Family Science Day provides exposure to children and adults

On October 2, 2016 our Main Campus was filled with enthusiasm and many interested young minds at our 10th Family Science Day event. Our young visitors had the opportunity to try on real spacesuits, hold snakes, watch science experiments and view a planetarium show. Thanks to the Bay Area Amphibian and Reptile Society and the Silicon Valley Chapter of the California Turtle and Tortoise Club, a variety of snakes were on hand as well as other reptiles and amphibians.

The goal of the Family Science Day is to expose young children to science and, hopefully, inspire them to pursue careers in STEM. The Hartnell K-12 STEM program in partnership with Ames NASA’s MUREP Aerospace Academy works with elementary schools to improve STEM literacy. The program offers free classes on Saturdays at Monterey County elementary schools. We have certainly seen the growth as we began with 600 students and have now grown to about 7,500 students.

At the event, local agencies provided information about their services to families, there were art activities, performances by our Hartnell Folklorico Club, and hot dogs for lunch.

Joseph Reyes is recognized at board meeting

At the October 4, 2016 Board Meeting held at our Alisal Campus, Facilities and Maintenance Manager Joseph Reyes, was acknowledged for his vision and leadership, which has contributed to Hartnell College having honorable mention by the California Community College Board of Governors for the annual Excellence in Energy and Sustainability award competition. The award comes after the implementation of Proposition 39 projects, which consisted of replacing old fluorescent, metal halide, and mercury vapor lighting fixtures with more efficient LED fixtures. These improvements, along with solar energy projects, will reduce energy costs up to $9.5 Million over 25 years.

Congratulations Joseph and thanks for your leadership!
Students visit local Ag companies and learn from local leaders

On September 27, 2016, twelve Hartnell College and Soledad High School students had the privilege of attending the Sakata Seeds Facilities in Salinas, CA. Sakata is a world leader in breeding and producing vegetable and ornamental seed and vegetative cuttings. Sakata breeders around the world work diligently to develop varieties that offer superior performance and set new standards for the industry. Students enjoyed learning about the processes of seeds, had the chance to visit laboratories and hear from Sakata’s very own employees! Students were engaged and visited green houses and asked questions about internships and future employment. A huge thanks to Matt Linder for being a great host!

On September 30, 2016, students from Laura Miles’ Intro to Ag class toured Andy Boy (D’Arrigo Bros.); D’Arrigo Bros. Co. of California has been a responsible steward of the land since 1920. They understand that what they are able to produce from the land is a direct result of how well they treat this precious asset. D’Arrigo Bros. Co. continues to champion solutions for tomorrow’s safe, accessible and nutritious food through their sustainable efforts. Students toured D’Arrigo’s state-of-the-art cooler expansion, learned how the company is harvesting the sun’s power for electricity, and heard all about the nutrition facts behind their products. Thank you Claudia Pizarro-Villalobos for being instrumental in setting this tour up for our students!

MILE Steering Meeting results in overwhelming support

Director of Special Programs, Bronwyn Moreno and her staff hosted a MILE Steering Group meeting last month to review a presentation on MILE scholar data to be used for development of the quarterly mentor workshops. MILE Scholar and ASHC President Rafael Mendoza, shared his experiences in the program and provided insight on what he is looking for in a mentor. The presentations were followed by a discussion on mentor recruitment and workshop topics. The Steering Group is comprised of male community leaders who serve as champions for the program and who have the ability to connect with mentor prospects and potential resources. Following the meeting, Steering Group members recruited
additional leaders from the community to serve as mentors and workshop presenters. The mentors are an impressive roster of elected officials, entrepreneurs, businessman, engineers, and educators.

I conducted a presentation on the MILE Program to the Salinas Rotary on Tuesday, September 20, which resulted in several mentor prospects as well as the program’s first private donation.

**Hartnell and CSUMB present workshop at Leadership Congress for the ACCT**

On October 7, 2016 Hartnell and CSU Monterey Bay presented a workshop regarding the CSin3 program at the 2016 Leadership Congress for the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) held in New Orleans.

*CSin3: Three-Year Bachelor’s Degree Program in Computer Science*

Hartnell College and California State University, Monterey Bay, developed a cohort-based, 3-year bachelor’s degree program in computer science. The first cohort graduated in May 2016. Across four cohorts 74% are first generation students, 85% are Hispanic/Latino, and 53% are female. The two colleges will share strategies, successes, practices, and lessons learned from the journey that won the institutions a $5 million innovation award.

Presenters included: Dr. Sonia Arteaga, Hartnell Faculty Member; Dr. Bonnie Irwin, CSUMB Provost and VP of Academic Affairs; Erica Padilla-Chavez, President of Hartnell CCD Board of Trustees; Dr. Willard Lewallen, Superintendent/President of Hartnell CCD

**Raising Emotionally Healthy Children**

On September 28, 2016 the EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs programs had the privilege of hosting a phenomenal workshop facilitated by Yessica Rincon from the County of Monterey Behavioral Health Bureau. The presentation was titled, “Raising Emotionally Healthy Children” and the information shared by Yessica was truly valuable for all attendees.

One of the beautiful comments Yessica made is that the workshop specifically addresses children’s emotional needs, but the reality is that the concepts can be applied to any type of relationship. Yessica noted that children of all ages have the need to feel respected, important, accepted, included, and secure. Such needs are often referred to as “critical needs“ because they are key to developing emotionally healthy children.

Identifying and learning more about children's “critical needs” assists parents in guiding their actions, assessing progress, building on strengths and overcoming shortcomings. Yessica will be presenting on depression and anxiety in October and the effects of media on children in November.

We are truly thankful for Yessica's expertise, enthusiasm and passion. Student feedback indicated this workshop was appreciated and useful in their everyday dealings with their own children. We look forward to our
continued collaboration with the Behavioral Health Bureau and look forward to Yessica’s future workshops! For more information, contact Counselor Dr. Nancy Reyes at nreyes@hartnell.edu.

First Mental Health First Aid grads

On September 30, 2016 we completed the first round of training to be certified as Mental Health First Aiders. Manuel Bersamin, Dr. Nancy Reyes, Gabriel Bravo, Nora Zuniga-Torres, Andrea Marble, and David Souza completed the 8-hour Mental Health First Aid Training Certification with Trainer Amy Lehman, offered by the National Council on Behavioral Health. In addition, Trainers Amy Lehman and Alicia Edelen are currently certifying 20 members of the A & R Department, as well as Director of HEP, Eric Becerra; Dean of Enrollment Services, Mary Dominguez; and Director of Student Life, Augustine Nevarez! Mental Health First Aid is a course aimed at helping individuals identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The training gives participants the skills they need to reach out and provide initial help and support to students, colleagues, or family members who may be developing a mental health problem or experiencing a crisis. You can read more about the course here: [http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/cs/about/](http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/cs/about/)

The next training for Hartnell College will be on November 8, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Those interested in signing up should contact Amy Lehman at alehman@hartnell.edu.

Staff complete emergency preparedness training

Members of the ICS Team, David Souza, Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management and Lindsey Bertomen, Faculty, just completed DHS MGT-346, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Operations and Planning for All-Hazards Events. This was a 24-hour course presented by Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). This course gives participants practical experience with large-scale response for management of an EOC. It adapts existing emergency management (National Incident Management System/Incident Command System NIMS/ICS) procedures to the unique requirements of emergency operation center operations. During this course, participants are given a large-scale disaster designed to integrate the Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS).

(David Souza pictured at center in photo)
First year first Fridays participants learn about The Western Stage

On the second First year, First Fridays of the current academic year, employees gathered in room E-112 for refreshments and conversation to then walk over to Building K’s Mainstage to learn more about The Western Stage.

Jon Selover and Melissa Chin-Parker greeted the group and provided a backstage tour of the facilities. They talked about The Western Stage, its history and current lineup for the season. These events are made possible by Human Resources. “New employees are encouraged to attend the monthly first Friday event, to spend time with their new colleagues and learn something about Hartnell,” expressed Terri Pyer, Associate VP of HR. “It’s nice when new employees have a chance to meet our campus leaders.”

Celebrating over 8,500 adults served and National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week

On September 28, 2016 the Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium (SVAEC) gathered to review the progress made in the 2015-16 program year and to celebrate National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week. With an infusion of new State funding from the Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) Program, the Consortium made significant strides in its first year of implementing the Salinas Valley Regional Adult Education Plan, which provides strategies to improve and expand adult education programs and services that will help realize its vision: All adults in the Salinas Valley will receive equitable access to the education, training, guidance, and support needed to set and achieve their educational and career goals.

In 2015-16, the 7-SVAEC Member Districts collectively served over 8,500 adults through their:

- adult ESL, Basic Skills, and High School Equivalency classes
- family literacy and parent education programming
- workforce preparation and career development services
- career technical education and training
- college pathway support services

Member Districts began rebuilding the region’s adult education system by hiring new teachers and support staff, acquiring new adult ed-dedicated facilities, and purchasing new curriculum, equipment, and software to enhance learning and improve adults’ digital literacy.

Hartnell CCD is one of the Adult Ed Consortium Members and with its AEBG allocation is focusing on increased transition support, academic support, basic skills and technical education, and career pathway development for adults in the Salinas Valley. New Hartnell pilot programs/courses/services include
- a bridge program for adults preparing to transition to Hartnell from regional adult schools and the community
- trade-specific English and Math lessons for CTE students that are accessible online and on mobile devices
- a 3-level series of basic computer classes in Spanish
- a CTE career exploration workshop series that provides hands-on learning experiences in the building trades (carpentry, electrical, and welding)
- and a new Learning Disability Specialist to serve all Hartnell CCD locations

AEBG funds have also contributed to the development and coordination of the Hartnell Ag Institute’s new Farmworker Education & Advancement Program, which has gained considerable industry support and will begin soon.

Hartnell faculty, staff, and administrators involved in the SVAEC are finding that the Consortium provides a unique and valuable opportunity to connect and collaborate with regional education, community, and industry partners to increase adult access and success in postsecondary education and the workforce. Hartnell’s official SVAEC designees are Kathy Mendelsohn, Dean of Languages, Learning & Support Services, and Eric Becerra, Director of HEP (High School Equivalency Program). Hartnell also serves as the Fiscal Agent for the Consortium, and houses the SVAEC Director, Kristen Arps.

The SVAEC Member Districts are Hartnell CCD, Monterey County Office of Education, Gonzales USD, North Monterey USD, Salinas UHSD, Soledad USD, and South Monterey County JUHSD.

**Hartnell starts fast, beats Gavilan**

On October 1, 2016 the Hartnell College Men’s Football team played against Gavilan College at Gilroy High School Football Stadium. The Hartnell football team earned another win with a score of 44-14. The Panthers relied on a solid ground game complimented by a stingy defensive effort. The gusty winds kept up for most of the game. However, Hartnell kept a steady dose of Sherrod Hawkes and Jarrett Banks. Both running backs rushed for a combined 302 yards. Hawkes (16 carries for 191 yards/3TD) was platooned with Jarrett Banks (15 carries 111 yards/2 TD), a big body workhorse who has been a spark for the offense over the past few weeks. Most of the fireworks took place in the 1st half as Hartnell raced to a 30-0 lead by halftime. Quarterback Dorion Isaak (6 of 17 for 101 yards, 1 TD) did not have to rely on his arm to get it done. He connected in the first half with receiver Elisha Peat for the 1st Panther touchdown on a 28-yard post route with 5 minutes remaining in the 1st quarter.

The Panther defense was led by linebacker Donyae Moody who collected 11 tackles with 2 for a loss. Moody continues his tear on defense as he leads the state in tackles. The Panther “D” was stout, forcing Gavilan to punt the ball 9 times. The Rams made a push before the end of the 1st half, as they moved into Panther territory. Gavilan had a shot as a pass attempt into the end zone looked like a potential score, but cornerback Wilbur Young had other Ideas. Young stepped in front of the receiver and grabbed the pass, stopping the drive, and silenced the touchdown hungry Rams. Defensive lineman Lanier King had a big day with 6 tackles of his own. He had 1.5 sacks, 2.5 tackles for loss and recorded 3 quarterback hurries. The Panthers controlled the clock for most of the second half, as they continued to pull away. Hartnell was able to substitute a variety of players in the second half, giving them an opportunity to build game experience and more confidence for future contests.
Hartnell Women’s Soccer Keeps Growing Stronger
On October 4, 2016 the Lady Panthers visited West Valley College. Hartnell Women’s Soccer came back with a win of 1 - 0 over West Valley. Monique Paniagua scored the goal by a penalty kick. The goal was the result of the collaborative effort of Brittany Perez and Monique Paniagua. On October 7th, the Lady Panthers faced Evergreen Valley College at Hartnell College. Hartnell Women’s Soccer ended the game with a win of 3 - 2 over Evergreen. Lady Panther, Norma Verduzco scored the winning goal at minute 55. Vanessa Moreno and Claudia Alcantar contributed with assists throughout the game. The Lady Panthers are now gearing up to face Ohlone College on October 11th.

Hartnell Men’s Soccer Keeps up its Record
In the past week the Hartnell College Soccer team played two games. On October 4, 2016 the team faced Skyline College on their turf. Hartnell remained undefeated by winning 4-1. Student-athlete Willy Miranda led the panthers by scoring the first goal in minute 5 of the game. He later assisted Isaac Murillo at minute 38 for his first goal of the season. Skyline scored its first and only goal at minute 48. Panther Luis Mendoza came back in the second half and scored the last goal of the game. Jose Vasquez had a fantastic 6 saves and one goal against the win. On October 7th, the team played against Monterey Peninsula College. The Panthers faced a complicated game against the MPC Lobos. However, the Panthers managed to secure a tie of 1-1. Hartnell’s Soccer team now has a record of 2-0-2 in conference play and is currently ranked #4 in the CCCAA State poll and #7 in the NSCAA National Poll. Their overall record to date is 7-0-4 (.818).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrates El Salvador
Explore the traditions, music and food (pupusas!)
Wednesday, October 12, 2016
Student Center – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Job and Student Volunteer Fair
October 12, 2016
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Student Center, Building C, Hartnell College Main Campus
Music Department presents
Performance Night of Students and Faculty
Friday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. in K-125

Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016
We are inducting the fourth Class
Saturday, October 29, 2016
Tickets at 755-6810

The Western Stage Gala
Featuring the Western Stage production, Nice Work if You Can Get It
November 19, 2016 – Food, drinks, silent auction, and show!
Call the Foundation for tickets, at 755-6810
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Panthers prevail home cross country invitational
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/10/08/panthers-prevail-home-cross-country-invitational/91801268/

Marilyn Lowe Long donates sculpture to Hartnell

Hartnell unveils STEM Center

Family Science Day: Snakes, spacesuits, demos a hit with students

Hartnell football runs over Gavilan
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/10/02/hartnell-football-runs-gavilan/91427492/

Hartnell continues conference play at Gavilan

Measure T wins council’s thumbs-up
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2016/10/05/measure-wins-councils-thumbs/91588692/

Measure T: Hartnell College construction
http://www.ksbw.com/article/measure-t-1/4485667