Hartnell welcomed 1,200 fourth graders for Panther Cub Day

On Friday, June 2, 2017, Hartnell College hosted 1,200 Fourth graders in a one-day introduction to post-secondary education event called Panther Cub Day in collaboration with Community Partnership for Youth’s (CPY) Monterey County College Challenge (M3C) and the Alisal Union School District. The event consisted of a two-hour session aimed to create a college-bound mind-set in students and a culture in the classroom and community that encourages, promotes, and supports student success along the road to workforce readiness as part of the “Bright Futures” initiative for cradle-to-career success.

All students received T-shirts made for them, observed a skit by Theater Arts students, watched demonstrations by robotics, experienced the Planetarium, presentations by student-athletes, received information about accessibility to college, financial aid, and more. Hartnell College students served as mentors and tour guides who took groups to the nursing simulation lab, science labs, library, athletic facilities and others.

We are enthusiastic to host Panther Cub Day as part of an early outreach program. Alisal Union School District administrators and teachers view the experience as a critical early step to instilling in them a future as a college student. It was inspiring for me to see these beautiful young minds on our campus.
Hartnell College awarded two Upward Bound Grants

Hartnell College was recently awarded two Upward Bound grants to help serve students attending Alisal, Everett Alvarez and North Salinas high schools. Each grant award is for $257,500 per year for five years. One grant award will be split between Alisal High School and Everett Alvarez High School and the other will be solely for North Salinas High School.

The federal Upward Bound program provides academic support to high school students in their preparation for college. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their college pursuits. Upward Bound serves: high school students from low-income families and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete high school and enroll in and graduate from colleges and universities. The services offered by the Upward Bound program include:

- Academic Instruction
- Tutoring
- Counseling
- Mentoring
- Cultural Enrichment
- Work Study Programs (Internships)
- Financial Literacy
- Prepare students to become Math and English proficient
- 6-Week Summer Program
- Saturday Academies
- Parent Meetings
- University Visits

Students are recruited during their 9th and 10th grade in High School and maintain in the program until they graduate from high school. Students are then tracked during their college years until they graduate from college. The goal of the program is to have students complete college within 6 years after enrolling.

A special HEP Graduate Recognition Ceremony

Over 300 guests came together to celebrate the 101 students whom attained their high school equivalency through the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) at its Recognition Ceremony on May 27, 2017. Guests were treated to inspirational and welcoming words from me, Manuel Osorio (President, Hartnell Board of Trustees), Leticia Sanchez (HEP Alumna), and Ana Rodriguez (valedictorian). The ceremony was followed by a reception in the Hartnell Student Center where guests were treated to a live performance from...
During the reception HEP graduates Jose Limon and Grace Cervantes were honored by Dr. Hector Topete who awarded them each a $1,000 scholarship. Our most improved student, Sandy Segura received a $200 scholarship from Carla Johnson (CCAMPIS Director) and her family. Many of our graduates would not have accomplished their goal were it not for the childcare services provided to them by the CCAMPIS grant. We always maintain that education is a familial endeavor. To illustrate this, the children who received childcare honored their parents by presenting them with leis made of paper cutouts of their “hearts and hands” and a poster reading “CCAMPIS Class of 2017.”

Academic year 2016-2017 marked the 11th year Hartnell HEP has served the Salinas Valley! Since 2006, we have supported 1,017 students in the attainment of their high school equivalency diploma from the state of California.

A very special thank you to the awesome Hartnell HEP family for all their hard work and commitment to serve our community! Congratulations to the HEP graduating class of 2017!

TRiO Recognition Ceremony is moving
The Student Support Services/TRIO Program held its 12th Annual Graduation/Transfer Ceremony on Sunday, May 28, 2017. The student-run ceremony hosted the 61 graduates and their families at the Student Center. The students fundraised all of the costs of their ceremony and altogether raised $10,000. The Hartnell College Board of Trustees members who joined me at the event were Aurelio Salazar, Jr., Vice President Patricia Donohue, and Candi DePauw. LULAC President Chris Barrera and Supervisor Luis Alejo were there to support these students’ achievements. Congressman Jimmy Panetta sent certificates for each of the graduates. Karla Reyes was the student speaker; Paola Delgado’s father was the parent speaker; and the Mistress of Ceremony was Norma Cuevas. As always, it was a thoughtful and moving event.

The students wished outgoing TRIO counselor, Elizabeth Gonzalez, their very best wishes as Elizabeth will now become a full-time counselor at
Monterey Peninsula College. The Hartnell College staff, the Board of Trustee members and Manuel Bersamin sang the traditional TRIO theme song of *Lean on Me*. The ceremony ended with graduates reciting:

**ONCE HARTNELL, ALWAYS HARTNELL!**
**ONCE EDUCATED, ALWAYS EDUCATED.**
**ONCE in TRIO, ALWAYS in TRIO!!**
**Congratulations to all for their achievements!**

**An honorable Veteran’s Recognition Ceremony**

On May 27, 2017, the Hartnell College Veterans Services Program held its Fourth Annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony. Twenty-two student Veterans were recognized for completing degrees and certificates. This year, nine students were also recognized for obtaining their bachelor’s degrees after transferring from Hartnell College. In honor of the Memorial Day Holiday the Fallen Soldier Ceremony was performed by our Veteran students who were joined in the reading by veteran and Board of Trustees President, Manuel Osorio. Those present also honored the missing service members through the reading of the Missing Soldier Table read by Trustee Candi DePauw. Trustees Pat Donohue, Candi DePauw, and Manuel Osorio offered their congratulations to this distinct group of Panthers. Members of the American Legion Riders District 28, members of Post 593 and the Commander of Post 694 were in attendance, as well as members from the Salinas Salvation Army. These organizations have been instrumental in raising funds along with our Hartnell Veterans Club and supportive of all of the events including the Veterans Recognition Ceremony. Congratulations!

**EOPS student presents research at Stanford University**

On June 3, 2017, Hartnell College EOPS student Cristina Perez presented her research on breast cancer in front of an audience at Stanford University. This was a great experience for her and a proud moment for her counselor Millicent Madrigal who was there with her.
Football Scramble Tournament
On June 2, 2017 the Hartnell College Football team hosted a Scramble Golf Tournament at The Club on Crazy Horse Ranch. Head Football Coach Matt Collins, along with his team of assistant coaches, peer coaches, staff and student-athlete volunteers organized and worked the event. This was a successful tournament for the Panthers to raise funds for the Football Program here at Hartnell. I would like to thank all the sponsors and participants for contributing to the success of the team.

Richard Haro’s Retirement was festive
This week we celebrated the retirement of longtime friend and warehouse technician, Richard Haro. Richard has been with us for 13 years, as part of our warehouse team. He is originally from Salinas, and prior to joining our team, he worked in agriculture. Richard looks forward to spending time with his wife, three sons and 11 grandchildren. His future plans include travelling by train with his wife Irma through the coast of California plus exploring the southern states.
Richard has been an exceptional worker and friend and this was apparent at this gathering where dozens of colleagues came to greet him. He will be remembered as the one who would go out of his way to make sure that faculty and staff had their deliveries in a timely manner; he also would crack a joke once in a while. He has touched the lives of many at Hartnell and will truly be missed. Have a happy retirement Richard!

Reception for two transitioning employees
The Hartnell Alisal Campus staff held a heartfelt reception for two employees who are leaving the campus: Dr. Zahi Atallah is moving to San Jose City College and Dawn Henry is moving to Hartnell’s Main Campus. A group of colleagues and friends held the gathering at a local restaurant to show appreciation for these two individuals who have worked at the Alisal Campus for years. Dawn will be working with Joseph Reyes on Measure T projects, thus she will be close by. We wish them both much success in their new ventures!

Congratulations new American citizen!
Leda Polio, Program Assistant for HSI is a proud American! Last week, she took that step after 21 years living here in the United States. She grew up in El Salvador and was raised by her grandparents who she visits every December.
“My family in El Salvador are really happy,” she said. “This coming December when I travel to my country, I will proudly show my US Passport for the first time.”
What an accomplishment!
Welcome babies! Twice the kisses, twice the hugs, twice the love

We are so happy to announce the birth of Emma and Kate Del Real daughters to Counselor for Transfer and Career Center, Mercedes Del Real and her husband Adrian. The fraternal twins were born on May 31, 2017 at 12:45 and 12:46 p.m., Kate at 18 inches long and Emma 17.5 inches.

The proud parents are excited to finally have them in their arms. They are beautiful, healthy, and thriving. Congratulations!

Hartnell College CSEA hosted Paint Nite

Last Friday, the Student Center was filled with talented artists. Belinda Saechao-Jimmeye organized a fundraiser for CSEA and 28 people joined her for some painting, snacking, and sipping on sparkling cider. It was a fun event for all participants. As you can see, they all did a great job!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NASA STEM Day for Teachers/Educators
Sunday, June 11, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Building S, STEM Center at Hartnell College
Registration required: https://goo.gl/ZeuZQL

The Western Stage launches its 43rd Repertory Season with, Born Yesterday
June 10 through July 2, 2017
Details are at westernstage.com.
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Nick Pasculli: and advocate for ag
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2017/05/30/nick-pasculli-advocate-ag/102332804/

Athletics Recruitment Continues as 2017 Seasons Approach

Hartnell Track athletes earn national honors
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2017/05/30/hartnell-track-athletes-earn-national-honors/102329922/

Emily Espino to play ball in San Diego