Employee giving campaign aims to involve more employees and serve more students

The Centennial Hartnell Centennial Employees for Student Success campaign continues through Feb. 28, leaving plenty of time to become a new donor or increase a one-time or monthly contribution.

The 2020 effort has made good progress toward its goal of including 225 donors and total giving of $125,000. In a Jan. 24 update, campaign Co-Chair Dora Sanchez reported total giving $108,678, with 21 new donors, 21 giving more than last year and 15 new President’s Circle members hitting the $1,000 mark.

“I could not be more proud to have such generous colleagues who care so much about students and about giving back to the community as a whole,” said Sanchez-Mosqueda, payroll supervisor in Administrative Services.

She also thanked Luz Garcia (pictured), sister of Jackie Cruz, vice president of advancement and development and the Hartnell College Foundation. Garcia spoke at the Hartnell Student Success Conference on Jan. 16 in the Mainstage Theater, sharing her journey from childhood hardship to Hartnell graduation and her work today as a certified physician assistant at the Soledad Medical Clinic.

Watch for information about a March 2 raffle drawing for a gift basket to boost the giving campaign. Tickets will be $5.

Hartnell is grateful to all its donors, and we encourage everyone to participate at a level that works for them. The funds support scholarships, basic assistance for textbooks, food and transportation, and college areas of greatest need.

I deeply appreciate the efforts of Sanchez-Mosqueda and her co-chairs, Joy Cowden, Dr. Debra Kaczmar and Lucy Serrano.
Chancellor shares information on coronavirus impact and health

California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley has shared the latest information from the California Department of Public Health about what is known as the 2019 Novel Coronavirus for campuses across the system to share with their communities.

The resource page contains an explanation of the virus that developed in China and has spread on a limited basis to other countries, including the United States. It also includes travel guidelines, cautions about social stigmatization related to the outbreak and steps for preventive health.

“We are aware that the current health risk related to the virus in California is low but still a matter of concern,” Dr. Oakley said. “We advise your executive and communications teams to monitor official public health sites, such as the California Department of Public Health, as will our office.

Two of 13 confirmed U.S. cases of the coronavirus were reported in Santa Clara County, and two others were in San Benito County.

Because the safety and health of Hartnell students and employees is always the top concern for Hartnell, we will continue to monitor this situation and share information about the coronavirus as it affects our community.

Steps to minimize the risk of contracting the coronavirus are the same as those recommended to prevent the spread of all respiratory illnesses – and for general good health:

- Try to get sufficient sleep, exercise regularly, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious foods.
- Keep your hands clean and wash them frequently with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you cannot wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Do not share cups, straws or anything else you put in your mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Get a flu shot – it’s not too late – available at most pharmacies
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve. When you use a tissue, immediately put it in the trash.

Please share any questions with Daniel Scott, director of public safety and emergency management, at (831) 770-7013 or by email to dscott@hartnell.edu.
Cash for College workshop offers help ahead of crucial March 2 deadline

The Hartnell Financial Aid office will present a very timely Cash for College workshop on Feb. 22 for English-and Spanish-speaking students and families throughout the district, regardless of where they plan to attend college during next school year. The free workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Services building, room B-110.

Director of Financial Aid Jessica Tovar and other college staff will assist with completion of the Federal Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA) and the application for Cal Grant aid through the California Dream Act, as well as a statement of intent for the Salinas Valley Promise, all of which have a March 2 deadline. The same date is also the deadline to applying for general Hartnell scholarships. (Pictured: 2019 Cash for College event.)

The Salinas Valley Promise program provides two years of free tuition for all first-time, full-time students, as well as mentoring from a volunteer professional and cohort-based training in life skills and leadership.

Students and parents are encouraged to come prepared with identification, a Federal Student Aid ID and 2018 tax information. More guidance is available on the Hartnell Financial Aid webpage or by calling the Financial Aid office at (831) 755-6806.

Hartnell to join in ‘signing day’ for incoming CTE students

For the first time on Feb. 20, Career Technical Education programs at Hartnell will participate in a nationwide event called National CTE Letter of Intent Signing Day, launched seven years ago by the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3).

Twenty-one students from six high schools in the Hartnell Community College District will sign letters of intent at the Alisal Campus, expressing their desire to enroll in our transportation programs as freshmen this coming fall. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m.
The students are from North Monterey County High, Soledad High, Salinas High, Alisal High, Everett Alvarez and North Salinas High, and many will have their parents there to witness and photograph the moment, along with high school instructors and other community members. Just as colleges hold signing ceremonies for student-athletes who commit to play a sport, the signing day ceremony is designed to honor students who are entering a technical field and emphasize the importance of their career choice.

Hartnell is focusing on the automotive technology and diesel technology programs this first year but other CTE programs likely will participate in the future.

“It’s a celebration of these students’ commitment to career preparation,” said Sharon Albert, interim dean of Career Technical Education and Workforce Development. “We’re reserving them a spot, and we’re applauding their choice to pursue career technical education leading to job opportunities in high-demand industries.”

**Deadline is Feb. 20 for $20,000 scholarship for women students transferring to a UC**

The Peggy and Jack Baskin Foundation Scholarship seeks bright, highly motivated, low-income women attending Hartnell, as well as Cabrillo and Monterey Peninsula colleges, with a strong potential for making a difference – including women who are reentering the workforce.

The $20,000 scholarship is available only for women transferring to a UC campus in Fall 2020. To contend for a nomination from Hartnell Superintendent/President Dr. Patricia Hsieh, eligible students are encouraged to apply by Feb. 20. For more information, contact the Scholarship Office in room B-121 or visit the scholarships page on the college website.

**Nursing and respiratory students share new skills and learn teamwork**

Nursing and respiratory care students participated in an all-day Competency Camp on Feb. 5, developing collaboration skills that prepare them to thrive as members of a healthcare team.

The required clinical experience replaced a full schedule of classes for 179 students at all stages of their degree work in registered and vocational nursing and respiratory care. It was the third day of class for the first-semester VN cohort and their first day in uniform. The Competency Camp has been an annual event each spring for the past seven years.

Students were placed into groups with representatives from all the programs and all the levels, demonstrating skills they have learned previously:

- Fourth-semester RN students taught about IV fluid and medications.
• Fourth-semester RN and respiratory collaborated to teach EKG lead placement and rhythm assessment.
• Fourth-semester respiratory students taught respiratory assessment with significance of abnormal findings and interventions, oxygen saturation and ambu bag use (pictured).
• Third-semester VN students taught pediatric injections and urinary catheter insertion and care.
• Second-semester RN students taught vital signs (normal values for age), head-to-toe assessment review and significance of abnormal findings and interventions.
• Second-semester respiratory students taught oxygen delivery devices, incentive spirometer and use of peak flow meters.
• First-semester VN students learned about the skills and asked great questions.
• All the students collaborated to practice comportment using role-play.

Student and faculty reflections and evaluations were very positive, reported Lead Program Coordinator Belinda Saechao-Jimmeye.

TPP/MAESTRO cohort preps for transfer while others seek path into teaching
The Teacher Pathway and MAESTROs teacher education programs held two major events during the past few weeks – a TPP Cohort 3 Team Building and Fall Transition to CSUMB on Jan. 24 and CBEST Prep Workshops in Soledad on Feb. 1.

The Cohort 3 students joined in fun team-building activities to help bring them together and remind them of the valuable resources within the cohort community.

Program participants had an opportunity to hear a presentation from Cal State Monterey Bay partners. Presentations also covered key financial aid information for the students who will start at CSUMB in the fall. More importantly, participants had an opportunity to hear about and see an overview of their next two years of coursework there.
On Feb. 1 at Soledad High School, more than 50 participants attended CBEST Prep Workshops. Math and English was offered for first-time CBEST test-takers, and English/writing and math were offered for repeat takers.

“CBEST prep activities continue to be an excellent way of investing in testing success,” said Jesus Clemente, TPP+MAESTROs coordinator. “They help aspiring teachers develop test-taking strategies and gain self-confidence as they prepare for the CBEST exam.”

More CBEST workshops are planned for April.

Umoja group and Anderson attend 20th Black College Expo in Oakland

Instructor/Counselor Tony Anderson and a group of students in the Hartnell Umoja group traveled Feb. 8 to attend the 20th Black College Expo in Oakland.

The expo afforded them an opportunity to meet with more than 200 college representatives and attend multiple student seminars. Some universities offered on-the-spot admission and scholarships.

Said one of the students, Tyshell Johnson-Hill, “What I loved about the expo is that there weren't just colleges there, but companies such as Disney and the Peace Corps, and it gave me an insight at the future job opportunities I have available for my major. The memories I made and shared with everyone will not be forgotten.”

Music Extravaganza on March 6 showcases breadth of performance

Vocal and instrumental students have a chance to perform in ensembles as piano soloists during the Music Extravaganza that starts at 6 p.m., March 6 in the Center for Performing Arts, Building K.

Choral and Vocal Music Instructor Sandy Rudo will conduct the Hartnell Choir (pictured with Rudo in 2019) in four pieces that include “Oye Como Va”, and the Hartnell Chamber Singers will also sing four numbers, including “Skyfall.”

Lead music faculty Steve Ettinger will conduct the Hartnell Orchestra and Jazz Band, and student conductor Daniel Zeff will lead the Concert Band. Guitar instructor William Faulkner will direct guitar students, and piano instructor Galina Vinokurov will present individual students.

The orchestra (pictured with Ettinger in 2019) will perform three short pieces, including “In the Hall of the Mountain King” by Edvard Grieg. The Jazz Band will play such tunes as “All of Me” and “Satin Doll.”

“The Music Extravaganza gives people the opportunity to see a little bit of everything,” Ettinger said. “To me it’s the most special performance, because community members really get to see what we’re about – the bigger picture.”
February calendar busy for Black History Month

The Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) and Office of Student Life are continuing a series of events during February in recognition of Black History Month, and all are invited.

With a theme of “African Americans and the Vote,” the program includes a poster art project throughout the Student Center on Main Campus, two more Movie Showcase film screenings and a keynote speech by community leader Melvin T. Mason. A West African drumming group performed in the Student Center on Feb. 11 (pictured).

The specific events, dates and locations:

Pictorial display of prominent African Americans:
Through Feb. 28, Student Center (Building C).
- Film “Harriet,” 1 p.m. Feb. 19, K-125
- Film “I Am Not Your Negro,” 2 p.m. Feb. 25, C-101
- Keynote speech by Melvin T. Mason, 1 p.m. Feb. 16, Hartnell Planetarium, S-101

Faculty artist Lesha Rodriguez expresses Oaxacan influences in Hartnell Gallery

A multi-medium show by visual art instructor Lesha Rodriguez will be presented through Feb. 27 in the Hartnell Gallery, Building J.

The works reflect a number of projects she is working on, including four distinct efforts undertaken in Oaxaca, Mexico, in which she shares lumen prints of native and indigenous plants and photos of a teachers’ strike, among other things.

“Each project may at first seem related by location, but in reality the diversity and traditions of Oaxaca are represented in all the Oaxaca projects,” Rodriguez wrote in her artist statement.
First SpringFEST presentation about to come ‘round the bend

The Western Stage opens its SpringFEST 2020 on Feb. 29 and March 1 with “LegacyPlayers in Performance,” dramatized readings of five short plays by TWS’ group of 12 veteran actors collectively known as the LegacyPlayers. These senior actors share centuries of theatre experience, offering unique performances that illuminate and enrich the community.

Both performances begin at 2 p.m. in the Studio Theater (K-116). There is no admission charge, and seating is first-come, first-seated.

SpringFEST is The Western Stage’s pre-season festival of workshops and performances that provides community members of all skill levels the empowering experience of theatre and gives developing artists the chance to grow and improve.

Visit www.westernstage.com/season/springfest to learn more!

In the News

College Athlete of the Week:

Carl Triplett and his wife Carol look back on a life of music and love that started at Hartnell:

Upcoming Events

Note: All event locations are on the Main Campus in Salinas unless otherwise noted.

STEM Internship Programs – Enroll Now!
https://www.hartnell.edu/academics-affairs/academics/stem/intern/
Pictorial Display of Prominent African Americans – Poster Art Project  
Feb. 1-28  
Student Center

**Softball vs. Siskiyous**  
12 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 15  
Hartnell Softball Field

**Hartnell Board of Trustees**  
**Board Development Meeting**  
5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 18  
Steinbeck Hall

**Cal State San Bernardino Transfer Information**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 18  
Student Center

“*Harriet*” – Movie Showcase  
2 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 19  
Building K, room 125

**National CTE Letter of Intent Signing Day**  
Alisal Campus  
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. / reception to follow  
Thursday, Feb. 20

**Centennial Kickoff Celebration and Measure T Forum**  
**Convened by City of Salinas and Hartnell College**  
5 p.m.  
Steinbeck Hall

**Baseball vs. Los Medanos**  
2 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 21  
Tony Teresa Diamond

**Planetarium Children’s Show, “Legends”**  
5:15 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 21  
Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)
Planetarium Evening Show, “Black Holes”
6:45 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 21
Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

Baseball vs. West Valley
2 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 25
Tony Teresa Diamond

“I Am Not Your Negro” – Movie Showcase
2 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 25
Student Center, C-101

Blue Zones Interprofessional Education Seminar
1-3 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 25
Mainstage Theater, Building K

Black History Month Keynote Speaker: Melvin T. Mason
1 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 26
Planetarium, S-101

Planetarium Children’s Show, “Earth, Moon, and Sun”
5:15 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 28
Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

Planetarium Evening Show, “Dynamic Earth”
6:45 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 28
Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

Spring FEST 2020 “Legacy Players in Performance”
2 p.m.
Feb. 29 and March 1
Studio Theater
Building K, room 116

Baseball vs. Canada
1 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 29
Tony Teresa Diamond
“The Vagina Monologues” Audition
Sunday, March 1
Building N, room 7 (Old Planetarium)
Email Dr. Marnie Glazier for appointment: mglazier@hartnell.edu
Performances: 2 p.m. March 7-8

FAFSA, Dream Act and Salinas Valley Promise application deadline
Monday, March 2

Baseball vs. MPC
2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3
Tony Teresa Diamond

Softball vs. Gavilan
3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3
Hartnell Softball Field

Softball vs. MPC
3 p.m.
Thursday, March 5
Hartnell Softball Field

Music Extravaganza
6 p.m.
Friday, March 6
Building K

Baseball vs. MPC
1 p.m.
Saturday, March 7
Tony Teresa Diamond

Educator in Residence Dr. Jean E. Fox Tree
“The Power of Little Words in Everyday Conversation”
12 p.m.
Monday, March 9
Steinbeck Hall

Women’s Empowerment Conference
8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday, March 14
Building C, Steinbeck Hall