MILE launches new cohort

The Men’s Institute for Leadership and Education (MILE) Program kicked off its 2017-18 cohort with an intensive leadership training from May 31 - June 2, 2017. Following a competitive application process, 25 male scholars were selected to participate in the year-long program.

The Summer Leadership Program focuses on skills such as emotional intelligence, self-efficacy, time management, and stress management. Scholars worked together to complete a project based on their unique strengths and ability to collaborate. Following completion of the leadership training, students will be paired with trained male mentors who are leaders from the community for quarterly activities. MILE Scholars also receive intensive academic counseling and support services such as textbook lending and laptop lending. Each of the scholars receives a monetary award upon successful completion of the program.

MILE is designed to increase the leadership skills and college completion rates of male students at Hartnell College. MILE is modeled on the highly successful Women’s Education and Leadership Institute, (WELI), but the curriculum and activities are designed specifically for men. Congratulations to MILE Cohort II!
**WELI Cohort VII has started**

The Women's Education and Leadership Institute (WELI) cohort VII has arrived! On May 31, 2017 the 2017-18 group of 25 scholars began their summer life skills training. Over the course of three days, WELI scholars developed confidence and bonded with one another while participating in workshops on finance, healthy relationships, communication skills, and educational planning. WELI is a unique and innovative leadership and mentoring program designed to provide women with the skills and support that they need in order to achieve their educational and professional goals. WELI provides life-changing opportunities for female students. Since 2011, WELI has served 150 students and engaged over 50 women community leaders. On average, WELI scholars have demonstrated 15-20% higher persistence and success rates than non-WELI scholars in their courses at Hartnell. Congratulations WELI cohort VII!

**New Student Trustee is sworn in**

On June 6, 2017 the Hartnell College Board of Trustees welcomed a new student representative to the Governing Board, Rafael Mendoza, who was voted in by his constituents. Trustee Candi DePauw performed the induction. He just concluded his term as president of the Associated Students of Hartnell College where he exercised his leadership skills. He has earned different awards and recognitions during his education here at Hartnell; earlier this year Rafael received the 2017 AHSIE Scholarship in recognition of his academic achievements. In addition to his academics, Rafael is also a part of the Hartnell MILE program.

We wish him the best in this new position and look forward to his contributions. Welcome Rafael!
Graduation Season: a time to pay it forward

Graduation season is a time to celebrate an educational milestone and look forward to the next chapter in one’s life. It is also a time to reflect on the educational journey and acknowledge the individuals that made graduation a reality. This year, Part-time Spanish Instructor Jesus Reyes was invited as alumnus keynote speaker at San Jose State University’s Department of World Languages and Literature graduation. During his keynote address, Instructor Reyes thanked the graduates for their desire to enter the teaching profession. He thanked them for their commitment to teaching and fostering global citizens that will have an understanding of our world languages. Instructor Reyes shared some of his teaching successes and encouraged all graduates to be the best educators they can be. Furthermore, he noted teaching can be very challenging, but also very rewarding. As the graduates begin their professional journey, he reminded them to always have patience and unconditional positive regard for their future students. He noted language acquisition takes time and invited all soon to be educators to consistently make sure to always involve the entire class as some of his best lessons have been formulated by his students.

The graduates were reassured to not be afraid to take risks while teaching, to always be open to new ways of doing things. Instructor Reyes concluded by encouraging the graduates to always trust their instincts. He invited them to reach out to students when they noticed they were absent, reach out to students when they noticed they were struggling, reach out to frustrated and upset students, reach out to students doing well, in essence, to reach out to ALL students. He congratulated them and reminded them that they are ready to conquer the world!

Hartnell Athletics 2016-2017 Recap

Athletics at Hartnell are very important to the college and to me. As a former student-athlete myself, I am able to understand the struggles and challenges each one of our current and former Panthers face every day. I want to share all the accomplishments we had this academic year.

For our fall and winter sports, Women’s Soccer earned the first ever title of Women’s Soccer - Coast Conference South Division Champions. Two players and a coach were recognized as: Player of the Year, Norma Verduzco; Defender of the Year, Maritza Trujillo; and Coach of the
Year, Ivan Guerrero. The Lady Panthers moved to the Northern California playoffs. However, they were defeated in their first round against Fresno City College. **Men’s Soccer** earned the title of *Coast Conference South Division Champions* yet again. Three players and head coach were recognized as: Player of the Year, Javier Alfaro; South Division Midfielder of the Year, Wily Miranda; South Division Defender of the Year, Rigoberto Mariscal; and Coach of the Year, Daniel Ortega, who was also nominated for National Coach of the year. The team had four players awarded All-Northern California Region Team and two players awarded All-American and one All-State.

The Soccer Panthers made it to the third round of playoffs, but they were defeated by Taft College. **Women’s Cross Country** earned 2nd place *Coast Conference South Division* and 3rd place *Northern California*. Yvette Felix and Beatriz Duarte were awarded All-Northern California Runners. **Men’s Cross-Country** earned the *Coast Conference South Division Championship* as well as the *Northern California Championship*. They ended up earning 5th place at the California State Championships. Five student-athletes were awarded All-Northern California Runners: Edgar Bonilla, Jorge Sanchez, Mario Perez, Jr. Andrew Martinez, and Williams Ordaz.

**Women’s Volleyball** finished 3rd place in the *Coast Conference North division* and made regional playoffs as the 10th seed. They played the first round of regional playoffs against Cabrillo. **The Football Team** finished 6-4 in the regular season and played in the Stadium 76 Bowl in Merced, which they lost 14-13. Donyae Moody led the league in tackles per game with 11.3 and Sherrod Hawkes led the league in rushing yards per game (104.5) and touchdowns (9). Nine players were selected to the All-Conference team. Donyae Moody received a scholarship to continue his career at Marshall University in West Virginia.

This spring season the **Baseball Panthers** finished the regular season at 16-24. This season was an improvement over last year and Coach Travis Babin’s winning percentage has gone up every year since he has taken over the program. **Women’s Softball** finished the regular season at 26-10 and placed second in the *Coast South Conference*. The team advanced to the California Community College Regional Championships and faced Diablo Valley in the first round. The Lady Panthers lost the best of three by 2 runs. Angelina Ruiz ranks second in Northern California with 33 stolen bases; 3 players earned All Nor-Cal recognition, 4 players earned first team all-league honors, and 4 players earn second team honors.

**Men’s and Women’s Track and Field** finished second in the conference championship. The Men’s team won the 3k steeplechase,
1,500 meters, 800 meters, 5,000 meters, and 10,000 meters. The Women’s team enjoyed conference overall champions in the 1500 meters, 5000 meters, 10,000 meters, and long jump. We are so proud of all the accomplishments made this past year and look forward to the beginning of a new academic year. Go Panthers!

**Graduation stories 2017 – Celebrating you and yours!**

**Pearl Ramos,** kindergarten graduate from Boronda Meadows Elementary School. Degree: sassiness!

*Michelle Ramos (K-12 STEM Programs Coordinator)*

**Daughter, Erica Kaczmar.** Graduated on May 28, 2017 from Monterey College of Law with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree.

*Debra Kaczmar (Dean of Academic Affairs, Nursing and Allied Health)*

**Son, Aaron Michael Ugale.** Graduated 8th Grade from Buena Vista Middle School. Aaron will be attending Salinas High School in the fall where he plans to play football and lacrosse. Go Cowboys! After high school, Aaron plans to go to college to further his education. He is thinking about pursuing a career in criminal justice. Proud Parents: Ted & Terri Ugale

Biggest Fan: Little sister Aubrey

**Terri Ugale (Executive Assistant, Office of Institutional Advancement)**

**Daughter, Yanayvette Rivera** graduating from Marina High School. She will be attending CSU Sacramento in the fall.

**Betty Rivera (Library Services Specialist)**
Son, Nicholas Westfall (age 6) graduated from Kindergarten from Dual Immersion Academy of Salinas. He is excited to continue bilingual education and go to first grade. Nicholas plans to be an astronaut, police officer or veterinarian. Cristina Westfall (Administrative Assistant, Office of Institutional Advancement)

Granddaughter, Irie Danielle Cunningham graduated from Everett Alvarez High School. She will be attending Hartnell College starting in the summer 2017 taking prerequisite classes; she will be majoring in Registered Nursing. Antonia Jaime (EOPS Coordinator)

Son, Torin Laurence Pyer-Pereira, graduated from Hartnell College on Friday with honors, liberal studies with a sociology concentration (and a certificate), and then graduated the next day from MPC with a degree in theatre arts. He'll be a junior next fall at CSUMB where he'll study ecotourism in their sustainable hospitality program. Sister Tiana flew in from Chicago to celebrate with us! Terri Pyer (Associate VP, Human Resources & Equal Employment Opportunity)

In the front is Bruce Arao (son of Yoshiko Matsushita-Arao, Psychology instructor and Jim Arao). In the back is Ted Wheat (son of Nancy Wheat, Biology Instructor and Jeff Wheat). A world of coincidences:
Both Bruce and Ted graduated from Monterey High School.
Both were enrolled in the Monterey Academy of Oceanographic Sciences (MAOS) at MHS.
Both were inducted into the National Honor Society.
Both finished in the Top 10 Senior scholastic students in academic excellence.
Both played Varsity Tennis.
The two of them were doubles partners on the tennis team this year.
Both will be going to U.C. Santa Barbara in the fall (Bruce will major in Economics and Ted will major in Geology).
Bruce and Ted are friends as well as our families.
Yoshiko Matsushita-Arao (Psychology Instructor), Nancy Wheat (Biology Instructor)

Son, Isaac Ollin Nevarez, graduated 8th grade from Palma.
He will continue at Palma for high school and is excited for his future in higher education.
Augustine Nevarez (Director of Student Affairs – Student Life)

Son, Alden Glazier just graduated with the second graduating class at Millennium Charter High School in Salinas. He will be starting at Hartnell this summer.
Marnie Glazier (Faculty)

Daughter, Sierra graduated from Salinas High School.
Louanne Raras (HR Specialist)

Brother, Jesus Edeza graduated from CSUMB with a B.S.
Mathematics. The family is so proud of him.
Delia Edeza (Administrative Assistant)
**Daughter, Callie Santana** promoted from the 6th grade at University Park School with two Scholastic Achievement Awards for Language Arts and Citizenship. She will attend Washington Middle School in the fall.

*Jennifer Santana (Accounting Assistant)*

**Daughter, Annabel Uribe** Graduated from Gonzales Middle with perfect attendance K-8, Academic Athletic Award, honors GPA 3.4 or higher for 3 out of 4 quarters. Attending Gonzales High in the fall. Future plans are either military or pediatric physical therapist.

*Dina Uribe (Administrative Assistant)*

**Daijah Marie Mottu** graduated from Main Street Middle School and is excited to have been promoted to attend high school next fall.

*Belen Gonzales (Curriculum/Scheduling Specialist)*

**Son, Joseph M. Velasquez** graduated from CSUMB, May 20, 2017 with a degree in Human Communication.

*Lolinda Velasquez (Library Technician II)*

**Daughter, Alexa Zavala** promoting from the 6th grade at Steinbeck Elementary School on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, will be attending Washington Middle School in the fall. Awards received: A/B Honor Roll and 1st Place Accelerated Reader in her class.

*Cristina Zavala (Administrative Assistant)*
Son Kevin Chew Figueroa at Cal Poly Pomona after earning bachelor’s degree in Computer Engineering. Ben Figueroa (VP of Administrative Services)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS
The Western Stage launches its 43rd Repertory Season:

**Born Yesterday**
Studio Theater
June 10 through July 2, 2017

**Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson**
Mainstage Theater
July 8 – 29, 2017
Details are at [westernstage.com](http://westernstage.com).
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Monterey County community colleges set high schoolers on a college path

Area colleges receive nearly $1.5M in federal grants
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2017/05/26/area-colleges-receive-neargbhhly-15m-federal-grants/102204892/?utm_source=MBEP+Partners+and+Members&utm_campaign=d515f9ad0a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_06_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f86ad571a4-d515f9ad0a-133591241&mc_cid=d515f9ad0a&mc_eid=60ed8e917

Panthers softball looking to build strong season
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2017/06/06/panthers-softball-looking-build-off-strong-season/375938001/

Golden Opportunity: Local Olympians set to inspire on Olympic Day at Hartnell College