This week concluded Hartnell’s commemoration of Black History Month. On February 29, 2016 students, faculty and staff enjoyed a day of celebration with refreshments and entertainment at our “Afternoon of Jazz and Blues.” The event provided musical performances by Hartnell Student Bobby Peoples (piano) and Hartnell Adjunct Faculty Charmaigne Scott (vocals) and band who delighted students and staff with a selection of musical pieces including Jazz, Soul and Blues. Professor Scott emphasized the importance of unity and collaboration among all students in order to work towards social justice and social change. The event provided a free lunch to those in attendance courtesy of the Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC).

2. EMPLOYEES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS CAMPAIGN THE BEST EVER!

This year’s Employees for Student Success campaign was a huge success, raising a record-breaking $89,370 with 188 participants. The campaign included 39 President’s Circle members and an average gift of $39.50 per month. Since the campaign’s inception in 2010, Hartnell staff and employees have raised over $343,000 for Hartnell students and programs. Watching this campaign grow each year, speaks volumes of the passion and heart each of us has for Hartnell. I'm
3. HARTNELL FOUNDATION BOARD WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS

On March 2, 2016, the Hartnell College Foundation carried out its annual board orientation. Board President, Anne Secker welcomed four new members to serve the board for the next two years. They are:

- Mike Briley, Managing Partner at Hayashi & Wayland
- Karen Fanoe, Community Leader
- Susan Gill, Community Leader
- Kevin Healy, District Manager at Driscoll’s

The Office of Institutional Advancement staff, led by Vice President Jackie Cruz, presented on the duties in each area.

Welcome! We know they are all great additions to the board.

4. FOURTH CURRICULUM INSTITUTE A SUCCESS

Hartnell College hosted its Fourth Curriculum Institute on Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Embassy Suites in Seaside. There were a total of 87 participants. These included English, English as a Second Language (ESL), Counseling, and Math faculty from our feeder high schools throughout Monterey County and Hartnell College. The keynote speaker was Michelle Muncy-Silva from the Monterey County Office of Education. Her presentation focused on Dr. John Hattie’s work: Visible Learning for...
Increased Student Success Rates. Breakout sessions were hosted by
discipline with faculty from both systems leading the sessions. Dialogue and
practice centered on curriculum alignment and instructional best practices designed to enhance student
success rates. Counselors from the college and high schools discussed a service delivery model
designed to increase student readiness for college success, Panther Prep Days, concurrent and summer
enrollment and data sharing between the high school and college. “Survey feedback from the day was
overwhelmingly positive,” said Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Mark Sanchez.

5. SMALL WORLD—PRESIDENT BUMPS INTO TEAM FROM PURDUE UNIVERSITY

I was travelling on District business recently and those travels
took me to a Hilton Garden Inn in the San Francisco/Oakland
area. At check-in I noticed a sign welcoming a baseball team.
The "P" looked suspiciously familiar to me. When I asked the
clerk if the "P" was Purdue University his response was yes. The
team was staying there for a 3-game series with Cal Berkeley.
Many of you know that I attended graduate school at Purdue
(West Lafayette, IN). The following morning I had the
opportunity to meet many of the student-athletes and coaches. It
was fun to reminisce about my years at Purdue. Go
Boilermakers!

6. PRESENTATION TO PARENTS IS ENGAGING

Last Wednesday, Interim Director of Student Life, Laura
Zavala accompanied Director of Communications,
Marketing, and Public Affairs, Esmeralda Montenegro
Owen to a Parent Presentation at Washington Middle
School in Salinas (just down the street from Hartnell). More
than 30 parents, including dads were eager to find out more
about Hartnell’s offerings for themselves and for their
children. Laura was well versed in answering questions
about financial aid, different career choices, support at the
College, crisis counseling, DACA, ESL, and more. The
parents were so excited to learn new things about Hartnell. Laura was asked to return. It was a
motivational presentation that gave these parents hope.

7. HONOR THY CHILDREN SPRING PRESENTATION

Al and Jane Nakatani visit us every semester from Maui and are a part of Dr. Yoshiko Matsushita-
Arao’s curriculum and offerings to students and community. Al did his presentation to a filled K-125
on March 3, 2016. He tells of how they were blind to the multiple layers of discrimination, racism, and homophobia that plagued their sons’ search for identity and self-acceptance. They lost all their sons; two to AIDS, one to murder. It has been their mission to understand how they and other entities contributed to the premature deaths of all 3 sons. Their powerful true story is described in the book *Honor Thy Children* by Molly Fumia. At this presentation, Al reveals how the process of human and self-denigration can diminish and destroy children and young-people. They teach us to truly honor and love ALL children. “It doesn’t matter what you are,” said Al Nakatani to the audience. “What matters is what you do and how you handle yourself and treat others.”

To learn more about *Honor Thy Children*, watch the video by the same title at [http://vimeo.com/33421616](http://vimeo.com/33421616).

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**8. THE WESTERN STAGE PRESENTS SPRINGFEST 2016**

Live theatre is a transformative experience, and The Western Stage SpringFEST at Hartnell College gives everyone a way into this experience. This March and April, SpringFEST presents one-acts, new works, student matinees, and Broadway's *13 the Musical*, a lively show composed entirely of teenagers—even the band. Various shows will be performed between March 5 and April 17, 2016 at the Mainstage Theater and Studio Theater, many of them free to the public.

The SpringFEST performance schedule goes as follows:

**Friday, March 18 at noon and 7:00 p.m.**
"In and Out of Shadows" - a special presentation
Continuing our tradition of providing daytime performances for local schools, SpringFEST will host SF Youth Theater’s production of *In and Out of Shadows*, an original musical written by Gary Soto based upon interviews with undocumented teens in the Bay Area. **Mainstage Theater. General seating. Cost for the 7:00 p.m. show: $5 for youth ages 12-17; $10 for adults. Hartnell College students and employees free to both performances.**

**Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 20 at 2:00 p.m.**
"Singing the Body Electric" - Concept and Direction by Dr. Marnie Glazier
A new project by women of a variety of disciplines, ages, backgrounds, and perspectives who create a coming together of minds, souls, and reflections on what it means to be a woman, what it means to age "naturally" as a woman, and how we embrace, participate in, frame, and reflect upon the larger ecologies we are a part of. **Studio Theater. General seating. Donations at the door benefit Hartnell College Theatre Arts and Cinema Club.**
9. BASEBALL TEAM IS FACED WITH CHALLENGING CONTESTS

Baseball finished the week going 1-2 with a win over Modesto and back to back losses to Perennial powerhouse Fresno City College. The Panthers improve their overall season record to 8-6 and were also ranked #16 in all of Northern Cal for the week. On February 23, 2016 at Modesto the team won its 8th game of the season with a road victory over Modesto College by a score of 2-1. Austin Lee (Northgate HS) pitched another gem going the distance and earning his 3rd victory of the season. Lee's stat line for the day was 9 innings pitched, 1 earned run, 2 Ks and only threw 85 total pitches. The Panthers played sound defense behind Lee. Michael Lagier (Valley Christian H.S.) was 1-2 on the day at the plate and had both Panther RBIs. February 25, 2016 after going down early vs Fresno City the Hartnell Panthers battled back from a 6-1 deficit to push the game into extra innings. After the game was suspended in the 12th due to darkness, the game resumed the next day with the score all tied at 7-7. The Panthers were unable to score in the 12th, 13th and 14th inning while Fresno City was able to plate two runners in the top of the 14th to win by a score of 9-7. The next day the Panthers did not fare any better in the 2nd game against Fresno City as they lost by a score of 5-3. The Panthers defense uncharacteristically made 3 errors in the game that led to 4 unearned runs. Fernando Ramirez (Alisal HS) continued his dominance on the mound throwing 5 innings of scoreless ball in relief for the Panthers.

10. SOFTBALL TEAM IS SHOWING PROMISE

We are about one-third of the way through our season. As a team, we are still not where we want to be. We are currently 9-7. We started conference with wins against Gavilan (7-1) and Monterey. Lezlie Morris and Kaitlyn Doyle both pitched in the Gavilan game. Morris went the distance in the win versus Monterey. After a good
conference start, we matched up against West Valley. We allowed them 3 runs in the top of the first inning, which we were unable to match and got the 5-1 loss. We got just 3 hits in the game. This week we play at San Jose City and at Cabrillo. Over the weekend we’ll be in Fresno for 4 games. The next two weeks may show our potential. Overall Record 9-7; Conference Record 2-1

Hartnell College sophomore thrower Dustin Samms still has a sour taste in his mouth from his first year at Hartnell College despite setting a new school record in the hammer throw and reaching the state championship final. It was in that final, the former Monte Vista Christian thrower took three throws all ending in no marks and his historic season came to an end. Samms is on a mission to not repeat that performance and on Friday at the Norcal Preview Meet at Chabot College he was able to push his previous school record out to 177'3" against the top two throwers in the state from Modesto Junior College. Samms remains as the only Hartnell College hammer thrower ever to go beyond 170 feet and is looking to become the first to 180 feet.

The Panther men also had solid marks from the distance runners lead by Edgar Bonilla in the 5000 meter run. He pushed five other Panthers well under the regional qualifying mark for the 12.5 lap race while placing second overall in the event. Bonilla's mark of 15:32.28 was a season best and puts him on the school's all-time list. Jorge Sanchez (15:33.74), Javier Garcia (15:36.06), Oscar Mora, Jr. (15:48.28), Andrew Martinez (16:13.89), and Angel Mejia, Jr. (16:17.21). Nathan Bishop and Norman Napolitano cleared lifetime personal bests in the pole vault with identical clearances of 14'2.75". Panther hurdles dipped under the regional qualifying marks in the high hurdles and intermediate hurdles. Sophomore Rhett Gonzalez had a season best in the 110 HH (15.73) with freshman Paul Koenig leading in the intermediate hurdles (57.45). Eduardo Orozco placed fourth in the 800 meters in his first run in the event stopping the clock in 1:57.52.

Sophomore Malena Grover lowered her lifetime personal best in the 800 meters with her winning time of 2:20.85. The mark is a state "B" qualifier and leads all of Northern California. Grover also placed second in the 5000 meters (18:05.50) to Norcal cross country champion Jenica Dodge of American River College continuing their rivalry from the trails to the track. Her time is the second best in the state. Also achieving state "B" qualifying marks were Chelsea Andrade and Yessika Mayo. Andrade pulled the discus out to 123'11". Mayo competed in the 3,000 meter steeplechase for the first time and recorded the sixth best mark in school history (12:12.20). She just missed the state "A" mark of 12:11.90. Andrade also joined three Lady Panther hammer throwers who eclipsed the regional qualifying mark. Tori Teraji(128'1"), Alyssa Pochop (126'1"), Chelsea Andrade (122'11"), and Elizabeth Alcala (119'3") all advance to Norcal Trials in May. Alcala also picked up a provisional
mark in the discus (112’8”). Nancy Rodriguez ran the 20th best mark in school history in the 1,500 meters and second personal best (5:02.01). In team scoring, the women placed second to American River College coming within 11 points of the team victory. The Lady Panthers tallied 102.5 points to their opponent’s 113. The men placed fifth overall in a very tough team competition. The men placed behind winner American River College, Modesto Junior College, College of Sequoias, and Diablo Valley College. The Panther men totaled 63.5 points and were just 7.5 points from placing in the top four. 

For Full Norcal Preview Results: [https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/43397.html](https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/43397.html)
The Panthers will travel north to the American River College Beaver Relays on Saturday, March 5th.

### 13. UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday Speaker Series**
*My Cells Made Me Do It: The Story of Cellular Determinism*
With Professor Robin Hayes
March 11, 2016 at 2:00 PM in N-1

**Fresno Preview Day**
March 12, 2016
For More Information, Contact the Transfer and Career Center

**Speech Team Showcase**
March 16, 2016 @ 7:00-9:15 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall
Adult Themes, No Children Please

**Music Extravaganza**
March 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Building K

**Voices from the Fields as part of National Farm Workers’ Appreciation Week (More details next week)**
March 21-24, 2016

**Educator in Residence Presentations**
Tuesday March 22, 2016
2:00 p.m. for Faculty
6:00 p.m. for students
Steinbeck Hall

**Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit**
March 30, 2016
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Alisal Campus
Registration for the event at: [http://sv-ag-summit2016.eventbrite.com](http://sv-ag-summit2016.eventbrite.com)
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