CRISTIAN SORATOS – DOES HARTNELL PROUD!

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This good news could not wait! Saturday, February 14, 2015, Hartnell alumnus Cristian Soratos quieted all doubters and ran the 11th best indoor NCAA indoor mile ever in 3:55.27 to take the victory. He is currently ranked #1 in the NCAA and the time should make him the #3 best performer in the U.S. behind Olympic medalist Matt Centrowitz and Ben Blankenship! Prior to Saturday's indoor mile at the Dempsey Center on the campus of the University of Washington there was much discussion as to the validity of Montana State's senior Cristian Soratos and his altitude adjusted 3:56 mile set a month ago. His national leading time and NCAA qualifying adjustment was the only performance with a conversion. For more, go to: http://msubobcats.com/news/2015/2/14/MTRACK_0214153205.aspx

It was fun to watch Cristian develop and grow as a young man at Hartnell. He used the community college system perfectly to improve as a student and athlete. He trained hard to reach to be a champion and school record holder at Hartnell and has now transferred that success up to the most challenging level. Cristian has the attitude and tools to not only make the Olympic Trials but contend for a berth in 2016. He’s at the perfect age for miling.

-Christopher Zepeda, Head Coach for Track & Field and Cross Country
2. COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2015 Black History Month

February 17—27

Pictorial

Location: Student Center
Exhibit of notable African American in the Arts and Literature.

Selma (Film)
Location: Maya Theater
Showing Time: 2:00PM
Join us at the Maya Theater for a special showing of Selma, a “chronicle of Martin Luther King’s campaign to secure equal voting rights.” Tickets available at the Office of Student Life (C-140). Limited Amount, Student ID required.

Wednesday, February 18

Am Yakkaar
African Drumming and Dance Performance
Location: Student Center
Time: 12:00PM
Join us for a performance by Senegal drumming and dancing group Am Yakkaar (Hope). Come an enjoy a Free Senegalese meal (ID Required).

Thursday, February 19

Hartnell Jazz Band & Poetry Reading
Location: Student Center
Time: 1:00PM
Hartnell Jazz Band will delight us with some of the best Jazz music. Students are invited to read poetry highlighting the issue of equality.

Thursday, February 26
3. **WEEK OF LOVE ENGAGES AND ENCOURAGES REFLECTION**

Last week was designated as the Week of Love (and V-Week) with a number of programs headed by Dr. Marnie Galzier (Communication and Theatre Arts). V-Week is the international campaign to end gender violence. The week culminated with a live performance of Eve Ensler's award-winning play *The Vagina Monologues*, followed by a Hartnell original compilation of, *Men’s Monologues*. Proceeds generated were donated to the Monterey County Rape and Crisis Center. Pictured top left: cast of The Vagina Monologues.

4. **MONTHLY LUNCH WITH EMPLOYEES**

On Thursday, February 12, 2015, I held the monthly lunch with employees – an informal meet to get to know one another in a small group setting. Each month, my office invites about 15 employees and we are working through the alphabet by last name. I updated the group on the new science building, the budget, the facilities master plan, accreditation, and two initiatives on student success. Some of their questions included the possibility of a sports stadium for Hartnell, graduation at Rabobank Stadium, and the National Steinbeck Center. Photo L to R – Dr. Romero Jalomo, Vice President of Student Affairs; Gloria Flores, Food Service Lead Worker; Carol Kimbrough, Instructor; Melissa Hornstein, Instructor; Andy Kryche, Planetarium Educator; me; Nora Torres, Technician (HR and EEO); Antonia Jamie, Program Coordinator (EOPS); and Dale Fuge, Swimming Pool Attendant.
5. SPEECH TEAM IS UNSTOPPABLE!

The Hartnell Speech Team is hard at work and making a name for itself at every competition. On Saturday, February 7, 2015 the team visited Chabot College in Hayward, California to participate in the Keeling Invitational Speech Tournament. The Speech Team competed against 13 other two-year and four-year schools, including Mt. Hood Community College (Oregon), CSU Chico, San Jose State University, and UC Berkeley. The team brought home a number of prizes:

- Victoria Garcia, 2nd place - Open Communication Analysis
- Andrea Cervantes, 3rd place - Open Communication Analysis
- Adrian Flores, 3rd place - Open Dramatic Interpretation
- Lourdes Tinajero and Christopher Rendon, 3rd place - Open Dramatic Duo Interpretation
- Sarina Atkins, 3rd place - Novice Informative Speaking
- Meritzy Ayala, 5th place - Open Informative Speaking

Also competing for the team were Jaime Guzman, Joy Jubane and Tanaya Landry. The team is preparing for the California Community College State Championships, March 12-15, 2015 in Woodland Hills, California. For more information about the Hartnell Speech Team, contact Coach and Communication Professor, Jason Hough at jhough@hartnell.edu.

Front L to R: Victoria Garcia, Andrea Cervantes, Meritzy Ayala, Joy Jubane
Back L to R: Tanaya Landry, Marc Dover, Lourdes Tinajero, Adrian Flores, Christopher Rendon, Sarina Atkins (Not pictured: Jaime Guzman)

6. ACTING FOR THE LOVE OF THE ARTS

Every year the Friends of the Monterey Symphony present an annual Mystery Play to raise funds for the nonprofit symphony orchestra. This season they presented a pirate
mystery - “The Penniless Pirate: What really happened to Blackbeard’s gold?” – a grand theatrical production with fabulous music, food, and fun!
I had the pleasure of having a cameo in this play as one of the burley pirates. The year is 1716. The story is set on the Island of Jamaica, an eighteenth-century haven for pirates, including the most infamous, dangerous, and swashbuckling pirate of all: Blackbeard. Blackbeard often boasted that only the Devil himself would ever find his treasure. It was a fun and interactive play in which the audience was able to help the Mystery Players solve the case of who stole Blackbeard’s gold. The play had two performances; one at Hartnell’s Mainstage and one at the Portola Plaza Hotel & Spa. This program was sponsored by the Hartnell College Foundation. It was a fun and exciting way to support the arts.

7. BASEBALL IMAGES OF THE WEEK

8. UPCOMING SPORTING FESTIVAL

Gary Shaw Track & Field Festival

February 26-27, 2015
Heptathlon/Decathlon/10K

February 28, 2015
Invitational Track & Field Meet

For more information call 755-6845
FREE Master Class for Hartnell students by Francesco and Matteo
Community welcomed to view
Thursday, February 19, 2015
3:00 p.m. at the Mainstage

Piano and Organ Concert on
Friday, February 20
At 6:00 PM
For tickets and more information go to:
http://westernstage.com/

Cash for College Day!
Saturday, February 21, 2015- Student Services, B-110
Starting at 9:00 a.m. (12 noon and 1:30 p.m.)
Session in Spanish at 10:30 a.m.

Music Extravaganza 2015
March 20, 2015
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in building K – Performing Arts
All ensembles to perform!
10. IN THE NEWS

NASA SEMAA students learn on Saturdays

East Salinas group seeks new rhythm in new year

Winter Reflections at Gallery
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/entertainment/art/artifacts-shining-a-light-on-something-illuminates-it/article_c0d86a82-b24a-11e4-859e-4f593a8058a3.html

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WHS alum Orendain signs with Mercy College

Baseball claims victory
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/02/14/hartnell-baseball-claims-victory/23403459/

MPC beats Hartnell in women's hoops

Soratos earns Big Sky honors