1. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT – DETERMINATION, BRAVERY, LOVE

“I know I am capable. I will be working hard towards my goal because it is my dream to become the first in my family to complete an education and to set an example for my boys.”

– Dora E. Marquez

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After years of waiting, the permanent residency came. They spent some time in Mexico due to Mario’s mom and her weakening health. Dora was even able to get work in Mexico – which is so difficult to do. She traveled back and forth for years and brought the boys over to spend time with dad.

In the summer of 2012, Dora decided to surprise Mario and went down to visit him. She was to stay one week and the boys longer. At this time, she was working for Migrant Ed in Monterey County where she loved to provide information about services available to Latino families. The family was happy to be together. Just as Dora was getting ready to return to the States, she received the news no one is prepared to receive; her husband Mario was in a fatal car accident. It took Dora one year to recover. “One day I was thinking the unthinkable while driving down the 1,” she shares with tears in her eyes. “And I looked up and said to myself ‘what are you thinking?’ ‘The boys need you’ and that is how I snapped out of it.”

“Mom, you are smart, go back to school,” the boys told her. This was the medicine she needed; she found the help inside the TRiO office; Manuel Bersamin, Dr. Nancy Reyes, and Norma Nichols made her transition smooth and filled with hope.

“Manuel Bersamin has always inspired and motivated me ‘tu puedes’ ‘you can do it’ he’d say,” said Dora.

At home, Dora puts her sons first and by that she means there is lots of love, open communication, and discipline.

Dora has two sisters and two brothers and works part time for Precision Orthopedics.

“I have three goals,” she explained. “Finish my education, be a role model for my kids, and motivate those friends of mine who left school early so they can see that if I did it, so can they.”

Her journey does not stop there. She will continue on with a master’s degree and teaching credential. Congratulations Dora! YOU are an inspiration!

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2. JOB AND VOLUNTEER FAIR BRINGS HUNDREDS TO HARTNELL

On October 13, 2015, Hartnell College hosted its Third Annual Veterans’ Appreciation Job Fair in Steinbeck Hall and its first annual Volunteer Fair in the Student Center. These concurrent events gathered over 50 organizations that promoted employment and volunteer opportunities to nearly 300 participants, both students and Salinas Valley community members. The event
began with a Pledge of Allegiance led by Hartnell veteran student, Ryan Sparks, followed by a welcome address by Superintendent/President, Dr. Willard Lewallen. Among the many organizations present were California Highway Patrol, Central Coast YMCA, County of Monterey Economic Development Department, City of Salinas, Pebble Beach Company, Peninsula Security, Macy’s, Costco Wholesale, Entravision Communications, KSBW, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Chris Wilson Plumbing and Heating, Boys and Girls Clubs, SPCA for Monterey County, National Steinbeck Center, and Voices for Children CASA.

Feedback from students and community job seekers, employers and staff was exceptionally positive. The goal of the event is to continue to build our relationship with community partners and our students so they realize the difference that they can make in their community while attaining valuable skills. Student success is always in our minds, and we are extremely proud to be able to contribute to the bridging of resources in our community to assist our students in their successful growth and development as leaders. This event was hosted by the collaborative efforts of the Transfer & Career Center (represented by Elizabeth Gonzalez and Mercedes Quintero), Counseling Department (represented by Francisco Corchado), and the Veterans Services Center and student club (represented by Ryan, Marinell, Patrick, Gilbert, Joel, Alonso, Gemma Uribe-Cruz, and Maria Schlotthauer). An additional big thanks to Hartnell students Alex Cervantes, Erik Zamudio, Bernadette Haro, Emma Sanchez, Rosa Magaña, Angeles Chavez, Rosa Reyes, Daniel Garcia, Cassandra Ruiz, and Alejandra Carrillo for their amazing volunteer work during this successful networking event between community organizations/employers and our students. We look forward to next year to continue to provide these great opportunities for our diverse student population.

3. HARTNELL PRESENTS AT ACCT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

On Friday, October 16, Hartnell presented a workshop at the 2015 ACCT Leadership Congress annual meeting in San Diego. The workshop focuses on how the Hartnell Foundation has aligned its funding plan with the strategic priorities and goals of Hartnell College. It was an honor for me to present along with other leaders at Hartnell who are doing amazing work to support student success. (Alfred Diaz-Infante, President of Hartnell Foundation Board of Directors, not pictured)
4. HARTNELL TEAM PRESENTS AT HACU NATIONAL CONFERENCE

On October 11, 2015 Hartnell representatives Moises Almendariz (Director of HSI Initiatives), and Shannon Bliss (Dean, Academic Affairs for Science, Engineering, and Math), presented the college’s Internship Program at the 29th Annual HACU Annual Conference in Miami, Florida. HACU is the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. Its purpose is to advocate for the 243 Hispanic Serving Institutions across the nation and Puerto Rico. In addition to Moises and Shannon, representatives from UC Santa Cruz assisted in the presentation panel to explain the partnership among them and Hartnell’s Summer STEM Research Internship Program. The presentation included a history of the program, its development, as well as current data and successful outcomes. Alma Sifuentes (Dean of Students at UCSC) and I were in the audience supporting the presentation.

5. HARTNELL STUDENTS VISIT PRE-MEDICAL SCHOOL

Last weekend, the members of Hartnell’s pre-medical school club (SIMA) attended the 2015 Pre-Health Conference at UC Davis. This national conference is sponsored by the American Medical Students Association. At the conference, the club members attended seminars on topics such as how to successfully apply to medical school, what to expect once admitted to medical school, the various specializations within the medical field, and alternatives within the health field to a traditional physician’s career. As part of the conference, a large area of the UC Davis central quad was used as a medical school fair. Representatives from medical schools throughout the country and throughout the world set up information tables. Our students obtained verbal and printed information from the representatives about the procedures and advantages to applying to particular medical schools.
Overall, the SIMA members gained valuable information about how to achieve their career goal of becoming medical doctors. Furthermore, by meeting successful medical students from a wide variety of backgrounds and at various stages of their academic coursework, the SIMA members were encouraged about their own success as pre-health majors.

6. HARTNELL’S BIG SHOWING AT JUNTOS PODEMOS DIALOGUE

On Sunday, October 11, 2015 Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen emceed the Fifth Juntos Podemos Community Dialogue in Greenfield. The theme of the forum was "Our community, our commitment." Mayor of Greenfield, and Hartnell alumnus, the honorable John Huerta Jr. was one of the speakers along with Hartnell student Ernesto Infante, the keynote. Hartnell’s outreach was also present promoting our programs and the 7 Steps to Success. The mission of Juntos Podemos is to inform and educate our local Latino community using media and grassroots efforts to create consciousness about the importance of safety and public health. Esmeralda has been a member of the executive board since its beginnings 4 years ago. The event took place at Greenfield High School and offered a resource fair, a program that included the Chief of Police, a police officer, founder of Juntos Podemos, Journalist Erandi Garcia, a panel led by M1IS Professor, Dr. William Arrocha, art workshop for children, and door prizes. Ernesto made us proud by giving an exceptional speech about community involvement and our responsibilities as residents. He also emphasized the importance of an education. One of the youngest guests in the event, Anthony Diaz Corona, took time to visit the resource fair and stopped at Hartnell’s table to inquire about the 7 Steps. He is really serious about his future!

7. HARTNELL SPEECH TEAM SEASON CONTINUES

The Hartnell Speech Team continued its success last weekend at the Santa Rosa Junior College Speech and Debate Tournament with 14 two-year and four-year schools from around the state. The Hartnell squad not only earned seven individual awards, but also secured a third place overall team finish in Individual Event competition.
“This was a great showing for the team,” said Coach Jason Hough. “For the students to beat out schools such as San Francisco State University and San Jose State University for the team award says a lot about their hard work.”

The team was led by student Meritzy Ayala. For the second tournament in a row, she secured a 1st place finish in Communication Analysis. Other finalists included:

- Adrian Flores, 3rd place Poetry Interpretation; 3rd place Program of Oral Interpretation
- Sarina Atkins, 4th place Persuasive Speaking
- Lourdes Tinajero, 5th place Poetry Interpretation
- Celina Juarez, 5th place, Novice Prose Interpretation
- Andrea Cervantes, 6th place, Program of Oral Interpretation

Also competing for the team were students Enrique Lopez, Esmeralda Ramirez, Jasleem Bonilla, Marc Dover and Susana Alcantar. The team now has a month to prepare for its next tournament, the Mustang Invitational at San Joaquin Delta College, November 6, 2015.

8. STUDENT SHOWS OFF HIS ART AND TALENT

Hartnell student Ismael Lopez displayed his art this week at the Office of Student Life. He is a digital arts major and loves animation, illustration, drawing, and painting. His goal is to transfer to San Jose State University where he will major in Animation Illustration. "I hope my art can inspire and help you see the world differently," he said. "Most importantly, I want to use my art to help others."

In his art exhibition, he showed practice pieces he finished; he used charcoal, India ink, and graphite. In the drawings he captures the essence of lonely still life and the relationships between light and dark values.

9. HARTNELL MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERTS FALL 2015

The Hartnell Music Department’s fall schedule of concerts has already begun with the October 6 Salterio Concert from Daniel Torres, the October 16 Student/Faculty Recital, and the October 18 Hartnell Orchestra performance, but it is far from over. Events will continue in December with:

Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Piano Recital (K-125)
Sunday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. Hawaiian Music Concert (Mainstage)
Monday, December 7 at 10:15 a.m. Performance of Choirs for Children (Mainstage)
Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. Voice Recital (K-125)
Wednesday, December 9 at 10:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Choir Concerts (Mainstage)
Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. Performance of Hartnell Orchestra (Northminster Presbyterian Church)
Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.   Guitar/Estudiantina Concert (K-125)
Tuesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.   Performance of Hartnell Jazz Band (Mainstage)

10. “JOY OF MUSIC” SHOWCASES TALENT

On Friday, October 16, 2015 the Hartnell Music Department held its "Joy of Music" event. It was an evening filled with wonderful collaborations featuring students, faculty, friends across an eclectic variety of styles, instruments, voices, and languages. It was an honor for me to be invited by music student David Carrasco to perform Santana’s "Smooth" with him and Tatiana Magdaleno (a freshman at Salinas HS!). As you will see from this video, these young people have enormous talent and poise. It was so much fun to perform with them.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pEqfgS9s5o&feature=youtu.be

11. “THE PRODUCERS” COMES TO THE WESTERN STAGE

“The Producers” lights up Mainstage from November 14 through December 12, 2015 with music and lyrics by Mel Brooks and book by Brooks and Thomas Meehan. Directed by Jon Selover and Diane Jones, this rollicking musical closes out TWS’ 41st Season. Fittingly, the story focuses on two producers. A nobody accountant named Leo Bloom (TWS newcomer Tim Marquette) discovers a surprising discrepancy in the books of scheming producer Max Bialystock (TWS alumnus Leo Cortez) – it turns out that Max actually turned a small profit when his musical version of Hamlet closed after one night. Upon this discovery, the two hatch a plan to make a fortune producing the worst play imaginable. If Bialystock raises $2 million and they spend only $100,000 before the show is forced to close, they could run off with a massive profit. They will just need to find a completely rotten script, cast the most awful actors in New York City, and recruit the worst director in town to bring this profitable flop to the stage. Leo and Max do their best to pull this disaster together, beginning with acquiring the rights to a play called Springtime for Hitler. But things do not go exactly as planned for the conniving duo when the play turns out to be so awful and campy that it becomes an overnight sensation. Based on the 1968 Mel Brooks film of the same name, “The Producers” opened on Broadway in the St. James Theatre in 2001, becoming as big of a hit as the fictional Springtime for Hitler.
Winning 12 Tony Awards and 3 Obie Awards, the musical made its way to the silver screen in 2005 featuring its two Broadway leads, Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick. For more, go to www.westernstage.com.

12. HARTNELL READS – TORTILLA CURTAIN

“Hartnell Reads” book club members Melissa Chin-Parker, Alma Arriaga, and Nora Torres Zuñiga invite you to join them in reading Tortilla Curtain by T.C. Boyle. ((See flier in Upcoming Events section))

13. MT. SAC INVITATIONAL IS A BLAST FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

It is a long trip from the Salinas Valley to Walnut, California where the Mt. SAC Invitational is held but it's a trip the Panthers have enjoyed taking given the results that they come back with. This year's edition was no different as the women's team came away with their highest overall placing in school history and an individual school record for sophomore Malena Grover. The men's team placed third overall for the consecutive year and marks the third consecutive year on the team podium. Sophomore Malena Grover moved up from thirteenth in the 2014 to third overall in a new school record 18:09 overall the challenging hills at Mt. SAC. She trailed only last year's state champion Aminat Olowaro of Southwestern College and top Northern California runner Jenica Dodge. This performance moves Grover into position to place in the top three later this fall at the state championship. Her time lowered the Hartnell College record set by Victoria Alcala by 30 seconds. Also moving up significantly from her performance last year was sophomore Rachel Shimabukuro. Shimabukuro placed tenth overall in 19:03 this year up fifteen places from 2014 and moves to the fourth best performer in school history. Lizette Garcia (19:52), Yessika Mayo (19:57), Adriana Jimenez (20:00), Yvette Felix (20:02) and Maria Rodriguez (20:30) rounded out first seventh Lady Panthers to cross the line. The ladies are still not running at full strength as sophomore Nancy
Rodriguez is still recuperating from an injury. As a team, the women placed second overall with 81 points to College of the Canyons 36 points. The Lady Panthers bested host Mt. SAC for the first time this season solidifying their top three ranking in the state. In 2014, the Lady Panthers placed a school record fourth at state.

The Panther men were led by a freshman in Edgar Bonilla and Jorge Sanchez. Bonilla placed sixth overall (21:00) and Sanchez (21:22) in tenth. Bonilla's mark makes him the third best performer in school history with Sanchez the fifth best mark. The Panthers placed their top seven runners in the first 32 finishers to score 83 points but came up short of the top two spots held by host Mt. SAC (37 points) and defending state champion College of the Canyons (57 points). The Hartnell men are currently ranked fifth in the state.

Also placing well for the Panthers were Rene Siqueiros (21:46) in 18th, Angel Garcia (22:02) in 22nd, Mario Perez, Jr. (22:04) in 24th, Javier Garcia (22:10) in 29th, and Tito Chaidez (22:15) in 32nd.

The Panthers will compete next at the Coast Conference Championship at the Crystal Spring Cross Country Course in Belmont, CA. The men will look to extend their team titles to six years in a row. Sophomore Rene Siqueiros is the top returning male from last year's race. The women will look for their third consecutive team title. Sophomore Malena Grover is the defending conference champion with fellow sophomore Rachel Shimabukuro the next fastest returner.

14. UPCOMING EVENTS

CICLOVIA
Join Hartnell College and participate in this Community event
Sunday, October 25, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Alisal Street will be closed to traffic from Main Street to Sandborn.
There will be lots of booths, activities, and freedom to roam the street freely.

Hartnell College Blood Drive
Friday, October 30, 2015
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Student Center

Can Math Control and Prevent Antibiotic Resistant Infections?
Join Dr. Mohammed Yahdi
Friday, October 30, 2015
2:00 p.m. - Building N Room 12
WELCOME TO HARTNELL READS!

The link to the HARTNELL READS BLOG is http://hartnellreads.blogspot.com

The Blog is an opportunity to pose questions to other readers, to share thoughts about the book, and to enter into the conversation about immigration.

Join us Thursday, October 22, when playwright Matthew Spangler will have an open discussion about intercultural interaction between settled and immigrant communities, as well as his adaptation of Tortilla Curtain for the stage. Members will meet Dr. Spangler in the Studio Theater (K-116) and get a sneak peek at the set of Western Stage’s production of Tortilla Curtain, which opens Saturday, October 24th.

Matthew Spangler is a playwright, director and professor of performance studies based in the San Francisco Bay Area. His adaptation of Khaled Hosseini’s The Kite Runner won the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics’ Circle Award for Best Original Script and Best Overall Production. Dr. Spangler teaches courses in performance studies, intercultural performance, cultural globalization, Irish studies, documentary theatre techniques, and the adaptation of non-dramatic texts for the stage.

For more about Dr. Spangler’s work, visit his website at: www.matthewspangler.org

SCHEDULE

Thurs., Oct. 22  | HARTNELL READS Welcome Reception  | 12:00 – 12:30  | Studio Lobby
Guest Speaker: Dr. Matthew Spangler  | 12:30 – 1:50p*  | Studio Theater
* Short break

Ongoing  | HARTNELL READS BLOG  | http://hartnellreads.blogspot.com

Thurs., Nov. 12  | Brown Bag Discussion  | 12:30 – 1:30p  | Steinbeck Hall

Thurs. Nov. 19  | Wrap up Reception, Final Discussion  | 2:00 – 3:00p  | D-129

Remember...

Hartnell students get FREE tickets!

Come to any of this season’s Western Stage plays or musicals with a valid ID*

Tickets are available from the Office of Student Life.

*FREE Hartnell Student Tickets also available from the TWS Box Office by presenting ID to TWS Box Office in advance, no later than an hour before curtain.

(In other words, no free tickets available performance Fridays or Saturdays after 6:30p or performance Sundays after 2:00pm)

Get your tickets early to be sure you get the date of your choice!

Performances are in the Studio Theater, Performing Arts Building, K116
October 24, 25, 30, 31, November 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, & 14
Curtain Times: Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 2:00pm

Presented by Hartnell’s Diversity/EEO committee:
Terri Pyer (chair), Alina Arriaga, Gabriel Bravo, Melissa Chin-Parker, Peter Calvert, Taylor Finnell, Brenda Jones, Nora Torres-Zuniga, and Homelinda Rocha-Tabera
Hartnell College Monster Ball
Friday, October 30, 2015
8:00 p.m. - Steinbeck Hall

Transfer Day/College Night
Wednesday, November 4, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 6:00- 8:00 p.m.
Student Center

Hartnell Cross Country-2015 Norcal Championship
Friday, November 6
2:00pm Women's Race/3:00pm Men's Race at Toro Park

Athletics Hall of Fame
Saturday, November 7, 2015
10:30 a.m. - Building C

15. IN THE NEWS

Hartnell men’s soccer wins battle of powerhouses
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/10/17/hartnell-mens-soccer-wins-battle-powerhouses/74116544/

Political Digest: Hartnell Candidates Face Off

College Notebook: Hartnell Women, Men Running with the States Best

Job Fair Set Tuesday at Hartnell
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/money/2015/10/12/job-fair-set-tuesday-hartnell/73844604/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=

Tomorrow’s soccer champion!
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/life/my-salinas/2015/10/16/tomorrows-soccer-champion/74084428/

Hartnell football to take on Los Medanos
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2015/10/16/hartnell-football-take-los-medanos/74036228/