HARTNELL’S SPEECH TEAM CONTINUES TO SUCCEED!

The Hartnell Speech Team made history this past weekend at the California Community College Forensics Association state speech championships. Hartnell student Adrian Flores became the first Hartnell College student ever to qualify for the national Phi Rho Pi speech tournament. Phi Rho Pi is the national community college forensics (speech and debate) organization. By scoring well in preliminary competition, Flores advanced to finals and qualified for the national tournament, ultimately earning a bronze award.

“When I found out that I made finals, my reaction was shock and excitement,” said Flores. “I truly feel a sense of accomplishment because I am the first student from Hartnell that has been able to get this far and qualify for nationals.”

The City College of San Francisco hosted 31 community colleges from around the state, including De Anza College, Los Angeles Valley College, Pasadena City College and others. Coach Jason Hough started the speech team three years ago, and is excited about the team’s success. “Our team goal has been to represent Hartnell on the national level,” said Hough. “Adrian’s success shows we are headed in the right direction and that Hartnell College will be increasingly acknowledged as a top competitor in California.”

Guest judge and Hartnell adjunct faculty member Sara Parker (pictured right with Adrian) travelled with the team this past weekend. “Adrian’s performance was calm, poised, centered, and confident,” she said. Assistant Coach Lana McDonnell articulated the formula for Flores’ success was his consistency in the 3 rounds leading up to finals, he took creative risks, stepped up and demonstrated excellence. Ten of Adrian’s teammates also competed, earning high marks, but not advancing to nationals. Flores and Coach Hough will travel to the national tournament in Costa Mesa, CA April 4-8, 2016.
2. TRANSFER & CAREER CENTER HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL MAJORS FAIR

The Transfer and Career Center hosted a successful first Majors Fair on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 in the Student Center. As you know, our students are required to have a comprehensive education plan in order to meet Student Success initiative requirements. Their financial aid and academic success is dependent on having an education plan that guides them to achieve their academic and career goals in a timely manner. However, many of our students are struggling to find the "right fit" in selecting their major. Some of us may have experienced this challenge ourselves while completing our undergraduate studies. In order to assist our students in their major selection, we presented them with a Majors Fair. The fair provided them the opportunity to explore majors, degrees, and certificate programs offered at Hartnell College, while also allowing them to network with faculty, industry representatives, and transfer/career services outside the traditional classroom and office settings.

This interactive experience engaged about 200 of our students, who had the opportunity to connect majors in various disciplines with potential careers. During the fair, over 40 students completed a career exploration assessment to learn about the majors and careers that best suit their values, personality traits, and aptitudes. Additionally, an Admissions and Records representative was available throughout the fair to assist students in changing their major program if need be. The creativity and participation of the Administration of Justice, English, Theater Arts & Cinema, Music, Sociology, Ethnic Studies, Construction Technology, Counseling, Nursing and Allied Health, as well as Physics departments made this Majors Fair a great success. The Transfer and Career Center would like to thank the Student Life Office, Audio/Visual department, Maintenance crew, and the wonderful faculty members involved in making this fair such an enjoyable experience for our students!

3. MI CASA OFFERS AB 540 TRAINING WITH EXPERT FROM FRESNO

On Friday, March 18, 2016 Hartnell's Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA) hosted a professional development training for the Dreamer Allies Network. The Fresno based Education and Leadership Foundation (ELF) presented a three hour workshop designed to increase our capacity to implement services and promote student access and success for AB540/Undocumented (Dreamer) Students. Participants gained technical knowledge
pertaining to the laws policies and regulations that affect Dreamer students in the California post-secondary education system. Raul Moreno, ELF CEO and CSU Fresno Dreamer Center Coordinator, is a leading regional expert in policy and best practices relating to Dreamer students. He presented along with ELF Immigration Program Coordinator Xavier Vasquez. After the presentation, Mi CASA students had the opportunity to speak privately to Moreno about scholarship and internship opportunities at Mi CASA. Special thanks to the Hartnell Professional Development Committee for sponsoring the workshop.

4. FOUNDATION FULL BOARD IS FILLED WITH GREAT NEWS

At its first full board meeting of 2016, the Foundation Board was treated to a preview of the new CTE Marketing Campaign, and were inspired by a testimonial from Education Major Francisco Juarez, who shared his family’s story of overcoming obstacles and striving to be entrepreneurs and beating the odds.

I shared with them the results of the survey on the feasibility of a facilities bond measure in upcoming elections. Board Member, David Warner presented the three-year Strategic Plan for the Office of Advancement and for the Hartnell College Foundation and it was approved by all present.

One of the highlights of the meeting, was the recognition to past president of the board Alfred Diaz-Infante by current president Anne Secker. Alfred was recognized for his service on the board for the past two years. (In photo with Anne Secker and Jackie Cruz, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Development)

5. LUNCH WITH INTER CLUB COUNCIL MEMBERS

The ASHC Inter Club Council (ICC) members joined me for the monthly lunch last Friday. The ICC has chartered 39 clubs this year, and I wanted to personally congratulate them for their dedication to increasing student engagement on campus. The students
and I had an interactive conversation to learn from each other and to seek input on current topics relevant to students. Pictured are:

Third row: Patrick Viana (Veterans Club), Maria Rodriguez (ALAS Club), MEChA Club Representative,
Second row: Adrian Flores (Speech Team), Sima Club Representative, Sociology Club Representative, Brandy Mendez (TRiO Club), Ag Ambassador Representative, Juan Vera (Cinematic Productions Club)
First Row: Augustine Nevarez, Director of Student Life, Myriam Mayer (Christian Fellowship), Maria Carillo (Theater Arts Club), Lydia Reyes (Christian Fellowship), Maria Mateo (Christian Fellowship), Omar Gallardo (Historical Society Club), Selso Ruiz, Program Assistant-Student Life.

6. AUTHORS SHOWCASE – CELEBRATING WOMEN

The Office of Student Life initiated the Women’s History Month celebration with a Hartnell College Authors Showcase on Friday, March 18, 2016 in the Student Lounge. The Mistresses of Ceremony were counselor’s Theresa Carbajal and Millicent Madrigal; the audience was engaged in a discussion of the creative process of writing both fiction and non-fiction textbooks and novels. The Authors Showcase included readings from student Rosa Espinoza, and faculty members Lisa Storm, Maria Teutsch, and Ayaz Piriani. Participants enjoyed refreshments provided by ASHC.

7. PRESENTATION WELL-RECEIVED AT STUDENT SUCCESS CONFERENCE

On Tuesday, March 15, 2016 a team from Hartnell College presented at the Annual Student Success Conference hosted by the State Chancellor’s Office in Sacramento, CA. The title of the presentation was: Implementing Partnerships, Technology and Online Programs to Enhance Steps to Success for College Enrollment. The presenters from Hartnell were; Dr. Romero Jalomo, Vice-President of Student Affairs; Dr. Mark Sanchez, Dean of Student Affairs; Mary Dominguez, Dean of Enrollment Services; and Dave Phillips, Vice-President of Information Technology. The conference session was very well-received; many faculty, Vice-Presidents and Deans from throughout the California Community College system stated “you are all doing wonderful work at Hartnell.” Nallely Gecik, Director of Counseling Services at Grossmont College in San Diego said “the presentation by Hartnell was the best session I attended at the Conference.” There were a total of 75 attendees at the presentation.
Evening students in the Career Development class asked Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen to present Tuesday, March 16, 2016 about her duties at Hartnell, experience as a journalist, and to share how her education has helped her along the way. Adjunct Instructor Daisy Nuñez commented that students asked very good questions, especially those who were undecided on a major. Some of them are now considering majoring in communication studies and marketing.

“A lot of the students relate to Ms. Montenegro because they come from migrant homes, have or are struggling through immigration hurdles, and are the first to go to college,” commented Professor Nuñez. “I appreciate her taking the time to share her story and educational journey.”

Norma Isela Cuevas is our new TRiO Counselor. She was born and raised in Salinas. Her parents are Alberto and Maria Cuevas. Her father works in the agricultural fields of Salinas and her mom is a stay at home mom. Being Mexican-American was difficult to understand when growing up. At school she was taught to be American and follow the American dream, but at home values were different; the goal was to learn how to cook, clean and be hard working. Norma Isela decided to go against all odds and attend college even against her family’s and cultural ideals of what a good daughter and female should be. Norma Isela attended Fresno State where she earned two bachelor’s degrees; one in Psychology and the second in Chicano Studies. She is a Gates Millennium Scholar and graduated with honors. She continued at Fresno State Post-Grad and earned her Master of Science degree in Counseling and Student Services, for which she graduated with Summa Cum-Laude Distinction. She has over 15 years of student services experience. While at Fresno State she worked with the College Assistant Migrant Program, Educational Opportunity Program and most recently with the TRIO- Upward Bound Program for over nine years. She has also worked with the Monterey County Migrant Office of Education with the Pasos Al Exito Program and the Youth Leadership Institute doing underage drinking prevention work. Norma has had leadership roles in numerous national and regional associations dedicated to furthering educational opportunities for low-income, first-generation and disabled students such as the Western Association of Educational Opportunity.
Personnel (WESTOP); CenCal Chapter of WESTOP and Council for Opportunity in Education (COE)- Policy Seminar. Norma has a passion for education and to see others succeed professionally and personally. She encourages others to set high expectations and go after everything they dream of for themselves and for their families. She believes it is important to help our children, our families and our community.

10. CSIN3 STUDENTS FEATURED IN HEAVY CONNECT STORY

HeavyConnect was recently featured in a story on the innovative software that was developed to assist with fleet management, remote field work scheduling and tracking, asset management, production planning and in-field employee management. The article goes on to mention that a key part in the development of this software is to have technologists that understand agriculture; and by partnering with Hartnell College and California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) a pathway to career was created for students who have a passion for agriculture, technology and business. HeavyConnect prioritizes local software engineering students to be their interns and the company takes pride in creating a diverse workforce. Currently, the staff of engineers consists of 75% female employees, and 100% Latino most of which have farming in their family history, with either their parent or grandparent who has worked in the fields. Read the entire article in the following link: https://www.wga.com/magazine/2015/11/12/wg-innovation-center-heavyconnect-builds-technology-out-farming

In photo, Rivka Garcia and Leticia Sanchez work on software development, including Bluetooth beacon research.

11. ERIC BOSLER’S PHOTO-ART EXHIBIT

The exhibit space outside my door changed once again. The images in this exhibition were taken on Hartnell art/photo class field trips over a 40-year period, by Hartnell instructor Eric Bosler. During the past 20 years he has concentrated on taking Hartnell’s photo students on excursions to museums, photo-art galleries, studios, and off campus locations to demonstrate photographic techniques, compositional principals, and the aesthetics of photo imaging. These photos are from various locations around Monterey County ranging from the Salinas River to many locations along or near the coast. The photos were shot during on site demonstrations of the principles of what makes a good photograph and how to achieve that goal. Last week, Professor Bosler brought his photography class over to show and explain the techniques used in each photo.
12. 18th Annual Salinas Relay for Life

The Office of Student Life in collaboration with other departments across the college will participate in the American Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE 2016. Please consider joining the Hartnell Panthers team by contacting the Office of Student Life.

This year will mark the 18th annual Salinas RELAY FOR LIFE — an event where our community pulls together to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The Relay is May 20-21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., at the Salinas Sports Complex. Statistics show that 1 out of 3 people will be touched by cancer in their lifetime. However, we believe that the RELAY FOR LIFE gives us hope to find a cure for cancer. Consider participating in any of our fundraising opportunities:

- Luminaria Bag Sale. For a $10 donation, you can decorate a special bag in memory or in honor of your loved one and displayed at the event. Sold at the Office of Student Life and the President's Office.
- Department and Student Clubs Penny Wars
- Relay Car Raffle. The car will be at Hartnell College on March 24

Thank you for your continued support for this worthy cause.

13. Grover Smashes 5K Record at Occidental

Hartnell College sophomore Malena Grover surpassed her own school record in the 5000 meter run on Friday night in Eagle Rock at the Occidental College Distance Carnival. Grover stopped the clock at 17:13.98 taking 29 seconds off her previous best and continued to subtract 50 seconds from the previous record of 18:04 set by Maria Trujillo. The former Salinas High School star placed twelfth overall and was the second community college runner to finish as she continues to chase Jenica Dodge of American River College. Grover lead Dodge for more than 4000 meters but the 2015 cross country regional champion pulled even and went to finish in 17:08.12. The two have the top marks in the state and Grover’s time is the fourth fastest in the nation recorded by a community college woman this year. With last year’s state champion in the 1500, 5000, and 10,000 meters Aminat
Olowaro no longer competing for Southwestern College, it appears the state
titles for any of those distances will be won by either Dodge or Grover. Also
running in the women's 5,000 meters was Nancy Rodriguez (18:54.67) who became just the ninth ever
Lady Panther to run the distance in under 19 minutes. Lizzy Garcia (19:25.08), Maria
Rodriguez (20:02.47), Adriana Jimenez (20:10.32), Cynthia Tovar (20:28.70), and Carly
Zako (20:34.53) also raced at the distance.
In the men's 5,000 meters, the Panthers were led by a pair of freshman Jorge Sanchez and Edgar
Bonilla. Sanchez was the first Panther to cross the line in a state "B" qualifying 15:18.22 with Bonilla
behind at 15:25.22. Sophomore Javier Garcia ran a personal best 15:27.83 along with freshmen Oscar
Mora, Jr. (15:34.11), Angel Mejia, Jr. (15:39.60), Andrew Martinez (15:46.99), and Bryan
Stamos (16:10.72). Freshman Eduardo Orozco ran a season best in the 1500 meters (4:07.00).
For full Occidental Spring Break Distance Carnival Results:
https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/41643.html

### 14. SOFTBALL TEAM CONTINUES TO BATTLE STRONG TEAMS

Last weekend, the Lady Panthers went to Fresno to play 4 games, but rain allowed us to get in 2 games.
They won their game versus West Hills 6-2, but lost their game against Sacramento City 7-1.
They then headed over to San Mateo where they held a 2-0 lead, led by Kaitlyn Doyle from North
Salinas High School. SM took the lead back in the bottom of the third inning after a catchable ball was
not caught that led to a 2-run home run. The team played well but were unable to get momentum back,
losing to San Mateo 2-7.
Next they played DeAnza at home. The Panthers played really well with help from our bats – getting
13 hits. Top hitters were Angie Savoldi (4 for 4) and Pisces Milovale (3 for 3). The team had 5 doubles
in the game and the winning pitcher was Lezlie Morris. Softball currently stands 11-11 overall. In
league play they are 3-4 overall.
They were supposed to play in the Ohlone tournament this weekend, but it was cancelled; causing a
loss of 4 games. We had no games last week due to Mission and Foothill dropping their programs this
year; however we will play Ohlone and Merced in non-league games over the weekend.

### 15. HARTNEll BASEBALL TEAM UPSETS CHABOT

The Hartnell College Baseball Team upset #7 ranked Chabot College on Thursday, March 10, 2016 beating
them by a score of 5-4. This is the highest ranked team Hartnell Baseball has beaten under Coach Babin.
Brandon Granger (San Benito HS) earned his 3rd victory of the season going 5 2/3 innings allowing 3 runs. Josue
Gutierrez (Greenfield HS) came in to close things out in the 9th inning pitching a clean inning and earned his 3rd
save of the season. The Panther offense put together 11
hits on the day with Michael Lagier (Valley Christian

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HS) and Michael Secrist (Pioneer HS) leading the charge with 3 hits each.
The Hartnell Baseball team suffered another 1 run loss Saturday, March 12 at
the hands of visiting West Valley College by a score of 3-2. Austin Lee (Northgate HS) was charged
with the loss going 7 innings 3 runs and striking out 5 batters. Sebastian Guillen (Righetti HS) had a
huge day at the plate going 4-4 with an rbi. Nick Enrico (Moanalua HS) also had a good day at the
plate going 2-3 with an rbi. The Panthers mounted a rally in the bottom of the 9th and had the tying run
90’ away when Michael Lagier (Valley Christian HS) stepped to the plate with 2 outs in the bottom of
the 9th. Lagier smacked a ball to center field, but West Valley center fielder made a diving grab to end
the game.
The Hartnell College Baseball team begins league play March 15, 2016 vs MPC. With Hartnell
Baseball securing their 9th victory of the season Thursday vs Chabot it puts Hartnell baseball ahead of
last season’s win total already with still half the season left to play. The Hartnell College Baseball team
has an overall record of 9-9 so far this season.

16. UPCOMING EVENTS

VOICES FROM THE FIELDS AS PART OF
NATIONAL FARM WORKERS’ APPRECIATION WEEK
Hijos del Sol Art Exhibit in C-140 all this week
March 23 – Master class with Jose Ortiz
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in C-101
Artist meet and greet follows
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in C-140
March 24 – Special Program
Film East of Salinas, Folklorico, Panel, and Refreshments
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Mainstage

Women’s History Month
“He named me Malala”
March 21, 2016 at 1:00 PM, Mainstage

NorCal Heptathlon/Decathlon Championship
April 12-13, 2016 - 11:00 AM
See the best athletes in NorCal- (831) 755-6845

Toro Park Trail Challenge Runs
April 16, 2016 – Registration at 8:00 AM
Come Support Hartnell Cross Country - (831) 755-6845

Nursing and Allied Health Fourth Annual Alumni Reception
April 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM, Steinbeck Hall
To RSVP call 831-770-6146

Ed Adams Track & Field Invitational
Saturday, April 23, 2016
Tri-tip BBQ to support the team - (831) 755-6845
17. IN THE NEWS

Meet Hartnell’s New Guide to the Stars

Hartnell’s Grover Runs New Best; Samms Wins Hammer

Gary Soto’s Latest Musical is about Being Gifted and Undocumented

Undocumented Student Drama Comes to Western Stage

SPANISH – In and Out of the Shadows

Education Digest
www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/03/17/education-digest/80565618/

Education Digest – Panther Prep and Speech Team news
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/03/17/education-digest/81938330/

Spelling Bee results – event held at Hartnell
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20160313/NEWS/160319895

RSA 2016 Interview with Hartnell College Members
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWwBPOnoFLM

Apps for Ag Brings Together Coders, Farmers
http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/article/NE/20160312/NEWS/160319886