Hartnell with the Top Respiratory Care Program in the State!

The outcomes for student and program success continue to pour in! According to the 2016 Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) Annual Report, Hartnell College is the top program in California with 100% credentialed respiratory therapists, 100% job placement for graduates, and 100% for both employer and graduate satisfaction surveys.

Our class of 2017 graduates have all passed the therapist multiple choice exam at the registered respiratory therapist (RRT) level. The national average success rate for the registered respiratory therapist exam is 72.7% and the national job placement average is 84.3%. For more on these great outcomes, go to: http://www.coarc.com/47.html Scroll down and click on "Outcomes Data* from 2016 CoARC Annual Report of Current Status (RCS) for Entry into Respiratory Care Professional Practice Programs."

Congratulations to the entire Nursing and Allied Health team!

2017 Bob Johnson AG Tour – eye opening stats impress guests

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 a group of Hartnell employees along with employees from CSUMB, Monterey Bay Aquarium, among others, attended the 2017 Bob Johnson Ag Tour. The tour provides the attendees with a glimpse of how the Salinas Valley produces healthy food for a nation.

Hartnell’s Board Member, Candi DePauw along with the Monterey County Agricultural Education, Inc. (MCAE) organizes the Bob Johnson Ag Tour twice per year. MCAE is a non-profit organization of agriculturalists, educators, and interested
parties dedicated to fostering respect and appreciation of Monterey County’s number one industry – AGRICULTURE. The group received important information from Norm Groot before riding in a minibus provided by Tanimura & Antle, to visit the Green Rubber/Kennedy Ag installations along with an Ag-field stop at Pasco Farms. Adam Soares gave an in-depth look at implantation and harvesting.
At the end of the tour guests were treated to a complimentary lunch and a presentation on the MCAE’s Annual Farm Day, coordinated by Trustee DePauw, which is scheduled for later this fall.
The Hartnell staff who joined Trustee DePauw are: Dr. Lori Kildal, VP of Academic Affairs; Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen; Director of Adult Education & Workforce Development, Ana Gonzalez; and Administrative Assistant for President’s Office, Cristina Zavala.
The Monterey County Agricultural Education has been an active advocate for agriculture since the mid-1980s. The Farm Day Experience is MCAE’s primary program and in the first twenty years it has reached approximately 130,000 third graders; 26,000 parents (as chaperones); and hundreds of third grade teachers in Monterey County. During each school year, every third grade class in Monterey County is invited to attend one of three events, reaching approximately 6,500 students annually. The Farm Day Experience provides basic, current facts about the agricultural industry of our county, gives students and teachers the opportunity to become familiar with food production, and makes the important, personal contact with farming that has been lost through increased urbanization. It also gives those involved in our industry a chance to interact with the enthusiastic and interested children – and adults.
For inquiries regarding Farm Day on October 26th and volunteer sign up, please contact Candi DePauw at (831) 905-3669 or email candi@razzolink.com.

Counselor Sergio Diaz appointed Planning Commissioner, Soledad
Sergio Diaz is co-coordinator to the Teacher Pathway Program housed at the King City Educational Center. Presently, and for the past three years, he has served as an academic counselor and instructor at Hartnell College in various programs like General Counseling, TRIO, EOPS, Non-Credit, ECE, Basic
Skills and Veterans Services. He also has a passion for city government. Sergio was recently appointed to serve as a planning commissioner for the City of Soledad. Sergio says he looks forward to work in collaboration with city leaders and to make a difference in the community in which he grew up. He is excited to bring new energy and ideas to represent all residents of Soledad.

He is a graduate from Soledad High School, who at the age of 17 moved to Fresno to attend Fresno State University where he earned a B.A in Liberal Studies, Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, Pupil Personnel Services Credential, and a Master’s of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling. While attending Fresno State, Sergio met his wife who is now a Registered Nurse. Sergio has worked in a wide range of industries. As a young boy and teen, he worked long days with his father picking grapes and harvesting broccoli throughout South Monterey County, during summer and winter breaks. He has also worked as a car salesperson, 6th grade teacher, and juvenile probation officer for Kings County. To learn more about his appointment, visit this link: https://soledadbee.com/article/sergio-diaz-picked-for-planning-commission

**ASHC visits Casa de Lewallen**

It was with great pleasure that Michele and I welcomed the 2017-18 Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) leadership team to our home on Thursday, August 31, 2017. The students enjoyed a variety of food and desserts along with great company. The evening could not go by without me letting them know how proud I am of their leadership along with the commitment they have for Hartnell. They have a great list of activities lined up for the 2017-18 school year. Along with the students, members of my Executive Cabinet were present, including Dr. Lori Kildal, VP of Academic Affairs; Benjamin Figueroa, VP of Administrative Services; Dr. Brian Lofman, Dean of Institutional Planning, Research, and Effectiveness; Terri Pyer, Associate VP of Human Resources; and Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, Director of Communications, Marketing and Public Relations; plus, Board of Trustees President, Manuel Osorio; Director of Student Life, Augustine Nevarez; and Student Life Coordinator, Selso Ruiz. This is a special gathering we enjoy hosting at the start of every school year. This group of leaders is looking sharp and ready to make this a great year filled with excitement.
DREAMers Welcome – orientation and resources

Hartnell's Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (MiCASA) hosted two DREAMer Student Welcome and Orientation sessions on Tuesday, August 29, and Wednesday, August 30, 2017. DREAMer students participated in team building and learned critical information about resources and services available to them at Hartnell College. The goal of the event was to help DREAMer students at Hartnell develop a sense of community with one another, connect to campus resources, and become comfortable with the MiCASA staff; 98% of participants surveyed rated the Orientation as "Excellent" and stated that the information was "Definitely" useful to them. Special thanks to the MiCASA staff, our guest presenters, and the Student Equity Committee for creating this opportunity to help our students have a successful semester.

Cecilia Trujillo is off to Harvard
Concurrent Enrollment at Hartnell helped!

http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/edition/page/page_e09d4db1-fe95-5a5a-94e2-cf68871b2ce.html (Article featured in last week's Monterey County Weekly)

Cecilia Trujillo
The valedictorian of Gonzales High talks about small-town life and spelling bee triumphs.

By Marielle Aguna

Growing up in a rural Monterey County can have its challenges for students with big dreams. School districts aren’t all that well funded, language barriers could easily block access to better parental resources to prepare Spanish-speaking parents and many families who want to survive simply can’t think of investing in their children’s education long term.

Enter 18-year-old Cecilia Trujillo, the 2017 valedictorian of Gonzales High School and an incoming freshman at Harvard. She says she’s lucky, because her parents, despite speaking little English and working long hours in the ag fields, have always stood by her in her educational endeavors.

“The support helped, but there were still some hardships along the way to becoming an Ivy Leaguer.”

Her education in Chualar gave her a good base, and Trujillo attributes her love of learning to the quality of teachers. When she went to Gonzales for her high school, funding for Advanced Placement classes dwindled, and she supplemented her education with classes at Hartnell College—a two-hour round trip by bus. The extra hours added up to a full scholarship to Stanford. The family didn’t have the flexibility to go to a four-year university, so she chose something just as prestigious.

Spelling Bee: What was it like growing up and learning in a small town?

Trujillo: Most kids growing up in Chualar are from the same background. Almost everyone speaks Spanish and everyone knows each other. I knew a lot of people would get sick of it, but I personally loved it.

In school, everything is taught in Spanish and then we’d only have one term of English a year, until second grade. It sounds like a lot of Spanish, but one of the school districts’ strengths is their bilingual education.

Was having Spanish as your first language helpful to you academically?

It actually helped me when I won the spelling bee back in eighth grade, Spanish has Latin roots, and a lot of English words use Latin roots. It helps me until I misspell a word.

Misspell a word? I thought you won the spelling bee.

In sixth grade, I misspelled "ebola." In seventh grade, I misspelled "mohawk." In eighth grade I won with "parachute." Winning the spelling bee was my ultimate goal, but I kept loving. I know if I tried I could keep going and win. I moved a place each year, until I did.

You were accepted to 15 colleges. What made you decide on Harvard and how did you prepare?

I knew it was competitive. My parents didn’t want money to be an issue. By my 10th week of school, my mom would go to the Grow Up workshops at my school, so she could be prepared and I wouldn’t have to stress out, and so I could really take my time on my applications.

I decided on Harvard after meeting a student who graduated from there during a Leadership Enterprise for Diverse California event. She was also first-generation and Latina.

Did it help seeing someone like you graduate from there?

It was more about what she said. Harvard didn’t do anything special for us. Yale and Stanford both decorated their campuses. We could talk about how nice everyone was. At Stanford they’d say the weather was nice. The girl I met at Harvard just told it like it was. She said it was hard. But I could tell she was pursuing her dreams for herself.

President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions have criticized universities across the country, including Harvard, for using affirmative action. Harvard responded that they’re currently welcoming their most diverse class ever. How does it feel to be part of it?

I didn’t know that. I’m proud and honored to be one of those incoming freshmen. I didn’t expect to be admitted, but I worked hard to get into Harvard, and I know I picked the right university.

How do you feel about institutions like Harvard, or about the media, telling stories like yours—about immigrant or people of color coming up in the world—do they help them to appear diverse? Does it feel genuine?

I don’t mind people using my story if it helps someone who comes from the same background as me to overcome challenges. There are a lot of bad stories that come from around here—stories of people thinking they know a place or a person—but these are barriers. In my mind, anyone can break barriers.
**Spotlight - Brendon Coles**  
**Another Concurrent Enrollment Success Story**

Brendon Coles is an example of the positive influence we, as an educational institution, provide to our students. “I had a great time at Hartnell and promote it every chance I get,” he wrote in an email. Just last week, Brendon contacted our Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen and asked for collateral and promotional items he might have to disseminate interest in higher education and Hartnell. It so happens that Brendon has now been teaching for years, first at a private school in Salt Lake City Utah, and now in California for the past two years.

Brendon attended Hartnell College via concurrent enrollment during his junior and senior year of high school in 2005-2006; he went on with his education and graduated with a BA in Social Studies Composite Secondary Education with an emphasis in American Government from Brigham Young University in Idaho. He is currently an Independent Studies Teacher working with 11th and 12th grade students at Mojave River Academy, Oro Grande School District (Victorville) in California. He encourages and recommends his students to pursue higher education in order to better their lives; he speaks highly of Hartnell College and recommends his students to think about Hartnell as one of their options for furthering their education.

**Alumni Spotlight**  
**Iesha Boyd – Track & Field**

This week we recognize an amazing student-athlete alumna, Iesha Boyd who was part of the Women’s Track & Field team from 2012-2014 before transferring to CSU Stanislaus. During her time at Hartnell, she broke the record for the women’s 400m run on May 10, 2014, finishing the race in 55.68 seconds! Iesha continues to be an active part of Hartnell; she contributes every year to the Hartnell Track & Field Summer Camps by coaching and training campers. Iesha was also a Hartnell camper herself; she was introduced to the college at age 10 by coming to the Track & Field summer camp.

“I like to come back to the camps because it gives me an opportunity to promote Track events to the younger generation in our community,” explained, Iesha. Boyd continues to train and dreams of participating in the Olympics one day. “I want to thank and recognize Coach Zepeda and Coach Barbara, they always respected me and my limitations but also pushed me to continue challenging myself,” said Iesha.
We are thrilled to have student-athletes such as Iesha come to Hartnell and flourish. We wish her the best in her current and future endeavors and thank her for continuously giving back to our community. Go Panthers!

Hartnell Cross Country Picks Up Team Wins in Eureka

The Hartnell College Cross Country teams ventured north on Highway 101 to Eureka for the Beat the Heat Invitational hosted by College of the Redwoods. The affair featured teams from Santa Rosa Junior College, San Joaquin Delta College, Shasta College, College of the Siskiyous, Butte College, and host College of the Redwoods. The Panthers came out with decisive team victories in both races over the campus-laid course which featured a formidable obstacle aptly named "The Wall." The Lady Panthers were the only fully scoring team but tallied just 25 points for their first scoring five runners. The Panther men were able to score even less with their 21-point total. The ladies placed six runners and the men seven in the top 10 overall finishers in each race.

Leading the Lady Panthers were sophomores Leslie Oseguera and Yvette Tavarez. The pair ran nearly side by side the entire race finishing just one second apart at the conclusion on the 5km race. Oseguera finished third overall with Tavarez in fourth. For the Panther men, newcomer Ricky Esqueda returned to cross country action three years after graduating from San Benito High School. Esqueda placed second overall just 9 seconds from the top finisher Nicholas Brichta of host College of the Redwoods. Esqueda was followed by all-conference runner Christian Aldape and NorCal 1500m finalist Sergio Coronel. The trio finished 18 seconds apart. Alfredo Mejia, Jr. also enjoyed a solid first outing as a Panther placing fifth overall.
The Hartnell College cross country teams will face their first big test of the 2017 season in two weeks at the Fresno Invitational. Last fall, the Panther men opened the season with a surprising second place team finish, its highest in the last 10 years, on their way to a Northern California title. The Lady Panthers were a surprise sixth place overall in 2016 but return four sophomores from that squad.

Financial Aid and Special Programs Host Targeted Financial Aid Workshop for Student-Athletes

On Tuesday, August 29, 2017, the Office of Special Programs coordinated a targeted Financial Aid workshop for student-athletes in collaboration with the Financial Aid Office and Athletics. The workshop was sponsored by the Student Equity Committee. Nearly 50 student-athletes either completed their financial aid file or successfully completed missing steps to move their files forward. Financial Aid Outreach Liaison, Christian Regalado led the workshop and Special Programs staff assisted. The workshop was a recommendation of the Student-Athlete Retention and Success Group and is part of a greater strategy to promote retention and success for men of color at Hartnell College.

Baseball takes over local Trashion Show!

On Wednesday, August 30, 2017 the Hartnell College Baseball student-athletes participated in the Alliance on Aging, Trashion Show event at Corral de Tierra. This event featured 20 local artists, who showcased unique outfits that were made from common recycled and repurposed items such as paper, cloth, mini pie pans, and more! At the event, Alliance on Aging provided a list of resources and services that address the challenges and opportunities of aging. The Baseball student-athletes
volunteered to model the unique outfits of our local artists. The team looks forward to participating in future events and giving back to our community.

[Trash + Fashion = Trashion]

**Winners of the Scavenger Hunt!**

These are the winners of our Back to School Scavenger Hunt: Jason Reyes and Alexis Perez. Enjoy your new bikes guys! Congratulations!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Black Brown Unity**
Presented by MECHA and ABT
Featuring Prof. Ron Wilkins
Thursday, Sept. 7, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m./Steinbeck Hall

**The guru is you! FREE**
*Owning your power, living your truth*
Friday, September 8, 2017 – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Mainstage – Building K

**Welcome Home: Veterans on Campus Training**
Friday, September 8, 2017
Check-in at 8:00 a.m.; Training from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Building C – Steinbeck Hall

**Majors Fair**
September 22, 2017
10am – 12pm
Building C – Student Center
Al and Jane Nakatani
A talk about resiliency
Thursday, October 12, 2017
9:30 – 10:45a.m. – Building K-125

Family STEM and Arts Day
October 15, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
STEM, health, athletics, and the arts come together!

The Western Stage presents
In the Heights
Now through September 16, 2017
Mainstage; Details are at westernstage.com

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Lin-Manuel Miranda’s ‘In the Heights’ opens at The Western Stage

Folsom Lake College weekend wrap: Volleyball wins twice at Hartnell tournament

Kickoff ‘17: Hartnell football, with numbers down, looks to keep bowl streak alive

4Cities 4 Peace host Block Party
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