Hartnell College among top 10 in graduating minorities with Associate Degrees

Great news! The December 14, 2017 edition of *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* will feature the ‘Top 100 Associate Degree Producers’ report about community colleges that have experienced the most success in awarding degrees to minority students. This report, based on U.S. Department of Education data, examines degree attainment by fields of study for African-American, Asian American, Hispanic, and Native American students.

For the 2015-16 academic year, Hartnell College had the ninth highest percentage (89%) of minority student graduates for community colleges across the nation of over 1,400 community colleges. Hartnell had the fourth highest percentage of minority student graduates for community colleges in California (114 total colleges).

The achievement gap for minority students is well-documented across the nation, but Hartnell has closed the gap through a laser focus on student success by our faculty, staff, and administrators. Most importantly, Hartnell students have succeeded as a result of their relentless grit and determination.

In May 2017, Hartnell College had its largest graduating class and transferred more students to four-year institutions in its history. The combined work of faculty, administrators, and staff to focus on our students first, is apparent in the levels of completion the college is now experiencing. This is a team effort; congratulations to all of you Panthers!
It was an honor to once again celebrate the men and women who have made a difference in Hartnell Athletics. Saturday, November 4, 2017 was an afternoon filled with excitement and proud family and friends as we honored and inducted 13 more into the Hartnell College Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2017. The luncheon/ceremony was emceed by former KSBW Sportscaster, Dennis Lehnen. Speakers included Trustee Candi DePauw; Mayor of Salinas, Joe Gunter; and Director of Athletics, Dan Teresa.

All inductees received a medal, a picture board, and multiple legislation certificates of achievement. The certificates were provided by Congressman Jimmy Panetta, California State Assemblymember Ana Caballero, Senator Bill Monning, Senator Anthony Cannella, Mayor Joe Gunter, and by Hartnell College. The unveiling of the inductees’ plaques in the Gymnasium is another special moment. Now their engraved plaques live in the Athletics Hall of Fame Wall for all to admire.

The festivities continued at our very first Hall of Fame Tailgate at the Storm House and ended at Rabobank Stadium where Hartnell Football faced Monterey Peninsula College. The inductees were introduced during half time and the evening ended with Hartnell winning the game (25-10) and bringing the President’s Trophy home. What a great ending to a fun-filled day!

Congratulations to all of our inductees and to their families who have played such an important role in their success.
First regional professional development day for adult educators

Teachers and staff from regional adult education programs – community college, adult school, and COE programs – gathered on October 27, 2017 for the first annual Adult Education Professional Development Day in our area. Over 100 practitioners from four adult education consortia benefitted from the opportunity to network with each other, hear from practitioners from across the state, and learn new instructional strategies and adult learning theory.

“Key to student success, professional development for adult education teachers has traditionally been very limited,” said Director Ana Gonzalez. “Because of the great need and the undeniable success of this conference, we hope to make it an annual event”

Workshop topics included Acceleration Strategies for Adult Learners, Career Pathways Development, Technology-Based Instruction for Adults, Adult Language Learning, and Interactive Activities for Intermediate/Advanced English Language Learners.

Hartnell College faculty, staff, and administrators appreciated the opportunity to learn what other colleges are doing in basic skills, ESL, and CTE through noncredit programming, including Gavilan College and Alan Hancock College, and how to build stronger bridges between adult schools and colleges in the Salinas Valley.

The AE PD Day was organized and sponsored by the Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium – of which Hartnell College is a member and the fiscal agent – and neighboring adult education consortia from Santa Cruz County, the Monterey Peninsula, and the Gavilan region. These consortia strive to promote equity and increase access to education and training opportunities that lead to increased earning potential and economic and social mobility – especially for adults and families who face unemployment/underemployment, poverty, illiteracy, limited English, and other barriers. Adult education includes instruction in basic skills, high school equivalency, ESL, citizenship prep, digital literacy, workforce readiness, and career training for adults who aim to gain new knowledge and skills that help them attain their educational, career, and personal goals.

Project updates from Facilities Planning and Construction Management

On October 20, 2017 an open forum was held to review several facilities projects and to provide an opportunity for comment and feedback on the projects. If you were unable to attend, you can still review the information and provide comment and feedback. At this link http://www.hartnell.edu/open-forums-college-and-public-feedback is a summary of the projects along with architects’ renderings of the projects. You can provide comment and feedback by completing the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GY5ZFL3.

Thank you for taking time to contribute to the process for facilities improvement.
Northern CA Championship

In one of the most exciting Women’s Northern California Championships in recent memory, College of Sequoias repeated as team champions, but were chased closely by early season CCCAA top-ranked Hartnell College. The Lady Giants were victorious thanks to the second lowest team score in regional championship history and the second fastest individual female performance at Toro Park. Their team score of 35 points is second only to their 2016 score of 30 points recorded at Sierra College. Hartnell College produced the fifth lowest team score in regional championship history with 41 points and what undoubtedly is the lowest non-winning team score as well. Sequoias sophomore Alyssa Block missed the course record of 17:26 held by Miriam Schmidt of Cabrillo College by just 2 seconds but bested the field by over 90 seconds. Her time of 17:28 was 58 seconds faster than Block ran on October 6 at the Norcal Preview Meet.

The Lady Giants used an aggressive first 1.6 miles prior the hills on the course to place four ladies into the top five overall and their fifth in thirteenth place. Hartnell College attempted to counter with seven in the top fourteen leaving only eventual NorCal runner-up Talia Swangler of Butte College and Mariah Smither of College of the Redwoods as the only Non-Lady Giants or Panthers in the top 14 early in the race. At the finish, Block would cross first with teammates Jewel Jasson (19:21) in third, Antonia Lozano (19:33) in fifth, Elizabeth Sartuche (19:48) in ninth, and Lidia Briseno (20:06) in seventeenth. The Lady Panthers countered with four freshmen Arlene DiazLeal (19:30) in fourth, Maria Aceves (19:37) sixth, Lauryn Orozco (19:45) eighth and Monica Ruelas (19:54) in eleventh. Hartnell sophomore Olivia Jimenez (19:55) would complete the Panther scoring in twelfth.

In the men's race, the top ranked and host Hartnell College men repeated their regional championship from 2016. This marks the third time in college history the Panthers have won consecutive team titles with victories in 1995 through 1997, 2005 and 2006, and 2015 and this year. Lead by freshman Ricky Esqueda's 20:15 on the four mile course which ranks second all-time to CCCAA 2005 Champion Oscar Uribe of Butte College who set the record of 20:09, the Panthers scored 44 points for the win. Esqueda also better the Harnell College record of 20:16 set by 2014 CCCAA Champion Diego Leon. For the remaining trophies it was a replay of 2016 with Las Positas College earning its second consecutive second place team trophy and perennial power American River College earning yet again another top three trophy in its storied history.

In the individual race, Esqueda and CCCAA All-American David Frisbie set the early pace to the 1.6 mile cross over point where racers passed the finish line, at that point in the race, the
Panthers were leading with a low score 28 points. They would give back some of the points in the second half of the race but with the help of sophomore Sergio Coronel's fifth (20:46), Patrick Olson eighth (20:55) and Christian Aldape (20:58) in eleventh, the Panthers would better Las Positas by 34 points. Sophomore Jaime Garcia (21:25) completed the team scoring in nineteenth. American River College's Christian Woolfolk was the surprise runner-up (20:35) followed by Frisbie (20:42) and Roman Munoz of Monterey Peninsula College at 20:44.

Panthers bring back the gold to its rightful home

On November 4, 2017 our Hartnell Football team defended its home turf against rival MPC dominating with a 25-10 win. It was a beautiful day to be a Panther as the Hall of Fame class of 2017 was inducted earlier in the day, and among that outstanding group was the undefeated 1980 football team who cheered from the stands along with everyone else. The atmosphere was electrifying and as both teams warmed up, there was a sense of calm before the storm. Even with the intensity, straight out of the gate, MPC seemed to be in control as they built momentum with a 14-yard touchdown pass early in the first quarter, to take the lead at 7-0. Early on Hartnell’s offense didn’t seem to be in sync as drives fell short and when they did make it into the red zone they were denied from a score. MPC would keep on pushing and would extend their lead to 10-0 after a field goal early in the second quarter. With time running out it seemed as though the Panthers were to be scoreless in the first half, but they marched down the field on a stellar drive and scored a touchdown on the pass by (#11) Devon Daich to (#30) Victor Nunez, allowing them to go into halftime down by only 4 points, after the lobos blocked the extra point (10-6).

At half-time the Hall of fame inductees were recognized and honored; before the inductees could make it back to their seats, the Panther football team started to come out of the locker room. Hall of Fame inductees cheered them on and encouraged them to go win the game. At that point there was a beautiful moment of the past generation cheering on the current Panthers, and the 2017 football team did not disappoint. With under 4 minutes left in the third quarter, Hartnell took its first lead of the game after a 34-yard touchdown pass that was initially deflected, but eventually landed in the arms of (#31) Jason Berring to bring the score to 13-
10. MPC’s offense would be nowhere to be found as Hartnell’s defense would shut them down with the help of 12 tackles and 2.5 sacks between (#17) Alexis Ramos and (#32) Erick Delgadillo. On the other hand, the Panthers offense would score early in the fourth quarter, thanks to (#12) Keishawn Robinson, who ran for a 2-yard touchdown to cap off their drive and bring the score to 19-10, after a missed field goal. The Lobos would try and try to create some sort of drive, but our defense did not break and even excelled on opportunity when MPC lost possession of the ball on a punt in which (#24) Brian Grace scooped it up and scored to bring the final score to 25-10! The Hartnell Panthers brought glory and the trophy back to Hartnell campus. Head Coach Matt Collins had this to say about his squad, stating “Proud, proud of the kids. They were facing some serious adversity throughout the course of the year, had a lot of close losses and we could've easily been a 7 or 8-win team.” Coach Collins credited his players for playing with pride and representing the program with might. Go Panthers!!

**Women’s Volleyball continues to work hard**

On Wednesday, November 1, 2017, the Women’s Volleyball Team traveled to San Francisco to play against the Rams at Community College of San Francisco (CCSF), and our Panthers took a tough loss with the score at 13-25, 21-25, 16-25. The Lady Panthers knew it was going to be a challenge from the get go, since CCSF stands in second place in the Coast-North division and Hartnell stands in fourth place. But that did not stop the Panthers from giving it all they had: Sam Shafer (#1) has 42 total attack attempts, with 11 kills and 6 digs; Kawena Perez (#10) with 3 assists, 8 digs; Nhean Marquez (#4) had 13 assists and 6 digs. On November 8, the team hosted Chabot College and won all three sets with the scores at 25-10, 25-12, 25-9. With a tough loss the previous week, it was good to see the team bounce back with a strong win. Emily Anderson had 23 aces and 5 digs; Kawena Paez had 7 digs and 2 kills; and Megan Gonzalez had 10 aces and 1 block assist. Overall the team is 15-9 and 5-3 in league. The team is ranked 15th in Northern California.

**Women’s Soccer - 1 tie and 2 wins**

On October 31, 2017, the Hartnell’s Women Soccer team traveled to San Francisco to take on CCSF (Rams), which led them to a final score of 2-2, making this the first tied game of the season for our Lady Panthers. The first goal of the game was shot at the 33-minute mark by Chase Miguel (#16) and Diana Lopez (#13) was the assist. The second and closing goal was assisted by Cassidy Shiveley (#7), shot by Brenda Avila (#18) at the 87-minute mark. The goalie of the game was Maria Isabel-Pozos (#99), she blocked 7 shots on goal and had 2 saves. With two games remaining in the season at West Valley and home against Canada, they are looking to obtain positive results and make a push to get into the playoffs. Some individual stats
leaders include Chace Miguel who is tied for 3rd in the state with 21 goals, and also has 7 assists for a total of 49 points. Diana Lopez has recorded 11 assists which places her 14th in the state, with 2 goals to go along.

On November 3, 2017, the Lady Panthers hosted Skyline. The women’s soccer team produced final Score 6-1. The first goal was shot by Chace Miguel (#16) at the 3-minute mark and was assisted by Diana Lopez (#13). In total, Chace made three goals and had assists on two goals, Diana had 3 assists, Alondra Patriado (#15) made one goal and Jisel Rulas (#10) made 2 goals and had one assist. Maria Isabel-Pozos (#99) blocked six shots on goal and had five saves.

Then, on November 7, the Panthers traveled to West Valley College and took a WIN home with the final score of 2-1. The ladies are ending their season strong with a two-game winning streak. Alondra Partida (#12) assisted Chace Miguel (#16) in scoring the first goal during the 12-minute mark. The second goal was made during the 85-minute mark by Chace and she was assisted by Diana Lopez (#13). Maria Isabel-Pozos (#99) had 4 saves and blocked 5 shots on goal. Their overall record stands at 9-9-1 and in conference 4-5-1. Go Panthers!

**Hartnell Continues 6-Game Winning Streak**

With soccer season coming to an end, Hartnell has taken care of business this year when it comes to conference play. With a 9-1-2 (.833) conference record, Hartnell has regained the top spot in the Coast-North Conference helping the chances of receiving a top 4 seed for the postseason. It all started on November 3, 2017, Hartnell continued its 4 game away road trip taking on Ohlone College, the Panthers did not hesitate as (#18) Adrian Serrato assisted (#20) Santiago Morales for the goal in the 17-minute mark. Just a couple minutes later Serrato took on the task and scored in the 32-minute mark to take an early 2-0. Ohlone replied back with a goal from Ismail Shafi in the 38-minute to cut the lead back down to 2-1 at the half. During the second half, no scoring took place but Hartnell proudly brought home a 2-1 victory.

On November 7, Hartnell traveled to the Bay, where they focused on taking on City College of San Francisco which had an 11-1-4 record, with implications for conference champs on the line. The Panthers continued their offensive success with two first-half goals scored by (#18) Adrian Serrato and (#5) Jorge Cerna who were assisted by (#20) Santiago Morales and (#6) Luis Mendoza. Giving the Panthers a 2-0 lead against CCSF. However, Goalkeeper (#1) Jesus Para had an outstanding game with six shots taken on goal; Jesus had five saves and only allowed 1 giving the Panthers a 2-1 victory over San Francisco. Adrian Serrato currently leads the conference with 7 goals and Goalkeeper Jesus Para also leads the conference in the goals against category with a 0.55.
Hartnell Women’s Basketball falls 59-77 against Taft

On November 7, 2017, the Hartnell Women’s Basketball team hosted their first game of the season. With 3 returning sophomores and the rest of the team as freshmen, the team was ready for the new season to begin. Hartnell’s starting five consisted of Davaughna Thompson, Illyanna Hendricks, Dallana Pantoja Perez, Cristeta Almorade, and Alexus Andrade. The Lady Panthers started off the game playing fast, physically and mentally. Women’s Head Coach Destiny Grijalva, shared her thoughts on the first half saying, “The girls played well during the first half. There were many mistakes for our first game out as expected. We had too many turnovers and missed a lot of our shots. But we have a base and now I know how they play during game time and will know how to move forward with the team.”

Hartnell was down 29-32 to Taft making the game interesting to follow and intrigued the audience to know how the rest of the game would unfold. Taft went on a 24-16 run in the 3rd quarter, but that did not stop the Lady Panthers with (#24) Davaughna Thompson and (#30) Illyanna Hendricks combining for 16 rebounds apiece, outrebounding Taft as a team. Davaughna Thompson led the team with 20 points, while Illyanna Hendricks had 15 points. Coming off the bench (#33) Valeria Quinones Liddy had 6 points, 9 rebounds and 1 assist giving the team a solid contribution. However, Hartnell fell short against Taft losing 59-77, regardless of the final score, Coach Grijalva was proud of her team stating, “The girls showed some good sportsmanship to our opponents, putting a helping hand up even when they were denied. It takes self-control to not be petty. We are a team. We lose together and from those losses, we find our weakness and make them our strength.” The Lady Panthers look to improve against San Mateo by tightening up their defense, staying focused, limit turnovers, and hit their shots. Go Panthers!

Hartnell Men’s Basketball: Season Preview

Basketball season is here. It should be quite a contest as our Panthers are trying to start the season on the right foot. As eager fans wait to watch, the student-athletes are more than ready to get playing. According to Head Coach Andrew Vasher they’ve practiced enough and it is now time to get out there and play against another team. The men’s team has only four sophomores: (#15) Dallin Mortensen, (#21) Carsen Williams, (#22) Spencer Conrad and (#23) Jesse Hurtado who is the only returning from last year, along with a total of 12 incoming freshmen to make it a packed roster. One specific freshman, happens to be (#20) Matt Vasher, who is Coach Vasher’s third son to play at Hartnell. For Vasher, coaching his children is simple. “Leave it in the gym, coach him like everyone but let him go home, don’t coach him at home,” Coach Vasher explains. One of the key aspects of Vasher’s coaching plan for the season is to have the players buy into their role and be on the same page to work as a unit. The ultimate goal is to improve from last
year, as the Panthers finished (9-15) for the season and (3-9) for conference; 7 games were lost, most of which were decided in the final minutes and could have gone the other way, but the ball just did not fall the team's way. For the season’s ultimate goal Vasher said, “I think we are in the mix of things, we are going to be right there competing for a conference championship.” We wish the team the best as they embark in their season. Go Panthers!

**Art 101: Chinese and Korean Ceramic Traditions**

We have a new art display in Building E by my office, from Professor Pam Murakami’s Art 101 class; the theme is, *Chinese Roof Tile Project*. This project is based on historical Chinese decorative roof tiles. Sculptural clay tiles were used on roof corners, as well as along ridges of palaces, temples, and garden architecture. Mythical creatures (dragons, Phoenix, Foo dogs, zodiac animals) were considered bringers of good fortune. Protectors, such as warriors, or martial artists were also popular icons for tiles. The students were asked to create a tile based on their personal interpretations.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Fall Ceramics Sale**
November 15 and 16, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 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 for employees**
Friday, December 8, 2017
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 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

Three philanthropists talk about why they give

Community college in Salinas, Calif., receives donation of 215 acres

Students build apps to help when disasters strike at CSUMB competition
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20171105/NEWS/171109903

Community College football: Hartnell rallies past MPC
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20171105/SPORTS/171109904

Giants hold off Panthers with near-record score for NorCal women’s cross country title
http://www.cccaasports.org/sports/wxc/2017-18/releases/Sequoias_wins_women-s_NorCal_XC

County Clipboard: Pompan leads Penn tennis team in wins
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20171105/SPORTS/171109902

Grieving Salinas parents launch cold case campaign
http://www.ksbw.com/article/grieving-salinas-parents-launch-cold-case-campaign/13455268