Luminary – Melissa Chin-Parker
Champion of the Arts 2017

What a great honor it is to have a ‘Luminary’ among us at Hartnell College. Just this Saturday, January 14, 2017, Melissa Chin-Parker was celebrated at the 2017 Champions of the Arts Gala presented by the Arts Council for Monterey County. She filled the Luminary spot with grace and deserving elegance. Melissa has been a part of the Western Stage for over 20 years, during which she has helped create a theatre company that presents stories that are relevant and reflective of our complex, multicultural, multi-generational community. She offers positive individual opportunities while recognizing and honoring the unique histories, cultures, and points of view of Monterey County residents.

In her speech, which touched all of our hearts, she said that we should do what we love and then go out and do it for others. She values the investment in other people as her drive for further strength and growth.

Newly elected Assembly member Anna Caballero gave the introductory remarks after a commemorative video of Melissa and her body of work.

At Hartnell College, were are so proud of Melissa and look forward to many more years of the creative passion she offers to all she comes in contact with. Mel, as we call her, had a big cheering section with family, friends, colleagues, Arts Council members, Governing Board President Manuel M. Osorio, Vice President Pat Donohue, and Trustee David Serena. Congratulations to Mel and all the honorees! Plus, a big ‘thank you’ to the Arts Council for 35 years of service to benefit arts education.
First Board of Trustees meeting for 2017 is eventful

The first Board of Trustees meeting of 2017 was eventful and informative. It began with public comments from three Dreamers: Adriana Gonzalez, Zuleima Alvarez, and Leonardo Juarez. They asked the board to take action and adopt a resolution that supports Hartnell College as a safe place for Dreamers. They spoke on behalf of the hundreds of students who live in uncertainty each year. During the President’s report, Trustee Manuel Osorio and I presented Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez with a crystal gavel in appreciation for her last two years as board president. Trustee Osorio is now exercising the role of president.

In the presentation section of the board meeting, I introduced the Student, Faculty, Staff, Administrator honorees for 2016-17. These individuals were selected by their peers to receive this award as they exemplify the Heart of Hartnell. The 2017 recipients are: Adriana Gonzalez (student), Dr. Hortencia Jimenez (FT faculty), Jesus Reyes (PT faculty), Lucy Serrano (confidential), Maggie Melone-Echiburu (administrator), Kimberly Kessler (CSEA), and Richard McGrath (L-39). This is the second year the awards were presented during our Holiday Feast in December and recognized by the board in January. Congratulations to all of honorees!

CTE outcomes report: Higher education brings satisfaction and higher salaries

At the board meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, I presented the results of a study that demonstrate the power of an education, more specifically, the research was centered on career technical education (CTE). A total of 835 CTE students from 2013-14 academic year were surveyed. These include those who completed a certificate, a degree, or took 9 or more CTE units. We had 160 respond to the survey.
Most answered that the primary reason for studying was to earn a certificate/degree and transfer or to just earn a certificate. They were very satisfied with the education and training at Hartnell and found employment after completing their studies. In addition, the majority found full time work plus they experienced almost a 50% increase in hourly wages after studies.

In an effort to provide information on employment outcomes for students who have participated in career technical education (CTE) programs at California community colleges—including whether students became employed within their field of study, if their community college coursework positively affected their earning potential, and why students dropped out of CTE programs—the RP Group partnered with the Bay Area Community College Consortium (BACCC) and practitioners from around the state to develop a universally available survey methodology. Hartnell College is a member of the Bay Area Community College Consortium. This survey is based on completer and leaver surveys that have been conducted at several colleges and was tested through a pilot study in 2011-12 with twelve colleges, two districts, and one program of study (Medical Assisting) at seven different institutions in the Bay Region. The CTE Outcomes Survey has grown to include 68 colleges participating in 2015-2016. Results are being posted on the CTE Launchboard (a collaborative effort between Cal-PASS+ and the Chancellor's Office Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy). And, results have been shared at annual meetings of the California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCCAOE), the Research & Planning Group of California Community Colleges (RP Group), the California Association of Institutional Researchers (CAIR), the national Association of Institutional Researchers (AIR), the National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE), and the Strengthening Student Success conference.

Employees for student success: Be part of the $100,000 goal!
On January 10, 2017, Hartnell administrators gathered at Steinbeck Hall for the Hartnell College Employees for Student Success Leadership Kick-off Breakfast. The annual breakfast is an event that sets the tone for employee philanthropy. The employees of Hartnell have demonstrated tremendous heart over the last several years by generously donating to the student success campaign which provides funding for student resources and programs to help accelerate student success. I gave a brief presentation, followed by Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, Debra Kaczmar, Vice President of Advancement and Development, Jackie Cruz, and Payroll Supervisor, Dora Sanchez. A heartwarming speech was shared by ASHC President Rafael Mendoza, in which he shared his life story to emphasize the importance of funding programs that help aid students in success. He is now part of the MILE program and he is thankful for the scholarship and mentorship program that is teaching him to stay on track while meeting other
students and leaders in the community. His story of struggle, survival, priorities, and overcoming obstacles touched everyone’s hearts. Through the Hartnell College Foundation, students like Rafael have access to scholarships, programs, emergency funds, and more. The goal for this year is to raise $100,000 and to have 100% manager participation. I have a feeling this will be another record breaking year! Thank you all for participating in such an important cause.

Hartnell gets an A+:
Only college or university in the region
In June 2016, the California Youth Advocacy Network (CYAN) and COUGH released a statewide report card which assessed smoke and tobacco-free policies at California public colleges and universities. Hartnell College is the only one in Region 4 to earn an A+.
The report found that 37% of California campuses had a 100% smoke and/or tobacco-free policies. Studies show that smoke and tobacco-free policies are effective in preventing tobacco use among young adults and helping individuals quit using tobacco. Even while cigarette smoking continues to decline, increasing use of other tobacco products such as e-cigarettes and hookah has lead the Surgeon General to call tobacco use among young people an "epidemic" and has called for action, including smoke/tobacco-free schools, colleges and universities. To view the full report with grades, visit cyanonline.org/collegereportcard.

Math Academy 2017
Students find that math is fun!
On Friday, January 13, 2013, the Math Academy came to an end with students participating in interactive and challenging group learning activities and wrapped up with a graduation ceremony at Mainstage. Approximately 250 students successfully completed this winter’s
academy. Family and friends were invited to join the students to celebrate the last day of this two-week program. Math Academy is offered before the start of each semester to help students understand math using games and technology to make math fun. Hartnell faculty and student tutors help the learners in an organic way enabling them to be open to math and its principles. Participants are so thankful and really amazed at the end of the two weeks for they are now able to move on to the next level math course or simply feel more comfortable advancing in their STEM classes that involve math.

Salinas Police Chief Meet and Greet

On January 9, 2017, the Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) in partnership with City Councilman, Steve McShane and high school members of the Student Leadership Teams of Salinas Union District, hosted a meet and greet event to introduce the new Salinas Police Chief, Adele Frese, to our community. I had the pleasure of welcoming the Chief and guests to Hartnell’s main gymnasium. ASHC introduced the high school leadership teams to the public and both high school students and Hartnell students facilitated and asked key questions of Chief Frese. Frese is the first woman to ever serve as Salinas Police Chief. Prior to her election, Chief Frese served for two years as Greenfield Police Chief. Our new Police Chief is a mother of four and is excited to give back to this community. Congratulations!
Women Empowerment Conference 2017
celebrating its third year

The Office of Student Life and the Associated Students of Hartnell College are gearing up to host its Third Annual Women Empowerment Conference on Saturday, March 11, 2017. This event is part of Women’s History Month and led by Hartnell students. Registration is free and open to high school students and Hartnell students. The day is filled with networking activities, workshops (about health, nutrition, business, social media, education, financial literacy, and more), a keynote address by motivational speaker Diane Simmons, a fashion show, fun and prizes. Breakfast and lunch are included.

The committee is excited to open registration. In photo, planners Augustine Nevarez, director of student life; Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, director of communications, marketing, and public relations (advisor and emcee for conference); Priscilla Amao, Hartnell student and co-chair of conference; and Selso Ruiz, Office of Student Life – ready to provide 100 female students with an incredible day. Registration is open at:
https://docs.google.com/a/hartnell.edu/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoAteId91vzZ-6Lpyh4JVGuX0wOlW04Q0_OK7lerXoPDq90g/viewform

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Free Baseball Clinic**
Hartnell Little League
January 14, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Welcome Back Lunch**
Wednesday, January 25, 12:00 p.m.
Quad (lawn in front of STEM Center)
Current Student ID needed!

**Friends of the Monterey Symphony**
**Mystery Play & Dinner**
January 28, 2017
5:00 PM, buy tickets at:
http://www.montereysymphony.org/special-events/mystery-play-in-salinas/
SAVE THE DATE!
Attesti and Galli Concert
Carmel Mission
Saturday, February 18, 2017
5:00 VIP Reception, 6:30 p.m. Piano and Organ Concert
Call 831-755-6810 for more information

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Hartnell’s Skye Keller heading to Washington
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2017/01/10/hartnells-skye-keller-heading-washington-state/96384668/