Panther Cub Day inspires hundreds of young minds

On May 10, 2017, I had the pleasure to welcome 200 Gonzales Unified School District fourth graders to our campus for the annual Panther Cub Day series of events. This yearly tradition is part of our collaboration with the Monterey County College Challenge (M3C) and its main purpose is to build a college going culture in our community. Throughout the school year, these fourth graders have received career and college exploration instruction, and Panther Cub Day serves as the culminating event. During their visit, our future Panthers enjoyed a special performance by our Theater and Cinema students. The lively skits covered topics such as financing college, diversity of course offerings, and gave the young students an opportunity to share what they want to be when they grow up. Our future Panthers shared their goals of becoming dentists, veterinarians, teachers, and police officers! In addition, they learned about the exciting aspects of science through a demonstration by Tito Polo from our Physics department. This powerful presentation had our young panthers and teachers in awe over how fun science can be.

Our day concluded with a tour of the campus where our young Panthers interacted with Salinas Valley Health Professions Pathway students in their Nursing and Allied Health classrooms. They also received presentations by the TRiO program, and visited our Library's anatomical models (how fun is that!). Big thanks to all students and staff who participated in making this day a special one for all the children.

Our Alisal Union School District Panther Cub event will take place, Friday, June 2, 2017.
Mental Health Awareness Resource Fair

Last week, we held several events as part of Mental Health Awareness Month. On Monday, we had a Resource Fair with Crisis Counseling and the Guardian Scholars programs; they created stress balls for attendees and the Psychology Club encouraged the students to sign a stigma-free pledge.
On Tuesday, we had a presentation on “Success over Stigma” from Interim, Inc. and on Wednesday, we featured “Almost Sunrise,” a film about two combat veterans who make a cross country trek to help them deal with the side effects after returning from a war zone.

Diversity hiring workshops for employees

Hiring great employees is one of our most important institutional processes, because these employees end up delivering instruction, student support, and institutional support that all contribute to student success and institutional effectiveness.
To improve the quality of our recruitment processes, Hartnell requires all employees to attend training on a regular basis that teaches them about effective and lawful hiring practices to enhance diversity in the community college workforce.
On May 8, 2017 Laura Schulkind, a partner with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, was on campus to deliver this interactive training for new and veteran employees alike. Hartnell has been particularly diligent in offering this training, and we’re proud of the results.

ADN Health Promotion Project on display

On May 11, 2017, the second year Nursing students in Professor Janeen Whitmore’s class, proudly displayed their Health Promotion Project posters in the Student Center to help educate students and staff on various human developmental stages. The posters displayed contained information such as cognitive development from infancy to adulthood, nutrition and weight requirements per age, how to prevent injury and disease, and more. Great job ADN students!
Transfer Mixer connects students
On May 11, 2017, The Transfer and Career Center hosted a mixer for the students who are graduating this spring 2017 and in route to attending a 4-year university this coming fall 2017. The mixer featured a panel of staff from the Transfer Center, who were present to inform students about University life and answer any questions that the students may have about transferring. A lunch was provided along with other treats and gifts for the students. The students enjoyed being able connect with fellow transfer students who are going to attend the same universities this coming Fall.

Strategic Planning Advisory Group Meeting
On May 8, 2017, we held the Strategic Planning Advisory Group meeting and updated the group on the Measure T Facilities Bond, Accreditation, and Institutional Outcomes. It was a pleasure to share with them the great news about student achievement and completion. Every year, more students are graduating with a degree and more students are transferring to a four-year university. This group of education and business leaders join the President’s Executive Cabinet twice a year to receive a clear picture of Hartnell’s progress and future plans.

Women’s Fund Luncheon
On May 9, 2017, I attended the 12th Annual Women’s Fund Luncheon in Monterey. This event supports an endowment of the Community Foundation for Monterey County to invest in women and girls now to create a better future for all. To date, they have awarded over $1.1 million in scholarships. A lot of the recipients are Hartnell students. In fact, a video was featured with current students telling their story of perseverance and stride. Hartnell staff was there to support this mission. In attendance were Jackie Cruz (VP, Advancement and Development), Dr. Celine Pinet (Dean, Academic Affairs), Maggie Melone-Echiburu (Director, K-12 STEM Programs), Esmeralda Montenegro Owen
Panther Men a Surprise
Second Heading into Finals

The Hartnell College men's track & field team has a surprise team lead in the Northern California Championship due to strong performances two weeks ago in the decathlon and in Thursday's 10,000-meter run. The Panthers have a 22-point lead over the next closest team heading into next Saturday's Northern California Championship to be held at De Anza College in Cupertino. Norman Napolitano and Clemente Villareal provided five team points in the decathlon and the quintet of Jorge Sanchez, Mario Perez, Jr., Williams Ordaz, Oscar Mora, Jr. and Angel Mejia, Jr. all provided team score points in the 25 lap event held last Thursday at De Anza College. The Panthers have 32 points with Santa Rosa Junior College at 10 points after two scored events.

Jorge Sanchez lead every lap of the 10,000-meter run to claim the victory in 31:59.71. Sanchez moved up from 3rd last year. He will look to do the same in this weekend's 5000 meter run where he holds the regional lead time. He was followed by Mario Perez, Jr. who has enjoyed a rash of personal bests since the halfway mark in the season. He was clocked in a new personal best 32:20.09 to take silver. Williams Ordaz placed fifth overall in a state "B" qualifying mark 33:00.59 and will have to await word whether his season will be extended to the CCCAA Championship in Roseville. Oscar Mora, Jr. also moved up from last year's championship placing sixth this year in 33:04.09. He was followed by Angel Mejia, Jr. in 33:06.08. All totaled the Panthers racked up 27 team points in just this one event. In the men's 1500-meter run qualifying, Eduardo Orozco lead all advancers with a heat winning 3:57.36. Also winning his heat to advance to Saturday's final was fellow King City Mustang Edgar Bonilla. Bonilla had the third best time in 3:59.52. They will be joined
by Sergio Coronel (4:05.12), Jorge Sanchez (4:06.78), Patrick Olson (4:08.61) and Mario Perez, Jr. nabbing the last qualifying spot in 4:09.83. The Panther will send five to the line in the field of 12 runners with a great opportunity to add to their team score. Orozco was the lone Panther to advance to the 800-meter final with an event leading 1:54.53. Frosh Adam Alnazer missed qualifying by one spot but was rewarded with a lifetime best 1:57.40. Bonilla also failed to advance but recorded a season best 1:57.51. Freshman Joziah Garcia advanced to his first regional final in the 400-meters as the ninth seed.

For the women, Yvette Felix moved up nine spots in one year in the 10,000-meter championship final. She easily placed second in a lifetime best 39:49.84. The mark makes her the seventh best performer in school history all of which have eclipsed the 40:00 barriers. Felix has lowered her time by nearly 90 seconds since last season. Sophomore Beatriz Duarte was ninth in 42:09.03. Freshmen Jocelyn Cervantes (43:12.20) and Leslie Oseguera (43:12.39) placed eleventh and twelfth overall. Freshman Haley Romero was third in long jump qualifying (17-5.25). Olivia Jimenez and Elizabeth Hernandez both advanced to next Saturday’s 800 meter run final. Jimenez recorded her second best time of the season (2:24.82) with Hernandez putting forth her best effort of the second year (2:27.65). Both helped the 4x400 relay team move on with 4:20.82. Sophomore Chelsea Andrade was a double qualifier. Andrade was the fifth best qualifier in the hammer throw (137-9) and seventh in the discus (113-10). Marissa Gonzales failed to advance in the triple jump and javelin. The women's 4x100 meter relay decimated by injuries also failed to move on to Saturday's final despite posting one of the best time in school history at 49.66 early in the season.

**Student-Athlete Spotlight**

**Emily Espino**

This week’s Student-Athlete Spotlight goes to Emily Espino, #8 on Hartnell’s College Softball team. She plays third base for the Lady Panthers. Many of her teammates consider her the “mom” of the team, on and off the field, due to her leadership skills and her consistent caring and nurturing nature towards her teammates. Emily is one of the few sophomores on the team and is finishing her second season playing for the Lady Panthers. This season Emily has played in 32 games, had 22 hits and 13 runs! After this season, Emily is planning to transfer and continue her softball career at San Diego Christian College. There, she plans to obtain a Nursing Degree. Monterey County is very dear to Emily, as King City is her hometown. She graduated from King City High School where she played softball and volleyball all four years. According to Emily, her father taught her everything she knows about softball as well as her passion for the sport. She is glad she decided to play for Hartnell and is looking forward to transferring to a four-year institution. Congratulations Emily!
Bethany Cardenas balances academics and her favorite sport

This week’s Student-Athlete Spotlight also features Bethany Cardenas! Bethany is #17 on Hartnell’s Softball team where she holds two positions, first base and catcher. She has been playing since she was nine years old. This is Bethany’s first year at Hartnell. She graduated from North Salinas High School, where she played for about three years. Bethany is a second generation college student; her mother obtained a Nursing Associate Degree from Hartnell in the early 2000s and her father is currently enrolled in classes at Hartnell and in the Respiratory Care Practitioner program. Like her mother, Bethany is majoring in Nursing and hopes to transfer to San Diego State University to obtain a Bachelor’s degree. At the end of the 2016 fall semester, Bethany made the President’s list with a 4.0 GPA! She plans on continuing to maintain her high GPA this semester as well. Bethany is the eldest of four siblings. She describes her siblings as athletic and musically inclined. Due to Bethany’s exhaustive schedule, she had to give up extracurricular activities for the moment. She always puts school above all other things, including softball. However, she is committed to softball and has demonstrated the ability to manage academics and athletics. Congratulations Bethany!

Softball Panthers Celebrate Their End of Season

Two weeks ago, Hartnell College Softball Head Coach, Andy Watt and Assistant Coach, Alex Medina attended an All-League meeting hosted by San Jose City College. There, Coach Watt found out that eight out of fourteen players had been recognized as either: First Team All-League or Second Team All-League! The Hartnell Panthers finished the season with an overall record of 26-10 and 10-4 in Conference play. The team is ranked 9th in Northern California. The Lady Panthers were scheduled to play best of three on May 5th and 6th. Unfortunately, Hartnell lost two games by one run each and will not be moving forward to the next stage of playoffs. We would also like to recognize the student-athletes that were awarded the following:

**All-Northern California:**
- Kaitlyn Doyle
- Kaitlin Shipman
- Harllee Noda

**First Team All-League:**
- Kaitlyn Doyle
- Kaitlin Shipman
- Harllee Noda
- Beth Cardenas
Second Team
All-League:
Dee Caoliili
Emily Espino
Andrea Gutierrez
Angelina Ruiz

Congratulations to all of them for a successful season!

Unsung heroes – our Athletics Counselors
Hartnell College has exceptional staff including Counselors Rich Givens and Erica Michael-Palacio in the Athletics Department supporting the success of our student-athletes.

Rich Givens is starting his 11th year working for Hartnell Athletics. He started as an Assistant Baseball Coach in 1999 and became the Head Baseball Coach in 2009. At the beginning of the Spring 2007 semester Rich also assumed the role of adjunct counselor for Athletics, a position he still holds today. Over the years, Givens has helped numerous student-athletes to graduate and transfer out to four-year institutions. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Science from Chapman University, and Master’s Degree in Counselor Education from San Jose State University.

“The most rewarding aspect of working with student-athletes is helping them achieve their goal of transferring to a four-year school,” said Givens. “As a counselor you work with student-athletes that begin their college career without a plan and leave with a goal. It is this type of student-athlete you can use as an example, to inspire incoming athletes to set and achieve goals of their own.”

Erica Michael-Palacio is the second Athletics Counselor on campus and a proud Hartnell College Alumna. She continued her education at UC Santa Cruz and earned a Bachelor’s of Arts in Psychology and a Master’s of Arts in Psychology from Chapman University.

“One of the most rewarding things about working with our student-athletes is helping these young adults navigate their way through the next chapter in their lives. My main goal is assisting them in their transition from high school life and those expectations into college life and its expectations,” Erica mentioned.

Both Rich and Erica help our student-athletes pick majors, develop their education plans, and time management skills. We are so proud and honored to have them so committed to student success. Go Panthers!
Oscar invites students to be a part of the study-a-thon

STUDY-A-THON
Supercharge your brain for finals week!

MAIN CAMPUS - Steinbeck Hall, Student Center
Monday, May 15 through Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

KING CITY EDUCATION CENTER - Room 109
Thursday, May 18, 2017 4:00 - 9:00 PM

ALISAL CAMPUS - AC-C212
Thursday, May 18, 2017 4:00 - 9:00 PM

FREE ACCESS TO:
Tutors, ELS, faculty-led study sessions, workshops, free books, printing, stress-reducing activities, and an awesome study environment!

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Childcare (ages 2-10)
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King City: 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SPrING CONCERTS 2017

A HAWAIIAN MUSIC CONCERT
FEATURING STUDENTS IN THE MUSIC 1 CLASS WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
William Faulkner, director
Sunday, May 7th at 7:00 PM - Mainstage

PIANO RECITAL
FEATURING STUDENTS OF GALINA VINOYKROV
Thursday, May 11th at 10:00 PM - K125

A VOCAL EXTRAVAGANZA
FEATURING STUDENTS IN THE HARTNELL COLLEGE VOICE CLASS
Sandy Hude, Director
Monday, May 15th at 7:00 PM - K125

A SPRING CHORAL CONCERT
HARTNELL CHOIR and CHAMBER SINGERS
Sandy Hude, Conductor • George Greaves, Accompanist
Friday, May 19th at 10:15 AM and 7:30 PM - Mainstage

SPRING JAZZ
FEATURING THE HARTNELL JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Steve Enghaus, director
Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:30 PM - Mainstage

A CONCERT OF INSTRUMENTAL SOLOS
FEATURING STUDENTS IN THE MUSIC 11 CLASS
Steve Enghaus, instructor
Wednesday, May 24th at 11:45 AM - K125

A SYMPHONY AND MORE
Featuring the Dolores Symphony #4 and other music by J.S. Bach, John Williams, Frank Loesser, and Beethoven
HARTNELL COLLEGE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
Steve Dinger, Conductor
Thursday, May 25th at 7:30 PM - Mainstage

Donations may be requested at the concerts. No tickets are required.
THE ROAD TO COMMENCEMENT – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs Student Recognition Ceremony
May 18, 2017
1:00 p.m. – Steinbeck Hall

Dreamer Banquet
May 18, 2017
6:30 p.m. - Steinbeck Hall

Respiratory Care Pinning Ceremony
May 26, 2017
11:30 a.m. - B-208

Nursing Pinning Ceremonies
May 26, 2017
1:30 p.m. – Main Stage, K104

Commencement 2017
May 26, 2017
6:00 p.m. – Rabobank Stadium

HEP Graduate Recognition Ceremony
May 27, 2017
12:00 p.m. – Mainstage, K104

Veterans Graduation/Recognition Ceremony
May 27, 2017
5:30 p.m. – Steinbeck Hall

TRiO Student Graduation/Transfer Ceremony
May 28, 2017
5:00 p.m. – Student Center

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Hartnell qualifies contingent to state track

Crapper Derby plunges through Salinas Oldtown

Let’s get to know Fish Smithson, a new Redskins safety with superb name

Hartnell track prepares for track championships
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2017/05/09/hartnell-track-prepares-track-championships/101472662/