Hartnell receives $261,000 to support Adult Education and Workforce Development in our area

Hartnell College was awarded $261,000 through the Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium (SVAEC) to implement adult education services in 2017-2018. This is an increase from last year’s award of $223,000. Hartnell is one of the 7 consortium members; the others include five local adult schools and Monterey County Office of Education. The SVAEC is funded by Assembly Bill 104 and supports the development of regional academic and career services for nontraditional adults, particularly those unemployed or underemployed. Some examples of what have been accomplished thus far include:

- increase in outreach, college pathways, and services to nontraditional adults
- contextualized basic skills support for CTE students
- exposure to opportunities at Hartnell through pilot courses including: a series of Spanish computer courses, Introduction to Building Trades, and Introduction to Landscaping
- development of a farmworker program to improve technical and supervisory skills (course will be offered in the fall), developed in collaboration with Driscoll’s and Hartnell’s Director of Farmworker Education, Clementina Macias
- advocacy and support for the development of noncredit courses including, noncredit ESL and CTE courses; collaboration with the Noncredit Task Force headed by Kathy Mendelsohn and Dr. Kelly Locke

“I am so glad Hartnell is offering this computer class in Spanish because all jobs are now posted on the internet and want you to apply online. I had never used a computer before,” commented one of our students. Moving forward, Hartnell College’s Adult Education looks to continue the aforementioned services, as well as:

- working in collaboration with DSPS to provide learning disabilities services to adults
- partnering with various departments to create and promote noncredit on-ramps and off-ramps
- exploring more education and vocational training options viable as noncredit offerings
increased transition support for non-traditional adult student

Noncredit courses increase access to education and training because they are tuition free, repeatable, and open to the public. Noncredit courses are intended to support basic skills, job skills, and provide a low-risk transition to higher education. For more information please contact Ana González, Director of Adult Education and Workforce Development, at 831-755-6719 or agonzalez@hartnell.edu.

Teacher Pathway Cohort broadens its scope

At the King City Education Center, the Teacher Pathway cohort activities continue as students from the inaugural cohort are registered for 2 summer courses. Recently, they visited La Gloria School House Museum at San Lorenzo Park in King City and participated in a private tour of the schoolhouse. The one-room schoolhouse provided a unique opportunity to view their future profession as educators through a historical lens. The event was organized by counselors/instructors Gabriela Lopez and Sergio Diaz along with Dr. Antonio Gallardo, instructor at CSUMB.

Faculty attend annual Student Parent Support Symposium

Ethnic Studies Professor, Dr. Nereida Oliva and Sociology Professor, Dr. Hortencia Jiménez attended the annual Student Parent Support Symposium in Endicott College, Massachusetts from June 14-16, 2017. Both instructors have been working on a collaborative research project on student parents at Hartnell College for the last year. They conducted several focus group interviews in the spring 2016 and qualitative interviews in the spring 2017. They presented a working paper titled “Chicana/Latina Student Mothers’ Trenzas de Identidades in the Community College.” Lindsey Reichlin Cruise, Senior Research Associate for the Institute for Women’s Policy Research attended their session and to their surprise, Lindsey is the niece of one of the Hartnell College board members! Lindsey was impressed with the presentation and reached out to offer help as Dr. Oliva and Dr. Jiménez continue with their research. They gained valuable information on student parents and had the opportunity to network and meet with other academics doing similar research on the same topic. At Hartnell College, Dr. Oliva and Dr. Jiménez plan to create a student parent club and organize a workshop for the annual student success conference in the spring 2018. Dr. Oliva and Dr. Jiménez would like to give special
thanks to Moises Almendariz, Director of Hispanic Serving Institution Initiatives and the HSI Leadership Team committee.

Curriculum and Scheduling Team attend Statewide Academic Senate Curriculum Institute

The Curriculum and Scheduling team and a group of faculty are attending the Statewide Academic Senate Curriculum Institute. There have been significant changes to curricular processes in recent times, including local certification for approval of credit courses, and these changes can be daunting to navigate.

The 2017 Curriculum Institute provided a number of interactive workshops and breakout sessions to equip curriculum committee members and staff with the tools and knowledge they need as new curricular efforts emerge around Hartnell College. During lunch, Dr. Locke enjoyed a little knitting while in good company with colleagues. In photo above, from left to right - Gabriela Lopez, James Todd, Herbert Cortez, Deborah Stevens, Dr. Kelly Locke, Dr. Celine Pinet, Belen Gonzales, Cheryl O'Donell, and Lisa Storm.

Promoting HEP and its services

Last week, the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) had a media push and was featured in Noticias Univision 67 at 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. news. In addition, Univision 67 invited Director of HEP, Eric Becerra, and HEP Alumna, Maria Salinas, to also appear in the weekly segment Despierta Costa Central. The guest host was Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen. This is part of a marketing plan to bring awareness of HEP to our Latino community. More interviews are scheduled in the next few weeks with Radio Bilingue and La Preciosa Radio.
Advancement delivers a teambuilding day like no other

On Thursday, July 27, 2017, the Office of Institutional Advancement held its quarterly teambuilding activities. The office gathered at the Harden Foundation to enjoy a day of insight, reflection, relaxation, and teamwork activities including a yoga lesson. The day began with each reflecting on the most important thing that happened to them professionally and personally. That followed by discussion based on the book Strengths Finder 2.0, which the team read prior to the retreat; an assessment comes with the book. The group of 11 learned what each member’s strengths are and how they complement each other. The day continued with a 1-hour yoga session facilitated by Nick Fortino from Yoga Bella Studio in Gilroy. It was a challenging and soulful time for the participants. For some, it was their very first yoga class! Teambuilding continued with a savory lunch and a painting lesson at Roaring Mice Studio in Old Town Salinas and each painted an elephant. What a way to bond and re-energize for this new academic year.

All-sport week camp a success

On the week of July 24, 2017, Hartnell College Men’s and Women’s Cross Country hosted their annual co-ed All-Sports summer camp. The camp welcomed around 30 children ages 5 to 12. This camp was designed to expose children to Olympic sports, such as: disc golf, badminton, pickle ball, field hockey, lacrosse, water polo, table tennis, dodgeball, foot golf, and rugby. These sports are usually not available at any middle schools or high schools here in the Salinas Valley. “The idea is to expose our community to new sports and hopefully they will pursue that sport in the future. But we are proud to say that their first experience of the sport was here at our summer camps,” explained Cross Country Head Coach, Christopher Zepeda. We look forward to seeing our campers come back next year and we are thrilled to see new faces. Go Panthers!
Action packed kids Track & Field summer camp!

Last week, the Men’s and Women’s Track & Field team hosted their annual Kids Track & Field camp. This year the team welcomed around 70 children ages 5 to 12. Hartnell Track & Field Head coach, Christopher Zepeda, led the camp along with 16 volunteer student-athletes. The week began with a quick introduction to all Track & Field events such as hurdles, long jump, shot put, pole vaulting and a 40-yard dash. For the first time this year, the camp included a quick introduction to kids pole vaulting! During the camp, children are encouraged to continue to practice and pursue the sport by rewarding them daily with “Camper of The Day” recognition for one boy and one girl. On the final day of the camp, kids compete in a track meet within their age group. There are six events and children have the opportunity to earn gold, silver, or bronze.

“I am very appreciative of all the parents in the local area that sign up their kids for these camps,” said Coach Zepeda. “These camps generate a lot of revenue for the Track & Field program, thus you can say the kids are helping us, so we can help our student-athletes.” We hope to see more campers next year. Go Panthers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SIGN UP TODAY!
Week of Welcome Resource Fair
August 15 – 16, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Student Center
Please sign up at: WOW Resource Fair

SAVE THE DATE!
Family Science and Health Day
October 15, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
More details to come!

Vocational Nursing Associate Degree
Information Session
Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 3:45 PM
Student Services Building, B-110.
The Western Stage presents
In the Heights
August 26 – September 16, 2017
Mainstage
Details are at westernstage.com

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK
Coming to Hartnell this fall – a freshman with political talent and ambition

Angel Gonzalez gets inducted
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/people/face_to_face/angel-gonzalez/article_e389f676-725b-11e7-8e30-ef65fa2ce100.html

His Final Picture
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