Ag Tech Summit draws record numbers of guests into the Alisal Campus

On April 12, 2017 Hartnell College Agricultural Business and Technology Institute hosted the Fourth Annual Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit at our Alisal Campus. The day-long event, was free and open to the public. This year’s tagline and theme was “where real tech meets real ag;” the summit is meant to connect and showcase the latest technologies and trends in the industry to farmers, entrepreneurs and investors in the ag tech sector. At the same time, the event also intends to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in agriculture technology, security and safety.

This year’s Summit made history drawing about 750 attendees - almost double compared to last year. Many of the guests were members of the agriculture industry, Ag students, Hartnell staff, and entrepreneurs.

Keynote speakers of the day were: Bob Grey, formerly with California Ag Leadership; and Glenda Humiston, Vice President of the University of California division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Emcee for this summit was Dennis Donohue.
Hartnell College would like to acknowledge and praise the work and effort of our community to organize the event. Special thanks to lead organizer, City Councilman, Steve McShane and presenting sponsor, The City of Salinas. We appreciate the support of all our sponsors in the Diamond, Platinum, and Gold tiers. The Exhibitors were a hit! And the committee did an outstanding job. We are proud to be a part of the region’s efforts to expand ag tech through leadership and innovation.

Save the date! The Fifth Annual Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit will be on March 28, 2018!

MILE Scholar Rafael Mendoza gets standing ovation at AHSIE

This week, a group of Hartnell employees attended the Ninth Annual Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE) Best Practices Conference at the University of Las Vegas, Nevada. President of the Associated Students of Hartnell College, Rafael Mendoza received the 2017 AHSIE Scholarship in the community college category. He received conference registration, travel and lodging expenses paid, plus a cash award of $1,500 to continue his education in Chemical Engineering. Only three students earned scholarships this year. Rafael told his story in front of hundreds of individuals who came to the conference from all over the United States. I was there and witnessed the moment that brought the room to a standing ovation. Rafael impressed everyone there in a big way. Hartnell Staff attended the conference in support of Mendoza and also to facilitate a workshop titled: From Inquiry to Engagement: A Comprehensive Model for Delivering Instructional and Support Services, which was presented on the second day of the conference. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Mark Sanchez; VP of Information Technology, David Phillips; Director of Special Programs, Bronwyn Moreno; Director of Hispanic Serving Institution Initiatives, Moises Almendariz; Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen; Director of Student Academic Support, Antonio Alarcon; and Academics Follow Up Services Specialist,
Melvin Jimenez facilitated the workshop. The presentation was standing room only! Many individuals wanted to know the recipe for student engagement and success and also our parent involvement component. The AHSIE Conference brings together Hispanic Serving Educators and Institutions to showcase their creativity, innovation and commitment to student success. https://www.ahsie.org/

Hartnell joins the first consortium dedicated specifically to advancing success of men of color in community colleges

The Hartnell Community College District is excited to announce that we have joined the Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL) National Consortium on College Men of Color (NCCMC). Our participation in the NCCMC will enhance our commitment to improving the success of historically underrepresented and underserved students, including men of color. Hartnell College has been focusing on the success of men of color for several years now. Last year we launched the MILE program (Men's Institute for Leadership and Education, Cohort 1 pictured above) to support the men of Hartnell, we believe that our membership with CCEAL will complement and supplement our current efforts by providing access to resources that will help us support the success of our boys and men of color.

Despite programs designed to enhance outcomes for men of color, in the United States only 17% and 15% of Black and Latino men, respectively, earn a certificate, degree, or transfer from a community college to a four-year institution in six years. Figures for men from other ethnic groups (e.g., Native American, Southeast Asian) also indicate an insurmountable need for improvement.

To combat this achievement gap, the NCCMC facilitates an exchange of ideas between community colleges across the nation on how best to serve men of color in our educational institutions. Community colleges convene to share their efforts and learn about new strategies for enhancing the success of men of color.

Walk for Autism is a great student-led event

The first Walk for Autism fundraiser took place on April 8, 2017 at the auxiliary gym at Hartnell College. The idea to host this important event came from Hartnell College student Leah Edwards who is also a participant in the Stanford Leap Program. Walk for Autism was supported by the Office of Student Life, student clubs and the Office of Institutional Advancement and raised over $1,000 to benefit Autism Speaks. We had over 125 students, Hartnell employees, and community members participate and support this most worthy cause.
Adult Education Community Partner Networking Event a Success

Hartnell College hosted the Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium’s first ever Salinas Valley Adult Education Community Partner Networking Event on March 29, 2017. Adult education agencies and other service providers from the Salinas Valley gathered to share and learn about the latest adult education services in the region, and to connect with each other to build and strengthen partnerships.

The event provided a rare opportunity for 27 organizations/districts/agencies and over 60 individual attendees to network and seek new ways to collaborate in order to better serve our region’s adults, families, and employers. Participants found the event very beneficial, particularly due to the wide representation of education agencies, libraries, community based organizations, corrections agencies, public and private job training and placement providers, and industry groups. The energy and synergy generated that afternoon will certainly lead to some fruitful collaboration.

Hartnell College was well-represented at this successful event, which was organized and facilitated by Kristen Arps, the Director of the Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium. Ana Gonzales, Director of Adult Education and Workforce Development, shared information about Hartnell’s current and future adult education programming with the help of Eric Becerra, Director of HEP. Others presenting information included: Dave Gorman and Jaimee DePompeo, ESL Faculty; Clementina Macias, Director of Farmworker Education & Advancement Program; Laura Zavala, College Pathways Coordinator for re-entry students; and La’Quana Williams, Salinas Valley Health Professions Pathway Partnership Manager. Many other Hartnell faculty, staff, and administrators were present.

Ethnic Studies Students Engage in Leadership4Life Workshop at Soledad CTF

Our Ethnic Studies students were able to view life from a different angle as students engaged in a Leadership4Life workshop at Soledad Correctional Training Facility (CTF). During a course of three (3) days between March 14-16, 2017, approximately
30 of our Hartnell College students listened attentively to stories of men who have been impacted by laws and are currently housed at the Soledad CTF. While students actively listened, students were able to make connections with material they are learning in class with real life experience. In the New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration, by Michelle Alexander, students learn about the impact laws have on marginalized communities of color. The Ethnic Studies instructors are Hermelinda Rocha Tabera and Nereida Oliva.

“...I believe that the community has a responsibility to provide rehabilitative services for the inmates through partnerships with the prison,” commented CTF Community Volunteer Renee Barnes. “Many of the incarcerated have succumbed to the perils of poverty, poor schools, drugs and gangs, dysfunctional families and basic social neglect. While this may be true, they do not perceive themselves as victims, and the Leadership4Life curriculum is centered on personal empowerment, taking responsibility and making good life choices.”

Hartnell College Instructor Nereida Oliva stated, “Leadership4Life is developed and facilitated by incarcerated men. During those three days, students have the opportunity to engage in dialogues about mass incarceration, responsibility, and leadership skills. The presentation included a short video the men created with permission from CTF as well as pictures and student reflections detailing their participation in Leadership4Life. This collaboration is timely and a true hands-on learning experience for students. It was a true honor to share the amazing and much needed work the men are doing.”

“Leadership4Life is a great experience and gives you a new and unique perspective into the reality of mass incarceration on a personal and educational level,” stated Anthony Sanchez, Ethnic studies student and Mecha Club Vice-President. Leadership4Life impacts Ethnic Studies students, faculty, facilitators, and community members in a positive way as they walk away reflecting on life’s choices and gain insight on possibilities. Individuals interested in participating in Leadership4Life are welcome to enroll in our Ethnic Studies ETH-1 Class. This class is offered in both Fall and Spring.

ESL Professor presents at Northern Regional CATESOL Conference

Hartnell adjunct ESL faculty member Jaimee DePompeo was a presenter at the Northern California Regional CATESOL Conference held on April 1, 2017 in Pacific Grove. CATESOL is an association of ESL teachers (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, aka English as a Second Language or English Language Development instructors). Jaimee gave a presentation on integrating Intercultural Competency instruction into low-level adult ESL classes. Becoming inter-culturally competent is difficult and confusing and recent immigrants are faced with not only with acquiring language, but also with deciphering foreign cultural norms. The ESL classroom is the perfect opportunity to give students the tools to process the new world around them, even while their language proficiency is still at beginning levels.
Jaimee also held a poster session at the conference about Hartnell’s new Intro to Building Trades pilot (to be a non-credit CTE bridge course), for which she is providing curriculum development and instruction for the college and career readiness and basic skills components, which includes contextualized language support to complement the technical content.

Kristen Arps, Director of the Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium (SVAEC), helped organize the conference as a member of the board of the local Steinbeck Chapter of CATESOL. The SVAEC sponsored Hartnell and local adult school instructors to attend.

**A Small Taste of Hartnell Camps**

On April 11 and 12, 2017 the Hartnell College Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams worked together to offer the first ever co-ed Advanced Spring Soccer Camp. The camp was aimed towards children and youth who wanted to improve their skills as goalkeepers and strikers. The two-day camp was led and organized by Men’s Soccer Head Coach Daniel Ortega and Women’s Soccer Head Coach Ivan Guerrero. This camp was just a taste of what the athletics department has in store for the summer. This year the college will be offering 12 different camps for children and youth! Online registration is now available on our website, www.hartnellpanthers.com/camps. Register today!

**Softball Panthers Continue Winning Ways!**

On April 11, 2017 the Hartnell College Softball team visited Gavilan College. The Lady Panthers did not hold back against the Rams and the game ended with a final score of 10-2. Hartnell took charge in the first inning scoring five runs! The Rams were having a hard time catching up and could not score any runs until the 4th inning.

The Lady Panthers carried the same energy when they visited Cabrillo on April 13th. The game started slow for both teams; there were no runs during the first two innings. However, the Lady Panthers took charge once more during the 3rd and 4th innings scoring a total of 5 runs in those two innings. Student-athlete Danielle Caoili, went the distance and scattered 5 hits, 3ks. Hartnell collected 12 hits. Lady Panthers, Angelina Ruiz, Kaitlyn Doyle and Bethany Cardenas also stood out and led the team to their 21st victory of the season. The Softball team remains in first place in Conference play with an overall record of 21-8.

**Baseball Recap by Coach Travis Babin**

Saturday @ West Valley College: Loss 6-7

The Hartnell baseball team suffered another tough loss to West Valley College on Saturday, April 8, 2017. After trailing most of the game, Hartnell mounted another late inning comeback, overcoming a 4 run deficit to grab the lead in the top of the 9th inning. The go-ahead run came off the bat of Xavier Moreno (King City HS) who hit a sac fly. Despite the late inning come back the Panthers pitching staff was unable to secure the save as West Valley won in walk off fashion in the bottom of the 9th inning. The Hartnell Baseball team is now 12-20 on the season and 5-5 in league play.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Western Stage Presents
**EMMA! A pop musical by Eric Price**
April 21 – 30, 2017 at Mainstage

Know your immigration rights Forum
Sunday, April 23, 2017
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Student Center
Program in Spanish with simultaneous English translation

Check out what’s happening at the Planetarium!
Visit the site for current shows: [http://www.hartnell.edu/planetarium](http://www.hartnell.edu/planetarium)

Party in the library 2017
Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
Call 831-755-6810 to reserve your tickets

**IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK**

Emmett Linder 2017 Distinguished Alumnus
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Salinas AgTech summit nets record crowd

AgTech Summit kicks off in Salinas

Salinas ag-tech center bustling after first year
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20170122/NEWS/170129927

New ag tech cuts down on pesticide use

AgTech Summit to include drones, ‘idea incubator’
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2017/04/10/agtech-summit-include-dronesidea-incubator/100302214/

Moody adjusting well for Mars
http://www.herald-dispatch.com/sports/marshall_sports/moody-adjusting-well-for-marshall/article_bd5ad24d-3900-5c1f-9a05-239506c072dc.html

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