1. **1,307 STUDENTS ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL AND MAKE HARTNELL PROUD**

I am more than pleased to announce that Hartnell College named 630 students to its Dean’s List and 677 students to the President’s Honor Roll for the SPRING 2016 semester. The students on the Honor Roll have gone above and beyond the call of duty to set an example of what it means to have opportunity, engagement, and achievement and use these to attain academic and professional success.

In order to be in the President’s Honor Roll or the Dean’s List, students must meet certain criteria. All 1,307 honor students were enrolled in at least 12 units for the semester. Dean’s List students earned a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.49. President’s Honor Roll students earned a grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0.

Here at Hartnell we are focused on providing a world class education for the students of the Salinas Valley so that they are prepared for 21st century jobs. I am so proud of all of our students who have grit and passion for making their communities better via higher education. These lists are a testament to the commitment the students have towards their educational goals and the dedication of faculty and staff in helping them reach their goals. The lists are available at [THIS LINK](#). Congratulations to this exemplary group of Hartnell students.

2. **HEWLETT FOUNDATION GIVES $400,000 GRANT TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

I am happy to announce that The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has given the Hartnell College Foundation a $400,000 grant in support of the Capital Campaign for the Center for Performing Arts – Building K. The Campaign was launched in May 2014 to offer the Salinas Valley a facility that mirrors the excellence within its artistic productions and programs to thus engage in arts and culture. The upgrades will include a new box office, an enhanced community atrium, a new art gallery area, and infrastructure upgrades to the front of the Center for Performing Arts.
“The tremendously generous grant from the Hewlett Foundation demonstrates the importance of performing arts to a healthy community,” said Nicholas M. Pasculli, Chair of the Theatre Arts Council and Vice President of Hartnell College Foundation. “The theatre is truly one of the few places we can go and completely immerse ourselves in a collective story that reflects the hopes, dreams and sometimes sadness that we share.”

To-date, the Foundation has raised over $1,240,000 towards the $1,500,000 renovation goal for the Center for Performing Arts. The leadership of the Theatre Arts and Arts Councils, has been invaluable in providing the community the opportunity to engage, build culture and pride, plus invest in enriching, and often life changing, experiences for youth.

The support for this Capital Campaign has also come from: Anonymous Foundation, Sally Hughes Church Foundation, Joanne Taylor Johnson (in honor of Sally Hughes church), Massey Family, Nicholas M. Pasculli, Shari Selover & Lance Fors, Patricia Donohue, Jean Hurd, Mimi & George Niesen, David Warner, SSB Construction, and Winoma & Greg Plaskett. Thank you!

3. HARTNELL COLLEGE HEP ONCE AGAIN RANKED TOP 5

During this year’s Annual HEP Director’s Conference, national 2015 success data was revealed and, once again, Hartnell College came out on top!

All HEP projects are measured against two Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) Goals, the most important being:
- GPRA 1. Achieve a 70% graduation rate, and
- GPRA 2. Place 80% of those that graduate into higher education, technical training, military or improved employment.

There were 36 HEP projects operating nationwide during 2014-2015. Of those, 10 projects achieved or surpassed the target of a 70% graduation rate, 6 achieved at least an 80% graduation rate, and only 3 demonstrated a graduation rate of 90% or higher. I am proud to say that Hartnell HEP is one of those projects. Hartnell HEP is no stranger to the top 10 list. We were ranked 5th in 2012, 4th in 2013, no list was released 2014, and although a specific rank was not announced, we are among the top 3 best performing programs for 2015! That same year also marked the first time in Hartnell HEP history that we met GPRA 2 by achieving an 80% placement rate! In the words of HEP Director Eric Becerra “this of course does not happen in isolation. It is testament to collaborative efforts, institutional support, mentorship, guidance, student sacrifice and commitment, and the unwavering talent and passion of our awesome HEP family.”
On Friday, July 22, 2016, Hartnell College had the honor of hosting Dr. Glenda Humiston, Vice President, Agriculture and Natural Resources for the University of California, Office of the President. As a result of this meeting, we are excited about the potential to work more closely with UC ANR in their facilities neighboring our Alisal Campus as well as exploring partnerships supporting experiential learning, internships, and degree completion via academic pathways with UC Santa Cruz, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and UC Riverside. Joining me in receiving Dr. Humiston were Dr. Lori Kildal (VP Academic Affairs), Shannon Bliss (Dean Academic Affairs - STEM), Dr. Zahi Atallah (Dean of Academic Affairs - Advanced Technology), Maggie Melone (Director of K-12 STEM Education), and Dr. Susan Pheasant (Director of the Agricultural Business and Technology Institute).

I had the honor of being asked to serve as a judge for this year’s contest to select Miss California Rodeo Salinas (note: it is tough duty, but someone has to do it😊). Actually, it is very difficult because all of the young ladies are so talented, poised, and deserving of the title. I was with a wonderful group of judges and thoroughly enjoyed the process. In addition, at the dinner for the event Michele and I had something wonderful occur. We happened to be seated next to the Garlinger family, a multi generation family in the Salinas Valley. I had a delightful conversation with Pat Garlinger (maiden name: Adcock) who happens to be a proud Panther from the Class of ’42! It is not often you get a chance to meet someone from that far back in Hartnell’s history. Of course, when she attended, it was Salinas Junior College. Her daughter, Joni Garlinger, was a Rodeo hostess in 1966 and we had the pleasure of meeting her as well. In the end, it was Megan Ford who was crowned Miss California Rodeo Salinas 2016.
6. I AGRICULTURE – ORGANIC PRODUCE SUMMIT

On July 13 and 14, 2016 our Hartnell Food Safety students had the privilege of attending and volunteering at the second annual Organic Produce Summit at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Monterey, CA. The Organic Produce Summit is the best place to network with industry leaders, educators and innovators in the fresh organic produce segment. Not only did our students receive the opportunity to be part of an important and rewarding volunteer effort, but they acquired the chance to be informed about food safety practices and a chance to network with local and global produce companies. A huge thanks to our very own Hartnell adjunct instructor, Nick Pasculli, for including the Hartnell family in this event.

7. FORBES EVENT IS FILLED WITH INFO, TOURS, AND AG

Hartnell College was thrilled to once again participate in the second annual Forbes Ag Tech Summit on July 13, 2016. Our Alisal campus hosted over 150 Forbes attendees for Field and Plant Tours. Attendees got the chance to tour our campus and hear about our programs from me, Dr. Lori Kildal, and Dr. Zahi-Kanaan-Atallah. The tour was followed by live field demos featuring in-field technology from Blue River Technology, Heavy Connect, Tanimura & Antle Plant Tape, Spensa Technologies, and UC Davis Robovator as well as drones from SkyView HD. A very special thanks to Sharon Benzen from USDA for partnering with us and industry volunteers Bart Walker from Pacific Ag Rentals, and all Hartnell faculty, staff, and student volunteers for helping us host the Forbes group. Thank you Dr. Steven Triano (Ag Sciences), Maggie Melone (K-12 STEM) and Valentin Rodriguez (Diesel) for showcasing your academic programs.
8. SUMMER CAMP AT HARTNELL COLLEGE IS EXCITING AS EVER!

Last week, Hartnell Women’s Volleyball hosted its annual Girls Volleyball Summer Camp. This year we had about 80 girls participate, ranging from ages 8 to 15 years old. Among the coaches who worked the summer camp were: volleyball head coach, Jamie Pedroza, assistant coaches, select student-athletes, and a former college athlete who played volleyball at Pomona Pitzer University. The camp was divided into several age groups, allowing the younger girls to learn the basics of the game such as the rules, footwork, and various field positions. Meanwhile, the older, more experienced girls were exposed to advanced aspects of the game including: game strategy, high-level offensive systems, and maintaining mental fortitude. "It is a pleasure working with the next generation of volleyball players. Their enthusiasm for learning the sport gives me motivation and renews my passion for coaching," said Coach Pedroza.

9. HARTNELL FINANCIAL AID LAUNCHES VIDEO SERVICE

The Hartnell College Financial Aid Office has teamed up with Financial Aid TV to bring a new helpful GetAnswers Video Service. This new service will provide short 60-90 second videos that will communicate complex financial aid information to current and prospective students. For example, GetAnswers covers a wide array of topics including Financial Aid Basics, the Verification Process, SAP, CA Dream Act, and the BOG Fee Waiver to name a few. Anyone can access these videos by visiting the Hartnell College FA Website at: http://www.hartnell.edu/financial-aid-tv

We encourage you to visit the webpage and let others know about this new financial aid interactive resource.
10. HARTNELL STAFF ATTEND CASE SUMMIT IN NY

Last week, our Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro and Director of Philanthropy, Karen Hagman, travelled to New York City to attend the 2016 CASE Summit for Leaders in Advancement. The Summit was an annual meeting for senior higher education advancement professionals to gain insight and develop strategies in order to obtain successful leadership skills for the empowerment and enhancement of higher education facilities. The summit included five key sessions, four Executive Education Seminars and more than 16 concurrent sessions. Some of the top keynote speakers included: David Brooks, Author, New York Times Columnist, and Political and Social Analyst; Ruth J. Simmons, President Emerita, Brown University; President Emerita, Smith College. A panel of experts including: Andrew Hamilton, President, New York University; Stacy Palmer, Editor, The Chronicle of Philanthropy; and Daniel R. Porterfield, President, Franklin & Marshall College with Moderator: Sue Cunningham, President, CASE were featured at the end of the summit to tackle big topics including accountability in education, student activism and campus controversy, talent management and succession planning.

11. CARRIE: THE MUSICAL – A ‘NIGHT YOU’LL NEVER FORGET’

Carrie: The Musical just opened on Saturday July, 2016 at the Western Stage with a bang! This adaptation to the classic American horror was a perfect combination of music, drama, and suspense. Michele and I along with a friend from Indiana attended on July 24. The cast and orchestra put on an inspiring performance and the set design was magnificent. The musical tells the story of the main character Carrie; a high school outcast. When she isn't being ostracized, she's relentlessly mocked and harassed by her classmates. Things aren't much better at home, where she lives with an oppressively religious mother who has an extremist sense of guilt and atonement. This is an important story to tell, especially in view of the current concern around bullying in schools and other environments." I would like to invite you to our Western Stage feature presentation of Carrie: The musical, ‘A Night You’ll Never Forget’ and be a part of Starting the Conversation Campaign at the Western Stage. Click HERE for review. For more information and to purchase tickets go to www.westernstage.com.
12. UPCOMING EVENTS

The Western Stage presents Carrie: The Musical
Now through August 6, 2016
westernstage.com or 831-755-6816

Hartnell CCD Governing Board Meeting
July 26, 2016, 5 p.m.
Main Campus in Building B, Room 208
2016 Board Meeting Dates: Calendar

Women’s Education and Leadership Institute Forum
Call 831-755-6810 for tickets

Grand Opening of Science Center!
September 30, 2016
More information to come!

Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016
Saturday, October 29, 2016

The Western Stage Gala
November 19, 2016

13. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell Alumnus receives special recognition

UAA Cross Country Adds Two More
http://www.youralaskalink.com/news/uaa-cross-country-adds-two-more/article_eb38f0ce-4ec2-11e6-af40-27b2ec3a5471.html

Education Digest: Mongolian visitors head to Rodeo