Students in Teacher Talent Incubator Receive iPads

On October 10, 2016, twenty-three (23) students in the first cohort of the Teacher Talent Incubator project received iPads from Hartnell College and CSU Monterey Bay thanks to funding from the Claire Giannini Fund. Students were greeted by Hartnell’s Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Celine Pinet, Dean at King City Education Center, Renata Funke, Counselor Gabriela Lopez, and Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen; and by CSUMB’s Dean of College of Education, Dr. Jose Luis Alvarado, Chair of the LS Department, Dr. Deedee Perez Granados, Project Recruiter and LS Instructor, Dr. Antonio Gallardo, and COE Development Officer, Greg Bistline.

In partnership with CSUMB, Hartnell started the cohort two months ago in South Monterey County to address the local teacher shortage. The iPads will facilitate the use of the latest technology which is incorporated in the curriculum. The recipients were thankful and excited to be surprised with such generous support. We are currently recruiting for cohort 2; email Gabriela at glopez@hartnell.edu with questions.

Job and Volunteer Fair a Success

The Transfer and Career Center, Counseling Department, and Veterans Service Center hosted its fourth Veterans’ Appreciation Job/Volunteer Fair on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. The fair included 40 organizations that promoted employment and volunteer opportunities to over 300 participants. Among the many organizations present were California Highway Patrol, DMV Investigations, San Francisco Police Department, City of Salinas, Peninsula Security, Michael Kors, Entrance (Univision) Communications, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Boys and Girls Clubs, SPCA for Monterey County, California Conservation Corps, Mobile Vet Center, and Voices for Children CASA.
Feedback from students, community job seekers, employers, and staff was positive. The goal of this event is to continue to build our relationship with community partners and our students so they can make a positive difference in the community while attaining valuable skills. We are proud to extend this opportunity for our students’ growth and development as leaders in the Salinas Valley. We look forward to having another successful job/volunteer fair next year.

**Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Features El Salvador**

On Wednesday, October 12, 2016 the Associated Students of Hartnell College hosted an event in our Student Center, to continue the celebration for Hispanic Heritage month! This year, the country featured was El Salvador, known as ‘el pulgarcito de america’ being the smallest country in the Americas.

Traditional pupusas, served with curtido (cabbage in vinegar), tomato mix, and its signature drink, ensalada (of fruit). Over 300 students and employees enjoyed the festivities. Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen was dressed in a typical Salvadoran folklore outfit to show off some of her country’s culture and vibe.

In addition to the food, students and staff enjoyed live Salvadoran and Latino music with local DJ Willi; he also offered Salsa and Cumbia dancing lessons to a few brave participants. Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

**Employee Innovation Grants Awarded!**

On October 7, 2016, the Professional Development Committee announced the five recipients of Employee Innovation Grants. This grant program, now in its third year, was designed to provide financial assistance to spur innovation related to the improvement of student learning. Five grants of up to $3,500 may be awarded each year.

Applicants for the innovation grants – any full-time or part-time faculty member or regular classified staff member – must link their project proposals to specific strategic priorities and goals of the college, and explain how their projects will directly enhance the quality of learning at Hartnell.
This year, four of the lead awardees are faculty members who collaborated on compatible, but distinct projects related to the college’s core competency of “aesthetic analysis and application,” with the unifying theme of “esthetics Across the Curriculum” (AOC). Their projects expand on work started by a Faculty Inquiry Group on STEM-art. The 2016-17 awardees and their projects are:

- Dr. Sewan Fan, Research Experience at a National Lab
- Eric Bosler, AOC: The Hallway Museum
- Cheryl O’Donnell, AOC: Faculty Development
- Dan Petersen, AOC: The Guest Lecture Series/ART TALK
- Dr. Ann Wright, AOC: Virtual-Contextualized Learning

Some of the AOC projects also include contributions from faculty members Lawrence Yee and Jerri Nemiro. The preliminary results of the grant projects will be presented at a college-wide event at the beginning of the next academic year. Congratulations to our creative employees!

**Hartnell Supports Local LULAC at Black & White Ball**

On Saturday, October 15, 2016 Michele and I attended the annual fundraiser for LULAC Council #2055 held at the Student Center (LULAC is the League of United Latin American Citizens). The Student Center was transformed into a Black & White Ball to celebrate the achievements of local leaders and to raise funds to support local students with scholarships.

President of the Board of Trustees, Erica Padilla-Chavez, Trustee Aurelio Salazar Jr., Trustee Manuel Osorio, VP of Student Affairs Dr. Romero Jalomo, Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Mark Sanchez, Director of Development and Public Grants, Loyanne Flynn, and Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro were present. During the event, past president of the Hartnell College Foundation, Alfred Diaz-Infante was honored with the 2016 LULAC Presidential Award. Many elected officials and dignitaries supported the event.

**Career Technical Education Readiness Breakfast**

On Wednesday, October 12, 2016 and Friday, October 14, 2016 the Agricultural Business and Technology Institute hosted the Fall Semester Career Technical Education Readiness Breakfasts at the King City Education Center and at the Alisal Campus. Over 60 teachers, counselors, administrators, and teachers from high schools from Watsonville and Gilroy to King City along with representatives from Land Based Learning and Hartnell College’s EOPS, HEP, Mi Casa, Financial Aid, and the Hartnell College Foundation learned about careers in demand in the agricultural industry and current/pending academic opportunities.

The keynote speaker for the Alisal campus was Jennifer Skidgel Clarke from Steinbeck Country Produce, a family owned grower-packer-shipper of fresh vegetables headquartered in Salinas. They market iceberg lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, romaine hearts, leaf lettuces, celery, strawberries and mixed vegetables in the Nature’s Reward label. Clarke shared her educational path which included community college. Her employment focus is no longer in her original preparation of viticulture, but has expanded to encompass pest control advisor, marketing, human resources, harvest crew management, and food safety and all within the agriculture industry.
The keynote speaker for the King City Education Center was Candi DePauw, a landscape contractor and member of the Hartnell College Board of Trustees. Trustee DePauw observed that agriculture is the application of skills that every one of our students can learn and apply. She also commented that on her recent visit to NASA, the scientists predict that today's 2nd and 3rd graders will be the first to go to Mars! So our agricultural challenge expands from feeding Monterey County to the state of California to the United States to the World and on to the Universe!

Following the presentations, guests enjoyed hands-on activities with Lionell Handell in learning about the Intro to Entomology course at the Alisal campus. King City guests enjoyed a hands-on activity with Mark Dehart in learning about electrical conductivity and circuits relative to automotive and diesel industries.

An additional highlight of these CTE events is hearing from our students. Pamela Carrasco is a current student at Hartnell enrolled in the first cohort for Teacher Development program. She is very excited that within 5 years she will be teaching 4th and 5th graders within Monterey County; she knows that the kids are waiting for this cohort to finish and graduate. She is thrilled to be a recipient of a Chevron scholarship to help offset education costs associated with this innovative partnership between Hartnell and CSU Monterey Bay. Erendira Vargas is a returning student to Hartnell. With an impressive level of responsibilities at Dole, she is committed to finishing her last class for the food safety certificate and looks forward to enrolling in the 2+2 food safety management program when it launches with Hartnell College and CSU Monterey Bay.

Guests also learned about the Seven Steps to Success, updates on financial aid, the Early Support program, HEP, K-12 STEM program, admissions and records, along with other opportunities and services to high school and Hartnell students.

**Industry Certificates Being Awarded: Automotive and Diesel Technology**

As of this week, 53 SNAP-ON certificates have been awarded to Hartnell College Advanced Automotive and Advanced Diesel Technology students. Through the leadership of instructors Mark DeHart and Valentine Rodriguez, our students are now able to earn industry recognized certificates specific to special equipment and tools used in the transportation industries. Angela Morris has the distinction of being the first to earn a certificate for her skills accomplishment in using a multi-meter. Morris, along with other auto and diesel technology students, will participate in a special awards ceremony at the Agriculture Business and Technology Open House at the Alisal Campus on Saturday, October 22, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is open to the public.
On October 14, 2016 the Agricultural Business Technology Institute hosted Monterey County Home Charter School for a Hands-On Fridays Event. Hands-On Fridays is a program designed to introduce students to career technical programs offered by the Ag Institute while participating in hands on experiences and a chance to tour the campus. Monterey County Home Charter School students enjoyed a hands-on activity hosted by Valentin Rodriguez, Auto and Diesel instructor, in the Technical Training Building. Students then received the opportunity to learn about the auto industry while engaging in a presentation by Letty Garcia from Toyota Dealership. Lastly, students toured the Alisal Campus and received additional information from faculty member Eric Painter about the Welding and Agricultural Industrial Technology programs.

**Student Spotlight:**
**Julio Perez – Student, leader, entrepreneur**

Panther Julio Cesar Rodriguez Perez, 23, has always been exposed to entrepreneurship from his parents Cesareo and Maria who also promoted higher education among their five children. Their life in the U.S. began working in the fields and selling fruit at the old flea market on Sanborn and later acquired a space at the Indoor Swap-meet where their main focus is Mexican street food and healthy alterNatives.

“My mom has found her niche in herbal vitamins, teas, and alterNative supplements, and opened four small shops. My dad has held fort at the food court in the swap meet for 22 years,” shared Julio. “I am inspired by my parents’ hard work ethic, dedication, their experiences, and their struggles.”

It was through their guidance that Julio and older sister Nancy took the opportunity to open up their own business at DC Fashion Mart in Salinas. They named it BKM Healthy Foods located at 138 East Laurel Drive.

“Owning a business is liberating, I feel like it is my canvas as an artist. I am able to create a space where people can come and enjoy alterNative Mexican street food with healthy options. I feel like I am contributing to the community by having a safe space in East Salinas where people can come and reconnect with their roots via foods, enjoy treats they once enjoyed in Mexico or central America, and where others can come and learn about ways to eat healthier,” he added.

Besides being exposed to theory, key business terminology, and academic classes, attending Hartnell has put him in a place with a lot more opportunities. He says he feels like he is developing his character, leadership skills, and broadening his scope of life. For example, Julio works as a Senator for the Associated Students of Hartnell College which allows him to work with students, faculty, staff who are all involved within the college; this, he adds, increases his confidence outside of college too.
“The ASHC has provided a social space where I can de-stress, influence students, work in groups to plan events, and create change within the college,” he said proudly. “As I share my experiences and plans with peers, the positive feedback inspires me to continue.”

This unstoppable Panther has big plans. Julio will graduate next year and plans to transfer to a California State University. His ultimate goal is to obtain his MBA from USC or UC Berkley with a focus in marketing.

“I feel very honored and humbled to own a business in the Salinas Valley, where I know people work very hard for their families; people struggle, but people also flourish. I feel like I am part of this new change-making generation where our parents as migrants, have worked tirelessly, struggled, and suffered to create a stronger foundation for us in the United States,” Julio said.

**Going Beyond Inspirational with Nina G**

Nina G, a comedian and speaker featured on various TED talks, visited Hartnell College on October 11, 2016 as part of Disability Awareness Month. She spoke about her experience living with dyslexia and a stutter, and how it has affected her as an actress, student, author, social activist and human. She talked about her struggles in school, in the dating world, how she learned from her parents what it means to be an advocate and how she found her voice, both as a woman with disabilities and as a stand-up comedian. Her talk validated the disability experience for both the people with and without a disability, and how to be an ally. Nina answered questions from students, faculty, and staff about work, parenting and academics, and even offered advice to some budding comedians.

**Continued Success for Hartnell Speech Team**

The Hartnell Speech Team continued its success this past weekend at the Santa Rosa Junior College Speech and Debate Tournament. The Hartnell squad not only earned 10 individual awards, but also secured a fourth place overall team finish tie with CSU Chico in Individual Event competition.

“We have a strong momentum coming out of this competition,” said coach Jason Hough. “We took 12 events to competition, and we were able to advance 10 of those events to finals.”

This performance was in spite of two members not able to attend. The team was led by student Malia Nai. She secured a 1st place finish in Novice Program of Oral Interpretation. Her competition program, “The Tongan Crossroads,” addresses acceptance of LGBT rights on the island nation of Tonga. Other finalists included:

- Enrique Lopez, 2nd Place Prose Interpretation
- Casie Guido, 2nd Place Novice Poetry Interpretation
- Paola Delgado, 3rd Place Informative Speaking
Jasleem Bonilla, 3rd Place Dramatic Interpretation
Esmeralda Ramirez, 4th Place Program of Oral Interpretation
Esmeralda Ramirez, 4th Place Prose Interpretation
Justin Pinson, 4th Place Persuasive Speaking
Meritzy Ayala, 4th Place Communication Analysis
Malia Nai and Casie Guido, 4th Place Dramatic Duo Interpretation

Also competing for the team was Susana Alcantar. The team will be heading to its next competition at the University of Nevada, Reno for the Biggest Little City Classic, October 23, 2016.

In photo, front row: Esmeralda Ramirez, Susana Alcantar, Meritzy Ayala, Jasleem Bonilla, Casie Guido; back row: Malia Nai, Justin Pinson, Coach Jason Hough, Enrique Lopez, Paola Delgado

Jiangsu College Welcomes International Delegates

Director of the Agriculture and Technology Institute, Dr. Susan Pheasant participated in the International Agri-Husbandry Higher Vocational Education Alliance Preparatory Conference in Taizhou, China (approximately 150 miles north of Shanghai). The purpose of the conference was to officially launch the Alliance and secure agreements for continued collaborations in the form of teacher exchanges, student exchanges, internships, and specialized workshops/trainings for both academic and hands-on learning related to applied agriculture.

Earlier in the year, Hartnell College hosted a smaller delegation of faculty from numerous agricultural community colleges in China. Their visit to the Alisal Campus was one of the highlights of their trip and they invited us to speak at the conference kicking off the next phase of the vision for international collaboration. Hartnell College appreciates the leadership of Dr. Bennie Osburn of the UC Davis Western Institute for Food Safety and Security which made this trip a reality.

WELI Forum 2016: The Results are Uplifting

On September 29, 2016, the Hartnell College Foundation hosted the 3rd annual Women’s Education & Leadership Institute (WELI) Forum. This important event raised over $113,000 to support the WELI Endowment, ensuring this invaluable program is available to the women of this community for generations to come. The sold out event at Tehama Golf Club featured an intimate dinner and conversation, moderated by Adrienne Laurent, featuring Devry Boughner Vorwerk, Senior Policy Advisor at Akin Gump and Lorri Koster, CEO at Mann Packing.

WELI graduate, Priscilla Amao-Herrera shared her Hartnell and WELI experience. Her fighting spirit inspired everyone in attendance.

Hartnell College Foundation thanks and recognizes its event committee led by Co-Chairs, Hillary Fish and Karen Fanoe, and extends gratitude to the event sponsors and attendees.
Panthers Sweep Top Spots and Team Titles in King City Meet

The recent Soberanes Fire in Big Sur has left local area cross country teams looking for replacement venues for Toro Park in Salinas. The Hartnell College cross country program chose to recognize its South County campus and students by moving its home meet to King City at San Lorenzo Park. A homecoming of sorts for many South County student-athletes on both Hartnell and Monterey Peninsula College teams, the change provided an opportunity for family and friends to see a collegiate cross country meet close by. Despite the relocation almost 50 miles from Hartnell College's main campus, nine teams from Northern California trekked the extra distance down Highway 101 to King City. Teams from DeAnza College, Fresno City College, College of San Mateo, Shasta College, College of the Siskiyous, Sierra College, Monterey Peninsula College, and College of the Redwoods were in attendance.

The sophomore trio of Edgar Bonilla, Jorge Sanchez, and Oscar Mora, Jr. distanced themselves from the field just after the first mile and ran alone for much of the second half the race. All three were timed in 21:10 on the four-mile course having finished alongside each other with the final order given to Mora, followed by Sanchez, then Bonilla. Josh Esparza of College of the Redwoods spoiled a top seven sweep by placing fourth. He was followed close behind any another three Panthers in Andrew Martinez (21:38), Angel Mejia, Jr. (21:41), and Mario Perez, Jr. (21:47). Williams Ordaz enjoyed his best race of the season placing ninth (21:55). A trio of Hartnell freshmen earned the last of the top 14 medals with Jonathan Saldana (22:04), Christian Aldape (22:07) and Jaime Garcia (22:11) placing 12th, 13th, and 14th. The Hartnell men tallied just 17 points to win the team title. DeAnza College was second with 72 points and Santa Rosa Junior College taking third with 103 points.

Yvette Felix won her first race of her final cross country season for Hartnell. She covered the 5k (3.1 mile) course in 20:00. Felix was excited to have teammate Beatriz Duarte right behind in 20:08 for second. Third place was a former King City runner familiar with the San Lorenzo Park trails in Jeanette Cruz of MPC (21:02). Leslie Oseguera placed sixth (21:35) and former Greenfield High School product Jocelyn Cervantes (21:54) in eleventh. Adriana Jimenez completed the Lady Panther scoring in nineteenth place. The ladies scored 39 points with DeAnza College second with 72 points and Monterey Peninsula third with 74 points. For full Hartnell College Invitational results: https://www.directathletics.com/results/xc/9891.html
Volleyball Matches are Drawing in an Audience

Last week the Volleyball team increased its league record to 3-0 and overall record to 9-6! We hosted West Valley College on Wednesday night and won in five sets 19-25, 25-11, 20-25, 25-16, 15-9. Leaders were Sophomore Outside hitter Mariyah Oliver with 21 kills and 16 digs. Also, sophomore Haley Martin stepped up to set and lead the team with 31 setting assists and 2 service aces; she is a current leader for service aces in the Coast Conference. We were on the road Friday against Chabot College 25-10, 25-19, 34-32. Leaders were sophomore Alessandra Santa Cruz with 8 digs and 2 aces. Freshmen Janessa Figueroa made an impact with 2 blocks and the match winning kill.

Boronda Program Takes You to Spain!

Hartnell College Foundation presents the Boronda International Study Program for 2017. Next summer, the destination is Seville, Spain. The applications are available in room E-101 or at http://www.harnellfoundation.org. The deadline is October 28, 2016, by mail or turn application materials in to the Financial Aid Office in Building B. For more details, attend the following workshop:

**Friday, October 21, 2016**

11:00 a.m. in K-118

The Sylvano and Maria Boronda International Study Program offers a two-week program in a foreign country. The donor, Lester D. Boronda directed that the recipients be students of unusual promise in the arts, namely, painting, sculpture, architecture, literature, drama, music, or dance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Blood Drive – Vocational Nursing Students Class of 2017**

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Steinbeck Hall
For appointment, go to redcrossblood.org (code Hartnell) or call 800-RED-CROSS

**Athletics Hall of Fame - Class of 2016**

Saturday, October 29, 2016
Tickets at 755-6810

**The Western Stage presents Cloud 9**

October 29 – November 19, 2016
The Western Stage
For tickets and more details, go to westernstage.com or call 831-755-6816

**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

VIDEO: New technology is helping to decrease local teacher shortage

VIDEO: Ipads para estudiantes de Hartnell
http://noticias.entravision.com/washington-dc/2016/10/10/video-ipads-para-estudiantes-de-hartnell/

CSUMB – Hartnell partnership aims to address critical teacher shortage
https://csumb.edu/news/csumb-hartnell-partnership-aims-address-critical-teacher-shortage

Council endorses Measure T

John Devine, Just a Thought: First half football grades for MPC, Hartnell
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20161008/SPORTS/161009691

Walkers, runners, cyclists fill the street for Ciclovia Salinas

Hartnell takes field battle to Merced
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/10/14/hartnell-takes-field-battle-merced/92040454/