The children could not believe it! An astronaut at their school! The joy of over 800 students at the Alisal Community School in Salinas could not be more apparent; on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, Hartnell College NASA Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace Academy (SEMAA) invited Astronaut-in-Residence, Captain Daniel W. Bursch to speak at this school. The Astronaut’s visit to the Alisal Community School is to congratulate them for achieving the best attendance in Saturday Academy out of 12 schools that participated. More than 1,800 students from the Alisal Union School District participated in Hartnell’s NASA SEMAA Saturday Academy.
Captain Bursch had to do two sessions in the school's multipurpose room to accommodate all students. There were plenty of oohs and aahs to go around. It was a time for these children to be inspired by someone, who is not only humble and caring, but who loves to teach youngsters that it only takes passion to go from earth to the moon. The Alisal Union School District is a partner and a sponsor of NASA SEMAA. For more information about the NASA SEMAA program, contact Director, Maggie Melone-Echiburu at 831-755-6970, mmelone@hartnell.edu, or visit them at www.facebook.com/hartnellsemaa.

2. PRESIDENT’S STEM TASK FORCE

On Thursday, June 11, 2015, the President’s STEM Task Force met to discuss the future of STEM at Hartnell and in the surrounding community. The room was filled with business, technology, science, and education leaders; Dr. Carolee Bull led the meeting towards a breakout session to discuss:

- industries that are stalled because of a lack of STEM labor
- industries that could develop as a result of entrepreneurship and STEM skills
- other places where STEM is hiding

An important outcome that has emerged from the first 2 meetings of the task force is a recognition of the need for agriculture to be a key contributor to the task force as a result of the growing intersection between agriculture and technology. I provided the group with an update of the Science Center building due to open in spring 2016 – classes will be taught there as early as summer 2016. A floor plan offered a good view of the layout and internal design of this building.

One of our star STEM students, Khanh Nguyen, was a guest speaker. He shared his story of survival, hard work, hope, and achievement. He is a first generation college student and an immigrant from Malaysia. He received the Pister Scholarship and will transfer to UC Santa Cruz as a Bio Chemistry major. His academics, community service, and dedication have earned him various scholarships that will support his education dreams.

3. ALISAL HEALTH CAREERS PATHWAY FOR STUDENTS

The Alisal Health Professions Workforce Pathways Partnership (AHPWPP) group had its follow up convening on June 9, 2015 at Hartnell College. Over 30 professionals in the
health industry gathered to continue the conversation on how to better help students enter into health careers, supply regional health workforce with qualified individuals, and achieve health equity and economic prosperity in the Salinas Valley. The group talked about the health careers pathway available for students in K-16, but more in the industry need to offer students internships, and jobs for those who seek placement in their hometown. In addition, Melissa Casillas and Joe DeRuosi spoke of the importance to offer social, emotional, health support, especially to those students who come from non-traditional educational backgrounds. Hartnell College is providing students with excellence in education, access to internships with local hospitals and clinics, and work placement.

4. FAST FACTS – A SNAP SHOT OF HARTNELL COLLEGE

Hartnell College’s Fast Facts document is now available. This two-page document contains basic information about the Hartnell Community College District and provides a brief overview about Hartnell, our students, faculty, staff, programs, fiscal responsibility, highlights, community impact, and much more. The document was developed this spring. It can be used when presenting primarily to outside groups and individuals. The Fast Facts sheet provides a brief profile of Hartnell College that can be used by individuals, the media, and programs to meet a variety of needs that include:

- Grant applications
- Outreach
5. PARKING PERMITS FOR STUDENTS - TO BE ORDERED ONLINE

In an effort to avoid long lines and make it easier for students to get their parking permits, Hartnell College is working with a vendor that will manage online orders with quick turnaround. The service will be ready this week - all vehicles and motorcycles must show the ‘sticker permit’ at all times to avoid citations. Students will be able to purchase the parking permit online and print a temporary permit that will be valid for 10 days - the official permit will be delivered via first class mail to their home address during that timeframe. The summer semester starts on June 15, 2015, thus there will be no parking citations issued during the first week of classes (ending June 20, 2015).

6. SMOKE AND TOBACCO FREE POLICY TO TAKE EFFECT JULY 1

Per Board Policy 3570, Hartnell College is becoming a Smoke-Free/Tobacco-Free campus starting July 1, 2015. For more information, click on the graphic below or the links for BP 3570 and AP 3570.

This is a SMOKE-FREE TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS
Per Board Policy 3570
STARTING JULY 1, 2015
I attended the commencement ceremony for the Monterey County Office of Education Alternative Education Programs on Thursday, June 4, 2015. It was a special event for students and their families. Many of these students would have fallen through the cracks for a variety of reasons if not for the wonderful support of the teachers, administrators, and others helping them get back on track. It was particularly gratifying to see 15 graduates wearing stoles with Hartnell ACE on them. During the ceremony Hartnell was recognized several times for its partnership with Alternative Education that focuses not only on graduating from high school, but also focuses on transitioning these students to higher education. We look forward to welcoming many of these graduates to Hartnell for 2015-16.

Last week, Hartnell College hosted the Ag Tech Discussion presented by Steve McShane, Co-owner, Converted Organics and Aaron Magenheim, CEO, AgTech Insight. This series of discussions focus on building bridges between farming operations and technology through innovation, new ideas, concepts, resources and investments to address challenges and needs from the rapidly growing agricultural industry in the Salinas Valley. As the world populations is estimated to reach the mark of over 9 billion people by 2050 the ag industry is partnering with Silicon Valley to develop solutions to increase productivity through robotics, mechanizations, technology and to develop a skilled workforce that can develop and maintain those systems.

You are invited to join local business leaders at the AgTech Meet-up, July 14, 2015, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Salinas City Hall Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Ave., Salinas, CA 93901. Ag based expertise allows Ag Tech Insight to bring the technology, investment, and agricultural worlds together through the rapidly growing ag tech industry while providing real life solutions for a more fruitful future. Startups and the tech world have amazing ideas and concepts, and investors want to help bring those to the market,
but often times they do not have the integration or in-field experience necessary to produce market viable solutions or implementation. For more information visit [http://www.meetup.com/agtech/](http://www.meetup.com/agtech/)

### 9. ONE OF OURS JOINS THE U.S. MARINE CORPS

Political Science Professor, Lawrence Harris cannot be more proud of student Jeremiah Pressey, a 21-year-old young man who just enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. “Philosophers and poets tell us to look for nobility and courage in all that is around us, however low the stations. Jeremiah actually said he was joining the Marines because he wanted to help America,” expressed Prof. Harris. “Perhaps we can see in Jeremiah's duty and sentiments, a young man whose conduct makes it easy to believe in goodness and virtue.”

Jeremiah is the son to Lucia and Matt Pressey. He signed a contract for four years as a MP. “I love Salinas, family, and Christ,” he shared. We are all so proud of his courage, values, and love for this Country; we wish him well.

### 10. MEET NEW EMPLOYEE FOR ACE

Ana Gonzalez is the new program assistant for the Academy for College Excellence (ACE) program at Hartnell. She was born and raised in the Salinas Valley by hardworking farm workers. Ana is married to Hartnell alumnus, Mario Romo and they have three children: Biana (9), Mateo (6), and Adela (4). She earned her Bachelor’s Degree from Stanford University and Master’s in Public Administration from Golden Gate University. Prior to Hartnell, she worked for CSU Monterey Bay and First 5 Monterey County.

“I believe education is key to academic, professional, and personal success and I am excited to work for students through the ACE program!” said Ana. She enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, reading, listening to music, hiking and gardening.

Welcome to Hartnell Ana!
11. DR. JIMENEZ STARTS SUMMER WITH STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

As part of the community experimental learning project under the direction of sociology professor, Dr. Hortencia Jiménez, several students are doing research on Latina/o organic farmers in Salinas as well as performing community service. Sociology student Marissa Salazar participated in the Multicultural Environmental Science Education Curriculum for Farm to School Field Trips organized by the Agriculture and Land-Based Training (ALBA). Third and fourth graders from the Alisal Union School District participated in this event on June 1-2, 2015. The lesson included the exploration of the natural environment of the farm: plants and living creatures; the cultural aspect; and natural history. Dr. Jiménez led the exploration of the culinary herbs and Marissa the session on the importance of hedgerows for water filtration, erosion prevention, and habitat restoration. Students not only observed and learned but got to also plant their own herbs. “The multicultural environmental science fair, directed by A.L.B.A. was a truly stimulating atmosphere for everyone involved,” shared Marissa. “As a volunteer, I was able to remind Salinas’s elementary students about the importance of organic farming and show them what they can do to better help the environment.”

12. BILINGUAL PAJAMA TIME IN KING CITY

ESL Instructor, Marisela Larsen conducted a bilingual story hour in King City as part of the Promoting Access to Literacy grant program in South County. This is a creative way to promote literacy in the area. Dean Renata Funke also recruited a few parents into the program. It is clear the children are engaged, having a lot of fun, and enjoying the reading selections.
13. GARY SMITH INVITES US TO LIGARE’S OPENING SHOW

SUMMER by the SEA
MEMBER PREVIEW DAY

The Co-Trustees of the Crocker Art Museum invite you to an exclusive member preview day, celebrating the opening of three special exhibitions.

Armin Hansen The Artful Voyage
David Ligare California Classicist
Shimo Flowers of Fire and Earth

Saturday, June 27, 10 AM – 5 PM
Crocker Art Museum

Enjoy a member’s lounge, book signings with featured artists David Ligare and Shimo, docent spotlight tours, and an exhibition-inspired art-making activity.

THREE WAYS TO RSVP
1. Online at tickets.crockerartmuseum.org
2. In person at the Admission Desk at the Museum
3. Membership RSVP line (916) 808-2692.

Please respond by Friday, June 19.

Please note: tickets are free for members, and members can reserve tickets equal to the number of guests their membership admits. To review your membership level benefits, go to crockerartmuseum.org/membership-information.

14. UPCOMING EVENTS

The Western Stage presents:

-2x4 BASH – Studio Theater
  A Behanding in Spokane
  July 10, 11, 17, & 18 at 7:30 p.m.
  She Kills Monsters
  July 24, 25, & 31; August 8, 14, & 15 at 7:30 p.m.

-Into the Woods – Mainstage
  June 11 – August 1, 2015
7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; 2:00 p.m. on Sundays
** For more information on these and future productions, visit

**Path to Equitable Opportunities and Outcomes for Boys and Men of Color**
Salinas Hearing (Free and open to the public)
Friday, June 26, 2015
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Mainstage – Building K

**15. IN THE NEWS**

Alisal students get visit from Astronaut (NASA SEMAA)
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2015/06/10/alisal-students-get-visit-nasa-astronaut/71033622/

NASA SEMAA brings Astronaut to Alisal school
Telemundo 23 Spanish (fast forward to minute 10:00)

Astronaut visits students in Salinas - Univision 67 Spanish (NASA SEMAA)
http://noticias.entravision.com/monterey-salinas/2015/06/10/astronauta-visita-a-estudiantes-en-salinas/

Education digest – Panther Cub day
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2015/06/07/education-digest-june/28662191/

Hartnell graduate is celebrated
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/life/announcements/2015/06/12/celebrations--shintel-vahnizzi-reynolds-on-honor-roll/71143798/

Class notes – Khanh Nguyen

Online courses at community colleges
http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/social-affairs/20150610/study-online-courses-at-community-colleges-not-as-successful

Online courses at community colleges not as successful

Defensive back Royce Redira

Soratos at NCAAS