tournament and the Lady Panthers will be competing at West Hills Tournament. Here are the dates for all the games over the winter break:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Finals Week Library Hours
Monday, December 12, 7:30 am-9 pm
Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 am-9 pm
Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 am-9 pm
Thursday, December 15, 7:30 am-9 pm
Friday, December 16, 7:30 am-4 pm
Closed December 17-January 16 during semester break
Spring Semester Begins January 19, 2017

Hartnell College Library
http://www.hartnell.edu/library
Measure T - Holiday and Thank You Reception
December 16, 2016
4:00 - 6:00 PM
STEM Center, Building S
RSVP here: http://evite.me/holidayreception

Salinas Comic Con
December 16 - 18, 2016
Student Center
Go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/salinas-valley-comic-con-2016-tickets-28343027759

Save the Date!
6th Annual Student Success Conference
January 17 - 18, 2017
At Hartnell College – more information to come

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Hartnell College program helps foster kids

Hartnell College offering dual enrollment classes at Soledad High

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Back to Shadows or onto frontline

Gavilan College VP wins statewide facilities award
https://benitolink.com/gavilan-college-vp-wins-statewide-facilities-award

Regional police, fire academy moving to Gavilan College

Community College soft skills program scales to meet growing employer demands
http://caeconomy.org/reporting/entry/community-college-soft-skills-program-scales-to-meet-growing-employer-deman