The Ninth Annual STEM Internship Symposium was a huge success. On Saturday, August 22, 2015, over 100 STEM students came together to showcase their summer internships. There was an oral program, poster sessions, a mentor discussion panel and a recognition ceremony. Eight Hartnell student internship projects were selected as part of the Symposium Oral Program with four university students presenting the research they are working on at UCSC or CSUMB.

The poster sessions allowed all of the student interns to showcase their summer internships and talk with guests, faculty, fellow students, staff and administrators, mentors, and several partners that were scouting for next year’s talent. The recognition ceremony celebrates the students’ success and is a tribute to the parents, mentors and partners that make the STEM Internship Program possible. This year the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) was the recipient of the Second Annual Andy Newton STEM Internship Partner Award. The USDA has been a long time partner and continues to support many of our students in the internship program. Juan Alvarez, USDA Regional...
Director and Jim McCreight, Research Leader for the USDA Agricultural Research Service were on hand to accept the award. A long time mentor and "number one fan of Hartnell," Dr. Carolee Bull, was unable to attend the symposium and ceremony but her student intern, Gabriel Ramos, made her proud. Dr. Bull is responsible for mentoring a number of Hartnell students over the years and is now at Penn State University. At the recognition ceremony, I was in good company with Shannon Bliss, Dean of Academic Affairs; Alicia Steinhardt, Biology Professor and Activity Director; Brenda Jones, Internship Program Coordinator; Andy Newton, Retired Director, SMI; Daniel Orr, Internship Coordinator, and Moises Almendariz, Director, HSI Initiatives. Maggie Melone provided Spanish interpretation and graciously introduced all of the presenters. Dr. Ann Wright moderated the Mentor Panel Discussion during the Poster Sessions which gave the students an opportunity to ask questions of the Mentors and have an in depth discussion about internship best practices and how to navigate the job market after graduation.

This year, we were part of the first regional symposia with California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB), Undergraduate Research Opportunity Center (UROC) and the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) STEM Diversity Programs and Jack Baskin School of Engineering. CSUMB and UCSC are partner universities that provide Hartnell students with summer internship opportunities. Hartnell students participated in both CSUMB’s and UCSC’s symposiums.

What is next for our interns? The Hartnell STEM Internship Program prepares and encourages students to apply to present their posters at national conferences. Several students have submitted their project abstracts to be considered as presenters at the SACNAS national conference in Washington DC; students, Jhanic Ramos and Jazel Hernandez, won for their categories last year.

Recruitment for the 2016 STEM Internship Program will begin soon. The internship preparation course is offered each spring; it will be facilitated by Dr. Ann Wright. Partner organizations that provide internship opportunities are what make the program possible.

Hartnell College thanks our industry partners for providing internships and scholarships to our students. These include The City of Monterey, CSUMB Research Experiences for Undergraduates, Belli Architectural Group, Fremont Peak Observatory, Opterra Energy Services, UC Berkeley Space Sciences Lab, Smart Wash Solutions, Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy, USDA, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, Enza Zaden, Chevron, Loaves, Fishes& Computers, Inc., UC Santa Cruz Baskin Engineering, Stanford University School of Medicine, CSUMB Undergraduate Research Opportunities
On Friday, we had the honor of receiving California Community College’s Board of Governor member, Arnoldo Avalos. He reached out not so long ago intrigued with all the successes he has heard about Hartnell College and voiced his interest in being our supporter in Sacramento. I gave him a tour of our main campus upon arrival, followed by a meeting with VP of Academic Affairs, Dr. Lori Kildal; VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo; Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Jackie Cruz; Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Mark Sanchez; and Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen. We provided him with an overview of the college and its programs and introduced him to the steps to success. The visit continued at the Alisal Campus where Dean Shannon Bliss, Dean Debra Kaczmar, Director of HSI, Moises Almendariz, Director of K-12 STEM Programs, Maggie Melone Echiburu, joined us to talk about NASA SEMAA, the Math Academy, STEM Symposium, and Health Pathways. Lunch was extra special; CSin3 students, Cohort 3 joined us and each one of them shared their story of struggle, hard work, and hope for the future. Board of Trustees President, Erica Padilla-Chavez, Board Vice President, Pat Donohue, and Board Member Candi DePauw joined us and were as touched by the students’ stories as everyone else in the room. Our guest also shared his story. He is an immigrant, overcame obstacles, but did his undergraduate work at UC Berkeley followed by a Masters from Harvard; he has worked for companies like Cisco Systems, Facebook, and Google. He became a millionaire and was able to buy his parents a home and retire at age 43. Avalos’ visit ended at CSU Monterey Bay for the CSin3 Symposium.
The Office of Student Life offered students free lunch Wednesday on the Quad; the only requirement: a valid student ID. The Back to School BBQ was a huge success! Students lined up to take advantage of the hamburgers, chips, drinks, and music. Countless students enjoyed their food in the warm sun as the Office of Student Life workers barbequed. Students were also offered the opportunity to win prizes at a wheel. Prizes included pens, wristbands, backpacks, and other Hartnell gear. This is just the first of many events the Office will put on for students throughout the year!

Wednesday’s Club Day was an awesome opportunity for Hartnell Students to get involved on campus. Several of Hartnell’s clubs were present at the Back to School BBQ put on by the Office of Student Life. They were there to promote their services, answer questions, and sign students up. Many students took the opportunity to learn about engaging on campus. Overall it was a great day for both students and clubs!
STUDENTS LOOK FORWARD TO FALL 2015

“I am looking forward to my music classes.”
Jorge Becerra, sophomore - Business

“I am excited to pass my classes, meet new people, and accomplish the goals I have set for myself.”
Jose Montoya, sophomore - Biology

“I am looking forward to seeing the progress I make in my grades.”
Brenda Garcia, freshman - Business

“I am excited for soccer season to start and begin playing for the Panthers!”
Maritza Trujillo, freshman - Kinesiology

“I am looking forward to meeting new people on campus.”
Jasmine Vasquez, freshman - Liberal Studies

“I am excited to learn new things here at Hartnell and find out what I want to do with my life.”
Emily Ramirez, freshman – Undeclared
6. COMMUNICATION AND BRANDING WORKSHOP

Last Monday, Hartnell College had a first. Our very own Director of Communications Esmeralda Montenegro Owen led the first Branding and Communications Workshop for the Administrative and Program Assistants at Hartnell College. Steinbeck Hall was filled with about 40 individuals eager to learn about Branding strategies and procedures. After a delicious breakfast, Esmeralda covered the basics of communications with the group and answered questions on how to properly use Hartnell’s logo, templates, and more. She was followed by Moxxy Principal, Terry Feinberg, who reviewed the latest Hartnell Logo and Graphic Standards. His presentation included details on how to select the correct logo for a project and how to utilize templates created for various purposes. The meeting concluded with an informative talk from Rich Casey, Bill Casey, and Candace Popper of Casey Printing. They showed the participants how to operate Hartnell Store Front - a great online tool used for ordering printed materials, like business cards, letterhead, and envelopes, that will ensure correct Hartnell Branding every time. Overall the meeting was a success and everyone walked away with a better understanding of the correct marketing and communication strategies of Hartnell College.

7. GET YOUR NEW I.D. – NEW DESIGN INTRODUCED THIS FALL!

If you have not already, be sure to stop by the Office of Student Life in building C to get your faculty/staff Identification Card. It is as easy as 1-2-3. Encourage students to do the same so they can be identified as current Hartnell students and also take advantage of activities on campus and free admission to Western Stage productions.

In photo, Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro and ASHC Director of Inter-Club Council, Francisco Juarez show-off the two designs – one for students, the other for faculty/staff.
9. THE WESTERN STAGE OFFERS VARIETY AND DIVERSITY

**Corridos! Tales of Passion and Revolution** is coming to The Western Stage’s Mainstage Theater August 29 through September 19, 2015. The musical play by Luis Valdez mixes drama and humor through musical ballads and storytelling sketches based on Mexican folk traditions. The story follows the heroes and history of the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1920. The play has won eleven Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards, including Best Musical. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00 p.m. Sundays.

Spector Dance and the Western Stage have joined together to bring **East West** to the Hartnell Campus. The innovative and stirring multidisciplinary performance piece explores the brutal realities of gang life, specifically why youth are attracted to...
gangs and how people find their way out. A wide range of perspectives and stories are incorporated in the project. The Western Stage Artistic Program Director, Melissa Chin-Parker, explains that “While not every member of our campus has had direct experience with gang activity, each of us is affected in some way by its presence in our community.” The Western Stage is the last stop of the East West 2015 tour. Be sure to catch one of the two showings Saturday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday, September 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mainstage Theater.

Tickets to Western Stage productions are FREE for Hartnell students (with ID), $5 for all other students (with ID and upon availability), $18 for adults, $10 for children 5-15, and $13 for groups of 15 or more. For tickets and more information, visit www.westernstage.com or call (831) 755-6981.

10. UPCOMING EVENTS

First year employees - First Friday events
September 4, 2015 in E-112
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Featuring: Fall Athletics and the Western Stage

At the Western Stage this summer and fall
For information on current and future productions, visit www.westernstage.com

Third Annual Veterans Appreciation Job Fair
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
All job seekers are welcome!
For more information, call 831-759-6007

11. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell students get close look at juvenile hall

Communication best practices important for everything

Those to be honored in Salinas Valley Hall of Fame
Six to be inducted into Salinas Valley Hall of Fame
http://www.montereyherald.com/sports/20150823/six-to-be-
inducted-into-salinas-valley-hall-of-fame

Boulder Creek artist who attended Hartnell has amazing story of success
http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/lifestyle/20150823/santa-cruz-county-stories-

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