Salinas Aviation Day – a surprise for dozens of students

Last week, students from the Salinas City Elementary School District were surprised when they realized that their "walking field trip" was really an almost personal mini Air Show, right in our backyard! The group ended up at the local Salinas Municipal Airport; the tour was led by Brett Godown.

California Air National Guard Lt. Col. Jose G. Agredano came with members of the 130th Air Rescue Squadron from Moffett Field. They did a fly over Salinas (#AFFLYOVER) and landed a C-130 military transport aircraft. To the surprise of our students, they later came into the airport and were received by Councilwoman Gloria de la Rosa, representing Salinas City Mayor; airport authorities; and myself.

Students heard the guests talk about college, careers, and following their dreams, plus, they got autographs, pictures, and tours of some of the aircrafts at the airport.

Our friend Jeff Mitchell (former Media Group Community Connection Event leader at the Salinas Californian) called us a few months ago and asked if we would like to partner with him in making this day happen.

Special thanks go to our incredible K-12 STEM Programs staff and teachers who walked with the students and made things flow!

A photo album is available at https://goo.gl/photos/ewMpKkPiSe4Ubbr7
Students are main attraction at Fresh Tech Expo

Earlier in June, Hartnell College was part of the Fresh Tech Expo in Chicago. We were the only community college invited to participate in the University Showcase which featured the leading Agriculture Schools in the nation. Hartnell was also the only institution of higher learning to bring students to the event, all the other universities only have faculty and staff. Our students attended education sessions including FreshTec (technology focused), FreshMkt (marketing and consumer trends focused), and a VIP reception with leaders from all over the industry.

They staffed a display on the show floor and met with hundreds of industry leaders in the three days.

"By the end of the show our students were famous, and everyone I met knew who they were and knew who Hartnell College was," proudly shared Adjunct Professor, Nicholas Pasculli.

The attendees experienced the entire fresh produce supply chain from grower to retailer in a business-friendly environment, offering strategic insights, innovative solutions and new partnerships to take sales and profitability to the next level. New FreshMKT features also focus on prepared meal solutions, convenient snack items, fresh juices, salsas, soups and dips, and much more! It was all about providing business models and programs with innovative ideas, concepts and lessons from the future.

The students in attendance were Maria Guadalupe Duran, Brittany Rocha-Anaya, Mayra Miranda, and Jacqueline Gasca, accompanied by Director of the Agriculture Business Technology Institute, Dr. Susan Pheasant, and faculty member Nicholas Pasculli.

Presidential Scholarship Awarded to Dr. Ting

Institutional Research Analyst, Dr. Layheng Ting, has been selected as an awardee of a presidential scholarship from the Data and Decisions Academy of the Association for Institutional Research (AIR). The AIR’s Data and Decisions Academy is committed to building capacity in institutional research and data use at two-year institutions. To help achieve that goal, AIR offers Data and Decisions Academy Presidential Scholarships, designed for early career institutional research practitioners, faculty/staff exploring future roles in IR or assessment, and others who collect and manage data for institutional effectiveness and improvement. Scholarships are intended to broaden
access to the Academy’s unique online courses, which build practical IR skills needed to support data-informed decision-making.

Dr. Ting is currently enrolled in Longitudinal Tracking for Institutional Research and will take Designing IR Research after. She exclaims that she is both happy and honored to be rewarded with the opportunity to attend the beneficial courses that will refresh and enrich her in educational concept regarding research. She enjoys the course and materials that she is learning. Congratulations!

Our talented faculty featured in a state publication

Faculty members, Dr. Marnie Glazier (Theatre Arts and Cinema Faculty Lead), Dr. Hortencia Jimenez (Sociology Department), and Hermelinda Rocha-Tabera (Ethnic Studies) were featured in The Community College Moment’s seventeenth volume for spring 2017. Their project on civic engagement was a collaboration for the Drought Project titled: Drought, Sustenance, and Sustainability in the Salinas Valley and Beyond: A year Long Multidisciplinary Collaboration.

The article highlighted Dr. Glazier’s Devised Theater Course, which is a course aimed at teaching students how to devise a performance piece, based on collaboration and interdisciplinary research by utilizing a combination of community dialogue, interviews, ethnographic and auto ethnographic field-work, research and reflection into a performance. The Drought Project was aimed to create awareness by highlighting the recent drought and water conservation problems in the Salinas Valley, along with community disparities in combination with social and ethnic problems. The project as a whole proved an invaluable pedagogical opportunity for faculty, staff, and students, as well as for the community members and industry leaders who became involved in the creation of the performance and the continuing development of solution-focused projects and dialogue surrounding drought. To access the publication online visit this link: https://www.lanecc.edu/ccmoment

The CDC gets quality rating!

The Child Development Center (CDC) received a score of 5/5 on the Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS). This is a new system and the rating is given to centers in the area based on rigorous quality standards. The CDC was told from the outside raters that no center is ever rated five the first time. Hartnell CDC is proud to be the only five rated center in the county. Well done team!
Summer Health Institute at Hartnell

Twenty-two Summer Health Institute high school interns spent a week with Hartnell nursing faculty and nursing and respiratory care practitioner students. The interns completed case study research projects and earned American Heart Association Basic Life Support certification. The five-week program, co-sponsored with Salinas Valley Healthcare System, includes a four-week experience at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital during which interns learn from healthcare practitioners and administrators. The program was co-created in 2002 by Rachel Failano, the assistant director for the vocational nursing program. This program proves that hands-on is a great way to expose our students to real-life situations thus increasing their skills and confidence.

ASHC holds its first meeting with new student body officers

On June 22, 2017 in the Office of Student Life, the Associated Students of Hartnell College gathered together for their first initial meeting as new student body officers. TRiO student members attended the meeting as well, in order to support and collaborate on student success. New ASHC President, Nelida Ponce directed the meeting along with Augustine Nevarez, Director of Student Affairs. The meeting included the ASHC’s agenda for the upcoming academic year and focused on important topics such as, approving a budget to support the CCCSAA Student Leadership Conference and their new theme: Fostering the Panthers of today, to become the scholars of tomorrow. We know the new academic year will be eventful with this new leadership.

A show of appreciation for our partnership with the Airshow

On June 19, 2017, the Hartnell College Foundation got a visit from Don Chapin, president of the California International Airshow and board of director, Justin Roberts, who presented VP of Advancement and Development, Jackie Cruz, Dean Shannon Bliss, and I with a symbolic show of appreciation for the partnership that Hartnell STEM and Ag faculty and staff have developed with the airshow throughout the years. This partnership is an alliance to bring youth from San Ardo, King City Greenfield, Soledad,
Gonzales, Chualar and Salinas the opportunity to experience a day of exciting STEM experiences. Over 600 youth from local elementary schools have the opportunity to meet world renowned pilots, STEM professionals and to participate in creative thinking and hands on activities in physics, soil science, biology, auto tech simulation, aerospace engineering and coding.

**Panther Learning Labs are ready to help**

It’s time to spread the good news! The Panther Learning Labs are here and ready to help our students. The labs provide students with qualified student tutors in various academic areas. Tutors support a student’s regular instructional program through individual and small-group tutoring, providing support, motivation, and encouragement. These services are **FREE** to all Hartnell College students.

Tutorial Services and the Panther Learning Labs offer free Math, English and ESL workshops, Math Academy Lifeline Tutoring, Supplemental Instruction (SI), study groups, conversation groups, online resources, and peer tutoring for a variety of academic courses. The centers recruit, hire, and train supplemental instruction leaders, group tutors and drop-in tutors, as well as support and promote PLTL, SI and tutorial services on the **Main Campus (Bldg. E), Alisal Campus, and at King City Education Center**. Students interested in teaching careers are strongly encouraged to apply for tutorial positions.

To learn more about classroom presentations of our services or to request a tutor for a specific subject visit us at: [http://www.hartnell.edu/tutorial-services](http://www.hartnell.edu/tutorial-services)

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**Student-Athlete Spotlight - Summer Camp Volunteers**

On June 19, 2017 the Hartnell College Women’s Basketball offered their annual camp and welcomed over 20 girls during the four-day basketball bash. Women’s Basketball Head Coach Destiny Grijalva directed the camp. The camp could not have run as smoothly if it was not for our student-athletes volunteering their time to teach campers their techniques.

Student-Athletes **Erica Cano, Martha Grimes, and Lannie Calunsag** offered their time to coach and teach these girls basic basketball skills. **Erica** volunteered to be at the camp all week. She is a returning sophomore and is planning to graduate and transfer next Spring, Erica will pursue a career as a K-6 teacher. “I enjoy being at the camp because they remind me of how I started to play basketball; my favorite part of the camp is to coach the girls one on one on how to shoot,” explained Erica.
Martha also volunteered to be at the camp all week; she is a returning sophomore majoring in Kinesiology. “I enjoyed being here every day because I got to teach them new moves and skills but also the most rewarding thing was to see how much they improved at the end of the camp.” Martha expressed.

Lannie also volunteered in the camp. She is a sophomore and will be working toward a career in criminal justice.

**Girls Basketball Summer Camp was a Blast!**

On June 19, 2017 the Hartnell College Women’s Basketball team hosted their annual girls’ basketball camp – a week long affair. This year we welcomed about 21 girls, ages ranging from 7 to 18 years old. The camp featured technique and skills workshops. Women’s Basketball Head Coach, Destiny Grijalva directed and organized the camp along with her Assistant Coach, Jenarious Therman. “I enjoy imprinting and cultivating the love for basketball in these girls; I want to offer them the best experience possible so that they continue to enjoy the game,” shared Coach Grijalva. The camp began early in the mornings at nine and ended at noon every day last week. “I want to see this camp grow and have more little girls be involved in basketball here in our community,” she added. We expect to see more faces next year for this camp and we encourage high school students to volunteer and accumulate community service hours. We hope to see all our campers come back next year. Go Panthers!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Western Stage launches its 43rd Repertory Season with:
- *Born Yesterday*
- *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*
Details are at [westernstage.com](http://westernstage.com).
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

USA Track and Field Championships: Daniel Tapia hopes to open eyes in the 10,000

Hartnell to induct 14 into athletic Hall of Fame
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2017/06/22/hartnell-induct-14-into-athletic-hall-fame/103100260/

Stek Award recipient seeks to solve atomic structure of human astrovirus