WELI girls hear a motivational speech to remember

On Saturday, January 28, 2017, The Women’s Education and Leadership Institute (WELI) held a special quarterly workshop and mentor meeting featuring our Director of Communications, Marketing and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, as the Keynote Speaker. Esmeralda shared empowering and insightful stories featuring some of the trials and triumphs in her life.

“Through her challenging life journey and prestigious accomplishments in the media and education world, she embodies the spirit and intent of the WELI Program,” said Bronwyn Moreno, Director of Student Affairs at Hartnell College. “Her story of perseverance and success in the face of adversity make her an inspirational and accessible role model to women from all backgrounds.”

A panel of 10 strong and inspiring women from our local area followed with Counselor Mercedes Del Real as the moderator. The guests shared heartfelt stories as they answered questions in hopes of becoming a personal influence to the women of WELI.

WELI Cohort VI enjoyed meeting one on one with the panelists during lunch and to end the day with their own mentors to work on goals and life success via education and mentorship.

MILE students are motivated by male role-models

On January 28, the Men’s Institute for Leadership and Education (MILE) Program hosted a quarterly workshop and meeting at Hartnell College. Influential male leaders from throughout Monterey County gathered to deliver an inspirational and informative workshop for the 2016-17 cohort of MILE scholars. A panel of professional men from local industries such as Agriculture, Finance, and
Education shared information and advice to help the scholars succeed in their careers and personal lives. The panelists had a profound impact on the scholars as they explored topics such as masculinity, fatherhood, and servant leadership. The workshop was followed by a networking lunch and a facilitated mentoring session in which scholars reviewed their SMART goals with their mentors and evaluated their progress.

ACE Program opens doors to non-traditional students
In preparation for the fall 2017 cohort, Academy for College Excellence (ACE) and the College Pathways Team are partnering with Mt. Toro High school to develop pathways to Hartnell college for recent high school graduates. On February 3, 2017 a group of 30 graduating seniors from Mt. Toro continuation school came to visit Hartnell to learn more about the programs and services available to them. Students received a tour of the campus and heard from a student panel led by current ACE students Juan Herrera and Zuleima Alvarez, along with Mi CASA student Ambassadors Stacey Gomez and Adriana Gonzalez. Panther Labs Academic Support Specialist, Carla Gonzalez hosted an Accuplacer test preparation workshop to assist these students transition smoothly, enroll in ACE, and become successful Hartnell college students.

Faculty to be highlighted in upcoming national publication
Faculty members Dr. Marnie Glazier, Dr. Hortencia Jimenez, and Hermelinda Rocha-Tabera’s Drought, Sustenance, and Sustainability in the Salinas Valley and Beyond has been accepted for publication in the upcoming issue of The Community College Moment Volume 17, Spring 2017. The Moment is a nationwide publication focused on the intersection of academic, activist and community interests. The article celebrates Hartnell College as a flagship institution for interdisciplinary collaborations affecting positive social changes. In the article, Glazier, Jimenez, and Rocha-Tabera discuss the recent collaborative Drought Project they engaged in with their students, culminating in performances with dissemination both locally and nationally, at Hartnell College and at the Midtown International Theatre Festival, NY, in August 2016. Congratulations!
A successful Field Day at the Alisal Campus
The Agricultural Business and Technology Institute at Hartnell Community College District hosted the Fourth Annual Future Farmers of America Field Day, on January 28, 2017 at the Alisal Campus. Students participated in 4 field competitions: Vegetable Crop Judging, Ag Pest Control, Ag Welding and Floriculture. The competitors consisted of Future Farmers of America high school students from throughout the state of California, over 150 of them from the Central Coast.

Student-Athlete Spotlight
Aliya Urzua is a leader among her teammates
As of February 3, 2017 student-athlete Aliyah Urzua is leading the Basketball Lady Panthers and the State in steals! Aliyah has been in 1st place on steals for the past 2 weeks, with a total of 108 steals so far in the season. She is majoring in Business Administration and hopes to someday have her own business. Salinas is her hometown and she is one of 4 siblings (two sisters and a brother). Aliyah is a proud Viking from North Salinas High School where she played for their Girls Basketball Varsity team. During her years there, she was part of the CCS champions for two years and had two undefeated seasons. Last year, Aliyah played for Hartnell College and ended the season being part of the top 10 in the State for 3-point percentage. “My sisters and I were all in varsity basketball starting freshman year; mom and dad push me to do my best in whatever I do,” said, Aliyah. We are proud of student-athletes like Aliyah Urzua. We wish her the best in her future endeavors!
It was a good fight but the Rams take charge

On February 1, 2017, Hartnell College Women’s Basketball Team hosted Gavilan College for their second home game match. The Lady Panthers were prepared to redeem themselves from their recent loss against MPC, with a score of 68-74. Head coach Destiny Grijalva and her team were ready for battle. The first quarter started off with shots from left and right. The Panthers and the Rams both drove the ball up and down the court. “Defense, defense!” as the crowd both shouted and chanted for their Lady Panthers to win the ball back from the seemingly long tug-of-war. The Rams kept the ball in control and took the lead with 10 to 16 the first round, and second quarter with 21 to 33. Although, the Lady Panthers had fallen behind, Hartnell College’s forward center Gabrielle Garcia (#32) scored the last shot before the third quarter buzzer, bringing the score 43-48. Panthers were not going to give up without a fight! The ladies played a strong offense and scored buckets before the final minutes of the fourth quarter. Catching up, the Lady Panthers followed closely behind, but the Gavilan Rams won the game 68-56. Hartnell College women’s basketball team will host its third home game on February 10th at 5:00 p.m. against De Anza College.

Panthers suffer another loss at home and look to end their losing streak

On February 1, 2017 Hartnell’s Men’s Basketball Team also hosted Gavilan College. In a very close game, the Panthers fell short of a victory against the Rams, with a score of 79-76. The Panthers were unable to rally past the Rams for the victory. Head Coach, Andrew Vasher and his team suffered their 5th consecutive loss. Next game will be in Saratoga against West Valley College. The Panthers are now 8-11 overall and 2-5 in conference.
National Letter of Intent Day at Hartnell - Football and soccer scholarships signed!
February 1, 2017 was the National Letter of Intent Day; it is the first day scholarship letters to universities are signed. On that day we had one of our football student-athletes, Miguel Mendez, sign his Letter of Intent to Grambling University on a football scholarship. The Panthers’ kicker graduated from Palma High School and has been our starting kicker for two seasons. “We are proud that he accepted and signed a football scholarship to kick for Grambling State University,” expressed Football Head Coach Matt Collins.

In addition to Mendez, on February 3, 2017 the Hartnell College Men’s Soccer team had two players sign their letters of intent. Andres Camacho, one of our star goalkeepers, signed on a scholarship to La Sierra University. He has only 11 goals scored on him during his tenure at Hartnell College. Javier Alfaro also signed his letter to CSU Fullerton on a scholarship. Javier has been more than impressive; he was awarded All-American and team honors on January 16, 2017 at the NSCAA Convention in Los Angeles. “He might be the lead in assists in all Hartnell history,” said Soccer Head Coach Daniel Ortega. We are more than proud of all our student-athletes; we are filled with joy to see them move forward with their careers. Good luck in all your future endeavors. Go Panthers!

Baseball Opens Season with a Clean Sweep over West Hills
On January 27, 2017 the Hartnell College Baseball team visited West Hills College for their first league game of the season. The Panthers got off to an early lead in the season opener as leadoff man Colby Hirano, from Pearl City High, smacked a double down the left field line in the top of the first and scored soon after an RBI ground ball off the bat of Kenji Yamaguchi, from Moanalua High. Over the course of the game, Hartnell recorded 16 hits off West Hills pitchers.
scoring a total of 13 runs on the day to bring home the 13-4 victory. Several Panthers had standout days at the plate, most notably Colby Hirano and Nick Enrico - each had 3 hits on the day. Student-athlete Evan Dean, from Monte Vista Christian High, earned the win on the mound for Hartnell.

On January 28, 2017 the Panthers faced West Hills at home to earn another victory! Hartnell and West Hills each put runners in scoring position on Saturday, but the Hartnell College Panthers Varsity capitalized on more RBI opportunities, pulling out a 5-2 win at Tony Teresa Diamond. West Hills couldn't get anything going as long as Rick Torres, from North Salinas High, was pitching. Torres held West Hills hitless over three innings, allowed no earned runs, walked two and struck out two.

Hartnell tacked on another three runs in the fourth. An error scored Nick Enrico to open the scoring in the frame. That was followed up with a steal of home by Colby Hirano. After pushing across one run in the top of the ninth, West Hills faced just a 5-2 deficit. An RBI double by E. Richards sparked West Hills 's rally. Hartnell College closed the game out when Joe Gutierrez got T. Bollman to ground out.

Ricky Torres earned the win for Hartnell while Joseph Gutierrez, both from North Salinas High, recorded the 3 innings save. GO PANTHERS!!

**Softball: Lady Panthers win one, lose one**

On Thursday, February 2, 2017 Hartnell College’s Softball Team, played their first home game against West Hills Coalinga College. The Lady Panthers returned to the home field with a win over Merced on Tuesday, with a score of 5 to 3. The rain did not intimidate the Lady panthers for the first match up of the day. However, the conditions did make it challenging for the pitchers to handle the ball. The Lady Panthers led in the first inning, but fell behind in the third inning. With the ability to maintain their stamina, the Lady Panthers quickly arose back on top in the fifth inning. Hartnell’s Kaitlin Shipman and Danielle Caoili both had 4 RBIs. The final score was 10-7. The second game of the day started with the first and second inning 0 to 0; the Lady Panthers and the Lady Falcons had come to play. The intensity was high and the bases were fully loaded. West Hills Falcons broke the 0-0 streak with a hit that put the team ahead in the 3rd inning, 0-3. High winds picked up and the rain clouds pulled back in, the Lady Panthers continued to stall Falcons from touching base. Unfortunately, West Hills College had taken the win and ended the game 0-5 in the 7th inning.

The Lady Panthers didn't let their loss or the rainy weather get on the way to parade for the second game. Both
teams played two games back to back but were able to put up a good fight till the finish. The loss of this game breaks Hartnell’s 2 game winning streak. Hartnell College’s softball team will host its next double home games on Tuesday, February 7th at 12:30pm and 2:30pm against De Anza College.

**A kiln is celebrated – students will benefit for years to come**

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Friday, February 3, 2017 to celebrate the arrival and installation of Hartnell College's new state-of-the-Art Geil ceramic kiln. This is a powerful and high quality tool that will provide state of the art education to all of our students, as well as a wise investment that will serve Hartnell College for many years to come. In photos, you can see Instructional Associate, Maria Marin sitting inside one of the old kilns, Dean Celine Pinet sitting in the new kiln, and the group of attendees.

**Biology in the new STEM Center**

Glucose determination in Dr. Isabel Ferrari’s class
UPCOMING EVENTS

Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2017
6:00 p.m. in B-208

The Western Stage presents
SpringFEST 2017
Love Letters in Studio Theatre
February 11 and 12, 2017
Visit westernstage.com for times and details

Attesti and Galli Concert
Carmel Mission
Saturday, February 18, 2017
5:00 VIP Reception, 6:30 p.m. Piano and Organ Concert
Reserve your tickets at https://give.hartnell.edu/concert

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Hartnell student earns national award
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/local/el-sol/2017/02/03/hartnell-student-earns-national-award/97471392/

Susan K. Black has been named Business Women of the Year by the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce

Hartnell: Baseball opens up season with two wins
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2017/01/31/hartnell-baseball-opens-season-two-wins/97320770/

BC pitching sharp in win over Hartnell
http://www.bakersfield.com/sports/bc-pitching-sharp-in---win-over-hartnell/article_13f524ed-d16c-5cd2-84ea-dee2eb2c1a3c.html