The 2012 spring track and field season saw new school records established in both the men and women’s record books. The men placed a valiant second and women a respectable third at the Coast Conference Championship held at Hartnell College in April. Sophomore Cristian Soratos (Salinas High School) put on a solo exhibition of dominance in winning an amazing four individual conference titles in two days. He established new Coast Conference Championship records for the 800 meters (1:51.68) and 1500 meters (3:49.65) earning Track Athlete of the Meet.

In winning three titles of her own, freshman Victoria Alcala (Alvarez High School) was not far behind her fellow teammate. Alcala won the 1500 meters, 5000 meters, and 10,000 meters. Sophomores Adonis Singletary (Seaside High School) in the 400 hurdles and Maria Suarez (Alisal High School) in the triple jump also enjoyed time at the top of the medal podium in their events.

Hartnell College was the only one of five Northern California programs to place both the men and women in the top 10 teams overall at the Northern California Championship in San Mateo. Freshman Ashley Jones (Monte Vista Christian High School) bettered two long-standing school records in the sprint events. In the 100 meters, Jones bettered Regina Lambert’s 1987 school record by running 12.02. Just an hour later, she bested Felicia Brown’s 1994 record in the 200 meters racing to 25.19. Cristian Soratos took second place in both the 1500 meters and 5000 meters. Sophomore Kevin Roa (North Monterey County High School) took the silver in the 10,000 meter run. Frankie Martinez (San Benito High School) earned a bronze medal in the hammer throw as did Adonis Singletary in the 400 meter hurdles.

All told, Hartnell College advanced seven athletes to the State Championship in Cerritos from the regional competition. Cristian Soratos saved his best performance for the last meet of the season as he narrowly missed a state 1500 meter title but bettered the long-standing school record with his run of 3:47.03 for the metric mile. Freshman Jessica Mattos (Aptos High School) placed sixth in the discus and will return in 2013 at the top ranked thrower in Northern California in her event.
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