Panther Men Record Third Consecutive Top 5 Finish.
Frosh Orozco Shines!
With a whole new top seven line-up for the men's 2017 CCCAA State Cross Country Championship, the Hartnell College men were able to replicate last year's top five team finish. In fact, it was the third consecutive year the Panthers have placed fifth overall in the final meet of the year. Led by freshman Ricky Esqueda in 12th place, the Panthers scored 169 points to bump Glendale College out of next year's meet program. Glendale College beat the Panthers at the State Preview back in September, but the Panthers finished behind top ranked Mt. SAC, last year's state champions Riverside City College, upstart LA Harbor College, and behind multiple state team champion San Bernardino Valley College.
The three consecutive top five team finishes is the best stretch of championship performances in college history. The season included the eighth consecutive Coast Conference Championship with the fifth consecutive individual conference champion. For the third time in college history, the team repeated as Northern California Champions following in the footsteps of the 1995-1997 and 2005-2006 teams. Ricky Esqueda became the second Northern California individual champion and just the eighth ever in college history. Next year's squad will look to equal the three consecutive team titles of the 1995-1997 squad and become just the second program to win more than two consecutive team titles in a row joining American River College.
The Hartnell College Women's Cross Country Team headed into the CCCAA State Championship with high hopes, but it was apparent early there was still much to learn about championship racing. A bright spot for the Lady Panthers was the performance of freshman Lauryn Orozco. Orozco placed 30th overall in a lifetime personal best for any cross-country distance over 3 miles with 19:31 over the 5km (3.1 miles) layout. The former Soledad High School runner had not placed as the top runner for the Panthers all season but ran aggressively from the start and lowered her mark from the State Preview Meet by 33 seconds. Orozco was the fourth highest placing Northern California female improving on her eighth place finish at that championship two weeks ago. Her time moves her to twelfth all-time at Woodward DEC. 1, 2017
Park and will make her the early favorite for the Coast Conference and Northern California title and a potential All-American run as a sophomore. This was Orozco's first ever state championship appearance of any kind.

Behind Orozco, sophomore Jocelyn Cervantes also jumped up from her sixth runner position at the Northern California Championship two weeks ago to second here. Cervantes, who had never run a cross-country race under 20 minutes, crossed the line in 46th in a personal best 19:48. Cervantes was the highest placing freshman last fall and improved from 111th place overall in 2016. She also improved by 50 seconds dropping her time of 20:38 at the State Preview and was the seventh highest placing NorCal female. Cervantes only placed sixteenth at the regional meet two weeks ago. Freshman Monica Ruelas placed 54th overall eclipsing the 20-minute barrier for the second consecutive time with her 19:59. Ruelas moved up one spot among regional competition placing tenth overall for Northern California women. She sits just behind her sister and fellow All-Region runner Maritza Ruelas. Fellow freshman Maria Aceves improved her time at Woodward Park to 20:12 to place 64th at her first state championship. The remaining Lady Panthers were unable to improve from September. Top runner Arlene Diaz Leal (20:36) and Olivia Jimenez (21:22) struggled in their first state championship, but completed the race while Yvette Tavarez withdrew in the final mile due to injury.

As a team, the Lady Panthers placed ninth overall and second for Northern California schools. This was improvement over last fall's twelfth place team finish. This season included team victories at the Fresno Invitational, the first ever in school history, Beat the Heat Meet, Las Positas Invitational, and Lou Vasquez Invitational. They were also victorious at the Toro Park Invitational that served as the NorCal Preview Meet. The women won their fifth consecutive Coast Conference team title with Arlene Diaz Leal becoming the fifth consecutive individual champion. The women's team moved up on spot among regional championship placing tenth overall for Northern California women. Their 41 points established a new college record for the regional championship. With four all-region returners in Arlene Diaz Leal, Lauryn Orozco, Maria Aceves, and Monica Ruelas along with all-conference runner Nina Arias, the 2018 squad is positioned well for a regional title.

Hartnell’s Speech Team shines

The Hartnell Speech Team earned multiple individual awards and the 2nd Place Overall Community College team award at the Sather Classic, held at UC Berkeley on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2017. Eleven schools representing two and four-year institutions competed, including Chico State University, San Francisco State University, and Butte College.

All seven members of the team that competed placed in at least one event, including:

- Adriana Gonzalez, 3rd Place Open Prose Interpretation and 5th Place Open Informative Speaking
Athena Ramirez, 2nd Place Open Prose and 4th Place Open Persuasive
Chris Almaraz, 3rd Place Open Persuasive Speaking
Hannah Villafuerte, 2nd Place Open Impromptu and 5th Place Open Prose Interpretation
Luke Lunding, 4th Place Open Informative Speaking
Sandra Ruvalcaba, 4th Place Open Prose and 6th Place Open Informative
Victor Nambo, 2nd Place, Dramatic Interpretation

“I was very impressed with the team,” said Coach Jason Hough. “Five members of our squad were not in attendance, so to achieve a high team finish speaks to focus of those who competed.”
The team will next compete and play host at the Steinbeck Invitational, held on the main campus of Hartnell College Saturday, December 9.

UC President Napolitano and UCSC Chancellor Blumenthal meet with students from our region

On Monday, November 27, 2017, I along with 11 Hartnell College students were happy to accept an invitation by University of California President Janet Napolitano to meet at Cabrillo College and learn about the wonderful opportunities available for transfer students at a UC campus.
President Napolitano assured the students that there are now many first generation students attending a UC campus and promised them that sufficient financial aid is available.
Also speaking to the students to extend an invitation to attend UC Santa Cruz were Chancellor Blumenthal and a Latino professor of astronomy.
The Hartnell College students had several of their questions answered by President Napolitano and were excited by the possibilities of attending a UC in the very near future.
Hartnell Board President, Manuel Osorio, Associated Students of Hartnell College President, Nelida Ponce, TRiO Director, Manuel Bersamin, and I also attended an afternoon session with President Napolitano. Other regional community colleges also joined in the conversation.
Mi CASA Presents "Immigrants Rising" Training

On November 14, 2017, faculty and staff participated in an important workshop for DREAMer Allies. Educators for Fair Consideration’s Ms. Iliana G. Perez presented an Immigrants Rising Training to teach us about what steps undocumented students can take to pursue a meaningful career and secure their financial future. Now, more than ever, it is incumbent upon us to educate ourselves so that we can continue to support students in meeting their goals; with or without DACA, regardless of their status. Participants learned about the basics of entrepreneurship and independent contracting, two methods of earning a living without a DACA work permit. The information shared in the training will improve our ability to provide relevant advising and counseling around majors and career choices for undocumented students. It will also give students hope for the future as they navigate the challenges of college coursework. The DREAMer Allies at Hartnell look forward to continuing to collaborate to assist students in building agency and power within themselves.

Mi CASA Keeps the Community Informed

On November 30, 2017, the Center for Achievement and Student Advancement staff and a DREAMer student ambassador, were hosted once again on a radio talk show on public affairs known as Comunidad Alerta airing on Radio Bilingue KHDC 90.9FM. Comunidad Alerta strives to inform and raise awareness among the Latino Community. The segment featured Mi CASA DREAMer Adriana Gonzalez-Sebastian, Program Assistant Miriam Vazquez-Gonzalez, and Counselor Yuliana Vasquez. The show focused on the future after DACA. The Mi CASA team commented on the importance of not giving up and reiterated that education is a right that cannot be taken away from DREAMers. Additionally, Mi CASA staff spoke about the Immigrants Rising training on alternatives to continue making a living which was presented by Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) recently at Hartnell College. The recent expansion of in-state tuition in California better known as AB 68 was also mentioned during the show. AB 68 will allow more
students to be able to pay in state tuition and receive state-based financial aid, through the modification of California school attendance requirement. Implementation of SB 68 will take place in January 2018. DREAMer Adriana Gonzalez-Sebastian fiercely shared about her experience as a DREAMer and how Mi CASA has supported her and made her feel welcomed at Hartnell College. Archives of this and previous Mi CASA appearances on Radio Bilingue can be found at: http://www.archivosderb.org/

Expanding Your Horizons 2017
On November 18, 2017, we hosted the 5th Annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference and Career Fair for young women in the Student Center. This event in collaboration with the Lyceum of Monterey County brings together girls in grades 5th – 10th interested in math, technology, science, and engineering (STEM). We had more than 300 girls, parents, and teachers in attendance. The day-long event included hands-on activities in STEM, as well as opportunities for these young women to meet female STEM role models and learn more about careers in STEM fields. View more information here: http://www.lyceum.org/eyh/

Hands-On-Friday features welding and safety
On November 17, 2017, the Ag Institute led by Belen Gonzales organized a visit for students from Monterey County Home Charter School as part of a Hands-On Friday visit. Students ranged from the 9th – 12th grade. Students participated in a hands-on welding activity conducted by welding instructor Michael Davis, as well as a campus tour. Students were introduced to GMAW (MIG) welding as well as safety procedures and safety equipment.
Brandstorm 2017 – students learn from the best

Instructor Nicholas Pasculli along with eight students traveled to San Francisco to attend the third annual Brandstorm, hosted by United Fresh Produce Marketing & Merchandising Council. The event brought together both green and seasoned marketers. Students had the opportunity to attend this one-of-a-kind event where they met, shared, discussed, and explored new developments and exciting advancements in produce marketing.

California State Beekeepers Association 128th Annual Convention

As part of iAgriculture, Instructor Cathy Carlson along with students Tyler Armbister and Norvella Mendoza had the opportunity to attend the 128th Annual California State Beekeepers Association Convention in Lake Tahoe. This convention was a great opportunity to hear from researchers from all over the United States presenting the latest scientific advancements and seasoned, professional beekeepers presenting practical insights into hive management. Attendees ranged from multigenerational commercial beekeepers to brand-new beekeepers just starting their first hives. There were discussions on the challenges of this past season and a large focus on concerns for the coming season: such as the Varroa Mite. The CA Beekeepers Association meets annually to assure the success of the association and of the bees. Inputs, outputs and expectations are presented in the meeting sessions, and at the vendor exhibit tables.

Genomics Workshop 2017

Dr. Jeffery Hughey has announced that the second Hartnell College Genomics Group manuscript was published this weekend. It was submitted to the scientific journal Mitochondrial DNA Part B: Resources. This is the result of the workshop noted in the President's report last month. The title of the paper is:

"The complete mitochondrial genome of the horned lizard Phrynosoma blainvillii (Squamata: Phrynosomatidae) from California, USA"

The paper can be found here:


Congratulations to the Genomics Group for this accomplishment!
Hartnell Alumna Malena Grover wins national title with Adams State

Former Hartnell College student-athlete Malena Grover (Salinas HS) recently helped her Adams State University Lady Grizzlies to the NCAA Division II Cross Country National Championship in Evansville, Indiana. Grover placed 12th overall to earn individual All-American honors. Adams State was ranked third overall heading into the championship race, but with Grover's help, the Lady Grizzlies prevailed over top ranked Cal Baptist University and second ranked Grand Valley State University. Adams State avenged last year's upset where they placed second overall. Grover was third overall at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championship to earn a second all-RMAC honor. She improved on her thirteenth place South Central Regional Championship finish by taking the overall individual win to help Adams State win the regional team title for the second consecutive year. For her efforts, Grover was the South Central Female Runner of the Year. At the national championship, Malena was the second Lady Grizzly to cross the line and in twelfth place up from 43rd as a freshman. The Adams State title becomes their 53rd national title in cross country in school history. While at Hartnell College, Malena Grover was a two-time Coast Conference Champion in cross country. She was the Northern CA runner-up as a sophomore earning her second all-region honor. At the CCCAA State Championship, she improved from 13th as a freshman to 3rd overall, the highest placing finish in school history. Her teams won back to back conference and regional titles. In track, she established school records at 1500m, 5000m, and 10,000m and in the process set the Coast Conference 10,000m record in a solo run for 25 laps. As a freshman, she earned All-American honors in the 5000m while becoming the first Hartnell woman ever to cover the distance in under 18 minutes. As a sophomore, she won conference titles at 800m, 1500m, 5000m, and 10,000m a feat potentially unmatched in conference history. Grover the NorCal champion at 1500m and became Hartnell College's first state champion at that event. She ended her career at the same meet with a second All-American honor in the 5000m.

Panthers run the floor with precision on the road

On November 25, 2017 our Men’s basketball team traveled to Merced and beat them 67-58 to elevate its win streak to 3. The Panthers kept doing what they do best, moving the ball around and creating space for easy baskets. They would record 21 assists for the contest, 10 of those came from the hands of (#3) Miguel Velez who added 10 points to produce a double-double. At the end of the first
half, the Panthers were up 36-31 and showed no signs of slowing down as (#22) Spencer Conrad, along with debut players (#5) Kishon Rogers and (#15) Dallin Mortensen, would record a combined 47 points for Hartnell to eventually give them a 67-58 win over Merced. Coach Andrew Vasher expects the team to play within their system and so far everything seemed to click. The team’s shooting percentage has been no lower than 42% in each contest, while at the same time keeping their opponents below 38%. The Panthers basketball team hopes to keep their winning streak going. Go Panther s!

First win of the season for Women’s Basketball

On November 15, 2017 Hartnell hosted their four-in-a-row home game, against Ohlone College. Hartnell was looking for their first win of the season after a 72-61 loss to Marin College in their previous match. Right from the tip-off, Hartnell dominated the game scoring 46 first-half points, compared to their opponents 13 first-half points. Hartnell’s starting five consisted of Carolina Sandoval (#10), Alexus Andrade (#21), Davaughna Thompson (#24), Dallana Pantoja Perez (#31) and Valeria Quinones Liddy (#33). The starters combined for 55 points, 26 rebounds and 19 steals that helped lift the Panthers to a huge second half, where the same story took place, as they outscored Ohlone 31 to 17 but this time with a little help from the bench. Cristeta Almorade (#3) scored 7 points with 2 steals, Alexis Marquez (#23) contributed with 6 points and 10 Rebounds. Hartnell Defeated Ohlone by the score of 77-30! Leading scorers for the Lady Panthers were Davaughna Thompson (#16), Dallana Pantoja Perez (#15) and Valeria Quinones Liddy (#12). Go Panthers!

Men’s Soccer - Hartnell and Taft face off yet again

On November 21, 2017, #2 seed Hartnell, hosted the #7 seed City College of San Francisco for the second round of Northern California regional playoffs. CCSF had just defeated the #10 seed De Anza 3-2. Meanwhile, Hartnell impressively handled Napa Valley 7-0, with the help of Anthony Hurtado’s (#7) 2 goals. Both teams played at high intensity the whole time however, Hartnell opened the scoreboard with a corner kick by Esteban Barragan (#23) that got through few CCSF defenders and allowing Luis Mendoza (#6) to score the first goal of the game putting Hartnell on the lead at minute 38’. Mendoza’s goal was the only goal of the game giving the Panthers a 1-0 win against CCSF, allowing them to move further into the playoffs; this was also Hartnell’s 11th shutout of the season.

Next up was the #3 seed Taft; the match was held on November 25, 2017. It was Hartnell’s third playoff home game, but most importantly a rematch from last year. These Northern California teams had similar arsenal and outstanding defenses so points were going to be well-earned. With both teams playing fast-paced and little substitutions happening, the game went
into extra time. Taft was given a nice transition play and scored in the 100’ minute mark putting them in the lead. Hartnell did not waste any time and attacked furiously to get back in the game, after a nice corner kick that Hartnell Sophomore, Christian Santibanez (#3) headed well enough to score, but Taft’s keeper had an incredible save. Taft was able to put in one more goal before the game and ended up with a 2-0 win over the Panthers. Hartnell’s season came to an end that day, finishing with an overall record of 17-3-3 (.804) and a conference record of 10-1-2 (.846) that earned the Coast Conference championship earlier this year. Congratulations Panthers on a successful season!

**Women’s Volleyball move to playoffs**

On November 18, 2017 the Women's Volleyball Team hosted their first playoff game of the season and took a win against the Mustangs. The set scores were 25-8, 25-20, 25-11, making it 3-0. Some standouts of the game where: Megan Gonzalez (#8) who had 35 aces and 3 digs, Esmeralda Nava (#13) had 8 digs, Sam Shafer (#1) had 13 kills and 3 block assists. On November 21, 2017, the Lady Panthers took a tough loss when playing against Feather River for the second round of Regional Playoffs. The game went on to 4 sets with scores of 14-25, 25-22, 17-25, 26-28 making it 1-3. Leaders of the game were Kawena Paez (#10) with 14 digs, Megan Gonzalez (#8) with 36 aces and 10 digs, and Marlene Morales (#6) with 13 kills.

**EOPS is now accepting applications for spring 2018**

The Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOPS) is now accepting applications for the spring 2018 semester. The program is designed to assist first generation college students with academic counseling, textbook credits, lending library, student success workshops, priority registration and other support services. Students must be a California resident, enrolled as a full-time student, 12 units or more, (DSPS student can be enrolled in 6 units) and have completed a FAFSA application for 2017-18. AB 540 students are also eligible to apply for EOPS services. Applications can be picked up at the EOPS office in B-130 or online at [www.hartnell.edu/eopscare](http://www.hartnell.edu/eopscare).

**Successful session about internships**

Approximately 45 students attended a presentation hosted by Education Specialist, Juan Alvarez of the Hispanic-Serving Institutions National Program at USDA to learn about federal and corporate internships through HACU and the Pathways Program. Students at Hartnell College are encouraged to apply for a student track scholarship for the [HACU Annual Conference](http://www.hacuannualconference.org) (Atlanta, Georgia October 6-8, 2018) and the [HACU Internship Program](http://www.hacu.internship.org) (summer internship deadline is Feb. 16). Students were informed and intrigued with all the opportunities presented.
Proud Moment for Faculty Member
Andrea Zarate

Professor Andrea Zarate’s daughter Dawn was appointed on October 20, 2017 by Governor Terry McAuliffe of Virginia, as a Board of Director of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program. Dawn will serve in a public advocacy position with a panel to assist in helping identify the needs of children, families and adults with rare diseases. The team will serve as an advisory panel for recommendations to legislature. Prof. Zarate is overjoyed with this news and so proud of her daughter and the positive difference and influence she is making in this world. Congratulations!

Alumni spotlight
Roy Garcia rides the wave to success

Class of 2014 Alumnus, Roy Garcia is truly living the American Dream. This week, he is graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor’s Degree in Manufacturing Engineering and already has a job lined up in the Los Angeles Area as a Global Operations Engineer for Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems with a competitive salary, moving expenses, and housing stipend. He starts that job in February 2018.

“The key to success is self-motivation,” shared Garcia. “I am also a very ambitious individual.” He says that he never felt different among other ethnic groups and always felt like he belonged and had the competency to do well just as everyone else. “The biggest thing is attitude,” he said. “Focus on the present with sight on the future.”

At a career expo at Cal Poly two years ago, he met people from Tesla and pitched his interest in an internship with them. He was called to do a paid internship last summer and then again this year, which also led to a job offer, but he respectfully declined.

Roy learned a lot at these internships. He says that he was involved in innovative technology, met a lot of smart people, gained professional skills, became a better speaker (especially in technology terminology), learned engineering design and fundamentals, and became better at programming and coding.

Roy is from Guerrero, Mexico and was brought to the United States when he was just one-year-old. He has two younger brothers (6 and 16). His father worked in the fields until he moved on to a County job. His mom and dad always instilled in him the importance of an education as the best option for his future.

His drive has always been there. During his time at Hartnell, he participated in two STEM Summer Internships and worked in student opportunities that enhanced his knowledge in STEM.

He is so thankful to the entire faculty and staff at the college but has three individuals to mention who had a tremendous impact in his life.
and development into a scientist/engineer. “I felt extra support from Professor Dr. Melissa Hornstein, Bronwyn Moreno, and Maggie Melone-Echiburu; they were instrumental in my life and continue to be an important part of who I am,” he added.

For him, coming to Hartnell was the smart choice in every way. He says that many students have the wrong perception of a Community College and should be informed and not be misled. “Don’t believe the stereotypes – it is a smart, financial decision and you must choose wisely,” said Roy who is graduating from Cal Poly with $0 student debt. He received all of the financial aid he needed and the internships at Tesla helped him become financially independent; in addition, he had enough to start his future planning with savings and investments.

Roy is a true example of hard work and perseverance mixed with ambition and forward thinking. He says to be ready to take on the responsibilities as a full-time engineer because the preparation at Hartnell, Cal Poly, and Tesla have set him up for success. His future plans include an MBA, for which his new employer has already offered to pay.

“I had a great experience at Hartnell,” he said. “The support is there, you just have to go out there and look for it and find it.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hartnell College – Walk of Honor Dedication
Dedication of site honoring Hartnell College students, employees, and board members.
Designed as a place for remembrance and reflection.
Thursday, December 7, 2017
10:00 a.m. – refreshments will be served
Outside the Library and Learning Resource Center

Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
5:00 p.m. – Steinbeck Hall

Administrators Meeting
Wednesday, December 6, 2017
12:30 p.m. – Steinbeck Hall

The Western Stage presents the last weekend performance!
- **Young Frankenstein**
  December 8 and 9, 2017 Mainstage
  For ticket information go to: westernstage.com

The Music Department presents Winter Concerts 2017
- **A vocal extravaganza**
  Monday, December 4, 2017
  7:00 p.m. in K-125
- **A winter choral concert**
  Wednesday, December 6, 2017
  10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. - Mainstage
- **A Hawaiian music concert**
  Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. - Mainstage
Winter Closure
December 18, 2017 – January 1, 2018

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK
Salinas High Sophomore teaches coding to others thanks to Hartnell’s Coder Dojo

Central Coast community college students urged to chart course to UC
https://news.ucsc.edu/2017/11/transfer-outreach.html

King City boy’s wish for $2,000 shopping spree comes true

Hartnell College’s herScript boosting women’s careers in tech

The price of a Future
Kansas picks up defensive back commitments from familiar junior college
Jeremiah McCullough followed the signs and committed to Kansas
New coach, commitments both have an out
Blue Devils sweep major awards after winning Golden Coast Conference co-championship
http://www.mercedsunstar.com/sports/college/article185879118.html  
COC Women’s Cross Country Ends Season With 8th Place Finish at State Championships
Falcon women defeat Hartnell, boys fall to Santa Rosa
http://www.folsomtelegraph.com/article/11/21/17/falcon-women-defeat-hartnell-boys-fall-santa-rosa  
Spartans finish season
https://gonzalestribune.com/article/spartans-finish-season  
Local Roundup: Hartnell men’s soccer ousted from NorCal playoffs
Spanish Bay Babes place 2nd at USTA nationals
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/20171126/SPORTS/171129877  
Hartnell Men’s Soccer wraps up just shy of State
MPUSD holds first student hackathon
Longtime County Supervisor Simon Salinas to retire after historic career
Once withering on the vine, Monterey Peninsula College’s horticulture program blossoms
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/people/831/once-withering-on-the-vine-monterey-peninsula-college-s-horticulture/article_81db0b4c-d56e-11e7-96f6-673e024a5a85.html

PARSONS: Reflecting on our progress