Rep. Panetta holds DACA Press Conference at Hartnell

On Saturday, September 9, 2017, Congressman Jimmy Panetta held a DACA Press conference at our Main Campus to discuss President Donald Trump’s decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Congressman Panetta and two DREAMers currently enrolled at Hartnell College highlighted the contributions DREAMers make to our economy, our communities, and our country. I was honored to speak about Hartnell’s commitment to our DREAMers. Regardless of President Trump's action to terminate the DACA program, Hartnell College is committed to the higher education dreams of our DREAMer students. We get to see firsthand the amazing success stories of these students who exhibit tremendous grit and courage in the face of adversity.

“The DREAMers I met with told me about their families, their lives, and their hard work to be a part of and positively contribute to our community. Their parents took great risks to bring them here to give them a better life. These young men and women are well aware of their obligation to give back to the country that gave them so much opportunity. In order to fulfill that responsibility, each DREAMer works hard to succeed in school, at work, for their families and our community. Now, they are threatened with potentially being forced to leave the only country that they are so proud to call home,” said Congressman Panetta. “Democrats and Republicans in Congress must work together to pass legislation that provides Dreamers throughout our community and country the opportunity to fulfill the American Dream.”

After the press conference, Rep. Panetta held a roundtable at Hartnell College with thirty DREAMers, who are currently enrolled in DACA. The young people, brought to the United States as children, enrolled in DACA to be protected from deportation and to earn their citizenship. Congressman Panetta and Hartnell staff arranged the roundtable in response to President Donald Trump’s announcement on Tuesday that he would terminate the DACA program, calling on Congress to consider legislative solutions.
At the roundtable, Congressman Panetta took the DREAMers’ questions, listened to how the DACA program has positively impacted their lives, and heard their concerns about the end of the program as it stands. He also discussed his efforts to protect them, sharing that he is working to pass legislation that would ensure permanent resident status to DACA recipients and others working to become citizens. California is home to 1 in 4 of the nation’s total DACA population, and an estimated 20,000 DREAMers currently live in California’s 20th congressional district. Congressman Panetta will take what he learned back to Washington to share with his colleagues in Congress as they debate long-term solutions.

Last year, Hartnell enrolled 880 students eligible under California Assembly Bill 540 (amended under AB 2000). DREAMers are exempt from non-resident tuition and most are eligible for the Board of Governors (BOG) enrollment fee waiver. This represents a 202% increase in AB-540 students since 2010-11.

In April 2016, Hartnell opened one of the first DREAMers Centers at a California community college. Mi CASA (Center for Achievement and Student Advancement) provides services and support for DREAMer students. More at http://www.hartnell.edu/mi-casa-hartnell-college-dreamer-center.

The press conference was well attended. Trustees Manuel Osorio, Candi DePauw, and David Serena were accompanied by Mayor of Salinas, Joe Gunter and other community activists and supporters.

Hartnell well represented at Salinas Valley Sports Hall of Fame Induction

On August 26, 2017 the Salinas Valley Sports Hall of Fame inducted the 5th class and Hartnell student-athletes were well represented. Big congratulations to the following:

**Bob Burlison** - The 1974 Palma graduate was hitting shots and calling the shots as both a player and coach. He was league MVP for Palma in his junior and senior season while becoming the school’s all-time scoring leader. His senior year Burlison was chosen first-team All-Central Coast Section and first team All-NorCal. He received a scholarship to San Diego State, and in his only season there the team won the old Pacific Coast Athletic Association title and advanced to the NCAA tourney. Burlison transferred to Hartnell College, had a 40-point game, and was named to the All-Conference team. His next two years were at Point Loma College in San Diego, which he helped to the NAIA tourney both seasons. As a coach he guided the 1992 Palma team to the state D-IV title, spent two years coaching Hartnell to back-to-back 20-win seasons and a conference crown, moved to MPC for four years and coached the Lobos to 20-win seasons all four years. He ended his coaching career in 2001 at Cal State University-Monterey Bay. The Otters were conference and tournament champions – the first title in school history – and qualified for the NAIA tournament.

**Carl Nicks** - In 2012 Nicks, a graduate of North Salinas High and Hartnell College, signed the richest contract for an offensive lineman in the history of the NFL with a five year, $47.5 million deal with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He was drafted in 2009 out of the University
Nicks was named to the Pro Bowl in 2010 and 2011. He earned a Super Bowl ring in 2011 when the Saints won Super Bowl XLIV. Carl was proudly inducted into the Hartnell Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016.

**Ernie Reyes** - The Salinas High grad was called “one of the greatest martial arts masters of the 20th Century” in a TNT production produced by Wesley Snipes. Kick Illustrated Magazine bestowed the title of “Master of Creative Karate” on Reyes due to his reputation as a pioneer of progressive martial arts training. He was inducted into the Black Belt Hall of Fame and was a California State Tae Kwon Do Grand Champion. Reyes has appeared in several movies, including Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

**Margie Wiebusch appointed Regional Coordinator for FKCE**

I am pleased to announce that Our Director of Foster and Kinship Care Education, Margie Wiebusch, has been appointed to Regional Coordinator of the Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Program. Margie will coordinate FKCE programs from Monterey County to San Francisco. In this roll, she will facilitate regional curriculum activities to enhance KFCE programs and assist other colleges to maintain or improve quality of their programs. Margie herself is a foster parent and recently adopted two of the children under her care. Thus, she understands first-hand the challenges and needs in this arena.

She has been with Hartnell College since 2001; she began as a Coordinator for the FKCE Program. Throughout the years, her compassion and dedication to empower students involved in FKCE earned her the current position as the Director of Foster and Kinship Care Education. Margie expresses her passion for her work, “This roll is my life and my passion. It is not a job for me. Caregiving is something that comes natural to me and something that I have to do. My passion is helping others.” Congratulations Margie!

**Student-Athlete Spotlight – Christian Santibanez**

This week’s Student- Athlete Spotlight is Christian Santibanez from Hartnell College Men’s Soccer team. Christian is in his second year playing for the team. He grew up in Salinas and attended Everett Alvarez High School. There he played soccer all four years.
“The reason I came to Hartnell was because of the soccer program, it was close to home, and I wouldn't have to worry about expenses.” Christian explained. Santibanez is currently majoring in Ag Business and plans to transfer out to a four-year institution next Spring. “I plan to continue playing soccer for a Division I program. Hopefully one day I get to play professional soccer; that's the goal,” shared Christian. His family is his major support as both a student and student-athlete. However, his father is his biggest supporter, always there to provide anything he needs. After last year's great team success, Christian is now more motivated to push himself and his team further.

“I want to help the team go far this year and hopefully go to the Final Four. I want to win it all this year!” Christian exclaimed.

Santibanez is a great example of what it means to be a hard working student-athlete here at Hartnell College. Not only does Christian attend his classes, goes to practice, but also works a part-time job. “Follow your dreams, anything in the future is possible,” Christian stated. We are proud of student-athletes such as Christian, hard-working and motivated to succeed. We wish him the best in his future endeavors and the best to the team during this season! Go Panthers!

Men’s Soccer Cerritos Tournament
Over the Labor Day weekend, the Hartnell Men’s Soccer team participated in their annual “Cerritos Tournament” hosting three schools: Cerritos Community College, Irvine Valley College and Fresno City College. The two-day tournament took place here at our campus and all participating colleges are ranked nationally. We are proud to announce that Hartnell College was the Tournament Champion by beating Irvine Valley College 2-1 Sunday, September 3, 2017.

Santiago Morales (Alisal H.S.), led the Panthers with a goal and assist in the final game. He netted the game winner in the 87th minute, off an assist from Adrian Chavez (Watsonville H.S.). In addition, Christian Santibanez (Alvarez H.S.) was named Tournament MVP. With this tournament serving as a kickoff for the season, the Soccer Panthers start off with a 1-0-1 record! Hartnell is now ranked #14 in the Nation and #7 in CCCAA.

“We reached the championship game Friday by beating #8 in the Nation, Cerritos College, 5-4 in penalty kicks after a scoreless draw,” explained, Men’s Soccer Head Coach, Daniel Ortega. Best of luck to our Panthers in their next game against San Joaquin Delta College! Go Panthers!
Panthers lose a tight one at Foothill College

Juan Herrera’s 23-yard field goal with 12:17 left in the fourth quarter provided Hartnell College its only points as the Panthers football team dropped its defensive-minded opener 7-3 to host Foothill College.

Hartnell fumbled three times, losing it twice on its 3-yard line. One of those turnovers led to the only TD of the game just 30 seconds prior to the half.

Panthers freshman quarterback Devin Daich, a Monte Vista Christian School alum, threw for 193 yards, but the offense failed to convert on several red zone opportunities. Daich finished 13 of 35 and a pair of costly interceptions. Route running may have contributed to the turnovers.

Juan Campbell finished with four catches for 70 yards.

The Panthers were held to 68 yards rushing on 31 attempts. Seaside High alum Keishawn Robinson led the way with 32 yards on 11 carries.

The Panther defense held Foothill to 174 yards passing and just 89 yards rushing.

Hartnell’s Darren Jones intercepted a pass and Angel Maldonado, Christian Olmos, and Matt Wright recovered fumbles for the Panthers.

Hartnell’s Chauncey Jackson recorded a team-high tackles. Matt Wright and Brian Grace each recorded 1.5 sacks and Alexis Ramos has one. The Panthers (0-1) host Shasta next.

(In photo, team at practice)

Black and Brown Unity presentation on campus

On Thursday, September 7, 2017, MECHA and ABT Clubs collaborated with former professor, Ron Wilkins to present the talk *Black and Brown Unity*. During the presentation, Professor Wilkins discussed the importance of unity to combat hatred and the history behind the shared experiences of Black and Brown people together in America. Ron Wilkins is a specialist in Black and Brown Unity and has worked with several community colleges to inform and educate individuals on the importance of unity and solidarity through education, intervention and advocacy. Wilkins’ focus is to prevent and resolve conflict between both cultures and instead strengthen the relationships. Wilkins is in the process of publishing his book titled “Black and Brown Unity: An Illustrated History for Beginners.” He has also written and lectured on pre and post Columbian era solidarity among African, Mexican, and Indigenous peoples and guided students on tours through Black Mexico.

From Convocation - Employee Giving Raffle Winners

The Hartnell College Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of Employee Giving from Convocation. The grand prize winner is Sam Pacheco pictured with Rafael Mendoza, Foundation Intern and engineering transfer student along with Cristina Westfall, Administrative Assistant II. Sam won a wine basket loaded with goodies! The second winner was Jovita Dominguez pictured with Cristina and Philanthropy Officer, Ashton Clarke.

Thank you both for your generosity! We are excited about the tremendous opportunities that our employee giving program offers our students. Employee Giving demonstrates that those closest to Hartnell College believe in its mission and are willing to support it financially. On behalf of the Employee Giving Committee, I want to thank everyone who has already participated in the campaign. Your participation will help the Foundation leverage the much needed funds for various student scholarships and other campus area funds!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Majors Fair
September 22, 2017
10am – 12pm
Building C – Student Center

Mr. & Mrs. 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.
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Panetta and Hartnell College stand behind Dreamers

Students express hopes and concerns over DACA termination
http://www.montereyherald.com/social-affairs/20170909/students-express-hopes-concerns-over-daca-termination

Local activists and policymakers rally against Donald Trump for overturning DACA

Monterey County activists denounce DACA termination as “immoral.”

In Salinas, a protest over Trump’s decision to kill DACA

MPC reckons with internal challenges

Hartnell has plans to expand child care center

Chamber hires new manager
https://kingcityrustler.com/article/chamber-hires-new-manager

Hartnell Football this week

Redskins 2017 practice squad roster

Local Roundup: Hartnell, MPC football edged
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20170903/SPORTS/170909949

County Clipboard: Brian Reader returns to Idaho football
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20170903/SPORTS/170909948
Alumnus Warren Church dies using end of life option

Classic cars cruise into Monterey – scholarships for Hartnell students

Dr. Zahi Atallah now VP of Academic Affairs at BTC
http://www.beloitdailynews.com/article/20170907/ARTICLE/170909880