Employees for Student Success Campaign shows a lot of love!

On March 21, 2017, the Hartnell College Foundation celebrated the amazing results of the Employees for Student Success 2017 Campaign. The Committee set out an ambitious goal of $100,000 in payroll deductions or check donations from Hartnell employees, plus to secure 200 employee donors for 2017. The results were better than expected! The Campaign exceeded the goal and received $104,356 in pledges plus 208 employees signed on as donors!

I cannot express enough how proud I am of my colleagues at Hartnell. They really do have the students’ interests at heart. At the presentation and celebration of this important campaign, VP of Advancement and Development, Jackie Cruz shared in the importance of this annual campaign. The money goes to student scholarships, programs, and emergency scholarship fund.

Two students were there to give testimony of the transformative nature of Employee Giving. WELI Scholar Araceli Anaya and MILE Scholar Israel Perez both shared how much they appreciate employee giving and how it has affected their lives. They spoke of opportunity and engagement that they would not otherwise be exposed to if it wasn’t for special programs and scholarships funded by the college and supported by employees.
I have yet to find another college that has such a strong employee philanthropy. It was a great time to celebrate our employees and students with cake, sparkling cider, and balloons! Here’s to raising the bar once again next year!

**Branding and marketing workshop**

On March 23, 2017, Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro-Owen, held a *Branding Procedures and Marketing Workshop* for Hartnell staff. The workshop focused on updating the participants on how to properly use the college’s branding when creating event flyers, power-point presentations, writing an email, and more. The group interacted in groups and engaged in exercises consisting of creating mock fliers using templates and writing a story for the weekly report. The information was useful especially for those new employees who are just getting accustomed to our brand. The more than 45 participants received a binder filled with the style guide for our brand, guidelines for creating and posting fliers, the new ADA Accommodations’ Statement now required, how to write an email, template for weekly report stories, how to order letterhead and business cards, where to go for name badges, and where to go for branding and marketing help.

Special thanks to Cristina Zavala for her help in organizing this successful event. Whenever you need a flier approved or have questions about branding, email emontenegro@hartnell.edu or czavala@hartnell.edu.

**“Grow Your Own” Teacher Talent**

On March 20, 2017, Hartnell College, Monterey County Office of Education and other educational partners organized an outreach conference titled “Grow Your Own,” bringing in a good number of attendees from various parts of the county. The effort focused on informing those in our community and those currently working in our institutions about how to become teachers. Gabriella Lopez (Counselor), Laura Zavala (Outreach Coordinator) and Christian Regalado (Financial Aid) presented breakout sessions, covering financial aid, steps to success, as well as pathways to teaching. Also presenting were representatives from Bradman University, Pacific University, and CSU Monterey Bay.
Hartnell College physics students attend American Physical Society meeting

A group of six physics students along with Professor Sewan Fan, traveled to New Orleans to attend the March meeting of the American Physical Society. The meeting contributed to an outstanding scientific program consisting of more than 10,000 attendees, 105 invited sessions and approximately 600 contributed sessions at which over 8,100 papers were presented. The students submitted eight abstracts to present and all eight were accepted. The research topics covered cosmic ray physics, nano particles synthesis and block co-polymer science, both oral and poster presentations were made. The travel funds were provided by the Associated Students of Hartnell College, Special Funds program and Employee Travel Grant. We gratefully acknowledge everyone’s financial support to make this unforgettable experience a reality.

Manuscript published by Genomics Workshop students

On February 11, 2017, twenty-nine (29) Hartnell College students filled the molecular biology laboratory in the new STEM Center Building 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, Hughey’s former intern and Hartnell student, Diana Tamayo. Using DNA from a marine fish, the black prickleback, 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 manuscripts were submitted and have successfully been published by the journal *Mitochondrial DNA Part B: Resources*. Congratulations!

This is the result of the work that these students completed can be found here: [http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/23802359.2017.1303349](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/23802359.2017.1303349)
Students participate in Strengthening Communities: Careers in Social Work project
On March 16, 2017, a group of Hartnell College students visited CSUMB to learn more about Social Work as a career. Students are participating in *Strengthening Communities: Careers in Social Work*, a joint project with CSU Monterey Bay’s Master of Social Work Program. Students participated in a walking tour of campus led by the Office of Admission and current students. Students were also participated in a class taught by Dr. Julie Altman, Director of the MSW Program. The evening wrapped up with dinner and an inspirational panel discussion with undergraduate students from the Collaborative Health and Human Services department, graduate students from the MSW program, and MSW alumni. Students were able to ask questions regarding the transfer experience, financing a graduate education, and aspects of professional social work as a career. Next week, students will participate in a bus tour of social work agencies from King City to Salinas. The program is coordinated by Hartnell College Counselor, Gabriela Lopez; Dr. Julie Altman, MSW Program Director; and Jenn Costelow, MSW Admissions Coordinator. Grant funding for the program is provided by the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

Dual Enrollment students visit Hartnell College
On March 16, 2017, the second section of the Soledad High School Counseling 1, Dual Enrollment (AB 288), course participated in its first Hartnell College visit. There are 27 students enrolled in this section this spring semester and only 2 had ever been to the Main Campus. One of the objectives of this course is to facilitate the transition from high school to college. This is a challenge in dual enrollment because they are sitting in a college class at their high schools not at the actual college; this is especially difficult for those students in South Monterey County. We want the students to see themselves as college students and the best way it can be done is by setting "boots on the
ground” that exposes them to the college campus and its community. The instructor of this course, Gemma Uribe-Cruz, is hoping to embed a Hartnell College visit into the curriculum for the dual enrollment Counseling 1 sections. This visit will allow these students to really feel like what they are, college students, as part of dual enrollment. The students spent the school day participating in various activities including: a guided tour, getting their student ID cards and receiving information from the Office of Student life, receiving a presentation by the TRiO/Student Support Services Program, visiting the Panther Learning Labs, participating in a campus scavenger hunt, and ending the day with a planetarium show.

Hartnell Flex Coordinator at State Professional Development Conference
Dr. Janeen Whitmore - nursing faculty, flex coordinator, and co-chair of Hartnell's Professional Development Committee - attended the California Community College Council for Staff and Organizational Development (4CSD) Annual Conference in Claremont, CA, on March 16 and 17, 2017. The conference provided a host of ideas for improving professional development programs at the college level that Dr. Whitmore is excited to bring to Hartnell. This is the third year that Hartnell has sent a representative to the 4CSD conference.

Student Elizabeth Madrigal gets notable scholarship in our region
It is my immense pleasure to announce that our student Elizabeth Madrigal is the recipient of the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association Scholarship. Elizabeth was selected as the sole recipient for Region 4. Her outstanding community involvement, plethora of extracurricular activities and above all, focus to her education is no doubt what made her stand out from the rest. Elizabeth is an inspiration to her family, friends and peers; I am confident that she will reach remarkable heights in her career and personal life. Elizabeth is majoring in political science, with a 3.95 UC transferable GPA with a plan to transfer to UC Berkeley. Besides being a notable student, she is an officer for the Associated Students of Hartnell College, works at the Office of Institutional Advancement, plus tutors at Soledad High School. Congratulations!
Panthers Keep Pace at Hot Sequoias Relays

The Hartnell College track and field team headed inland to Visalia for the College of the Sequoias Relays held at the Mineral King Bowl. With Southern California powers Riverside College and Mt. San Antonio College in attendance, it provided a rare affair to compete with athletes from the southern region of the state.

**Alyssa Pochop** won her third consecutive javelin competition with a new personal best 114'8". The javelin competition was shortened due to time and Pochop was only awarded the preliminary three throws. Pochop also recorded a season best in the hammer throw (133'11").

The women's 4x100 meter relay team of **Leilani Russell, Sherise Robinson, Haley Romero, and Bailee Rusconi** lowered their season best to 49.66 to inch closer to becoming one of the few quartets to go under 49 seconds. They are currently ranked fifth in Northern California and ninth all-time. Romero also lowered her season best in the 100 meter hurdles to 15.47 placing second in the competition. The time moves her to ninth all-time. **Rachel Legaspi** and **Adriana Jimenez** ran almost identical times in the 400-meter low hurdles with their 1:14.26 and 1:14.28 season bests. Marissa Gonzalez enjoyed a season best in the javelin 97'5".

**Sophomores Oscar Mora and Andrew Martinez** lead the Panthers in the middle distances. Mora ran just ahead of Martinez 4:04.39 to 4:05.64 in the 1500 meters for season bests for both. Martinez lead the Panthers in the 800 meters with a season best 2:02.16 with fellow Panther **Sergio Coronel** right behind at 2:02.76. The men's 4x100 meter relay of **Norman Napolitano, Jordan Rodriguez, Thomas Salao**, and **Joziah Garcia** almost cracked the 43 second barrier with a season best 43.05. Frosh **David Thompson** lowered his season best 110 high hurdles to 16.99.

For full Sequoias Relays results: [https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/48645.html](https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/48645.html)

Next week, we will report on the annual Ed Adams Invitational.
Lady Panthers Victorious over Renegades

On March 23, 2017 the Hartnell College Softball Team hosted Northern Conference rival, Ohlone College. The Lady Panthers used every hit and sacrifice to beat the Renegades. During the first two innings, Hartnell displayed some nervousness as they were short on throws. Ohlone took advantage of the Panthers small errors by the defense producing a 2-0 lead. The Lady Panthers quickly responded with more confidence. Student-athlete, pitcher Danielle Caoli, shut down Ohlone the next following innings and helped her team to take the lead with a score of 3-2 by the end of the fifth inning. At the bottom of the 7th inning, Ohlone and Hartnell were tied 3-3. Lady Panther Emily Espinosa, led with a single to right center field; she was followed by peer Alizha Barrera placing a perfect sacrifice bunt to send Emily Espino to second base. With one out to go, all attention was on batter Kaitlyn Doyle. She came up with a shallow fly ball allowing student-athlete Emily Espinosa to tag up on the catch and score to end the inning. The final score was 4-3 with the Lady Panthers taking the victory over Ohlone. The Hartnell Softball team remains in first place for the Coast Conference South Division, with a record of 6-2.

The Women’s Softball Team will be traveling away for the next game on, March 28, 2017 against Chabot College at 3:00 p.m.

Panther Athletics Council hear from a star student-athlete

The Panther Athletics Council (PAC) held its third monthly meeting on March 22, 2017. The PAC's main goal is to support athletics by creating a sustainable strategic purpose that will elevate Hartnell Athletics to new heights. At this meeting, student-athlete Ariana Sandoval was the guest speaker. She plays forward for the Women’s Soccer Team, but would love to play defense. She is majoring in Kinesiology. “Hartnell is a new start for me,” she said. “It makes me happy to know my family is proud of me making it on my own.” Ariana is from Stockton, CA and when a family member convinced her to attend Hartnell, she came to Salinas on her own and was homeless for a while until one of her aunts offered her a permanent home. She is happy to see her biggest fan, her dad, come to see her play every home and away game. For PAC, it was humbling and inspiring to hear her story; it was fuel to create an even better plan to support the sports and those who play them.
Nominations for Athletics Hall of Fame 2017

Hartnell Community College District is gearing up for its Fifth Annual Athletics Hall of Fame 2017 on Saturday, November 4, 2017. This year we will induct the 5th Class and I look forward to honoring this distinguished group of Panthers. As of today, we have recognized 55 individuals and teams. The Hartnell College Athletics Hall of Fame launched in 2013 as a way to honor and recognize the contributions of individuals and teams to that legacy. We are seeking nominations from the community at large to identify those special individuals who left a mark in Hartnell Athletics.

The nomination form and guidelines are available on the Hartnell Athletics webpage. Deadline for submissions is May 5, 2017.

The nomination form and criteria can be downloaded by visiting the following link: http://www.hartnellpanthers.com/Tradition/Hall_of_Fame.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Office of Student Life, and the Sociology & Ethnic Studies Department invites you to celebrate:

Farm Workers Awareness Week

Join us with Guest Speaker Dr. Melissa Moreno who will speak about the legacy of Farmworkers and food justice movement today

Dr. Moreno will be giving two talks
"From Farmworker to Food Justice"
Thursday, March 30, 2017
Steinbeck Hall at Hartnell College
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Moreno teaches Ethnic Studies at Woodland Community College. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Utah in the Department of Education, Culture and Society. Her publications address issues surrounding citizenship identity, racial formation, cultural studies, food justice education, and practices of young adult community-based leadership.

This event is wheelchair accessible. Individuals requiring sign-language interpreters, real-time captioning, or other accommodations should contact the Office of Student Life at (831) 755-8744 or email studentlife@hartnell.edu as soon as possible.
Tanimura & Antle Monterey County All-Star game
Basketball
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Hartnell Gym – Girls at 5:30 p.m., Boys at 7:00 p.m.

The Western Stage presents America is in the Heart
A play about contributions of the Filipino Americans in MOCO
March 31, April 1 – 2, 2017 – Studio Theater

Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
6:00 p.m. - King City Education Center

Spring 2017 President’s Forum and Lunch
Monday, April 3, 2017
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall

Monterey Bay Internships Mixer
April 6, 2017 – 6:00 pm
Steinbeck Hall

Classified Staff Development Day
Friday, April 7, 2017
12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall

Walk for Autism
Saturday, April 8, 2017
12:00 – 4:00 PM Hartnell Track
Sponsored by ASHC - $5 to participate

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Senior all-stars ready to take basketball court

Hartnell College notes Baseball team back on track
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Next generation of AG workers on Central Coast

Hartnell College sees agriculture enrollment boost

Miss Electricity promises brilliancy
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