Speech Team picks up several awards in newly traveled territory

The Hartnell Speech Team has made history again, earning for the first time a 1st Place Community College Individual Events Team trophy! On Friday, November 4, 2016, the team competed at the Mustang Invitational Regional Tournament held on the campus of San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton. Fifteen, two-year and four-year schools, competed head-to-head, including Rice University from Houston, Texas, University of the Pacific, City College of San Francisco and others. The Hartnell team earned enough points from individual competition to best the other nine community colleges for the top overall team award. Leading the team was Enrique Lopez who secured a 2nd place finish in Prose Interpretation, also earning him a berth to the national community college tournament in Washington, D.C. in April 2017.

“This weekend was an amazing weekend for our squad,” said Coach Jason Hough. “To earn our first championship team trophy was incredible, but to qualify Enrique for nationals was even better.” Lopez is only the second Hartnell student ever to qualify for the national tournament. His former teammate, Adrian Flores, was the first last season. In order to qualify, a student needs to secure a top three finish at three different tournaments and receive high enough scores to be considered, thus earning what is called a “leg.” This was the third tournament this season that Lopez has been in the top two competitors for his event, successfully earning three legs to qualify nationally. Three of his teammates also earned a leg towards their national aspirations: Meritzy Ayala earned 2nd Place in
Communication Analysis; Casie Guido earned 3rd Place in Poetry Interpretation.; and Esmeralda Ramirez earned 3rd Place in Program of Oral Interpretation.

The following also earned points towards the team championship: Paola Delgado, 3rd Place, Informative Speaking; Malia Nai, 3rd Place Dramatic Duo Interpretation with Guido; 4th Place Program of Oral Interpretation; Lourdes Tinajero, 4th place, Poetry Interpretation; 4th place Dramatic Interpretation; Sarina Atkins, 5th place, Persuasive Speaking. Also competing for the team were Jasleem Bonilla, Justin Pinson and Susana Alcantar.

The team also competed at University of Nevada, Reno Sunday, October 23, competing against 19 other colleges, earning the following awards: Susana Alcantar, 2nd Place, Persuasive Speaking, Lourdes Tinajero, 3rd Place, Dramatic Interpretation, Paola Delgado, 2nd Place, Novice Informative Speaking, Sarina Atkins, 3rd Place, Persuasive Speaking, Meritzy Ayala, 3rd Place, Communication Analysis, Malia Nai, 6th Place, Program of Oral Interpretation.

The team will be hosting the Steinbeck Invitation Tournament December 10, 2016.

**Castroville Middle School students get a special Tour**

Hartnell students hosted a group of 50 middle school students from Castroville on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 for a morning filled with excitement. Panthers Erik Zamudio, Zuleima Alvarez, and Johnny Herrera led the group on a tour of the campus, including a walk-through the library and the Student Center. They shared their own personal and education experience and the young ones had lots of questions for the college students. Dr. Marnie Glazier and students did a special performance for the visitors on how to prepare for college. It was a great act. Science Lab Technician Tito Polo set up a treat for the students in the Planetarium. He had incredible physics demonstrations that left the group asking for more. They were so engaged and excited to be a part of it. The Hartnell College Foundation covered the bus ride and lunch for the future Panthers. It was a great incentive for these AVID Castroville Middle schoolers and their Vice Principal Matt Linton is appreciative to Hartnell for the opportunity.
Transfer Day/College Night: A success!

The Office of Student Affairs hit another homerun! On Wednesday, November 2, 2016, there were thousands of eager students from Hartnell, other colleges as well as high school seniors who attended the 31st Annual Transfer Day and College Night. Transfer Day took place in the morning for our current Hartnell students and other college students that are interested in transferring to a four-year university. College Night was geared towards high school seniors and their parents to become acquainted with Hartnell and to explore a college education and the different programs we offer. We had over 40 university and technical/vocational education representatives from California and out-of-state, who provided information about their programs and answered questions for current students, prospective students and parents. The evening also offered a FAFSA (financial aid) session in the Student Center and a Dreamers information session in Steinbeck Hall. Plus, UC Santa Barbara was present for one-on-one appointments with the students throughout the day.

SVHPPP Summit informs on local health partnerships

On Friday, November 4, 2016 the Salinas Valley Health Professions Pathway Partnership (SVHPPP), conducted an employer summit in the new STEM Center Building. The focus of the summit was to strategize successful pathways to acquire adequate and qualified medical professionals through partnerships pathways between educational institutions such as Hartnell and California State University of Monterey Bay and employers of local Healthcare organizations and institutions, to fulfill high-demand positions in the healthcare industry. The summit focused on tackling goals such as: convening regional employers and share finding from employer assessment to advance data driven decision-making in Pathway, identifying initial priority workforce needs and opportunities for employers to collectively work on through the partnership to meet priority needs and provide opportunity for residents, and beginning to inform partnership strategic plans to build a roadmap that aligns health pathways and educational programs with employer needs and opportunities to grow a talented and culturally competent workforce from our region.
Curriculum Institute is eye opening and encouraging

Hartnell College hosted its fifth Curriculum Institute in two years on Thursday November 3, 2016. The event took place at CSUMB, Salinas City Center in Oldtown Salinas. The Fall 2016 Curriculum Institute provided the opportunity for Monterey County high schools and Hartnell College English, math, English as a Second Language (ESL), counseling faculty, staff, students, and administrators to collaborate on curricular and transitional services designed to better prepare students for post-secondary success. This is an important venue for all from different educational systems to discuss curriculum alignment and support services between the high schools and college. In addition, this year's Institute hosted student panels that featured students who attended Monterey County high schools, transitioned to Hartnell College and some who are now at the university. The students shared their experiences and preparation that assisted them in the transition to college and experiences that could be improved in moving through the different educational systems. There were a total of 122 attendees at this year's Institute and survey data from participants was overwhelmingly positive.

Chinese Delegation visits our Alisal Campus

A delegation from the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China visited the Alisal Campus on Thursday, October 27, 2016. The Consul's Dr. Zhu Qiping (M.D., Ph.D.), and the Science and Technology Counselor, Mr. Wang Junming spent two hours learning about the integration of technology in agricultural education. The visitors were particularly interested in the Manufacturing Technology program offered by Professor Albert Graham. They engaged in a Q & A session about the integration of diagnostics in instruction.
Dia de los muertos is observed by our student body

On November 2, 2016, the Office of Student Life celebrated Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a two-day celebration that is observed by many Latin American countries and cultures such as; Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Brazil, Spain and Mexican Americans in the United States. The tradition originated in Mexico by the Spanish conquistadores and included a combination of Catholicism and indigenous Aztec rituals. The celebration happens from November 1st through the 2nd, it is considered a time to honor and remember loved ones that have passed. Families usually decorate the deceased’s gravesite with golden marigolds, sugar skulls, photographs, candles and favorite items and treats of the deceased. The Office of Student life celebrated Día de Los Muertos with an altar-decorating contest, sugar skull face-painting and Pan de Muerto for the students.

Student-Athlete Spotlight – Norma Verduzco

As of November 4, 2016, Norma Verduzco, a Hartnell Women’s soccer player, is ranked 11th in the State in the Individual Offense Leaders category. Norma leads the Lady Panthers with 17 goals overall in the season so far. She plays as a forward leading the offense and she is also ranked 6th in scoring game-winning goals.

Norma is originally from Gonzales, California. She attended Gonzales High School and decided to attend Hartnell in hopes of continuing her education at a lower cost. She currently commutes from Gonzales and is working on completing her general education requirements as well as an associate's degree. She plans to transfer and even pursue a master’s degree.

Norma is proud to be a Lady Panther and she has enjoyed her experience at Hartnell College as a student-athlete. “There is a lot of help that sometimes we don’t know about as students. Everyone is willing to help such as professors, coaches and counselors,” Norma suggested during a brief conversation.

I am always delighted to hear from our students. Congratulations Norma, we are proud to have you representing Hartnell College and leading the Lady Panthers soccer team.
Panthers win Norcal Title Lead by 1-2 Finish, Ladies A Close Third

Hartnell College sophomores Edgar Bonilla (King City HS) and Jorge Sanchez (Alvarez High School) have developed a habit of finishing races side by side in the second half of the cross country season. Their 1-2 finish at the Northern California Championship at Sierra College was the third time this season the duo was separated by less than 1 second at the end of the race. They bested Norcal Regional Preview Champion Ozzie Hassan of American River College and the rest of the field by 9 seconds. Their identical times of 21:25 established a Sierra College course record and was over 50 seconds faster than the pair ran back in September. Sanchez was awarded the individual title with Bonilla second. They lead a charge of five Panthers who would earn All-Region honors by placing in the top 14 overall. Sophomore Mario Perez, Jr. (Kimball HS-Tracy, CA) worked his way up to fifth overall (22:00) followed closely by teammate Andrew Martinez (Soledad HS) in ninth (22:15). Williams Ordaz (King City HS) completed the scoring in fourteenth (22:26).

The Panthers tallied just 31 points to win their first Northern California title since 2006 and end a six year stranglehold on the title by American River College, the defending state champion. Las Positas College was second with 90 points and American River College in third with 91 points. Oscar Mora, Jr. (NMC HS) placed 24th (22:46) and Angel Mejia, Jr. (Santa Cruz HS) in 26th (22:49) also competed for the Panthers. Bonilla and Sanchez repeated their all-region honors with Perez, Martinez, and Ordaz picking up their first honors. The men will attempt to improve on their fifth place team finish at the CCCAA State Championship from last year on November 19 at Woodward Park in Fresno.

Sophomore duo Yvette Felix (Anzar HS) and Beatriz Duarte (Watsonville HS) continued an impressive Hartnell College streak of having at least two all-region runners for the last four years. Felix placed fourth overall improving her time on the course by 37 seconds to 18:50. Duarte was not far behind in ninth overall in 19:27. Felix placed 24th as a freshman at the Northern California Championship while Duarte did not compete in the race. Yvette Tavarez (Soledad HS) led a pack of four Lady Panthers separated by just 20 seconds and nine places. Tavarez was 33rd (20:41), Tanya Campos (Greenfield HS) 36th (20:52), Jocelyn Cervantes (Greenfield HS) 37th (20:53), and Alyssa Sanchez (Soledad HS) 42nd (21:01). Leslie Oseguera (Monterey HS) was
the final lady at 54th (21:26). As a team, the Lady Panthers earned third straight regional trophy placing third out of fifteen teams. Coast Conference foe DeAnza College edged the Panthers for second place by just 3 points.

"Congratulations Men's and women's Cross Country 2016 Coast Conference Champions"

"Congratulations Edgar Bonilla and Yvette Felix 2016 Coast Conference Champions"

Hartnell Wins Big at Home and Keeps Title Hopes Alive
On October 25, 2016, the Hartnell Men’s soccer team hosted Cañada College. The Panthers defeated the colts with a score of 6 - 0. This is the biggest recorded victory of the year. With this win, the Panthers remain undefeated in the Coast Conference. Student-athletes Javier Alfaro and Wily Miranda led Hartnell by taking over sole possession of first place in the Coast Conference South Division. On October 28, 2016 the team traveled to Chabot College. There, the Panthers defeated Chabot 2 - 0. Benito Chavez scored the first goal of the evening at minute 75, with an assist from Javier Alfaro. Then at minute 85, Jefferson Escobar scored an insurance goal. Goalkeeper, Andres Camacho had four saves in goal for the Panthers. Hartnell Men’s Soccer team continues to be ranked 7th in the State and 9th in the Nation according to CCCAA rankings. With these games, the Panthers improve their record to 10-1-5 overall and 5-0-3 in Conference play.

Panther Volleyball Boosts Record
On October 26, 2016 the Women’s Volleyball team visited San Mateo College. The Lady Panthers defeated the Bulldogs with a score of 25-16, 16-25, 19-25, 25-13, 15-10. Sophomore Talia Kaopua led Hartnell with 17 kills. Mariyah Oliver followed with 14 kills overall in the games. On October 28th, the Lady Panthers traveled to West Valley College and scored another win for the week. Hartnell beat the Vikings with a score of 19-25, 25-21, 29-27, 19-25, 15-8. Sophomore Hayley Martin led the Lady Panthers with 25 assists and 2 aces and Freshman Kawena Paez, with 19 digs. This improves the team’s record to 6-2 and overall 13-8. The Lady Panthers are ranked 10th in the Northern California Region and 20th in the State, according to CCCAA.
Panthers Prevail — Will Play for Title

The Panthers welcomed visiting West Hills of Coalinga, the reigning conference champions, winners of nine-straight conference games dating back to last season and five straight wins overall. Hartnell put an end to both streaks as the Panthers defeated West Hills 40-32 Saturday, October 29, 2016 at Rabobank Stadium. Panthers’ quarterback Randy Ivey — who started the game at wide receiver — took over behind center after starter Dorion Isaak got knocked out the game late in the second quarter with a concussion. He hit Matt Wright for a 32-yard touchdown pass on 4th and 2 giving Hartnell a 40-32 lead with 1:20 left in the game. Ivey, who gave Hartnell its first score of the game on a 37-yard touchdown pass to Skye Keller on a trick play, came in extra motivated and was looking to make an impact any way he could. Ivey threw for 86 yards and two touchdowns on 5-of-7 passing including a 49-yard touchdown run. Izaak threw a 44-yard touchdown pass to Donyea Moody and ran for a 16-yard touchdown run before getting knocked out of the game. Hartnell (6-2, 4-1 GCC) jumped out to a 21-7 lead after the first quarter before West Hills outscored the Panthers 16-0 in the second quarter to take a 23-21 lead going into halftime. Hartnell’s win creates a three-way tie atop the GCC with the Panthers, West Hills, and Monterey Peninsula.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Veteran’s Day Ceremony
Thursday, November 10, 2016
Building C, Steinbeck Hall
11:00 AM

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

Local Roundup: Hartnell men capture NorCal cross country crown

MPC Football vs Hartnell College
https://livestream.com/accounts/9896737/events/6598456

Hartnell president has contract extended to 2020

Measure T vital to Hartnell’s continued success

The 2016-17 Hartnell College Roster
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County Clipboard: Hartnell inducts 6 athletes into Hall of Fame
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PV Chamber Awards
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