Jacqueline Cruz gets 2017 Latina Advocate Award

Congratulations Vice President of Advancement and Development, Jacqueline Cruz for being one of seven to receive the 2017 Latina Advocate Award issued by Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE). Cruz will receive this statewide recognition at the 23rd Annual Latina Action Day event in Sacramento, CA on April 25, 2017. The award is given to Cruz for her outstanding leadership and significant contributions to the community. Assemblymember Anna Caballero nominated Cruz to represent the 30th District. At Hartnell College it is all about leadership among our students and our employees. Vice President Cruz provides exemplary leadership and is a role model for Hartnell students. Because of her strong abilities, talents, and skills, I put her in the top 1 percent of all individuals with whom I have worked throughout my entire career.

Cruz began her career in the non-profit sector 19 years ago at United Way Monterey County. At Hartnell, she has connected philanthropists, foundations, and industry with the opportunity to create viable pathways for students leading them to self-sufficiency and healthy lives. She has been a part of development efforts that have galvanized over $49 million in financial investments for local youth, women and children, nonprofit organizations, and Hartnell College. She launched the Salinas Valley Health Professions Pathways Partnership, co-founded the Women’s Education Leadership Institute and the Women’s Education and Economic Forum, launched two capital campaigns, has expanded the Agriculture Institute and worked to increase support for innovation through agriculture and STEM in the Salinas Valley.

Latina Action Day convenes over 400 Latina leaders from across California in Sacramento for an annual public policy issues conference. This one-day conference is designed to facilitate dialogue between Latina corporate and community leaders and elected officials on public policy affecting Latinas in California. For more information, visit www.Latinas.org.

Jasmin Camba awarded Pister Scholarship!

As it is usual around this time of year, I get scholarship award letters for our students here in my office. I enjoy calling students in to our Cabinet meetings so I can
introduce the administrative leadership team while also handing over a letter for them to read.
It was my honor to share with Jasmin Camba the good news that she is the recipient of the Pister Scholarship for $10,000 at UC Santa Cruz. She read the letter with joy and softly said, "this is great!" She is happy to continue her studies at UC Santa Cruz majoring in Plant Science. Her goal is to become a Naturopathic Integrated Medical Doctor.
During her time at Hartnell, she has been active in STEM. She participated in a 10-week Summer STEM Internship in 2016 in Kansas and presented her findings in plant science at the STEM Symposium. At UC Santa Cruz, she was selected to participate in the 2017 ACCESS Program for which she is thankful.
Jasmin is from Salinas and was raised by her grandma. "I owe everything to her," she exclaimed. Besides science, Jasmin enjoys the arts, roller skating, rock climbing, singing, and dancing.

Two Hartnell College students have made Speech Team history
The Hartnell Community College District is happy to announce that two students qualified to advance at the Phi Rho Pi Community College National Speech Tournament in Washington, D.C. last week. Enrique Lopez and Lourdes Tinajero became the first Hartnell students to ever advance to semi-finals, each earning a Bronze Award.
Along with teammates Casie Guido, Meritzy Ayala and Paola Delgado, the team competed against 58 others colleges and universities from 38 states. Enrique earned his bronze placement for his Prose Interpretation, "Push and Pull." The short story focuses on a young man who overcame his personal weight issues to become a personal fitness trainer to help others.
Lourdes earned her bronze placement for her Poetry Interpretation, "No Mas Machismo." The collection of poems focuses on the voices of five different Latina women and their experience with machismo and hyper-masculine cultural norms in Mexican society.
"When we found out that they made it to semi-finals, there were a lot of tears and cheering," said Coach Jason Hough. "In four short years since the team started, Enrique and Lourdes have shown the country what Hartnell College is capable of doing on the national level."
Enrique competed against 98 competitors in his event, and Lourdes competed against 66.
"The team worked tirelessly to ensure that Hartnell could have a successful trip to the National Tournament," said Coach Daniel Lopez. "Their success was directly linked to the countless hours of practice with coaches and teammates."
The Hartnell Speech Team will be holding auditions for the 2017/2018 team on Monday, April 24 and Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Hartnell students in good standing can audition. For details and questions, please contact Coach Hough at jhough@hartnell.edu.
Big wins for Hartnell College at state conference

And the accolades continue to pour in! The Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) held its annual conference in Anaheim this year with the theme “Crafting Communications Castles.” Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen attended as part of her professional development. At its Pro Awards Dinner, Hartnell College received five (5) awards for marketing collateral created in 2016:

- Report to the Community 2014-15, Second Place
- Christmas Card design, Second Place
- Folder design, Third Place
- Steps to Success brochure, Third Place
- Report to the Community 2014-15 electronic collateral, Third Place

The marketing collateral is judged by public relation firms, marketing specialists, and other community college communication experts. “The competition was intense this year,” said Montenegro Owen. “The quality of the work submitted was 10 times better than last year and I am proud to bring these recognitions to Hartnell.”

CCPRO received 333 submissions from 48 California community colleges. Hartnell took fifth place in the number of awards with College of the Canyons taking the most at 13.

Nursing students attend national conference

Fifteen (15) students from the associate degree-nursing program along with their faculty advisor, Dr. Janeen Whitmore, attended the 65th National Student Nurse Association (NSNA) Conference in Dallas, Texas on April 5-9, 2017. The convention encourages nursing students to network with other students and faculty members and to participate in plenary sessions, workshops, seminars and other educational activities. Hartnell College was able to send two (2) delegates to the Resolution Hearings who were able to vote on National Issues affecting the NSNA. All 15 associate degree-nursing students from Hartnell College participated in an NCLEX-RN review session.

On April 8, 2017, Johnson and Johnson sponsored a Care Run with proceeds helping to fund scholarships. Jorge Diaz-Sanchez, a second semester ADN student and President-elect of the Hartnell College Student Nurse Association, placed 2nd overall in the 5K run! All enjoyed a good time.
Professor involved in Startup Challenge Monterey Bay

Samuel Moore Walton Fellow and Business Administration instructor Bob Maffei, was selected to be a judge for this year's Startup Challenge Monterey Bay. The Qualifying Round took place at the Gambord Business and Information Technology building of CSU Monterey Bay on April 8, 2017. A record-setting field of 91 entrepreneurs from the region was whittled down to 24 after pitching their businesses to a panel of judges at CSUMB. The Qualifying Round provides feedback to the participants on their businesses, and select finalists to go on to the Final Round and the Venture Showcase, to be held on May 12th at CSUMB.

Startup Challenge is in its eighth year of serving startup entrepreneurs in the region. The Challenge has seen nearly 400 businesses over its seven previous years; many of those businesses have gone on to launch and become successful startups. All of the previous Venture Division winners are still in business and growing, and all but one of our Main Street winners are also still in business. Many other businesses that did not win the Challenge, or even make it to the finals, have also benefitted from their participation and gone on to start successful businesses. In 8 years there have been 370 companies, $350,000 awarded, and $3,000,000 raised.

For more information, go to www.thestartupchallenge.org

Ethnic Studies Faculty present at national conference

On March 24, 2017, Ethnic Studies faculty had the opportunity to present our growing collaboration between Hartnell College and the Correctional Training Facility (CTF) at the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies Annual Conference (NACCS). The presentation highlighted the 3-day seminar students enrolled in the Introduction to Ethnic Studies course and participate in Leadership4Life; it is developed and facilitated by men incarcerated at CTF. During those three days, students have the opportunity to engage in dialogues about mass incarceration, responsibility, and leadership skills.

Partners in this collaboration are the Phoenix Alliance members, facilitators of the Leadership4Life Workshop: Renee Barnes, Community Resource Liaison; Mecha, Hartnell College student organization; Genaro Garcia and family, owners of Linda Taqueria in Gonzales; S. B. Hatton, CTF Warden; Lt. Ramon, CTF Public Information Officer; Alma Tamayo, CTF Community Resource Manager; Norma Calderon, CTF Primary Sponsor for the Phoenix Alliance; and Ethnic Studies faculty. The presentation was conducted by Barnes; Rafael Maldonado, former executive officer of the Phoenix Alliance; Mecha Vice-President and Hartnell College student Anthony Sanchez; and Ethnic Studies faculty Hermelinda Rocha Tabera, Nerieda Oliva and Phillip Tabera.
A nursing student shares her first day in internship at Capitol
Nursing student Yoli Cervantes shares her first day at this one-week internship at the State’s Capitol. She was excited to meet with Assemblymember for our District, Anna Caballero and many more public leaders.

Alumnus Dominic Uccelli to Intern with Panetta
Former Panther cross country/track & field student-athlete Dominic Uccelli (Salinas HS) has been awarded a summer internship with the office of US Representative Jimmy Panetta. Dominic competed for Hartnell in cross country and track & field as a member of four conference championship teams. Dominic is currently attending Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ and majoring in Political Science.

Panther multis pick up team points, team spring breaks at Santa Barbara Open
The Hartnell College Track & Field Team was busy during the spring break week with multi-event athletes heading north to Santa Rosa for the Northern California Multi-Event Championship one week ago. The Panthers also headed south to Santa Barbara for the SBCC Easter Open at picturesque La Playa Stadium. Freshman Sherise Robinson was the highlight of the week with a near victory in the heptathlon championship in just her first full seven-event competition. With personal bests in the 100 hurdles (16.55), high jump (4-8.25), shot put (26-4.50), javelin (91-5) and a
victory in the 800-meters (2:30.99), Robinson came within 73 points of the victory. Her total score of 3951 is the twelfth best in school history and just missed breaking the 4000-point barrier. Robinson's second place finish ensures the freshman from North Salinas High School will have the opportunity to compete in the CCCAA Championship May 19-20 at American River College. Also competing the heptathlon was fellow frosh Haley Romero who totaled 3362 to place eleventh in her first multi-event competition. In the men's decathlon championship, sophomore Norman Napolitano used the strength of his lifetime best 14-7.25 in the pole vault to place fifth overall in the ten-event competition. Freshman Clemente Villareal enjoyed a solid first showing with an eighth place scoring finish.

At the Santa Barbara Easter Open, the men's 4x100 meter relay team of Thomas Salao, Jordan Rodriguez, Tyrell Windham, and Joziah Garcia were victorious with a season best 42.69. Garcia also enjoyed a lifetime best in the 400 meters (49.51) which moves him into the top 10 in Northern California. Andrew Martinez placed second in the 3000-meter steeplechase in a lifetime best 9:43.47 which moves him to second in Northern California and ninth best in school history. Eduardo Orozco led five Panthers in the 800 meters with his 1:57.00 second place finish. Adam Alnazer (1:58.62), Sergio Coronel (2:00.18), Andrew Martinez (2:01.54), and Oscar Mora, Jr. (2:02.04) all ran season bests. Jorge Sanchez lowered his season best in the 1500-meters (4:03.57) and was followed closely by Angel Mejia, Jr. (4:05.56). Freshman Patrick Olson at 4:09.75 was also a heat winner and qualified provisionally to the NorCal Trials in the 1500-meters. Tyrell Windham was a heat winner in the 200 meters (22.74) and lead Jordan Rodriguez (22.79) and Joziah Garcia (22.83) all under the 23-second barrier. Nate Mora had a season best 123-4 in the hammer throw.

On the women's side, Haley Romero returned to the long jump runway just two days after the heptathlon to soar to a season best 17-11.75 to move into a seventh place tie all-time. Romero is looking to become just one of six women in Hartnell history to long jump over 18 feet. Yvette Tavarez lowered her 3000-meter steeplechase time by 39 seconds to 12:50.17 to move to eighth best in Northern California. She also qualified provisionally in the 5000-meter run (20:13.18). Sherise Robinson placed second in the 400 meters (59.08). Leslie Oseguera ran a season best in the 800 meters (2:31.95).

**Softball Recap as reported by Cathleen Watt**

During Spring Break, we played two league games and two non-league games. Tuesday at Gavilan our pitcher was Kaitlyn Doyle. She got the win with good help by our offense getting 13 hits. We won 8-0 in 5 innings. On Thursday, we went to Aptos to play the second league game against Cabrillo. We are currently ranked ninth in the Nor-Cal. Cabrillo games are usually decided by one run. The game was close until Emily Espino doubled off the left field fence starting a big inning. In the end, we won 10-2 and Kaitlyn Doyle got the win. Friday, we had a make-up rainout double header versus De Anza, which were non-conference games. Our pitcher for the first game was Kaitlin Shipman in her first start of the season. We won 8-0, Shipman got the win. In the second game, we started Doyle - she went 3 innings then Dee Caioli finished the game for the 8-0 win.

We are now going into our last two weeks of the season with three league games remaining. Monterey is tied with us at 9-3. Our schedule favors us because we have the home field advantage in
all three games. San Jose on Tuesday, MPC on Thursday, and West Valley next Tuesday. Every game is important to our bid to win the league and make the playoffs.

**Softball Panthers take down San Jose City**

On April 18, 2017 the Lady Panthers took down San Jose City with a final score of 2-1. Hartnell pitcher Danielle Aioli, scattered five hits and two strikeouts. In the bottom of the 5th inning student-athlete Harlee Noda hit safely and Emily Espino followed with a great bunt to get Noda to second base. With two outs on the scoreboard, Lady Panther Angelina Ruiz, racked up her second hit of the game to tie the score at 1-1. In the bottom of the 6th inning Andrea Gutierrez placed a bunt and San Jose could not complete the out. Consequently, teammate Bethany Cardenas blasted a hit sending it across the field to the end of the fence, helping fellow athlete Kaitlyn Doyle get to home base and score for the Panthers. Hartnell took the lead and kept it going to the top of the seventh inning. The Lady Panther’s solid defense took care of the ball and secured the win for a sweet victory. Hartnell totaled only six hits overall. The Hartnell Softball team holds now a 10-4 record in conference play and 24-9 record overall. The Women’s Softball Team will host their last game of the season at home on, April 25, 2017 against West Valley College. See you there!

**Hartnell Baseball Wins at the Final Countdown**

On Tuesday, April 18, 2017 the Hartnell College Men’s Baseball Team, faced Skyline College at our Tony Teresa Diamond. The Panthers broke their five game losing streak last Saturday, with a win against Monterey Peninsula College; with the final score of 5-4 runs. Last Tuesday, the Hartnell Baseball match against Skyline had been critical, with only a few games left in the season, pressure on the team had definitely increased. During the game on Tuesday, the Panthers broke the silence and scored in the bottom of the second inning against Skyline. Student-athletes, Adam Tanoue and Kenji Yamaguchi crossed the plate and placed some numbers for Hartnell onto the scoreboard. Ryan Clack’s base hit and Kekaulike
Kalua’s home run hit raised the bar during the sixth inning. The Panthers were on lead with a score of 5-0 runs. It wasn’t until the eighth inning that Skyline turned the tables with a three-run gain and the score changed to 5-3. With the Panthers still in the safe zone, Skyline came back with another trick up their sleeves. The Eagles hit a homerun and three runs crossed the plate, which moved the score to 5-6. In the bottom of the ninth inning the Hartnell Panthers had one shot to end the game for the win. Student-athlete Kacee Takasaki hit a homerun and Colby Hirano also scored a run. The Panthers won the game with a close score of 7-6! The Hartnell College Men’s Baseball Team will host their last home game for the season on April 27th against Cabrillo College. See you there!

Welcome new employee – Miriam Gonzalez!

Miriam is our new Program Assistant for Special Programs, including: WELI, MILE, ACE and MiCASA. She is a critical member of Hartnell who is responsible for providing a platform to ensure that all special programs run efficiently and that the students have access to the correct supportive tools needed to achieve success. Miriam was born and raised in Salinas and is a first generation citizen, amongst an immigrant family, which has fueled her passion to help Dreamer students succeed in their studies, career and citizenship journeys. Miriam has previously worked with the College Assistance Migrant Program, Student Support Services and Educational Opportunity Program for two years. She obtained a B.A. in Collaborative Health and Human Services with a concentration in Social Work from the California State University Monterey Bay. Upon conferring her degree, she entered the workforce with the Monterey County Probation Department. While there, she was assigned to work with at risk youth in court-appointed juvenile placement. After 10 years, she decided it was time for a change. Today, she is happy to have returned to education services and looks forward to supporting students in achieving their educational goals. Outside of Hartnell, Miriam is happily married and enjoys spending time with her husband, children and family dog. Welcome to the team Miriam. We are happy to have you!

Happenings! Alum delivers sponsorship check to Foundation

Alumnus Ba Tang, vice president at our local Union Bank in Salinas, hand delivered a $5,000 check to the Hartnell College Foundation as sponsors of Party in the Library. Philanthropists Ashton Clarke and Priscilla Amao were happy to receive the check. Thank you!
New Fast Facts April 2017
The “Fast Facts” document has been updated. Its purpose is to provide a brief overview about Hartnell, our students, faculty, staff, programs, finances, outcomes, achievements, and much more.
It is intended to be used for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to:
• General inquiries
• Grant applications
• Outreach
• Presentations
• Info for agencies and organizations
• Media inquiries
The Fast Facts can be found in three locations on our Hartnell website:
• About Hartnell on Homepage
  http://www.hartnell.edu/sites/default/files/Library_Documents/president/docs/hc_fastfacts_15.pdf
• A-Z Index on Homepage
  http://www.hartnell.edu/a-to-z-index
• President’s Corner
  http://www.hartnell.edu/presidents-corner
If you have any questions about this document, feel free to contact Esmeralda at emontenegro@hartnell.edu.

When traveling to Washington D.C., consider accommodations at “My Tower”
A little light humor for your day. During a recent trip to Washington DC I came across this hotel and office building. Who knew?

UPCOMING EVENTS
Hartnell Physics Olympics
April 28, 2017
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
https://www.hartnell.edu/physics-olympics
The Western Stage Presents
EMMA! A pop musical by Eric Price
April 21 – 30, 2017 at Mainstage
Go to http://westernstage.com/programs/for-adults/spring-fest/

Speech Team Auditions
April 24 and 25, 2017
S-218, 5:00 – 9:00 PM
Contact jhough@hartnell.edu

Law Day – 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy
May 1, 2017 – Mainstage
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

Check out what’s happening at the Planetarium!
Visit the site for current shows:
http://www.hartnell.edu/planetarium
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Hartnell administrators gets statewide award
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20170417/NEWS/170419836

Local Roundup: Kearney invite highlights Easter break

Local Roundup: Anaya Ward leads Santa Cruz girls track to Bill Kearney win

Hartnell notes: Jorge Sanchez in running for state title
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2017/04/03/hartnell-notes-jorge-sanchez-running-state-title/100005866/

Softball showdown: Hartnell face archrival MPC

Softball: Hartnell falls to MPC 11-4 in showdown

Juco linebackers getting an opportunity at Marshall