1. ALEJANDRO GOMEZ SURPRISED WITH BIG SCHOLARSHIP

On Tuesday, May 17, 2016 Hartnell student Alejandro Gomez attended our Board Development Meeting under the impression that he along with other students would be recognized for their academic achievements. It was a surprise to him to find out that he has been selected as just one of 75 students in the country to receive the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship. Trustee Pat Donohue helped me recognize this deserving student.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation provides the largest private scholarship in the country to high-achieving community college students who have financial need. This generous scholarship provides recipients with up to $40,000 per year for up to three years to complete a bachelor’s degree at a four-year college or university. Cooke Scholars are eligible for graduate school funding after completing their bachelor’s degree. The graduate award provides up to $50,000 per year for up to four years.

Alejandro was selected from a nationwide pool of over 2,000 applicants based on academic achievement, persistence, desire to help others, and leadership. Alejandro plans to transfer to UC Berkeley in the fall and pursue a major in Engineering. Congratulations Alejandro! We are proud of you and the hard work you have done throughout your time at Hartnell College.

2. DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI TO BE RECOGNIZED AT COMMENCEMENT

The Hartnell Community College District Governing Board took action to honor Gary Tanimura and Jeff Nessen Schmidt as this year’s Distinguished Alumni. Tanimura will be the
Commencement Speaker and Schmidt will be recognized posthumously on Friday, May 27, 2017 at Rabobank Stadium. During its 95 year history Hartnell College has provided a foundation of excellence that has launched successful lives and careers. The Distinguished Alumni Award provides an opportunity for us to recognize the accomplishments of Hartnell alumni who have distinguished themselves as leaders and contributors following their education experience at Hartnell.

**Gary Tanimura** is Vice President of Production at Tanimura & Antle. He graduated from Hartnell College in 1969 with an associate’s degree. He then transferred to San Jose State University to earn a Bachelor’s in Business with emphasis in Marketing. Gary was nominated by the Associated Students of Hartnell College and by the Hartnell College Foundation for his leadership in the Ag industry and his commitment to serving the students of Hartnell and the community as a whole. Gary is one of the most respected members of the community for his dedication, passion, diligence, support, and continuous contributions to higher education.

**Jeff Nessen Schmidt** graduated from King City High School in 1941 and attended Hartnell College (then called Salinas Junior College). He was the Valedictorian of his Salinas Junior College class, and went on to attend the University of Texas and Midshipmen’s School at Columbia University, and was the top student in his M.I.T. Radar Academy. Jeff ended the war studying at Bowdoin University in Maine and returned to California to earn his engineering degree from U.C. Berkeley and had a remarkable career as an aerospace engineer. Jeff always credited Hartnell with giving him the firm foundation in math and science that he needed for his future academic and professional successes and thus became involved with fundraising efforts. Jeff passed away peacefully on January 20, 2016. He will be honored posthumously.

For more information about the 2016 Commencement for Hartnell College, go to: [http://www.hartnell.edu/2016-commencement](http://www.hartnell.edu/2016-commencement)

3. CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES APPRECIATION WEEK LUNCHEON
A week-long series of events celebrating Classified School Employees Appreciation culminated with a grand lunch on Friday, May 20, 2016. Trustees Candi DePauw and Ray Montemayor attended the event and acknowledged the ‘backbone’ of the college: our CSEA employees. During the lunch, CSEA vice President Belen Gonzales gave away donated gifts. Candi and Ray helped me give CSEA a resolution adopted by the board to declare the week of May 16, 2016 Classified School Employees Appreciation Week.

4. MESA RECOGNITION DINNER

On May 13, 2016 we held the Fourth Annual STEM Recognition Dinner for students in the MESA Program as they graduate and transfer to further their education. The MESA Program promotes Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement, and this class of 2016 represents the program well. This year we celebrated over 50 students who are transferring or graduating. We also celebrated our first team to participate on the MESA Math Challenge. This team took 2nd in the Regional competition. Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez, retiring faculty member Joe Welch, and alumnus Brian Lewis shared inspiring words with MESA students, friends, and family.

5. MST BUILDS TWO BUS SHELTERS FOR OUR STUDENTS

Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) along with Vice Chair to the MST board and Salinas District 2 Councilmember, Tony Barrera led a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the collaborative effort to install two new bus shelters at Hartnell College and the Salinas Union High School District Offices at W. Alisal Street and Homestead Avenue. Student Ernesto Infante was a catalyst who pushed forward the effort.
that began with other student leaders several years ago. These, along with five other shelters were fully funded with State of California Prop 1B Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account money. More shelters are planned in the near future which will benefit our students.

6. STUDENT HIGHLIGHT – ERNESTO INFANTE

And speaking of Ernesto Infante and his involvement with the MST Bus Shelter project, he is also our student highlight of the week. His counselors say that he is an outstanding EOPS/TRIO student. Ernesto graduated from Greenfield High School in 2014 and began at Hartnell the following fall semester. As a first-generation college student, Ernesto did not feel prepared to negotiate the challenges of community college and was uncertain of his transfer options. Once accepted into the EOPS and TRIO programs, Ernesto embraced the heartfelt guidance offered by his EOPS counselor, Millicent Madrigal and TRIO counselor, Nancy Reyes. Ernesto developed an interest in Political Science thus he became involved in student government, holding offices as Senator-At-Large, delegate for Region 4 SSCCC (Student Senate for California Community Colleges) and in fall 2015 was elected Vice President for SSCCC Region 4 and served as EOPS Club President.

"EOPS and TRIO welcomed me here, their support made me feel like I was able to do everything I wanted to do," Ernesto proudly stated. True to his words, Ernesto completed his Associate Degree and UC transfer requirements in two years. He will be graduating next week with the class of 2016 and was accepted to UCLA, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Berkeley. Ernesto recently accepted admissions to UC Berkeley for fall 2016. Congratulations to Ernesto, a true example of Panther Pride!

7. HEP DIRECTOR PRESENTS AT ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL

Last week, Director of the High School Equivalency Program (HEP), Eric Becerra presented to the Advancement Council and brought outstanding figures and facts about the success of this program here in the Central Coast. HEP is a migrant education program designed to assist migrant and seasonal field workers obtain their high school equivalency (HSE) and either employment, military service, apprenticeship, certificate of skills acquisition, certificate of achievement, or associates degree. There are 109 graduates this year at a 70% graduation rate.
They have more than reached the goals for the program and are recognized as one of the best cohorts in the United States. HEP at Hartnell College has helped over 900 students earn their high school equivalency (HSE) since 2006. Funding is provided by a five year-grant from the **U.S. Department of Education.** This is the second five-year grant cycle the college has received, making this the tenth year of HEP at Hartnell. We are currently awaiting news of our renewal for five more years!

**8. LAURA ZAVALA PROMOTES ADULT EDUCATION ON TV**

Univision 67 has a Friday morning segment called Despierta Costa Central (Wake up Central Coast). It is four minutes long and local businesses, agencies, and education entities are invited to be a guest. In this occasion, Pathways Coordinator, Laura Zavala was interviewed by our own Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations Esmeralda Montenegro. Laura talked about Hartnell College, what we offer the community, options for adult education, financial aid, our Dreamer Center ‘Mi CASA,’ and the basics on how to start the educational journey. A lot of information went into the four minutes allotted. This segment will air on Friday morning.

**9. “FUTURE COLLEGE GRADUATES” VISIT HARTNELL COLLEGE**
On Monday, May 16, 2016, fourth grade students from La Gloria Elementary School in Gonzales came to explore the Hartnell campus as "Future College Graduates." The students are part of the Monterey County College Challenge, M3C, which inspires children to attend college by exposure. Through efforts like this we are inspiring the next generation of college students.

10. NURSING STUDENTS PRESENT HEALTH PROMOTION PROJECT

Second semester Associate Degree in Nursing students presented their Health Promotion Poster Projects on Thursday, May 12, 2016 in the Student Center. Each group was assigned a developmental stage and identified normal developmental behaviors with a focus on gross and fine motor, cognitive, and psycho-social development. Research included optimized achievement of developmental milestones and emotional well-being; promotion of healthy nutritional status and weight; prevention of childhood and other injuries; provided anticipatory guidance for one concern unique to the age period; statistics indicating areas of concern or poor health outcomes; goals for health promotion; and recommendations for periodic screening and anticipatory guidance). The Stages are:

1) Infancy: 1 month to 6 months (2, 4 & 6 month topics)
2) Infancy: 7 months to 12 months (9 & 12 month topics)
3) Toddlerhood: one-year-old (15 & 18 month topics)
4) Older Toddlerhood: 2 year-old topics
5) Preschool age: 3 years through 5 years (3, 4 & 5 year old topics)
6) School-age: 6 years to 11 years- before puberty (6-11 years)
7) Adolescence: Puberty & early adolescence (12-15 years)
8) Adolescence: mid/late adolescence (16-21 years)
9) Young adulthood: 21-35 yrs
10) Middle Adulthood: 35- 60 years

"Knowledge of growth and development helps the nurse understand the risks associated with each age-group and choose the educational strategy appropriate to a child's developmental level." McKinney et al. (2013).
11. VOCATIONAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN DISASTER DRILL

On May 17, 2016, the Vocational Nursing students participated in a countywide disaster drill at Monterey airport. Each student was assigned a role, make up was applied, and then they were staged as victims of a plane crash. The students observed on scene triage procedures first hand. Some were loaded into life-flight helicopters, others transported to area hospitals to test how the system is able to respond in case of an emergency. This clinical experience met leadership objectives related to triage and disaster planning. This was the second time we supported the community in disaster training. Earlier, some students took part in an active shooter drill. (See links in In the News)

12. AG STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS

On Thursday, May 19, 2016 we hosted the spring meeting of the Ag Steering Committee chaired by David Gill. I provided some informational and educational background on the prior Measure H Bond Measure as well as an outline of how a future bond measure might be structured should the Hartnell Board of Trustees take action to place a bond measure on this fall’s ballot. It was also my pleasure to join Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Development, Jackie Cruz in announcing two new named Ag Scholar scholarships to recognize two leaders in our agriculture community: Gary Tanimura and Emmett Linder. We greatly appreciate the support and on-going dedication to Hartnell
College provided by these two ag professionals. The recipients are Ashley Nuñez and Silvia Muñoz – both Food Safety students. We also had the pleasure of hearing the stories of a current student, Cristobal Santoyo and alumnus Alfredo Garcia. Santoyo is really excited to be in the Food Safety and Ag Production programs and hopes to continue on and acquire his masters. Garcia (right) graduated in Diesel Tech over 20 years ago and now has a thriving business Watsonville Diesel Service. He offered his shop to students who wish to intern with him.

13. FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT STUDENTS VISIT DOLE SOLEDAD

Last week, students in the ABT 133 Facility Management for Food Safety Management Systems classes visited the Dole Fresh Vegetable facility in Soledad to observe processing and food safety practices. Over 110 different salads are produced at the facility. A highlight of the visit was being hosted by Erendira Vargas, Senior Food Safety Specialist. Ms. Vargas shared her life-long passion for learning, tips on excelling within the food safety side of the produce business, the responsibilities involved in "driving a white truck," and perspectives on careers in food safety. Vargas herself has one more requirement to complete in order to earn her Hartnell College Food Safety Certificate (this summer!) and looks forward to the opportunity of earning an AS in food safety science and possible BS in food safety management. The visit was arranged by instructor Nye Hardy and Erendira Vargas.

14. HAGERTY EDUCATION PROGRAM VISITS HARTNELL COLLEGE

This week I had the pleasure of welcoming representatives of the automotive restoration and preservation industry and in particular Diane Fitzgerald (National Director of Hagerty Education Program at America’s Car Museum), Chris Bari (renowned restoration expert), and Burt Richmond (Collector’s Car Garage in Chicago; a country club for car people). The visit was orchestrated by William “Bill” Hartnell (left) who is the great, great, great grandson of Hartnell College Founders William and Maria Teresa Hartnell and Diesel Technology faculty member Valentin Rodriguez. Diane, Chris, Burt, and Bill spoke with our Advanced Automotive students about career opportunities, scholarships, and internships with
restoration professionals as well as at Laguna Seca. The skills our students acquire in automotive technology (engine, drive train, mechanical, electrical, etc.) are perfectly aligned with auto restoration. I was joined by VP of Academic Affairs, Dr. Lori Kildal, Diesel faculty members Mark DeHart and Steven Graham, and Ag Institute Director Dr. Susan Pheasant. After the presentation, the group enjoyed a tour of the instructional shop facilities available at the Alisal Campus.

15. ADVANCED DIESEL STUDENTS INTERVIEW AT RDO EQUIPMENT

RDO General Manager, Darrell Olson, arranged for Advanced Diesel Technology instructor Mark DeHart and five students to tour their Salinas facilities. After the tour, each of the students participated in an interview for a potential employment opportunity with RDO. We wish the students good luck on the outcome of their interviews. RDO Equipment Company owns and operates more than 75 dealerships in 10 states, focused on agriculture, construction, environmental, tree care, underground, and machine control, RDO Water, and sells brands such as John Deere, Vermeer, and Topcon. In addition, the company currently operates in several international partnerships, including multiple locations in Russia, Ukraine, and Australia.

16. GROVER WINS 1,500 AND SAMMS BREAKS HAMMER RECORD!

Sophomore Malena Grover remembers being left behind in the 1500 meter run over the final two laps as a freshman to place eighth at the Northern California Championship. A year later, she found herself leading the race for 1300 meters before falling behind into third place in the final stretch run. Maybe it was the memory of last year's race or the countless number of miles she ran in the year since, but Grover found another gear in the final 100 meters that rocketed her to the victory and the best mark in Hartnell College history. Her time of 4:35.47 bested runner-up Erica Ruiz of Santa Rosa JC at 4:36.25 and Mackayla Rennick of American River College at 4:37.47. Grover's time bested her previous school record of 4:38.85 by over 3 seconds and lead the
trio to the top three marks in the state this season. The trio will tangle again in the CCCAA Championship final on Saturday, May 21 in San Diego. Grover also added a second regional runner-up finish and third medal of the championship with her 5000 meter mark of 17:46.32. This marks the six time Grover has run under the previous record of 18:04.0 held by Maria Trujillo in her two year Hartnell College career. Grover will run both the 1500 and 5000 meter distances at the state championship. Hartnell College had three third place finishers in sophomore Dustin Samms, Nancy Rodriguez, Tori Teraji, Jorge Sanchez, and Norman Napolitano. Samms competed up to his ranking and improved his overall state ranking to third after he established a new Hartnell College record in the hammer throw. He became the first ever to toss the hammer over 180 feet with his 184.9. Nancy Rodriguez repeated her bronze medal in the 3000 meter steeplechase from last year as she faced the top two state ranked in the event. Her time was 12:04.34. She was followed by teammate in Adriana Jimenez in fourth (12:17.98). Teraji was third in the discus and advances to state after coming up short as freshman. Jorge Sanchez was third in both the 5000 meter run (15:23.48) and 10,000 meters (31:55.64). Freshman Norman Napolitano will split third place with his clearance of 14-4.

Fourth, fifth and sixth place finishers include Rhett Gonzalez in the 400 hurdles (54.83). Gonzalez also placed sixth in the 110 hurdles (14.92). Paul Koenig (55.34) and Stephanie Powers (66.18) also in the 400 hurdles. Alyssa Pochop picked up sixth place finishes in both the hammer throw (144-4) and javelin (112-8). Her toss in the hammer throw pushed the freshman from North Monterey County into the state championship. Javier Garcia (32:18.56) will also head south the championship with his fifth place in the 10,000 meters. Andrew Martinez placed seventh in the 3000 meter steeplechase (10:07.46), men's 4x100 relay eighth (42.80), Nathan Bishop twelfth in the pole vault, Adriana Jimenez seventh in the 1500 meters (5:10.45), Nancy Rodriguez seventh in both the 5000 meters (19:16.89) and 10,000 meters (40:14.83).

As a team the men placed fourth overall out of 19 competing teams. The women placed eighth just 10 points out of the top five and among 22 competing team.

For full Norcal Regional Championship results:
https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/46076.html

17. HARTNELL ORCHESTRA IMPRESSES WITH SPRING CONCERT

On Thursday, May 19, 2016, The Hartnell College Community Orchestra performed its Spring Concert, entitled, “Beethoven and Friends” on Mainstage. Audience members were treated to a variety of pieces including music from “Downton Abbey,” two songs written by local composer Dale Victorine, the Saint-Saëns “Gloria and Alleluia” led by student conductor René Astorga,
and the Piano Concerto #1 performed by music instructor Dr. Kristal Kim. Dr. Kim showed great virtuosity and courage; she endured the physical stress of playing while being 8 months pregnant. The concert had a multi-media element, as audience members saw pictures selected by Music Emeritus Professor Carl Christensen as the music was being played. "This was the finest hour for our orchestra," said Steve Ettinger, conductor of the orchestra “The students really played well and it was an amazing experience for them to collaborate with Kristal. I am so proud of everyone who was involved with this wonderful event.”

18. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR VALUES HARTNELL

In a feature story in the Californian last week, Economic Development Director of the Economic Development, Housing and Workforce-County of Monterey, David Spaur spoke of his work and passion; when asked what he likes most about Salinas, he said: The entrepreneurial spirit of people working in agriculture, and those, who teach and instruct at Hartnell College and CSU Monterey Bay.

For the rest of the story, go to:

19. UPCOMING EVENTS

Respiratory Care Pining Ceremony
Friday, May 27, 2016
11:30 AM – B-208

Nursing Pining Ceremony
Friday, May 27, 2016
1:30 PM – Mainstage

Commencement 2016
Friday, May 27, 2016
6:00 PM – This event is at capacity. Remember to bring your tickets! Rabobank Stadium

HEP Graduate Recognition
Saturday, May 28, 2016
Ceremony: 12:00 PM – 2:00PM – Mainstage
Reception: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Student Center

Veterans Graduation/Recognition
Saturday, May 28, 2016
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at Steinbeck Hall
TRiO Graduation Ceremony
Sunday, May 29, 2016 at Student Center
4:30 – 8:00 PM

New season at The Western Stage starts with,
Arthur Miller’s timely drama *A View from the Bridge*
Performances are May 28-June 19 in The Studio Theatre

*Spring Jazz*
Featuring the Hartnell Jazz Ensemble
Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30 PM - Mainstage

*A Concert of Instrumental Solos*
Featuring students in the Music 11 class
Wednesday, May 25 at 11:45 AM – K125

20. IN THE NEWS

Computer Science cohort is high tech bound

Education Digest – Distinguished Alumni 2016 announced for Hartnell

College Track: Hartnell product Chase Pacheco 11th at Big 10 decathlon finals

Hartnell’s Grover wins State Title

Salinas headed to state mountain bike championship: Solid season for Flores

Hartnell’s Grover wins NorCal title in 1,500

Plane crash drill preps first responders – Our nursing student volunteer

Simulated air disaster staged – Nursing students partake

Fourth-run fifth lifts Palma baseball to win
[http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/05/19/four-run-fifth-lifts-palma-baseball-win/84578790/](http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/05/19/four-run-fifth-lifts-palma-baseball-win/84578790/)

Hartnell misses boat for bus rides to college
Hartnell’s Savoldi heads to San Diego Christian
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/05/20/hartnells-savoldi-head-san-diego-christian/84640994/
Savoldi to head to San Diego Christian
Sophomore Dustin Samms
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20160520/SPORTS/160529968
County snapshots – David Spaur (values education at Hartnell)