The Italian duo Francesco Attesti and Matteo Galli returned to Hartnell last week for a master class on Thursday and a concert on Friday. This year, they added a special treat to the concert; with them, opera singer Nathalie Avila from Miami, Florida. This year’s master class was attended by students and community members who watched on and learned technique and tricks from pianist Attesti.

The gathering at my house that Thursday was in honor of our guests – sponsors, friends of Hartnell, staff, and Trustrees President, Elia Gonzalez-Castro were in attendance. The group enjoyed good company, food and drinks, plus a special performance by Attesti (using my piano – which did just great!). “It is not a Grand Piano, but it will do,” said Attesti with a smile before he played.
The concert at Mainstage was electrifying and Nathalie added an extra spice of melodious success. The house gave the ‘trio’ a standing ovation in the end. Trustee Pat Donahue was in attendance. After the concert, VIP guests gathered in the Hartnell Art Gallery for a more intimate experience with the artists. All in all, the two-day activities culminated successfully. I am happy that over 100 Hartnell students were in attendance. Thanks to our sponsors for all the support: Hartnell College Foundation, Associated Students of Hartnell College, CHISPA, Felice Consulting Services, Chatterbox, Scheid Vineyards, iHeart Radio, PBI, Blach Construction, MP Express, and KION/Telemundo/CW. We look forward to their return next year!

2. EMPLOYEES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS—REACHING NEW HEIGHTS!

Each year, Hartnell College employees rally in support of our students through the Employees for Student Success Campaign. This important campaign supports student scholarships, emergency funds, and areas of greatest need. The year’s campaign was our most successful campaign yet, raising $77,289! These funds directly support our students and demonstrate the level of pride our faculty and staff have in Hartnell College.

This year the number of participants increased to 175. By the end of the campaign, Hartnell’s management team met the 100% participation goal.

The all-star committee was chaired by Debra Kaczmar, Mark Sanchez, Ben Grainger, and Elsa Brisson. Committee members included: Albert Graham, Ann Wright, Amy Taketomo, Augustine Nevarez, Belinda May Saechao, Christopher Zepe da, Cristina Westfall, Daniel Jimmeye, DC Washington, Dora Sanchez, Emily Brandt, Hermelinda Rocha-Tabera, Jackie Cruz, Joanne Pleak, Joe Welch, Karen Hagman, Lindsey Bertomen, Lucy Serrano, Maggie Melone-Echiburu, Mary Dominguez, Melvin Jimenez, Ricardo Herrera, Steven Triano, Susan Pheasant, Susanne Burns, and Terri Pyer. Thank you to all who supported Hartnell College through this important campaign.

Monica Massimo is the winner of “Park in my parking spot for a week” raffle prize. Thank you Monica for your contribution to benefit students!
3. DR. LOFMAN PRESENTS INSTITUTIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

On Tuesday, February 17, 2015, Dean of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, Dr. Brian Lofman, presented his Integrated Planning & Sustainable Quality Improvement Model for Hartnell to the Board of Trustees during this month’s Board Development meeting. The presentation included key individuals who touched on: Hartnell’s values, mission & vision, community relevance, the strategic plan, long term plans, technology master plan, inventory of continuous improvement processes, governance effectiveness, and a sample of a Program Planning and Assessment report. Much has been accomplished over the last 17 months and all should be proud of what has been completed.

4. MEN OF HARTNELL MENTOR-MENTEE MIXER

On Thursday, February 19, 2015 the Hartnell College Counseling Department hosted "Men of Hartnell." Connecting students with mentors is a critical resource for influencing student success. Often times, students do not feel connected to the college campus or do not know where to go to access resources, e.g. tutorial services. Our goal is to develop a mentoring program for our male students and women are welcome to serve as mentors as well. Through a connection with a mentor students will have a contact point by which they can feel comfortable and ask questions that will positively influence their time at Hartnell College. A consistent theme discussed by students was how difficult it is for them to be far away from their hometowns. Participating students came from Salinas, France, Minneapolis, Connecticut, Southern California and many other places. For many of them it can feel lonely being here at Hartnell far away from loved ones. The students were very thankful for this event and said they “felt valued” by the people present who are
interested in their educational and future success. Counseling faculty Tony Anderson, Francisco Corchado, and Sergio Díaz developed the agenda for the program, conducted outreach for faculty mentors and student mentees, and will conduct follow-ups to connect students with mentors. It was a wonderful turnout of student. Faculty, athletic coaches, and community leaders were present to serve as mentors.

5. WELCOME INTERIM VP OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Stephen Garcia joined us as of last week as the interim Vice President of Administrative Services. Mr. Garcia will serve in this interim capacity at least through June 2015 while we are conducting the search for the permanent position. He brings a rich background of experiences and knowledge to the position. Prior to retirement, he served as the vice president and chief financial officer and provided leadership to the division of Administration and Business Affairs (ABA) at California State University, Sacramento - sixth largest campus of the CSU with 28,000 students. Garcia has served in various capacities during his distinguished career in all four sectors of public education in the State of California including K-12, the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University. He also served as chief financial and business officer/vice chancellor for the Pima County Community College District system, which has six campuses in Tucson, Arizona.

6. MELISSA STAVE, CCCPE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

A big congratulations to retiree Melissa Stave who is the recipient of this year’s California Community College Physical Education (CCCPE) General Physical Educator of the Year Award. This award is extra special because it is given out by peers. Melissa will attend the awards ceremony in Ontario, CA in April. Melissa Stave began teaching at Hartnell in 1980 as an adjunct instructor in Physical Education. She has been one of our most diverse instructors with the ability and knowledge to teach aerobics, classes in fitness, water exercise, and adaptive physical education. She has also assisted our intercollegiate teams with specialized training, rehabilitation and athletic training. She served as an adjunct instructor
for 10 years. In spring of 1991, she was hired as a full-time instructor for Adaptive Physical Education. Some highlights of why she was selected for this award include:

- Developed a back exercise program, stress management program and water exercise program
- Provided many brown bag lunch or one-on-one meetings with groups discussing weight and nutrition.
- Cardiac Rehab Program-Phase 3 & 4 in conjunction with Salinas Valley Memorial hospital Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Developed curriculum with other faculty in weight management, speed training and conditioning, mental skills for sports performance, introduction to Kinesiology, wall climbing and sociology of sport
- Updated Physical Education curriculum- 80 plus courses
- Member of FIG Group- looking at retention and reading development of a website to be used by students to help with reading textbooks and vocabulary to become successful students from 2010-11
- Developed a fitness assessment program in 1989 with Robert Kersey
- Physical Fitness Specialist in 1985 for Stanford Health Outreach
- Designed transfer model curriculum for our Kinesiology Program

Congratulation Melissa!

7. NEW ART BY MY OFFICE E-102 – SHOES!

*Best Foot Forward* is a clay shoe project by Hartnell College ceramic students. The class assignment required research from historical, cultural and contemporary perspectives on foot wear. Actual shoes served as models for objective observation but *Smart Phones* also played a role in accessing instant images.

It was a challenging assignment, especially for students working with clay for the first time. A bit like assembling a three-dimensional jigsaw puzzle, students learned to form and join clay with techniques of scoring and slipping. They also had to become familiar with clay in its different stages from plastic (pliable), to leather hard (firm). Each stage comes with pros and cons.

Form and function are important elements in utilitarian pottery. As a sculpture project, *Best Foot Forward* brought about a similar dialogue on form and function: i.e., stilettos are not comfortable, but they are fashionable and many women like to wear
them as part of their collection of shoes. Rachel Gardoni, a first
time ceramic student, entitled her high heeled slippers, Man
Eaters.

Linell McCray produced a magnificent pair of cowboy boots inspired by her father,
aptly called, Dad’s Boots. McCray recalled memories of her father teaching her to
ride. She explained the form and function of cowboy boots: the pointed toe makes it
easy to slip into the stirrup; the slanted heel keeps the foot in the stirrup and
accommodates the spur; the shaft protects the rider’s calf.

Jennifer Anderson’s pair, Garden of Eden Shoes, is an assemblage of leaf
shapes. Francisco Echavarria made a pair entitled, Air Jordan while Atsuko
Yamaguchi produced a more humble pair, Tennis Shoes.

The assortment of stoneware (clay fired to about 2320 degrees F.) shoes in this
exhibit vary from elegant to funky. All are sincere expressions from the heart from
individuals studying the art process in ceramics.

8. CASH FOR COLLEGE A SUCCESS

The Financial Aid Department offered a "Cash for College" event at our Main
Campus. The Financial Aid staff assisted 121 students in completing their 2015-2016
FAFSA applications. Assembly member Luis Alejo’s Office also co-sponsored this event
by publicizing it using radio and mailers. It is important to have these workshops to
help students who will continue with us in the fall semester or for those who are
moving on and transferring to a university.

This event wraps up the financial aid FAFSA workshops that we have been providing
to assist students in preparation for the upcoming 2015-2016 year. We offered this
same type of workshops to seven different high schools in our District.

9. MESA ‘OPEN HOUSE’ WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS

MESA held a Welcome Event on Friday, February 13. Over 100 new Math Engineering Science Achievement
(MESA) students attended and had the opportunity to
meet the MESA team as well as the Dean of Math, Science and Engineering, Shannon Bliss. Also in
attendance were MESA Counselor Monica Galvan and the Dean of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, Dr.
Brian Lofman. Students enjoyed snacks, prizes and a drone flight demonstration from the Engineering Club. The MESA program is creating a big impact. Through our community based model and caring support, MESA helps Hartnell achieve its mission to grow leaders. Through MESA, any Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) majors can receive free tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, university fieldtrips, academic advising and counseling, mentoring, advocacy, and transfer assistance. We are changing lives and promoting student equity and success for underrepresented and educationally disadvantaged students. Since 2012, MESA has tripled its enrollment and increased and improved services (we now serve over 330 students!) In spring 2014, MESA students passed their transferable college courses with an amazing 90% success rate! This is nearly 20% higher than the college-wide and statewide averages for the same classes.

New MESA student Reyna Ortiz had this to say about the event: “I am a freshman at Hartnell College. Since I began at Hartnell, I wanted to join the MESA program but I was not sure because I did not want to apply alone without any of my friends. However, I decided to apply this semester. This last Friday was a MESA Welcome for the new students. I met new students who have the same goals like me. Also, I learned that MESA supports students to be successful in college, offers many opportunities to reach our goals, and has counselors who can help us with any questions. MESA also organizes different fieldtrips so that students can visit university campuses. I learned that MESA is a great opportunity for me because MESA is a program that is concerned for the students and their dreams. Thank you.” -Reyna Ortiz

10. DR. MARNIE GLAZIER GIVES THANKS FOR ‘WEEK OF LOVE’

“I am pleased to report on our success with the Week of Love. Thanks to a dedicated team, and involvement from students in multiple disciplines including: Psychology, Sociology, Music, Theatre, Early Childhood Education, and Human Sexuality, we raised over $500.00 for the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center,” reported Dr. Glazier. Many thanks to the Associated Students of Hartnell College, the Office of Student Life, the Western Stage and Young Company, and the incredible group of students, staff, and faculty who gave their time and energy to this important project, including:

V-Day Task Force: Laura Zavala, Augustine Nevarez, Andy Kreyche, Andrea Felix-Cervantes, Dr. Hortencia Jiminez, Roxanne Sanchez, Maria-Elena Cordero, Anthony Barrera, Dr. Marnie Glazier; VAGINA MONOLOGUES Cast/Crew: Director: Dr.
The 2015 track & field season began on Friday at the Coast Conference Preview at the College of San Mateo. The Panthers took top honors in ten events lead by youth in freshmen Chase Pacheco and experience in sophomore Diego Leon. The Panthers begin the season as the defending Coast Conference men's and women's team champions with both victorious two consecutive years in 2013 and 2014.

Diego Leon, who is fresh off a state cross country individual championship, sent a message to the state that he’s aiming for a matching championship this spring. His winning time in the 1,500 meters of 3:54.68 bested last spring's Coast Conference champion David Aguilar of DeAnza College by over seven seconds. The mark is the fourth best in school history and easily met the automatic qualifying mark for May's state championship.

Leon returned to the track at the end of the meet and produced an additional state leading 8:32.22 in the 3,000 meter run. It is a full ten seconds better than any other time posted so far this season. Palma product and CCS long jump champion Chase Pacheco won that event in 23'4.75" and the 100 meters in 11.11. Pacheco also cleared 6'4" in the high jump. Malena Grover won both the 1,500 meters
(4:51.50) and the 3,000 meters (10:46.08). Her 1500 meter time is the seventh best in school history and the 3k mark is the ninth best. Other event winners included Dustin Samms in the hammer throw (161’9”) with the fifth best toss in school history, Tori Teraji in the discus (112’10.75”), Gavilan College transfer Frankie Gutierrez in the shot put (46’3.50”), and the men’s 4x100 relay team of Hector Jimenez, Quentin Minor, Alex Azevedo, and Isaiah Russell (45.17).
For full Coast Conference Preview Results:
http://www.directathletics.com/results/track/36919.html
Youtube Video Highlights from the Coast Conference Preview
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OlhSmNnAes&list=PL09vBxEsn8Xaf7g9GHuyqPH5aRI4ht

12. SOCCER – ENRIQUE MONTANA SIGNS WITH LOUISVILLE FC

In men’s soccer, Enrique “Kike” Montano signed with Louisville FC this week. Kike was part of the 2011 State Finalist Team. He was also a 1st Team All-League Coast Conference selection that year. Kike went on to play for Coach Gary St. Clair at San Jose State University. We are really proud him and know that he will do well. He is one step away from Major League Soccer!
For more view:

13. SOFTBALL NEWS

We started the season with a nice win over Foothill, but suffered injuries to our shortstop (a broken hand) and our catcher, Alexis Nava. Nava is back, but is not at full strength. Sam Moore, our short stop, gets her cast off this week, but return date is uncertain. We are currently 2-7. Danielle Blaylock is pitching well for us when our defense supports her. Izzy DeLeon has been playing well both on offense and defense. Angie Savoldi, our center fielder, has been our most consistent hitter. She has filled in at shortstop for Sam Moore. This needed move has created some challenges defensively, but the ladies are staying positive.

14. MEN’S BASKETBALL UPDATE

Hartnell has the top two scoring freshmen in the league, Hyram Miskin and Chase Ealy. Miskin and Ealy also are in the top three for freshmen in assists and steals. Miskin is
second for freshmen in rebounding. Miskin is still in the top ten in scoring, assists, rebounding, steals and blocks for all players in the Coast Conference – South Division.

15. UPCOMING EVENTS

Hartnell Jazz Band and Poetry Reading
Thursday, February 26, 2015
1:00 p.m. – Student Center

Educator in Residence - Dr. Anne Benvenuti
March 11 – 13, 2015
Topic – Global Perspectives on Depression
She will have several sessions to provide us with strategies for a better future.

Music Extravaganza 2015
March 20, 2015
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in building K – Performing Arts
All ensembles to perform!
Food, prizes, and wine.

Job Fair at Steinbeck Hall
Tuesday, April 28, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Contact is Mercedes Quintero at mquinter@hartnell.edu

16. IN THE NEWS

Italian duo returns to Hartnell
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/life/2015/02/18/italian-duo-returns-hartnell-master-class-concert/23569361/

Cristian Soratos is #1 in NCAA fastest indoor mile

Former Hartnell runner now #1 indoor mile racer

Cristian Soratos - video of 3:55.27 indoor mile

US T&F Coach Association Podcast Interview (nice reference to Hartnell College)
http://www.ustfccca.org/2015/02/featured/qa%E2%82%82-max-podcast-cristian-soratos-of-montana-state-collegiate-leader-in-the-mens-mile
Flotrack.org Track After Dark Interview (must forward into interview to hear Cristian)
http://www.flotrack.org/coverage/251947-Track-After-Dark-Podcast/article/29922-Track-After-Dark-Ep-7-36-Sub-4s-Cristian-Soratos#.VOeERy43m5J

Shooting near King City campus

Food safety news

Two bike commuters share their story
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2015/02/15/two-bike-commuters-share-stories/23475733/

Salinas group decries block of Obama immigration plans

Solano beats Hartnell
http://www.timesheraldonline.com/sports/20150217/solano-college-baseball-team-outslogs-hartnell