Hartnell receives $250,000 grant to support a “Makerpace”

On Friday, I received a letter informing us that Hartnell College was selected for a 2017-18 Implementation Grant in the amount of $250,000 from CCC Maker initiative funded by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office, Workforce & Economic Development Division.

“We are excited to continue our work with Hartnell College to build a statewide makerspace community of practice and reinforce our mantra ‘we’re all in this together,’” said Statewide Project Manager, Carol Pepper-Kittredge in her letter. Makerspaces, sometimes also referred to as fablabs are creative, DIY spaces where people can gather to create, invent, and learn. They often have 3D printers, software, electronics, craft and hardware supplies and tools, and more. This initiative will provide additional opportunities for innovation around STEM, art, and other disciplines.

During the next year, we’ll be working with Chancellor’s Office to strengthen the community of practice; support faculty and student leadership through the implementation phase, and thrust Hartnell to become recognized as a best practice model for education innovation. This grant can be renewed for the 2018-19 academic year based on a satisfactory review of the implementation.

STEM Summer Interns gather to meet and speak of their progress

On Friday, July 14, 2017, the STEM Center was filled with powerful young minds who are currently participating in the 2017 STEM Summer Internship program. These students are working with world-class researchers in the Central Coast and all over the United States.
The group of about 50 is preparing to design a poster board with each research and its findings and some will be selected to present at this year’s STEM Internship Symposium on August 19, 2017. At this gathering, they enjoyed good company, lunch, were photographed for the annual program, wrote their research synopsis, and had sessions about what to expect at the symposium.

Each year, I am impressed and proud of the work these students perform.

**New course has its start – students learn ag basics**

The Bilingual *Intro to Landscaping, Horticulture and Irrigation Course* is off to a good start. This pilot introductory not-for-credit course began at the Alisal campus on Friday, July 7, 2017. It will help individuals become knowledgeable in general landscaping, horticulture and irrigation practices. Students are engaging and learning the fundamental soil concepts, irrigation systems, plant selection and nutrition, equipment maintenance and safety, preventative pest management, and crop protection. This is a 5-week course, free and open to the public.

**Dr. Brisson takes Nutrition 1 Class to Chinatown**

This week, the customers and staff at Dorothy’s Kitchen were treated to a Salinas Valley meal featuring the De Leon family recipe, Frijoles Charros plus Salinas Salad Bowl, and special homemade brownies with fresh raspberries and strawberries.

“I hope the raspberries came in handy, I picked them myself,” shared nutrition student, Crystal Hernandez. Dorothy’s Place is a non-profit agency that provides warm meals, case management, and other services such as health care clinics, showers, job assistance and much more. Students were given a quick tour of 4 of these services. The goal of this outreach was met as students from South County, Salinas, North County, and Capitola worked together to provide nourishment and smiles for the homeless and very low income persons attending the lunch in Chinatown, while interactively learning about hunger, malnutrition, and food safety. Dr. Elsa Brisson stated that the purpose of “Community Nutrition in Action” is to challenge the students to get out and work one on one with the homeless population, instead of just reading about it.

This project has been a popular assignment for a long time and for the first time, summer session classes
participated with 30 Nutrition 1 students and interns. The event is supported by the Hartnell community through the Community Nutrition Fund at the Foundation. We stretch these funds by being a member agency of the Food Bank for Monterey County. On Tuesday, Francesca Caver, student intern and student Gabriela Chavez and her dad, and student Iris, met at the Food Bank to shop for 200 portions of Beans (24 lbs.), salad and dessert in 15 minutes! The main event took place in Chinatown on Wednesday, July 12, 2017. Eight student volunteered for the whole day and the other 14 cooks were distributed among four 3-hour shifts. Nutrition Student, Marisol Vasquez exclaimed, “This is a great mission, being able to help feed those that are in need of a meal because homelessness does not discriminate against anyone, we may end up in the same situation and need empathy and a warm meal.”

Alexis Muñoz shining at UCSC
We are proud to see students thriving to achieve their academic goals. Alexis Muñoz who transferred to UCSC last fall is a perfect example. While at UCSC, she will be conducting research within the chemistry department. Her long-term goal is to use her chemistry training towards attending medical school, which was inspired by a love of pediatrics. With her medical degree, she plans to work on the Mercy Ship for the United States Navy (USN). Her passion is to inspire children from all backgrounds to pursue an education in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). She is currently conducting research at UCSC as a summer research intern in the academic bridge program for Assisting Computer Engineering Computer Science Electrical Engineering Student Success (ACCESS) in biomedical science. Her research project is titled Exploring the California Coast for Chemical Diversity: Marine-Derived Gram-Negative Bacteria as a Source of Novel Natural Products. This research project will culminate in a poster presentation at the annual Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) conference held in Washington, DC. Alexis plans to transfer to Stanford School of Medicine, and enroll in the Neuroscience PhD Program.

Health Career Connections Intern, Diana Tamayo
During the school year, we get to hire and work with exceptional student workers and interns. Diana Tamayo is interning for Nursing and Allied Health and Dean Debra Kaczmar submitted her story because of her exceptional work ethic and dedication. Tamayo is from King City and graduated from Hartnell with a concentration in Biology and Chemistry in Spring 2017 and will be transferring to UC Santa Barbara to obtain a B.S in Microbiology and a minor in Spanish. She served as a Supplemental Instructor
for Zoology for three semesters and enjoyed passing her knowledge on to other students. “I aim to get a Master’s degree in either Infectious Disease or Epidemiology,” she says. “I’d like to travel to other countries to conduct research on how diseases spread, and where they come from. With this, I’d like to educate the community on how to prevent and deal with pathogens.”

Diana is the current intern for Health Career Connections: Salinas Valley Health Professions Pathways Partnership, part of the Nursing and Allied Health Program at Hartnell. She connects with students and faculty whom are all part of the essential field of health care. Diana observes and participates in simulations which are essential for tomorrow’s health care providers. “I have also had the pleasure of conducting research with Dean Kaczmar, which involves the importance of the Hispanic community and education in Northern California,” she commented.

In her spare time, Diana likes to cook, travel, and listen to music.

**Staff participate in professional Development**

As a recipient of the Professional Development Committee Travel and Conference Grant award, Herbert Cortez attended the 3rd annual working group meeting for the Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL) National Consortium on College Men of Color (NCCMC). As a Hartnell ambassador, Herbert represented the college and participated in a two-day conference to discuss topics on “Cultural Identity in College, Leveraging Equity Planning and Equity-minded Institutional Research.” Institutions sent teams to complete the "Equity Root Cause Analysis" and attendants learned about strategic steps for equity implementation on their campus.

**Nominations needed for Student-Faculty-Staff-Manager Award 2017**

We are looking for your nominations for the Student-Faculty-Staff-Manager Recognition Award 2017. We are celebrating its third year thanks to the Hartnell College Foundation in collaboration with the Advancement Council and a gracious donor.

This program is to recognize one student, two faculty (one full time and one adjunct), and four staff members (CSEA, Confidential, L-39, and management) who embody the "I am Hartnell" motto for 2017. The seven (7) awardees will receive:

- Hartnell Heart memento
- Engraved brick for recognition walkway (by Library)
- $100 gift card
- Certificate of Recognition
The nomination form is simple and user-friendly; it consists of short answers to just 4 questions. 
To nominate those you believe should receive this special recognition, go to: 
https://goo.gl/forms/bz6yGMbQCeUTtvK62
Once you submit the nomination, you will receive a link confirming your submission. You are allowed to nominate as many individuals as you’d like, but no more than one nomination for the same person.

Volleyball Camp Rocks!

On July 10, 2017 the Hartnell College Volleyball team hosted its annual summer camp and welcomed over one hundred girls! The campers were ages seven to sixteen years old. The camp was divided into two groups. One group focused on more advanced skills and the other focused on basic fundamentals of the game. “We had a really mixed bag this year, girls from all over the place participated in the camp,” commented Head Coach Jamie Pedroza. In addition to the huge amount of campers this year, we had a lot of siblings participating plus more than sixty girls returned from our camp last year! “It’s really nice to see this many campers, especially having so many come back from last year. My favorite part of the camp is seeing these girls develop their skills throughout the week,” Coach Pedroza added. I am proud to say that our camps are growing each year. We look forward to seeing new and familiar faces in 2018. Go Panthers!

The Watt Family tradition with Tennis

On July 3, 2017 the Hartnell College Softball Head Coach, Andy Watt along with his family hosted the annual co-ed Tennis summer camp. “My daughter Kasey has been out here since she was old enough to play. She has been a camper, a helper and now a coach for the camp,” commented Coach Watt. “There is not much tennis around Salinas, so our main objective is to connect and give back to our community.” explained Kasey. This camp has been active for at least the past 20 years! “We want to continue making tennis available to our youth here in Salinas. We would
like for all our campers to pursue the sport as they grow older,” said volunteer Cathy Watt. We hope to see more campers in the years to come and continue this tradition of promoting a healthy lifestyle.

**Tennis Camp is Back!**

On July 3, 2017 the Hartnell College Softball Head coach Andrew Watt hosted the Annual Tennis Summer Camp. The camp welcomed about 20 campers, ages 7 to 14 years old. “This camp has become a family tradition; my wife Cathy, my daughter, and my son have been part of the camps since I started working here at Hartnell,” explained, Softball Head Coach Andy Watt. During the camp, kids learned fundamentals of tennis, such as forehand, block hand and smash. Due to the size of the camp, children were able to have more one–on-one coaching from volunteers as well as plenty of practice time. “I’d like to keep this camp small, just because in tennis, practice is very important to getting the hang of the game. If we had more volunteers, I would be happy to expand the camp,” Continued Coach Watt. This co-ed camp was well balanced by having a good amount of boys and girls. We encourage high school seniors to participate in these camps and earn community service hours. We are proud to offer this type of camp since there is very little emphasis on tennis in our area. We hope to see more campers next year. Go Panthers!

**A classroom benefits from motivational presentation by staff**

Professor and Counselor Flora Payne invited our Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro to be a guest speaker at the summer session of Counseling 1. These presentations are given to students to expose them to different careers, hear about the speakers’ educational journey, and find similarities in their personal and professional voyage. “Everything Esmeralda spoke about just emphasized what I’ve been teaching my students,” expressed Professor Payne. This was the second time that Esmeralda presented for Payne. More than 25 students in attendance were engaged and had a lot of good questions. As an added bonus, they all received special Hartnell souvenirs at the end of the session.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Vocational Nursing Associate Degree Information Session
Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 3:45 PM
Student Services Building, B-110.

The Western Stage launches its 43rd Repertory Season with:
-Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson
July 8 – 29, 2017
Details are at westernstage.com

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Get your geek on at Hartnell College’s shiny new planetarium
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/entertainment/art/get-your-geek-on-at-hartnell-college-s-shiny-new/article_cf2293e2-61cf-11e7-92be-175ab5f5cc74.html

Hundreds attend 2017 AgTech Summit in Salinas

County Clipboard: Nine to be inducted into Salinas Valley Hall of Fame

California university uses grant to boost ag majors

Western Stage presents rock musical “Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson”
Western Stage tackles a profane and gnarly punk-rock historical musical
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/entertainment/art/western-stage-tackles-a-profane-and-gnarly-punk-rock-historical/article_2a1f20a4-61cf-11e7-8678-ff4593ef968e.html

BKM Healthy Foods
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/food_wine/reviews/bkm-healthy-foods/article_0d6736e8-61d6-11e7-93d7-0b68939319a4.html

Charter Review Committee’s Proposed Two 3-Member Council Election Districts Doesn’t Give City Safe Harbor from CVRA

Zuniga seeks different approach to teaching math