Athletics Hall of Fame honors 15 deserving inductees

On Saturday, October 29, 2016 we held the fourth annual Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016 at a packed Student Center. Eleven individuals and four teams were inducted in front of family, friends, and Hartnell staff.

The Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is always an inspiring event. It is truly an honor to welcome back and recognize those individuals and teams who have left their marks on Hartnell athletics during its extraordinary history of success.

The day began with a tour of the campus. Dozens of guests signed up to see how the campus has evolved and showed great pride for all the new upgrades. They were also excited to hear about future plans that will transcend services to another level.

The luncheon/ceremony was emceed by former KSBW Sports anchor, Dennis Lehnen. Speakers included President of the Board of Trustees, Erica Padilla-Chavez; Mayor of Salinas, Joe Gunter; and Director of Athletics, Dan Teresa. Trustee Manuel Osorio also participated in the event.

All inductees received a medal, a picture board, and multiple certificates of achievement. The certificates were provided by Congressman Sam Farr, Assemblymember Luis Alejo, Senator Bill Monning, Senator Anthony Cannella, Mayor Joe Gunter, and by Hartnell College.

During the end of the ceremony, Dennis Lehnen and Journalist George Watkins received recognition from Dan Teresa and Bill Maker for their support of Hartnell Athletics.

The unveiling of the inductees’ plaques in the Gymnasium is another special moment. We could not fit in that space! But the
moment was to be remembered. Now their engraved plaques live in the Athletics Hall of Fame Wall for all to admire. But wait! There is more. The day’s festivities ended at Rabobank Stadium where Hartnell Football defeated West Hills College 40-32. The inductees were introduced during half time and this made for a great ending to an exciting day. Many of the inductees came from far away places like Hawaii, for example, to be here. All expressed tremendous gratitude for being honored and recognized for their contributions to Hartnell athletics. Congratulations!

The Ag Business and Tech Institute Open House is a hit

Hartnell College and the Agricultural Business and Technology Institute hosted the 2016 Open House for the community on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Alisal Campus. Attendees had the opportunity to talk to students, meet faculty, ask the industry about jobs, enjoyed a great lunch, and explored the Alisal campus and all of the career technical education programs available.

Students demonstrated diagnostic equipment utilized in automotive and diesel courses in timed assembly competition. Sustainable Design and Architecture instructor Burton Ward spoke to the attendees about his area and drafting instructor Parvis Entekhabi demonstrated the 3-D printer. Open House visitors were able to see under, over, in, above, below, and all parts in between new and old vehicles. It was a hands-on type of day.

One of the young attendees said to his mom as they departed from the ag science laboratory, “I LOVE AGRICULTURE!” We look forward to him becoming an official Hartnell Panther in agricultural sciences; his mother is already a student with faculty member Laura Miles.

It was the perfect occasion to thank industry members for their commitment and dedication to career technical education programs at Hartnell College.

Lunch with MILE students and counselors

Last Thursday, October 27, 2016 I invited Scholars from the MILE (Men’s Institute for Leadership and Education) program to join me for lunch and informal mentoring. The cohort shared their goals for the future and in turn I shared with them my personal story of being a first generation college going son of an immigrant mother. The students had many questions about education and careers and I was able to offer them advice about persistence and not giving up on your dreams. MILE Counselors Francisco Corchado and Sergio Diaz attended and lent support and advice to the students. The goal of the MILE Program is to support male students at Hartnell College in completing their educational goals, and
provide connections to career options and employment opportunities. Director of Special Programs, Bronwyn Moreno and Program Assistant, Ana Gonzalez were also there support the students.

**Annual Institutional Planning Retreat at Alisal Campus**

Hartnell College’s Second Annual Institutional Planning Retreat, *Leading the Path Forward*, was held Friday, October 28, 2016 at the Alisal Campus. Continental breakfast was ready for the 40 participants, four facilitators, and three hosting staff from the Office of Institutional Planning, Effectiveness, and Research. The goal of the half-day retreat was to look into the future and our next strategic plan.

Dr. Brian Lofman gave introductory comments and the morning’s overview; I spoke about collaborative leadership; and Faculty Chris Moss provided results of strategic planning survey sent out weeks ago. The room was divided in to groups to discuss the following topics:

- Training and knowledge for strategic planning – facilitated by Laura Lark, Instructional Technologist
- Engaging in and communicating about strategic planning - facilitated by Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations
- Identifying research and data needs for the next plan – facilitated by Natalia Cordoba-Velasquez, Director of Institutional Research
- Infusing strategic planning throughout the institution – facilitated by Carol Kimbrough, Curriculum Chair and Instructor of Psychology

Each group came up with ideas and presented their top picks to the audience. The discussions were engaging and insightful. It was a great exercise into planning the next strategic plan. Our current strategic plan is at: [http://www.hartnell.edu/sites/default/files/u238/hartnell_strategicplan_2013-18.pdf](http://www.hartnell.edu/sites/default/files/u238/hartnell_strategicplan_2013-18.pdf).

**United Way Breakfast focuses on heroes**

The United Way held its annual Community Breakfast on October 25, 2016 at CSU Monterey Bay. As a board member of this great organization, it brought great pride to see the good work that is making an impact in the lives of families in our area. The focus of the breakfast was on everyday heroes. Congressman Sam Farr received the Community Hero Award. Topics of interest were the
pathways to stability, fighting for financial stability, Bright Futures partnership with CSUMB, and access to quality child care. With me in photo (L to R) – Esmeralda Montenegro, Director of Communications; Terri Pyer, Associate Vice President of Human Resources; Dr. Deneen Guss, Deputy Superintendent of MCOE; Dr. Eduardo Ochoa, President of CSUMB; Andrea Cervantes, Hartnell Alumna; and Francesca Caver, Hartnell student. Also in attendance was Dr. Romero Jalomo, Vice President of Student Affairs.

**Annual Higher Ed Summit**

The Annual Higher Education and Research Leadership Summit gathered all the Presidents and Institutions that are members of the Monterey County Business Council’s Higher Education and Research Competitive Cluster on October 27, 2016 at the Monterey Marriott. It was a time to showcase our upcoming collaborations and projects as well as highlight the economic impact of education and research in the Monterey Bay Region with the public release of an economic impact report.

I presented on student success at Hartnell College; Dr. Eduardo Ochoa, CSUMB, gave a Bright Futures update; Dr. Walter Tribley, MPC, gave an update on the future of the college; Dr. James Newman, Naval Postgraduate School gave presentation on small satellites and space robotics; Dr. George Blumenthal, UCSC spoke about local roots and the global impact; Jeff Dayton-Johnson gave an update on MIIS; and Congressman Sam Farr took stage to speak on behalf of the importance of higher education in the region.

With me at the event were: Trustee Manuel Osorio; Dr. Romero Jalomo, VP Student Affairs; Debra Kaczmar, Dean of Nursing & Allied Health; Esmeralda Montenegro, Director of Communications; Maggie Melone-Echiburu, Director of STEM K-12 Programs; Bronwyn Moreno, Director of Special Programs; Kristen Arps, Director of Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium.

The result of all the presentations showed the growth in higher education opportunities and the need for program expansion to fulfill the education and economic needs of our community.

**Panther Pink Day provides awareness**

On Wednesday, October 26, 2016, The Office of Student Life and the Associated Students of Hartnell College conducted their annual candy and dessert bar fundraiser for Panther Pink Day. Every year, the ASHC and Office of Student Life use Panther’s Pink Day as an event to support National Breast Cancer Awareness and to inform students, faculty and staff. The event also featured a fundraiser that included a candy and dessert bar, in which students, faculty and staff were able to support the cause by purchasing various treats. All of the proceeds will go to The American Cancer Society for cancer research, treatment and early detection. To learn more about the work of the American Cancer Society go to [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).
iAgriculture students visit Driscoll’s

On October 24, 2016, Hartnell ABTI students and Gonzales High School students were given the opportunity to visit some of the local Driscoll's facilities. Driscoll's is a privately held company that markets fresh strawberries and other berries. Its headquarters are in Watsonville and it has been family-owned for over 100 years! Students were able to learn about production, food safety, logistics and cold chain management. Additionally, students were able to participate in a Quality Assurance tour and hear about exciting internship opportunities!

Thank you Driscoll’s for hosting Hartnell College students. We extend a huge thanks to presenters, Handell Larco, Lisa Fuentes, Pablo Kiger, Sam Silva, Logan McCollum, and Ana Melgoza for helping us organize this event.

iAgriculture students get a taste of Stanford University

On October 26, 2016, several Hartnell students visited Stanford University. Students learned about The Bracero Legacy program, visited the research lab of a Hartnell alumnus, and participated in an interactive campus tour! Ignacio Ornelas was instrumental in setting up this visit and was an amazing presenter. He shared with us his research on The Bracero Legacy Program, a multidisciplinary approach to creating a new dialogue about Californian and American history through the generational experiences of farm labor migrants and how their struggles have created opportunities for them and their families.

Rolando Cruz Perez, a Hartnell College graduate, shared with us his research in the department of bioengineering and gave us an inside look at his lab.

One of our participants shared, “I feel so blessed to be a Hartnell student and have all these opportunities. The Stanford field trip inspired me to try harder and not give up!”

Thank you Stanford University for hosting Hartnell students! Huge thanks to Ignacio and Rolando for making this event super special for our students.
Sam Farr and Choral ensemble at citizenship ceremony
On October 18, 2016, thirteen new U.S. Citizens were sworn in at Pinnacles National Park with keynote speaker Congressman Sam Farr. The ceremony was held in honor of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. Since 2006, USCIS and the National Park Service have had a partnership to enhance the meaning and stature of citizenship ceremonies. Several Hartnell students participated in the ceremony by providing music for the event.

Hartnell Women’s Soccer Connecting with Youth
On October 21, 2016 the Soccer Lady Panthers visited Fremont Elementary School in an effort to share their experience of being student-athletes at Hartnell College with 6th graders. This shows the team’s enthusiasm to advocate to these children for higher education as well as encouraging them to join sports in the future. "My students were so incredibly happy to have you and your soccer players. The young women represented themselves and Hartnell with such intellect, caring and enthusiasm,” said Teacher Rebecca Durrer. The Lady Panthers also scored a win earlier that week when they defeated Chabot College with a score of 4 - 1.

Lady Panther Norma Verduzco scored 2 goals, she is ranked 10th in the state in goals according to the CCCAA. Student-athlete Chance Miguel, scored another goal and had one assist. Diana Lopez, also scored a goal in this game and had one assist. The Lady Panthers are 5th in the state in assists according to the CCCAA. This moves the team’s record to 7-5-2 and 5-0-1 in Coast Conference games.

Hartnell Men’s Soccer Bitter-Sweet Week
On October 18, 2016 the Men’s Soccer Team visited Taft College and suffered their first loss of the season. The match was intensely competitive and the Panthers fell to Taft 1 - 0. However, the team came back to life on October 22, 2016; the Hartnell Men’s Soccer team visited for the second time Las Positas Community College. The Panthers defeated Las Positas 4 – 3. This win maintains the team in second place in the Coast Conference and one point behind first place Evergreen Valley. The Panthers fired up the game early when student-athlete Luis Mendoza scored the first goal at the 5th minute. Las Positas came back with two goals in a span of 5 minutes to take the lead on the 26th and 31st minute. In the second half, Panther Luis Mendoza scored once more at minute 53 to level the game at 2 to 2. However, Las Positas went ahead again and scored its last goal of the night at minute 67. Benito Chavez was fouled
in the box and Javier Alfaro converted the penalty kick to score the third goal for the Panthers. After a few minutes of intense play, Wily Miranda scored the winning goal for Hartnell at minute 88. Soccer Panther Javier Alfaro, continues to lead the state in assists and had two more assists in this crucial Coast Conference match.

**Hartnell Football Bounces Back**

Hartnell College defense held host Cabrillo to 50 yards of offense for a 16-8 win in the teams’ Golden Coast Conference game. Defensively, the Panthers came to play! Angel Maldonado had 4½ tackles for a loss of yards, including 1½ sacks, Donyae Moody recorded 12 tackles and a sack, Joshua Deck had 2½ sacks and Lanier King had two sacks to lead the Panthers’ defense. Hartnell sacked Cabrillo quarterbacks seven times throughout the night. Cabrillos’ Travis Schuhe’s 45-yard interception return with 11:54 left in the fourth quarter gave the Seahawks their lone points. Panthers quarterback Isaak Dorion completed 13 of 28 passes for 176 yards, including a 60-yard scoring pass to Elisha Peat in the second quarter for the first score of the game. Peat finished with three catches for 71 yards. Miguel Mendez added a 38-yard field goal for the Panthers, who led 9-0 at the half. Sherrod Hawkes scored in the third quarter for Hartnell on an 11-yard run. He finished with 15 carries for 85 yards. Teammate Jarrett Banks ran for 75 yards on 12 carries. Turnovers continue to plague the Panther offense. This week, they committed 3 fumbles and 1 interception, providing too many extra opportunities for the Seahawks. Hartnell (5-2, 3-1), will host West Hills (5-2, 4-0) on Saturday at 6 p.m. for what is considered a game that has conference championship implications. The Hartnell Athletic Hall of Fame will take place earlier in the day, with the inductees to be honored at halftime of this final home contest.

**A Double Win for Volleyball**

On Wednesday October 19, 2016 the Hartnell College Women’s volleyball faced local rival Monterey Peninsula College and defeated them with a score of 25-21, 25-23, 25-15. Lady Panther Cynthia Huerta led the team with 10 digs and 7 kills. Freshman Janessa Figueroa, middle blocker, stepped in to relieve Ruby Perez and scored 5 kills and 3 blocks. Sophomore Ruby Perez stepped out due to a knee injury. In addition to the game play, the Lady Panthers used their game to advocate for Breast Cancer Awareness. The team wore uniforms with pink and encouraged their audience to wear pink as well. On Friday October 21, 2016 the Lady Panthers visited Solano College and earned another win for the week. Hartnell defeated Solano by a score of 25-21, 20-25, 25-21, 27-25. Lady Panther Cynthia Huerta, outside hitter, led the team with 8 kills and 12 digs. Marlene Morales followed Huerta with 5 kills and 2 blocks. This week concluded the first round of League play,
the Lady Panthers ended with a record of 4-2. With the addition of win last week, they moved up in rank to 19th place in the CCCAAWVB rankings. They are now 10th place in the Northern California rankings.

The TRIO Program 2016-2017 New Student Parent Meeting at the Alisal Campus and King City

The TRIO Director and staff implemented the TRIO Parent meeting for the parents of TRIO students from Gonzales to Salinas at Hartnell College Alisal Campus on October 25, 2016. We had 50 parents and many TRIO students attend. The TRIO Program implemented the parent meetings because research on first generation low-income community college students clearly demonstrates a positive correlation between college staff working closely with parents as allies and greater retention, lesser attrition and college graduation and transfer. The research has shown an even greater positive outcome when working with Latino parents of first generation students.

TRIO student alumni, Lupe Aceves, who is now attending her last year at UC Santa Barbara, gave testimony to the parents and students as to the effectiveness of the TRIO staff-student-parent partnership. Lupe’s mother also spoke to parents about her positive experience in being able to work alongside TRIO staff and with other parents in order to assist the TRIO students to graduate and transfer.

TRIO counselors, Norma Nichols and Elizabeth Gonzalez used the 90-minute meeting to build a wonderful rapport with the Spanish-speaking parents; TRIO director, Manuel Bersamin, did the same with the English speaking parents. The same workshop was held at the King City Education Center on October 27. The parents really enjoyed the meeting; they were eager to know when their next parent meeting will be and it was gratifying to see this enthusiasm.

It can’t happen here reading

Local actors and Hartnell students and faculty including: Jason Hough, Maria Teutsch, Dr. Celine Pinet, Daniel Perez, Dr. Marnie Glazier, Patricia Horsley, Laura Fatuzzo, Leona Battle, and River Tabor presented during a Nationwide reading of "It Can't Happen Here, at the Student Center. They joined other theaters, universities and libraries in 24 states
across the country, on the 80th anniversary of the theatrical adaptation of Sinclair Lewis' novel of the same title. The play imagines the rise of fascism in America. Our participation in the event was both educational and inspiring, and we were grateful to partake as a campus community.

Partnering with Organizations and Providing Opportunities for Hartnell Business Students

During the week ending October 8, 2016, Aranyani Azevedo, Community Impact Manager at United Way Monterey County spoke to Robert Maffei's accounting class about furthering their accounting skills by becoming a volunteer tax preparer. She pointed out that the program provides 32 hours of FREE IRS tax training to those who would like to learn about filing income taxes and receive certification. Several Hartnell accounting students have already signed up for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program which provides free tax counseling and preparation to low income families and individuals.

"It was clear, students were interested in learning tax skills for free and giving back to their community," said Maffei, business and accounting instructor at Hartnell College.

Amber Gomes, AmeriCorps VIP Fellow and Volunteer Services Associate also visited a Hartnell accounting class during this same period. Gomes reiterated that participants volunteer 24 hours in tax assistance community service in return for their tax certification.

The VITA program benefits our community in several ways: first, tax payers get free services worth $75 - $400 and up; secondly, volunteer tax preparers receive free training from the IRS and Franchise Tax Board as well as experience; and lastly, the refunds and tax credits come back to Monterey County acting as a stimulus to the economy.

Interested volunteers should click on the VITA page @ http://www.unitedwaymcca.org/free-tax-prep.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Transfer Day/College Night
Wednesday, November 2, 2016
Student Center, Building C
9 AM – 12PM
6 – 8 pm

Early Childhood Education Conference and Job Fair
Saturday, November 5, 2016
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Steinbeck Hall
Free to all! Contact Sergio Diaz at sdiaz@hartnell.edu
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**

Hartnell breaks streak against West Hills
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/10/30/hartnell-breaks-streak-against-west-hills/93023550/

Local sports round up
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2016/10/26/local-sports-round-up/92800044/

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