Bright Futures: WELI and CSin3 are highlighted

On Friday, January 12, 2018, Bright Futures Education Partnership presented Community Bright Spots at CSUMB @ Salinas City Center (Steinbeck Center). Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo and Vice President of Community Development at Taylor Farms, Margaret D’Arrigo led the program to introduce the best of the best in Monterey County. The 2-hour program introduced ‘Bright Spots’ in College, K-12, and Early Care. Hartnell was honored to present two of our programs. Adriana Gonzalez represented the WELI program and how this has impacted her life. She is a Communication Studies Major and a DREAMER. Alumnus Joseph Molina represented the CSin3 Program. He shared his experience during the 3-year program, the internship opportunities, and his future in Android development. Both Panthers expressed themselves with confidence and pride. Everyone in the audience was impressed with them and with the programs. A number of Hartnell administrators were there to learn of the advances in education and what the future looks like in this arena. Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez was there to present on why ‘equity matters’ and shared her own experience navigating through high school and on to college. She is the first in her family to go to college.
It was a great session to learn what all leaders in education are doing in our area to prepare the future generations for higher education and for life.

**Hartnell stands with our DACA-protected students**

In light of the recent injunction against the Trump Administration’s rescission of the DACA program, Hartnell College reaffirms its support for DACA-protected students. Hartnell College remains committed to supporting our DREAMer students in the achievement of their higher education dreams. Through Mi CASA (Center for Achievement and Student Advancement) we will launch a number of activities to support our students during this injunction period.

On February 7, 2017, the Board of Trustees of the Hartnell Community College District adopted Resolution 17:3 - In Support of Undocumented Students and Affirming the Privacy of Student Records.

Last year Hartnell enrolled 880 students eligible under California Assembly Bill 540 (amended under AB 2000). These DREAMer students 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. This dramatic increase is a reflection of the inclusive and welcoming environment that has been created by the faculty, staff, and administrators of the College. It is important to keep in mind that even if changes occur with the DACA program, this will not affect existing California laws that enable eligible Dreamer students to attend college, receive BOG Fee Waivers, and apply for California Dream Act Grants.

In April 2016, Hartnell opened Mi CASA, one of the first DREAMer Centers at a California community college. Mi CASA provides services and support for DREAMer students. Information about services and activities through Mi CASA are available at [http://www.hartnell.edu/mi-casa-hartnell-college-dreamer-center](http://www.hartnell.edu/mi-casa-hartnell-college-dreamer-center). For more information, contact Bronwyn Moreno, Director of Student Affairs at bmoreno@hartnell.edu or 831-755-6723.

**IMPORTANT – THE LATEST!**

DACA guidance and forms are now available; any student whose DACA has already expired (even if over a year) and those whose DACA will expire can now renew. They can get help with the $495 filing fee at [https://missionassetfund.org/lending-circles-for-dreamers/](https://missionassetfund.org/lending-circles-for-dreamers/)
Faculty and Staff participate in Student Success Conference

The 7th Annual Student Success Conference was a two-day event last week that brought together all full time and part-time faculty, administrators, and staff to get them ready for the new semester. Some of the sessions offered were: Habits of Mind, Crisis Counseling Services, Empowering Educators-Empowering Students through Forum Theatre, Crème Brulee, Institutional Research, and so much more. Guest speakers, Historian, Dr. Carol McKibben and Rhetoric and Communication Expert, Dr. Lene Whitley-Putz gave keynote addresses each day on topics that enlightened the audience.

In addition, we had the mandatory session for all employees on the introduction to Guided Pathways. Dean of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, Dr. Brian Lofman introduced Naomi Castro and Michelle Simotas from the Career Ladders Project, and Aaron D. McVean from San Mateo CCD (pictured). They talked about how the Guided Pathways’ framework in markedly increasing transfer and completion of degrees and certificates, and reducing the amount of time it takes for students to complete their educational goals. More information can be found here https://www.caguidedpathways.org/.

Teacher Training Seminar

A strong culture of focused learning with a conscientious approach to instructional practice is at the forefront of the Hartnell College experience. A part of the college environment which speaks to this circumstance most clearly is the willing participation of students and new faculty and staff at the bi-annual Teacher Training Seminars. Seminar attendees from multiple disciplines engaged with seminar leaders in an interactive dialogue last Monday and Wednesday.
The first evening event specifically focused on instructional practice that develops best in the classroom environment. A myriad of topics were covered including and not limited to attendance policies, cell phone use by students, student learning challenges, and engagement with instructed material. Newly hired faculty and staff had the unique opportunity to engage in direct dialogue with Hartnell students in a faux classroom setting. In break-out sessions, students were also given the chance to assist course development as well as offer insight into positive teaching strategies that work for them. The first evening’s interaction was highly regarded by attendees and participants as an excellent introduction to the college culture and to the Hartnell student demographic.

Equally engaging and supportive of Hartnell College’s institutional goals, the second evening of seminars provided source materials and guidelines in reference to instructional practice and college expectations. This follow-up to the mock classroom student interaction on Monday gave participants the opportunity to learn positive teaching practices that infuse course curriculum with student learning outcomes. The feedback from seminar attendees was once again overwhelmingly positive. Individuals expressed an increased awareness of the college instructor’s role in the classroom relative to served student demographics. Teachers and staff alike stated that their comprehension of the professional role of a college level educator relative to the college community as a whole increased exponentially because of their attendance at the seminars.

The six hours of preparation undertaken by new and returning members of our college community benefit the many students with whom they will interact in the coming semesters. As a reminder, the seminars welcome all Hartnell College faculty and staff. They are offered twice yearly and support the successes of our greatest resource, the Hartnell students. For more information, contact VP of Academic Affairs, Dr. Lori Kildal at lkildal@hartnell.edu.

**Employees for Student Success 2018 Campaign Kick-Off**

The goal is $115,000!
On January 9, 2018, the Hartnell College Foundation presented the managers kick off breakfast to launch the 2018 Employees for Student Success Campaign. The event was emceed by Director of Communications, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen. I gave the opening remarks and information from last year’s campaign, Esme led us through an icebreaker sharing stories of the inspirational figures in people’s lives, and Manager Dora Sanchez introduced the new goals for the year. Most administrators were present and eager to share heartfelt stories of leaders and mentors who encouraged them to transform their lives.

The staff is ready to give and help our students succeed by aiming to beat last year’s goal of $104,356 with 208 participants, to raise $115,000 with 225 participants and growing. The new campaign year already promises high success, with new participation from 20 employees.

One of our newest givers, Manuel Bersamin who is the Director of TRIO, won a lovely raffle prize for signing up to give. Also, just to add some fun to the campaign and thank our givers, the Foundation Office proposed a new and exciting incentive: the department with the highest percentage of participants will receive an “Employees for Student Success” brick dedicated to the department at the Plaza. Thank you all for giving and for putting our students first!

**Winter 2018 Math Academy a success!**

The Winter Math Academy began on Tuesday January 2 and ended on Wednesday January 10, 2018 with about 200 students in participation. The purpose of the Math Academy is to help prepare students for success in math throughout the semesters. Math levels taught include Math 201 through Math 3A.
The instructors of the Math Academy utilize interactive resources to excite their students about learning and to help them become confident in their math skills. Students also participated in an egg-drop competition and a Hartnell Student Support Fair to win valuable materials such as book vouchers, free textbooks, and access codes to online learning systems for upcoming math classes. The ending ceremony was co-facilitated by Instructors and Math Academy Co-Directors, Laura Fatuzzo and John Perez. They recognized the amazing faculty that taught during the academy including: Robert Dunham, Patricia Garcia, Dave Lotte, Brian Palmer, Greg Perkins, Rayelene Potter, and Mary Rayappan, as well as the student instructors and tutors from the Panther Learning Labs, followed by Habits of Mind and a video dedication. Congratulations on another successful Math Academy!

**Administrative Services Retreat**

On Monday, January 11, 2018, Administrative Services hosted a retreat for their staff and guests. The main presenter, Pamela Cox-Otto, focused on customer service from the perspective of how Administrative Services is an integral part of the success of the District in general, and students specifically, during current climate and times. Specifically, how in many cases, Administrative Services may be the first contact for a student walking onto campus. The lunch presenter, Paul Farmer, from the Salinas Valley Chamber, focused on how we should always aim to be our best selves in our professional and personal lives.

The goal of the retreat was to recognize and encourage Administrative Services staff to feel valued and appreciated for their daily work, and more importantly, for them to recognize how their individual work is part of the larger collective effort of the division and the District towards the success of our students. The retreat took place at the CSUMB @ Salinas City Center in Oldtown.
CSin3 team gets awarded ‘Best Paper’ for SIGCSE 2018

Big congratulations to our CSin3 faculty and staff at Hartnell College and CSU Monterey Bay! They were selected to represent the program at an international conference. The paper Upward Mobility for Underrepresented Students: A Model for a Cohort-Based Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Science - by Sathya Narayanan, Kathryn Cunningham, Sonia Arteaga, William J. Welch, Leslie Maxwell, Zechariah Chawinga, and Bude Su - was selected as the Best Paper for the New Curricula, Programs, Degrees, and Position Paper track for SIGCSE 2018.

The SIGCSE Technical Symposium is the largest computing education conference worldwide organized by ACM SIGCSE. It attracts around 1,300 researchers, educators, and others interested in improving computing education in K-12 and higher education.

This year the Program Chairs selected three best papers, first, second, and third, from each of the paper tracks for their accomplishment of high quality, novelty and broad appeal to reviewers. All best papers received multiple nominations, high ratings, and excellent comments from reviewers. Their paper was designated as Best Paper (#1) and the other two as 2nd Best paper and 3rd Best paper.

The authors of the paper will be recognized at the conference February 21-24, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland, during the closing lunch with a certificate. In addition, the paper will be published in the ACM Inroads Magazine.

Athletics:

Panthers Increase Win Streak to 3 on the Road

On January 10, 2018 and for the second game of the year, the Hartnell Men’s Basketball Team went on the road as they faced San Jose City College and comfortably won with a final score of 81-68. With this win, the team now stands at (10-6) record for the season and (2-0) in conference play, increasing their win streak to 3 games after solid play. The team’s production has continuously increased and teammates continue to click together in these crucial conference matchups. They take on West Valley next at home January 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Gym. West Valley is coming off a loss and with an overall record of (10-8) look to give our Panthers a good game.
EOPS is Still Accepting Applications for Spring 2018

The Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOPS) is still accepting applications for the Spring 2018 semester. The EOPS 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 in 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Things to look forward to this semester:
- Welcome Back Lunch, January 24, 2018
- Black History Month in February
- Week of Love, February 7-14
- Women’s History Month in March
- Stay tuned for more and for details!

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

CSin3 Alumni create ‘Faces of DACA’ website – interview on KAZU
http://kazu.org/post/website-puts-face-dacas-dreamers#stream/0

Hartnell to host little league for free on Friday

Hartnell offers free college counseling
https://kingcityrustler.com/article/hartnell-offers-free-college-counseling

How Hartnell and CSUMB have partnered to ‘grow our own’ teachers
https://csumb.edu/magazine/growing-our-own