Andy and Mary Matsui donate largest philanthropic gift to Hartnell College Foundation

At a press conference on November 2, 2017, Teresa Matsui, on behalf of her parents Mary and Andy Matsui, announced the philanthropic gift of 215 acres of land northeast of Salinas valued at $20 Million to Hartnell College and the Hartnell College Foundation. The land is located within the future growth area of Salinas on Old Stage Road between Williams and Natividad roads. This gift is the largest that the Foundation has received in its history.

The press conference began with the Color Guard from Soledad ROTC followed by an introduction by President of the Board of Trustees, Manuel Osorio and I. President of the Foundation Board, Anne Secker and Vice President of Advancement, Jackie Cruz joined the group at the podium to accept the gift from the Matsui Family.

“Education was always a high priority for my parents, so it was not surprising that they focused their philanthropy on education, and awarded scholarships to students whose lives could be transformed through the power of education,” commented Teresa. “We also came to believe that Hartnell was uniquely positioned to maximize the impact of my parents’ gift to the benefit of the Salinas Valley and Monterey County.”

The announcement of this gift was very emotional for me. When I thought about the generations of families whose education dreams will be impacted by this gift, I had difficulty keeping my composure during the press conference. I am honored that the Matsui Family has placed its trust in Hartnell College to continue and to expand its noble work in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

“With this generous gift of land, the Matsui family continues to demonstrate their confidence in Hartnell College, faculty, and staff with their abilities to provide a successful and healthy environment for our Salinas Valley student population,” remarked Trustee Osorio. “The Hartnell College Board of Trustees immensely appreciates their investment in our community.”

Teresa added that the power of transformation was also a big theme in their family. “You could live a rather predictable life, or you could upend those expectations and forge a new existence through vision, hard
work, and sheer force of will.” She went on to say that this is an unrestricted gift, “so Hartnell is free to do what its leadership determines to be in the institution’s best interests.”

During the presentation, the audience inside the Student Center heard from CSin3 Cohort 4 student, Ariel McCarthy, who shared how the Matsui scholarship has helped her, as a single mother of one, to keep her focus in completing the program successfully. She said that thanks to the $25,000 scholarship she received, she was able to move closer to college and afford transportation. In recognition of their inspiring philanthropy across all of Monterey County, Anne Secker, Dr. Willard Lewallen, and Manuel Osorio presented Mary and Andy Matsui with the Transformational Philanthropic Award. They also received a letter from Congressman Jimmy Panetta and a certificate from Senator Anthony Cannella.

Since 2004, the Matsui Family has given more than $8 Million in scholarships to 200 students [and counting] from Monterey County high schools and community colleges. The Matsui Family through the Matsui Foundation has awarded $30,000 and $25,000 scholarships to students to pursue a bachelor’s degree in computer science through the accelerated CSin3 program.

Also in attendance were Trustees Pat Donohue, Candi DePauw, and Erica Padilla-Chavez.

**Transfer Day - College Night offered lots of information**

On Wednesday, November 1, 2017, Hartnell College served as host to more than 2,000 students and families, as they eagerly visited with more than 40 university and college exhibitors for Hartnell’s Annual Transfer Day and College Night. Representatives from UCs, CSUs, private and out-of-state universities greeted students and shared valuable information, such as: student life, financial aid, and degree programs at their respective institutions. The Transfer and Career Center offered students the opportunity to participate in Financial Aid workshops and offered a special Transfer Application Workshop designed for Dreamers. A special thank you to the Transfer and Career Center staff, for putting together a grand event, and a special thanks to those who served as volunteers for the event.
Assembly Committee visits Hartnell’s Alisal Campus

On October 25, 2017, our Alisal Campus hosted the Assembly Committee on Agriculture and Assembly Select Committee on Economic Development and Investment in Rural California with a specific focus on Agriculture Technology: Innovation, Startups and Workforce Readiness. Attendees included industry, public agencies, elected officials and residents with an approximate attendance of 50 people. Presenters included the City of Salinas, Western Growers Innovation and Technical Center, THRIVE, Better Food Ventures, Hartnell College, California Community Colleges, ALBA, Digital Nest, and La Cooperativa Campesina. A welcome was given by Assemblymember, Anna Caballero followed by discussions centered on best practices, issues of concern including farm labor shortage, the move to mechanization and the regulatory environment. With the advent of agriculture technology, it is of high concern to the Committee that the local workforce is not left behind and is ready to address the changes quickly to meet growing demands. A tour of the Alisal Campus was provided to Assemblymember Caballero by Hartnell staff. During the tour she was able to visit instructors and speak with them about curriculum and issues facing the industry. Special thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event especially Assistant Dean Sharon Albert for welcoming the public to the Alisal Campus and Belen Gonzales for her work in coordinating logistics for the event. A link to this hearing can be found at: [https://youtu.be/V5XqKY8V0RQ](https://youtu.be/V5XqKY8V0RQ).

Hartnell’s Speech Team

The Hartnell Speech team earned multiple individual awards at two different tournaments. The Biggest Little City Classic was held at the University of Nevada on November 22, 2017. Twenty schools from five states competed, including the University of Utah, University of Nevada, and Modesto Junior College. Results include:

- Athena Rodriquez, 3rd Place Novice Impromptu Speaking and 3rd Place Novice Prose Interpretation
- Carmen Urciuoli, 3rd Place After Dinner Speaking
- Isaac Rodriguez, 3rd Place Informative Speaking and 7th Place Novice Impromptu Speaking
- Victo Nambo, 5th Place, Informative Speaking.

Competing for the team but not advancing to finals included students Adriana Gonzalez, Chris Rendon, Hannah Villafuerte, Iliana Ramos, Luke Lundin, and Sandra Ruvalcaba.
At the Mustang Invitational held at San Joaquin Delta College on November 3, seventeen schools from three states competed, including Rice University (Texas), University of the Pacific, and City College of San Francisco. Results include:

- Chris Rendon, 2nd place Dramatic Interpretation and 3rd place Dramatic Duo Interpretation
- Athena Rodriguez, 2nd place Novice Prose Interpretation and 7th place Novice Impromptu Speaking
- Carmen Urciuoli, 3rd place Dramatic Duo Interpretation

Competing for the team but not advancing to finals included students Sandra Ruvalcaba and Victor Nambo. The team will compete next at the Sather Classic, held on the campus of University of California, Berkeley, November 18.

Students competing at the Mustang Invitational (left to right) Sandra Ruvalcaba, Carmen Urciuoli, Chris Rendon, Athena Rodriguez, Victor Nambo, and Coach Daniel Lopez.

Activities to prepare students for mathematics competition

On October 25, 2017, instructors Brian Palmer, Dr. Jennifer Moorehouse, Nick Pasquale, and Dr. Mohammed Yahdi hosted over 50 students, several faculty, as well as some off-campus visitors for our second Saturday Differential Equations Workshop. The workshop was prepared by Hartnell’s Jim Butler and it worked students through the concepts and application of numerical methods for finding approximate solutions to differential equations, Euler’s Method in particular.

The Saturday sessions run from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM; lunch is provided to students thanks to Hartnell’s Innovation Grant earned by the team to carry out this program. “We were extremely honored to have so many students show up for a 3-hour workshop on a Saturday,” said Palmer. “Although we expected that some students would leave during the 15-minute break, we had no discernible decrease in attendance, and many students stayed after to ask Mr. Butler many interesting questions.” Also in attendance was Dr. Nai-Chia Chen, who will present at the next Saturday workshop on December 2. She will speak on the Predator-Prey model, describing population dynamics for competing species.
Professional Development for Teachers of English Language Learners

ESL Faculty from Hartnell College and Salinas Valley adult schools attended the annual CATESOL Conference in Santa Clara in October, where they benefitted from a wide range of valuable professional development opportunities and the opportunity to network and exchange ideas with colleagues from across the state.

Carol King, FT ESL Faculty at Hartnell, appreciated learning about important legislation effecting ESL instruction, like AB-705, and about new strategies for aligning ESL instruction across all levels, from adult school to community college and beyond. Ana Mendoza-Santiago, an ESL and EL Civics teacher at Gonzales Adult School, said that she always learns about new instructional techniques and tools at the annual conference. Another highlight for Ana was meeting acclaimed author and educator, Dr. Francisco Jimenez.

Kristen Arps, Director of the Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium (who sponsored our instructors’ attendance), enjoyed learning about new ways for community colleges and adult schools to collaborate in order to provide accessible and viable college and career pathways for non-traditional students. She also learned about the new English Language Proficiency Standards for Adults, which correspond to the College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education, and are intended to address the urgent need for educational equity, access, and rigor for adult English Language Learners through targeted instruction that effectively prepares adult learners for careers and postsecondary education.

CATESOL is a professional organization serving Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages in California (K-12, Adult Ed, CC, 4-year) whose mission is to advance the quality of English language teaching and learning through professional development, research, and advocacy. Our local CATESOL Steinbeck chapter offers several free events every year for local English Language teachers. For more information, contact Kristen Arps karps@hartnell.edu.

First Year, First Friday – Marketing, STEM, Planetarium

November’s First Year, First Friday event for new employees started off with Director of Communications Esmeralda Montenegro Owen presenting a video on Changing the Story of Salinas, about the power of Hartnell’s career technology programs to change lives.

The group then walked over to the STEM building’s state-of-the-art planetarium, where Planetarium Coordinator Andrew Lindsey treated them to a star show, nebula chase, and other planetary wonders.

Finally, Dean Shannon Bliss talked about some of the great student success stories in the STEM
programs as she toured the group through the new building. Highlights included a description of the groundbreaking CSin3 program, a collaboration between Hartnell and CSUMB. First year employees learned that the first three cohorts in the program have 3-year bachelor’s degree graduation rates that are about three times higher than 6-year graduation rates for students statewide. The group also got to see how the architecture of the building encourages collaboration and group learning, as it was still a hub of learning activity 5:00 p.m. on a Friday. Impressive!

Meet our new CTE Job and Internship Placement Coordinator

Joel Morales is our new Coordinator of Job and Internship Placement for Career Technical Education – Workforce Development. He is a recent graduate of California State University Bakersfield with a Master’s of Science in Educational Counseling with an emphasis in Student Affairs. He holds his Bachelors of Art in Intensive Psychology from University of California, Santa Cruz. Joel comes to us with a work history in Human Resources with Target. There, he worked as a generalist, encompassing all aspects of human resources including recruiting, hiring, scheduling and timekeeping, as well as compliance. Through this position, he has gained industry knowledge in recruiting top talent, workforce development, data analysis, and business management. Joel has also participated in an internship at CSU Bakersfield in which he was tasked with creating the Multicultural Alliance and Gender Equity Resource Center (MAGEC). He collaborated with and brought together community investors, big box businesses, and campus resources to create the space and furnish it for student use. Through this internship, he was able to establish the MAGEC as a location for students to use for student club offices, student club meetings, supplemental instruction, study space, and multicultural workshops and programming. “I am excited to return to the Central Coast and become part of our community, as well as our Hartnell family,” Joel commented. He is at the Alisal Campus in AC-C203. He will be collaborating with staff to establish a job placement center focusing on student workforce education, internship opportunities, and job placement. Welcome to Hartnell Joel!

Student-athlete spotlight: J’uan Campbell

For this week’s Student-Athlete Spotlight we recognize J’uan Campbell, wide receiver for the Hartnell Football team. As unstoppable as he is on the field, off the field J’uan is succeeding in all he does. Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, J’uan was exposed to harsh realities from a young age, with Baltimore having one of the highest murder rates in our country. The tough environment molded Campbell into an honest man. With the help of his
family, especially his mother, he has always stayed on the right path to be the great person he is today. In Baltimore, he attended Dunbar High School and played football all four years. Dunbar has produced great football players before like Tavon Austin, who currently plays for the L.A Rams; he is one Campbell looks up to. Like Austin, Campbell has unbelievable speed that has allowed him to average over 90 yards in receiving this season, and produce 5 touchdowns. J’uan knows this is his biggest strength; defensive backs have to be 15 yards back just to stay with him! Campbell is into his second season playing for the Panthers. Returning this year has given him a bigger role - he has more leadership and influence on the team. Hartnell Football Head Coach, Matt Collins has been a great influence on him by pushing him to lead and succeed as a player, and more importantly, as a student. Campbell is currently working towards finishing his general education with an emphasis in social and behavioral science. He hopes to be recruited and play professionally. As things stand now, recruits have already lined up to see his special talent; schools such as University of Idaho have shown interest. At the end of the day, what he values most is his family and no matter what door opens, he will do everything he can to take care of them. We wish J’uan all the best as he finishes the season. Go Panthers!!

**Jorge Mederos scores in the 88' to help team prevail with a win against Foothill**

On October 27, 2017 the Hartnell Men’s Soccer team played its last home game of the season against Gavilan College. Right from the blow of the whistle, Sophomore Daniel Gasca scored in the 19’ minute with the help from teammate Jorge Cerna giving the team an early 1-0 lead against Gavilan. Just before the half, Esteban Barragan placed a nice lob pass from Juan Garcia to head it in for a goal, for his first goal of the season giving Hartnell a 2-0 lead at the half. During the second Half, Hartnell excelled in both the corner kick-category and shot-category as Hartnell took 11 shots to goal, while Gavilan had only 2; the Panthers had 8 corner kick opportunities, while Gavilan had none. Adrian Serrato netted in two goals while Santiago Morales and defender Marco Zepeleta added one apiece, giving Hartnell a dominant final score of 6-0 win against Gavilan.

On Halloween, Hartnell traveled to Foothill College to continue their three-game winning streak. The Panthers have had great success on the road this season with a 4-1 away record. Despite Foothill’s 2-9-4 (.267) overall record, they have been in many close games this season. The game went back and forth between both squads, but Jorge Mederos scored his first goal of the season in minute 88’- no better time to help his team prevail to a 1-0 win against Foothill! In the span of 4 games, the Panthers have scored a total of 19 goals! Adrian Serrato has led the team in scoring with 5 goals in the four games.
Hartnell sits second in the Coast-North conference with a 7-1-3 (.800) record and an overall 12-2-2 (.794) record with a 4 game winning streak. Go Panthers!

**Students and staff get into the Halloween spirit**

Everyone got into the Halloween spirit last week even, Nursing and Allied Health!
The Office of Student Life celebrated the haunted holiday season with fun and festive activities for the students and their families. The Halloween events began on October 26, 2017 with a family pumpkin patch that was held on the Quad. They had trick-or-treating, games and prizes, a costume contests and the first 100 children were given a bucket of candy along with a pumpkin!

Halloween Day included a celebration in the Student Center. The Office of Student Life and other school clubs offered face painting, sugar skull making, a costume contest, cotton candy and popcorn as treats for the students. The festivities concluded on November 2, 2017 with a Dia de Los Muertos Celebration in the Office of Student Life. Some of the clubs and students built altars and participated in the sugar skull decorating contest. Pan de Muerto and chocolate were served as treats.

**Panther Learning Lab hosts Pizza Party**

On October 31, 2017 the Panther Learning Lab at Alisal Campus put on a pizza party that brought together students from CTE, CSin3, Math, and English. Staff and faculty also participated. Through contests and games, the party celebrated Halloween and Dia de los Muertos while also promoting the Lab.
Mi CASA has a successful open house

Hartnell’s Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA) hosted an Open House on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Nearly 40 faculty and staff from all divisions and departments on campus took the time to stop by and celebrate Dia de los Muertos with the Mi CASA team. The purpose of the event was to increase awareness of the services provided by Mi CASA, and showcase the expanded Mi CASA Student Center in D-385. Mi CASA provides counseling and comprehensive student support services to Dreamer students as well as all of the other students served under Special Programs (ACE, MILE, and WELI). The opening of the Mi CASA Student Center allows Mi CASA to increase capacity while maintaining confidential student appointments in the adjacent Mi CASA Office.

Hartnell Jazz Ensemble plays for students from the Child Development Center

On October 26, 2017, the Hartnell College Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Music Faculty, Steve Ettinger, played for students from the Child Development Center. The children listened to a wide variety of blues, swing, and rock songs, including Georgia on my Mind, That Old Black Magic, Sugar Valley, and Odyssey. The concert was very well-received and many of the children started dancing spontaneously during the performance. Many thanks to Janice Martinez, teacher at the Child Development Center, for helping to organize this special event and to the talented Hartnell Jazz Ensemble!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Ceramics Sale
November 15 and 16, 2017
10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Hartnell College Student Center

Fall 2017 President’s Forum
Friday, November 17, 2017
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall
Holiday Feast
Friday, December 8, 2017
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall – Lots of prizes and surprises!

The Western Stage presents:
- Steve Martin’s Picasso at the Lapine Agile
  October 28 – November 18, Studio Theater
- Young Frankenstein
  November 11 – December 9, Mainstage
For ticket information go to:
westernstage.com
Tickets for Media: contact Kathy at kcusson@hartnell.edu or 831-759-6012

Winter Closure
December 18, 2017 – January 1, 2018

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Ricky Esqueda leads Hartnell
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20171104/SPORTS/171109920

Matsui Family donates lot of land (VIDEO included)
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20171102/NEWS/171109957

Matsui Family’s donation to Hartnell

MCBC – Matsui announcement
http://mailchi.mp/78860074c334/giv0lrpvc0-2674473?e=8c96689eae

Hall of Fame
https://gonzalestribune.com/article/alumni-enter-hartnell-hall-of-fame

Dr. Hortencia Jimenez publishes a book

County Clipboard: Gymnast Fairbanks qualifies for Diamond national team