Italian artists spend a musical week with us

Our Italian friends, Francesco Attesti and Matteo Galli, returned to Hartnell for the fifth time to delight with their talents in piano and organ that this time around took them from our campus in Salinas to the Carmel Mission.

Last week, Attesti and Galli started their visit with a lunch hour Valentine’s Matinee for our students and employees. They designed a beautiful repertoire specially for the day of love and friendship. It was a nice start to an exciting week of music. The audience welcomed the pair with joy. At Hartnell, we had two grand pianos set up at Mainstage for them to play together and solo as well.

During the week, four matinee concerts were offered to 4th and 5th graders from Salinas City Elementary School District. This was a sight to see! More than 1,600 students and their teachers enjoyed a specially picked menu of music that left them asking for more. The 40-minute matinees were crafted to educate and amaze the audience. Attesti and Galli were so delighted to have a good number of questions from the children. The questions were from when they started to play the instrument to what the pedals under the piano are for. These students were amazingly engaged and appreciative of being the guests at such an important presentation. Some students went as far as dressing up in their Sunday’s best to ‘go to the theater’ for a concert. One thing the pair always does is offer a master class for our students. This master class was well attended and engaging. Our students received a one-on-one lesson form some of the world’s best pianists!

This is always such a treat, especially for our music students. This year we held the concert at the Carmel Mission for a unique experience inside the Basilica with a piano and organ.
Francesco and Matteo offered another unique repertoire for the audience as Salinas Valley and Monterey Peninsula attendees were treated to a unique program of diverse music for piano and organ. Trustee Pat Donohue attended this event and was impressed with the talented pair. The acoustics inside the church enhanced the sounds of the piano and organ taking the audience on a musical journey.

Attesti is from Cortona, Italy and is a pianist of international acclaim. Galli comes to us from Milan, Italy and is the chief organist at local Basilicas in his hometown. Attesti and Galli present a wide variety of music for piano and organ including arrangements of arias from operas, Richard Strauss, Franz Schubert, Frédéric Chopin, an arrangement of “Rhapsody in Blue” by George Gershwin, and more. They look forward to visiting again next year.

Black History Month Day of Celebration:
Music, dance, food, and a movie
On February 16, 2017, the Associated Students of Hartnell College honored Black History Month by inviting drummers and a dancer to perform African music and dance for students to enjoy and learn about African Culture. There was also a soul food lunch for the students to enjoy and try some traditional foods of African-American culture. Barbequed chicken, macaroni and cheese, and potato salad were provided for the lunch. In addition, the movie ‘Hidden Figures’ was featured free for students at Maya Theaters. These are part of a number of events designed for the month of February in honor of Black History.
Hartnell delivers fun and health on Valentine's: Day in Salinas Chinatown

On February 14, 2017, seventy-five (75) Hartnell students spent their Valentine's Day spreading love, cheer, health, and nutrition through Chinatown in Salinas with Dr. Elsa Ramirez Brisson, as their faculty mentor. At 9:30 am the HES 1-Introduction to Public Health, students’ visit focused on learning the scope and variety of projects, providers and services available for homeless and low income individuals in our area. They visited the new Chinatown Health Center and Welcome Center, the Chinatown Organic Garden, the CSUMB-managed Learning Center and finally Dorothy's Place Welcome Center and Kitchen.

Later that morning, about 40 FCS 23-Nutrition students descended on Dorothy's Place and transformed the dining room and patio into a romantic red, pink and white fantasy with hearts, cupids and rose petals; and provided more than enough brightly colored coordinating desserts to accompany lunch. They made sandwiches, washed dishes and served about 200 homeless.

The first of 10 student groups from Nursing and Allied Health rolled up their sleeves first to help finish serving Valentine's Day and then moved down the street to provide tips and information to maintain a healthy heart; activities included blood pressure, health screenings, surveys and education.

The Service Learning Project is one of the Spring 2017 Inter-Professional Education opportunities for Nursing and Allied Health students that has a focus on public health. Dr. Brisson has been coordinating and collaborating with organizations in Chinatown to provide health in action experiences for her nutrition and health education students for many years. Her students have a great reputation of bringing cheer and great things to eat. This semester will be the first time that we will be doing health education in Chinatown for 10 weeks. We are working with established programs from CSUMB and the new health center’s advocates, case managers, and public health nurses. These events build community among the students and many students return to volunteer with their families in the future. Funding for the food comes from our Community Nutrition Fund at the Hartnell College Foundation and the Nursing and Allied Health IPE is funded through the Song-Brown Grant.

Genomics Workshop – students exposed to research that may lead to national publication

On Saturday, February 11, 2017, twenty-nine Hartnell College students filled the molecular biology laboratory in the new STEM Center to participate in a day-long Genomics Workshop. The
workshop was led by biology instructor Dr. Jeffery Hughey and assisted by Dr. Ga Hun Boo from UC Berkeley, as well as Dr. Hughey’s former intern and Hartnell student, Diana Tamayo. Using DNA from a marine fish, the black prickle back, students were trained how to assemble genomic data, map DNA sequence data, annotate genes, and perform a phylogenetic analysis using mitochondrial genomes. The students are currently tasked with writing a manuscript that details the results of the genetic analysis. The manuscript will be submitted for publication later this month to the journal *Mitochondrial DNA Part B: Resources*.

**Ecology Class**  
**Experiment – taking the class to the outdoors**
On Thursday, February 16, 2017, Professor Nancy Wheat’s Ecology Class set out for on-campus and on the field research on snails and how they react with the environments and its conditions. The students were asked to mark snails and check back in a week to see how far they have moved or if they left their habitat. This is a great way to put into practice what students learn in the classroom, by using our surroundings and environment.

**A New Citizen! Staff celebrate an important achievement**
The Library and Resource Center staff celebrated Babak Ghavamian, Instructional Technology Technician (Library), who recently became a U.S. citizen. Both he and his wife participated in the Notice of Naturalization Oath Ceremony in Monterey on Thursday, February 2, 2017. What a milestone. Congratulations, Babak!

**Coach highlight - Women’s Basketball Assistant Coach, Alex Medina**
This week we feature the work and commitment of Hartnell College Women’s Basketball Assistant Coach, Alex Medina, who has been a sports educator and a coach for over 35 years. Coach Medina has collaborated on the leadership of high school girls basketball teams that include: Salinas, Gonzales, and Soledad to the Hartnell College’s Women’s Basketball Team since 1986. Coach Medina also has years of experience in teaching a variety of other sports such as baseball and softball. Coming from a family of athletes, he was born into loving the game and learned the skills he possesses. “I have a passion and enjoyment in helping our youth; I coach to inspire! Community College is our home and I am very happy..."
to be a part of that,” he shared. Medina was greatly motivated and inspired by his grandfather, Carlos Losoya, who taught him the basics of baseball. The influence of his grandfather training him for sports as a child, inspired Assistant Coach Alex Medina to rebuild sports programs for the youth, and be involved with the community. At age 21, Medina was asked by his uncle, Rick Losoya, to help coach the JV Boys Basketball Team for Alisal High School. That opportunity gave him the chance to watch Corky Haddan, the head coach for the Varsity Boys Basketball Team at the time, and to study his coaching style. Since then, he has worked on projects not just for the schools, but for the Y.M.C.A, P.A.L, and Monterey Recreation Department. Alex Medina, has been honored with the M.T.A.L. Coach of the Year Award in 2004 and 2008 for the women’s softball team. His brilliant coaching techniques not only improved the sports he coached; he took several teams to the playoffs and championships as well. Assistant Coach Medina wears many hats; from his past experience as a head coach for the Pacific/Atlantic Little League Team since 1980 to being the head coach for multiple high school varsity teams. Coach Medina’s plans for the Hartnell team is to strive for success and play with heart every time. “I always tell the Hartnell Lady Panthers that we know how to play and have the skills so let’s just have fun! Don’t worry about the score, as long as you give 1000% effort,” expressed Medina. His dedication and hard work are what make his 35 plus years as a coach, volunteer, mentor, and educator an asset to the Hartnell College Women’s Basketball Team.

The Dons win first annual dual meet over Panthers

Over the last 10 years much of the Coast Conference, conference team title success has changed hands between Hartnell College and De Anza College. To highlight this ever increasing rivalry, the two decided to begin a yearly early season dual meet with Hartnell College playing host in the first edition on Friday. The Hartnell ladies split the event winners evenly with De Anza but the Dons out tallied the Lady Panthers 90 to 58 on the strength of their field event competitors. The Dons handily beat the Panthers by winning 13 of the 18 events and scoring 110 points to the Panthers 44 points. The Panther men are the defending Coast Conference champions whereas the Lady Dons took last year’s title. For the Lady Panthers, they scored event winners in the 400 meters, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 4x100 relay, 100 hurdles, long jump and javelin throw. Sophomore Yvette Felix (Anzar HS) was a double event winner easily winning the 1500 meters in 5:06.03 and 3000 meters in 10:54.60. The longer performance is the best mark in Northern California and #13 in school history. Frosh Haley Romero (Christopher HS), scored two wins in her first collegiate competition winning the 100 meter hurdles (16.44) and long jump (17-7). The long jump mark is a state qualifying "B" performance and #11 in school history. Fellow freshmen Sherise Robinson (North Salinas HS) won the 400 meters (1:00.18) to put her name on the all-time list and Olivia Jimenez the 800 meters (2:29.85). The 4x100 meter relay team of Robinson, Romero, Leilani Russell (North Salinas HS), and Bailee Rusconi (King City HS) were victorious in their first opportunity to run together in 51.15. Sophomore Alyssa Pochop (NMC HS) won the javelin (102-9).
Sophomores led the Panther men taking to honors in the 800 meters, 1500m, 3000m and pole vault. **Jorge Sanchez (Alvarez HS)** made his presence known in this early season meet speeding his way to a top Northern California mark in the 3000 meters (8:45.69). **Eduardo Orozco (King City HS)** became the first regional runner to eclipse the two-minute barrier in the 800 meter run with his victory (1:58.33). Fellow King City alum Edgar Bonilla took the early season regional lead in the metric mile winning in 4:05.80. A state meet qualifier last spring, **Norman Napolitano (North Salinas HS)** won the pole vault with a clearance of 14-5. For full "Dual Meet" results: [https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/47780.html](https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/47780.html)

**The Hartnell Lady Panthers rise...then fall against De Anza**

On February 10, 2017, Hartnell College Women's Basketball Team hosted their third home game for the spring season against De Anza College. Recovering from their major loss against Foothill College with a final score of 86-37 on February 8th, the Lady Panthers had prepared themselves for redemption. Not only had this been a time for redemption for the Lady Panthers, but a celebration of Breast Cancer for Cancer Awareness Day. The team sported their pink basketball socks to support the cause.

The first and second period had been led by Hartnell. Players such as Hartnell’s guard/forward Clarissa Serrano (#10) and Martha Grimes (#33) brought up the score with a few three pointer shots. “The Flash” Lannie Calunsag (#21), guard, snuck some shots in before De Anza could even blink. Although De Anza had been trailing closely behind Hartnell, the Lady Panthers were able to score their way to a 11-point lead, 32-21. The Lady Panthers were on fire! Unfortunately, De Anza stepped up their game. Forward Center Ilyanna Hendricks (#30), stepped in during the third period to intercept some rebounds. Both teams played with intense energy and slight aggression that worked in their favor and against. As the fourth period clock got closer to zero, the Lady Panthers did not give up and moved down the court until the very last second. The De Anza College Dons took home the victory against the Lady Panthers with a score of 65-51. Even though the Lady Panthers lost against De Anza, they didn’t lose the spirit of the millions of women out there who have fought and are still fighting against cancer! And the game was dedicated to them.

**Tough Week for Men’s Basketball**

It has been a tough and crazy week for the Hartnell Basketball Panthers. On February 3, Men’s Basketball traveled to Saratoga to face West Valley. The Panthers were defeated on the last play of the game losing by a score of 64-62. Later that week, Hartnell visited San Jose City College. The Panthers could not rally past San Jose and were defeated by a score of 62-55. Sophomore Riley Knowles, had 13 points and Jessy Jurado had 5 assists.

Last Friday, Hartnell hosted De Anza College. This game was dedicated to Coaches vs. Cancer in collaboration with the Basketball Lady Panthers. All proceeds from the gate will go to cancer research. Despite Riley Knowles 20-point game, the Panthers lost 82-70.
Greats news! Sophomores Riley Knowles and Jesus Salinas are both being recruited by multiple four-year universities, and they both have been selected to play in the State Soph Showcase during the State tournament. Assistant Coach Steve Terry was also selected to help coach teams during the showcase.

**Hartnell Panthers take a splash against American River**

On February 10 and 11, 2017 Hartnell College Men’s Baseball Team played two games against American River. The Hartnell Panthers entered the field in hopes to redeem themselves from their big loss against Golden West in Sequoias, with the final score of 10-0, making it 3 losses in a row for the Men’s Baseball Team. On Friday, the Hartnell Panthers and American River had been going toe to toe with the “strikes” and “outs,” making it difficult for either team to score a run. Finally, by the third inning, Panther’s batters Kenji Yamaguchi (#14) and Zach Foster (#16) were able to break the silence and put themselves at a two-run lead! It wasn’t until the sixth inning that American River scored its first run. American River scored six more runs during the eighth and ninth inning. The Panthers fell short and lost towards the very end with a score 7-3.

The next day, the Panthers were ready to take revenge for their loss to American River. The first couple of innings started off with an aggressive tango between the two; both teams preventing the other from touching home plate. The game belonged to American River; they had scored four runs in the fourth inning and five more throughout until the eighth. The score had been 9-1. Not ready to give up, the Hartnell Panther’s second baseman, Adam Tanoue (#3) struck a home run in the bottom of the ninth inning, changing the score from 9-1 to 9-4. Although the Panthers lost against American River, they still played with a winner’s attitude from start to finish.

**Members sought for Independent Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee for Measure T**

The District is seeking applications for membership on the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) for Measure T. The duties of the CBOC are listed in the Committee Bylaws (Section 3). Membership categories can be found in Section 5. A minimum of 7 members are required for the CBOC. The District seeks broad representation from throughout the Hartnell CCD.

The bylaws, application form, and ethics statement can be accessed on the college web site at [http://www.hartnell.edu/future](http://www.hartnell.edu/future). Additionally, there is more information about Measure T on this web page.

The application and signed ethics statement must be submitted by **Friday, March 10, 2017**. Applications will be reviewed and recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees of the Hartnell CCD. Per the CBOC bylaws, the Board of Trustees makes final decisions about appointments to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**The Western Stage presents**

SpringFEST 2017

*Dear Elizabeth*

February 24-26, 2017

Visit westernstage.com for times and details
Black History Month Day of Celebration  
February 23, 2017  
Gallery Opening with Fred Anderson and  
Author Jan Batiste  
The Art Gallery – Building J

Hartnell Pre-Law Program presents  
DUI Education  
March 7, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Hartnell’s Gymnasium

Women’s Empowerment Conference 2017  
Saturday, March 11, 2017  
Motivational Speaker, Diane Simmons  
FREE for Hartnell and High School students  
Register at www.hartnell.edu/wec

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

And their daughters after them  

Hundreds pack Hartnell for immigration town hall  

Hundreds in Salinas meet with Panetta, Lofgren  

Hundreds gather for an immigration forum in Salinas  

Hartnell: De Anza outshines Hartnell in track Meet  
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2017/02/14/hartnell-de-anza-outshines-hartnell-track-meet/97921072/

A show at Carmel Mission features an uncommon organ-piano combo  