As part of the National Farmworkers Awareness Week celebrated at Hartnell, the Office of Student Life and the Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) presented Voices from the Fields on Thursday, March 24, 2016 on Mainstage. The evening was emceed by Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen and began with a performance by Hartnell’s Ballet Folklorico ‘Ihtlotiani,’ followed by the film screening of ‘East of Salinas,” a film by Laura Pacheco and Jackie Mow. The main characters, Oscar Ramos (teacher at Sherwood Elementary) and Jose Ansaldo (undocumented student) were introduced by Director of TRiO, Manuel Bersamin. The one-hour film was an emotional rollercoaster for the audience. It touched on many situations and circumstances facing migrant workers and their families. A panel discussion followed the film and the audience engaged in a very personal conversation with Jose and Oscar, which continued after the program out in the quad area during the reception. ASHC President, Ali Saleh approached the microphone to offer Jose and the audience his support and solidarity.
Oscar was born in Mexico and grew up in a migrant labor camp, where he worked in the fields at a young age. He always knew that he wanted more for himself and to help others. In the fourth grade, he decided that he wanted to be a teacher. Throughout his 20 years of teaching, Oscar has thrived off the academic success that he had the opportunity to help students achieve. Oscar is motivated to help his students stay focused in school and keeping them interested in learning so that they will successfully complete their education. Many of Oscar’s students are children of Migrant Workers. As a former child of a Migrant worker, Oscar knows that lifestyle can be very challenging and at times, discouraging. However, just as he overcame the obstacles of being a migrant worker’s child, he helps students in similar situations exceed as well, which is why he became academically involved with former student, Jose Ansaldo, as a mentor. Jose was a very intelligent student in Oscar’s third grade class, who faced many hardships, similar to that which Oscar himself, experienced; however, despite his challenges, Jose still loved to learn and go to school, which inspired Oscar to become so involved with Jose. Oscar vowed to provide mentorship and the resources to ensure that Jose stay focused and reach his educational goals; which are to go to UC Berkeley and become an Engineer. Jose is now more motivated than ever to attend college and accomplish his dream. He is very happy with his experience of participating in this documentary because it gave him the chance to tell his story and reach his peers who face similar circumstances. He hopes to expose his peers to the resources they need in order to succeed. Jose advises, “Don’t give up. Life will be hard, but giving up will not make things any better, so you might as well not give up and keep on working”. Oscar is also heavily involved in LULAC, the League of United Latin American Citizens.

In addition, the week offered an art exhibit from the group Hijos del Sol and artist Jose Ortiz offered a master class and a meet and greet session.

2. EXTRAVAGANZA 2016 A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Friday, March 18, 2016 the Hartnell Music Department presented its annual Music Extravaganza all throughout Building K. Audience members were treated to performances of the guitar class, the orchestra, the Hartnell College Choir and Chamber Singers, selected students from the piano class, and the jazz band. Over 150 audience members attended the event, raising over $1,600 for the music department. Along with great performances, audience members got to enjoy light refreshments and
received a grand tour of the facilities. At the end of the night, several items donated by individuals and businesses were raffled off to audience members. “I’d like to thank everyone who was involved, including students, instructors, administrators, employees of the foundation, and members of the community for making this such a successful event,” said Music Professor Steve Ettinger. “It was wonderful to be able to share our music with so many people.”

3. PHI THETA KAPPA ACADEMIC TEAM AWARDS

Hartnell’s Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Beta Mu Xi Chapter recently received two recognitions bringing pride to our Panther spirit. On March 24, 2016, Chapter President, **Francisco (Frankie) Juarez** and Member **Daniel Poore** were selected for the **2016 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team Award** by the **Community College League of California**. The awards luncheon was held at the Sacramento Convention Center and honored exemplary community college scholars. Both Juarez and Poore were there to be recognized for such achievement. Congratulations!

4. WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH–GUEST SPEAKER SHARES LIFE STORY

On Monday, March 21, 2016, in honor of **Women’s History Month**, the **Hartnell Christian Fellowship Club** hosted Carol Cervantes as their guest speaker to promote Women Empowerment at the Student Center during lunch hour. Cervantes is a single mother of 2, a foster parent, and an Intervention Specialist for the Natividad Trauma Center’s CHOICE Program, designed to end the cycle of violence by addressing the root causes of violence in each individual’s situation. Cervantes meets the victims at bedside within 30 minutes of arrival to offer services. She provides advocacy, prevention and supportive services trauma survivors and their families, in order to help them heal from the trauma and also to help them leave the gang lifestyle. Cervantes was formally involved in gangs as a young teen. After surviving a traumatic car accident and troubles with the law, Cervantes gave her life to Christ and changed from there. She began to get involved with her community through an opportunity to counsel the youth at the
Salvation Army’s Kid’s Café where she deterred them from participating in
gang violence and provided spiritual guidance and empowerment. Cervantes
has served as an advocate for Shelter Outreach Plus, Housing Resource Center of Monterey County,
Second Chance Youth Program, and Salinas Valley State Prison and in our local parole community
team, to help parolees find a better way of life.
“I continue to give back to the city I once took from,” shared Cervantes. “Today I am honored to be a
part of the CHOICE team here at Natividad Medical Center, empowering families like mine to get
ahead in life and stop the cycle that we know all too well.”

5. EDUCATOR IN RESIDENCE USES HUMOR AND KNOWLEDGE TO ENGAGE

Our Educator in Residence, Rushton Hurley, joined us on
March 22, 2016 at Steinbeck Hall for his first visit to our
campus. He presented two sessions, one for faculty and
general staff and one for students on how to make teaching
and learning memorable. In his talk, he expressed how
technology is creating a lot of new opportunities for
educators and for students. His philosophy is in groups
uniting to share ideas and to avoid reinventing the wheel.
Rushton founded and is executive director of the educational
nonprofit Next

Vista for Learning, which houses a free library of over fifteen
hundred short videos by and for teachers and students
at http://NextVista.org. His graduate research at Stanford
University included using speech recognition technology
with beginning students of Japanese in computer-based role-
playing scenarios for developing language skills. His talks
are for all employees, instructors, and students.
Hurley will be back in May to offer the following sessions at
Steinbeck Hall:

- **Wednesday, May 4, at 6:00 PM**
  Educational Possibilities, Great Colleges, and a Changing World
- **Friday, May 6, at 2:00 PM**
  Four Fun, Powerful, and Quick Activities for Starting Class
- **Monday, May 9, at 6:00 PM**
  Learning Beyond the Classroom
- **Tuesday, May 10, at 2:00 PM**
  Using Technology to Pursue Excellence with Every Student

The Educator in Residence is sponsored by the Employee Development Committee at Hartnell College.
On March 23, 2016, I was joined by a group of Hartnell employees for lunch. This was an informal affair in which we had no agenda but talked candidly about the state of the college, the new science building, a possible bond measure in this year’s elections, student success, future hiring, and so much more. It was a time for the group to also get to know one another and the roles each play in the college. I enjoy having this lunches with a random and mixed group of employees each semester to allow me that personal contact with each and for them to feel comfortable asking me any questions or to comment openly in the small group setting.

In photo L to R - John Perez, Mercedes Quintero, David Jones, Joanne Pleak, Lorena Nunez, Cheryl O’Donnell, Kathy Mendelsohn, Meagan Plumb, and me.

The Relay for Life car was on campus Thursday, March 24, 2014 for the day. Students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to see the 2016 Honda Civic LX that will be raffled off. Tickets for the raffle were sold in record numbers – all going to a great cause. In photo, student, Neyda Cortes of the Hartnell Sociology Club, volunteered to sell tickets.

You can support the American Cancer Society by purchasing a ticket and participating in the Relay for Life on May, 21, 2016 at the Salinas Sports Complex and have the opportunity to win this brand new Honda Civic, which was provided by Sam Linder Honda of Salinas.

The Office of Student Life also has Luminaria Bags for a $10 donation. Luminaria Bags are decorated by the purchaser in memory of their loved one and will be displayed at the event. For more information about Relay for Life or to purchase Raffle tickets contact the Office of Student Life or Augustine Nevarez at 831-755-6825.

Friday, March 25, 2016 marked the first day the show “Blackholes” was open to the public in our J. Frederic Ching Planetarium. Planetarium Coordinator, Andrew Lindsay has a great itinerary for those that plan to visit on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. with a show titled “Blackholes.”

Admission is $5 for adults and $4 for children/ Hartnell Students. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.
9. POCHOP’S THROWS HIGHLIGHT FIRST SEQUOIAS RELAYS

Hartnell College freshman thrower Alyssa Pochop did not decide to join the Panthers until late in her senior year at North Monterey County High School, but has found the two new additional collegiate throwing events to her liking. Pochop has never thrown either the hammer or the javelin until this spring, but on Saturday at the Sequoias Relays she tossed the hammer further than any other Lady Panther this season. Her mark of 133’4” is the fifth best in school history and jumps the freshman into the tenth best position in the region. Pochop’s javelin toss of 101’0” netted her a second place finish, but also the tenth best mark in the region.

Also performing well for the Lady Panthers in Visalia were Malena Grover, Stephanie Powers, and Nancy Rodriguez. Malena Grover took the win in the 1,500 meters comfortably (4:46.22) and second in the 800 meters (2:23.72). Stephanie Powers earned a regional qualifier in the 400 low hurdles (1:11.42). Nancy Rodriguez was the event winner in the 3,000 meter steeplechase (12:33.40). She was followed by Adriana Jimenez who debuted in the event at 12:50.20. The women’s 4x400 relay of Grover, Powers, Lizette Garcia and Tori Teraji had a season best 4:19.19 placing ahead of cross town rival Monterey Peninsula College at 4:19.62.
Freshman Eduardo Orozco won the 800 meters (1:56.63) in a season best to move closer the state "b" qualifying mark. Paul Koenig also had a season best in the 400 intermediate hurdles at 56.90. Edgar Bonilla placed third in the 1,500 meters (4:02.96). Andrew Martinez was the winner of the 3,000 meter steeplechase in his first attempt in the event at 10:29.80. Freshman Jorge Sanchez took the victory in the 5,000 meters (16:20.38).
For full Sequoias relays results: https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/43365.html

The Hartnell mens baseball team suffered a tough loss to rival MPC Tuesday, March 15 with a final score of 13-4. The Panthers pitching staff could not seem to keep the Lobos at bay surrendering 12 hits, 3 of which were Lobo home runs. The game took a difficult turn for the Panthers in the bottom of the 3rd inning when the Lobos belted 2, 3 run home runs and scored a total of 9 runs in the frame. The Panther offense did mount a late game rally scoring 4 runs in the top of the 7th, but it was little too late. Michael Lagier (Valley Christian HS) led the Panther offense with 2 hits on the day at the plate.

The visiting Lobos brought the offense again on Thursday, March 17 blasting 4 home runs on the day cruising to a 12-7 victory at Tony Teresa Diamond. The Panthers pitching staff again had trouble keeping the Lobos off the board surrendering 10 hits on the day. The Panthers did battle and were able to make the game close scoring 3 runs in the bottom of the 8th inning but the comeback was not enough to overcome the run deficit. The Panther offense had 10 hits on the day led by Sebastian Guillen (Righetti HS) who was 3-5 on the day, Nick Enrico (Moanaloa HS) and Wes Carswell (Pacific Grove HS) each had two hits apiece for the Panthers on the day.

The Hartnell College Baseball team was able to bounce back Saturday, March 19 after consecutive losses with a victory over visiting Skyline College. The Panthers offense led the charge scoring 6 runs in the bottom of the 1st inning. The first blow came off the bat of Wes Carswell (Pacific Grove HS) when he blasted a 3 run home run in the bottom of the 1st to start the scoring. This was Carswell’s 1st home run of the season. Though the Panthers would go on to score a total of 11 runs on the day, Panther starting pitcher Austin Lee (Northgate HS) would not need much help throwing another complete game and striking out 10 batters. Austin Lee has now thrown 2 complete games on the season and this is his 3rd game striking out 10 or more batters.

With a victory over Skyline the Hartnell Baseball team improves to an overall record of 10-11.
11. SOFTBALL UPDATE

The Hartnell Softball team played a double header last Saturday in two non-league games against Ohlone and Merced. Their first game was 12-0 loss. Lezlie Morris pitched first, but it was not long before Kaitlyn Doyle needed to relieve her. Ohlone hit 3 home runs. In the second game Lezlie pitched a good game. They had chances to win, but lost 4-3 in extra innings. This week the team plays Ohlone at home in a league game Tuesday and Chabot away Thursday in Hayward.

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13. UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date! Spring President’s Forum

Please join me for the Spring 2016 President's Forum and Lunch on Friday, April 8, 2016 at Steinbeck Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Lunch will be available promptly at 11:30 a.m. and the forum will begin at 11:45 a.m.
The forum will include:
- Recognition for our most recently tenured faculty members.
- A brief general College update.

For those who are unable to attend the session, the presentation will be available on the college web site and a link to the presentation will be provided.

Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit
March 30, 2016
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Alisal Campus
Registration for the event can be done on-line at: http://sv-ag-summit2016.eventbrite.com

In athletics!
- **NorCal Heptathlon/Decathlon Championship**
  April 12-13, 2016 - 11:00 AM
- **Toro Park Trail Challenge Runs**
  April 16, 2016 – Registration at 8:00 AM
- **Ed Adams Track & Field Invitational**
  Saturday, April 23, 2016
  Tri-tip BBQ to support the team
Call 831-755-6845 for more information

Career Fair
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
9:30 – 11:30 AM
Student Center

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

Ag Institute Open House
April 23, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Alisal Campus

Law Day
May 2, 2016
9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Main Campus

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Women's Empowerment Conference 2016
Discovering Your Inner Self

Keynote Speaker: Monica Tovar
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The Associated Students of Hartnell College invite you to attend its Second Annual Conference.
Saturday, May 14, 2016
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Hartnell College - Steinbeck Hall
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Behind the Scenes of the Third Annual Salinas Valley Ag Technology Summit

Education Digest: Teacher Job Fair in Salinas
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/03/24/education-digest/82229840/