Valenzuela-Acharte Twins Graduate from UC Davis

In spring of 2015, we included an article on twin brothers Fernando and Ricardo Valenzuela-Acherte. (See page 2 at this link). Along with their mother Silvia, the young men were given the opportunity to come to the United States in 2010 – but had to leave their father and older brother behind in Peru.

They attended adult school to learn English and in 2012, the twins entered Hartnell as STEM students studying engineering. Right before the holiday break in December 2017, their mother and father stopped by my office and invited me to attend their graduation from UC Davis. Both completed bachelor’s degrees in electrical engineering. Congratulations to everyone who played a role in the success of these students!

Alumnus Spotlight – Rolando Perez

In other great news, former Hartnell student Rolando Perez advanced to candidacy for a Ph.D. in Bioengineering at Stanford University and was on campus to tell us about it. In 2013, then Hartnell student Rolando Perez, was honored as a selection to the Phi Theta Kappa All-California Community College Academic Team Program. He is in the middle of the photo with other recipients. Rolando is the first-born son of Mexican immigrants and a U.S. Air Force Veteran. While at Hartnell he was also a NSF STEM scholar. Rolando transferred to UC Santa Cruz to complete his bachelor’s degree in engineering. He was then admitted to the bioengineering
doctoral program at Stanford University. While at Stanford he has been a NSF Fellow, FEED Collaborative Innovator, and Stanford EDGE-STEM Fellow. He stopped by my office this week to tell me about his progress and to let me know he has been advanced to candidacy for his Ph.D. This means he has passed all written and oral exams and will now be working on his dissertation. Congratulations to everyone who played a role in Rolando’s success. This is how at Hartnell College, we are growing leaders, through opportunity, engagement, and achievement!

**Public Safety Department has a new home in Bldg. T**

![Photo of the Public Safety Department team and aerial photo of the location]

As you have probably noticed, there were some slight changes around campus over the Holiday break. One of those changes is the move of the Public Safety Department, previous location of C-135, to building T. The phone numbers and emergency contacts remain the same.

The Public Safety Department provides escorts, lost and found, parking information, and temporary parking passes as well as security patrols for the overall safety and security of the campus. If you have a need for Public Safety, please call 831-755-6888. You may also stop by building T. A photo of the team and an aerial photo of the location attached.

**Employee Giving – help fill the heart!**

This year’s campaign is well underway with a goal of $115,000 in donations and 225 donors to support our students. The new campaign year already promises high success, with new and continuing participants. Off to a good start with 27 participants: 8 new donors, 2 new President’s Circle members, and increases from continuing donors!

This year we are including an added incentive; the campus area with the highest participation percentage will be awarded a brick in the Plaza in front of the Library.

If you have not already, join us and the rest of the Campaign Committee in showing your commitment to our students through a monthly pledge or one-time donation. Your contribution, no matter its size, will have a direct
impact on our students. Your donation will support scholarships, student emergency funds, and areas of greatest need. These funds provide encouragement to students helping them push through, realizing their educational dreams. As in prior years, we will have raffles through February 16, 2018. **The winner of last week’s gift basket is Imelda Suarez!**
If you have any questions regarding the campaign, stop by the Foundation Office in E-101 or call 831-755-6810. Thank you for supporting the success of our students.

**Published work by two of our Faculty**

Dr. Nereida Oliva, Ethnic Studies professor and Dr. Hortencia Jimenez, Sociology professor published a peer-reviewed article in the *Association of Mexican American Educators Journal* (AMAE) special issue “Latinx and the Community College: Promoting Pathways to Postsecondary Degrees.” AMAE special issue can be found at [http://amaejournal.utsa.edu/index.php/amae/issue/view/32](http://amaejournal.utsa.edu/index.php/amae/issue/view/32)

The title of their peer-reviewed article is *Latina Student Mothers’ Trenzas de Identidades in the Community College.*

Using focus with student mothers, Dr. Jimenez & Dr. Oliva examine the narratives of four Latina student mothers pursuing higher education at a community college. Using Chicana Feminist Theory as their theoretical framework, they apply *trenzas de identidades* (braids of identity) (Godínez, 2006; Montoya, 1994) as a metaphorical and analytical tool to understand the experiences of Latina community college student mothers. The student mothers’ *trenzas de identidades* demonstrate the ways their mother, student, and professional identities intersect and influence how they experience and navigate the educational pipeline.

**SPREAD THE WORD**

**2018-19 Hartnell Scholarship Applications**

The deadline for the 2018-2019 General Application for Hartnell Scholarships is approaching on January 26, 2018. If you have not already done so, click on the following link to apply for Hartnell Scholarships: [hartnell.academicworks.com/users/sign_in](http://hartnell.academicworks.com/users/sign_in)

If you are planning to transfer to a UC in fall 2018, take some time to review the information posted for two great scholarship opportunities available for students who will be transferring out of Hartnell College:

- The Peggy and Jack Baskin Scholarship: A $20,000 scholarship for women transferring to a UC campus for fall 2018 - [www.hartnell.edu/peggy-and-jack-baskin-scholarship-0](http://www.hartnell.edu/peggy-and-jack-baskin-scholarship-0)
- The Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award: A $20,000 scholarship for students transferring to UC Santa Cruz fall 2018. [www.hartnell.edu/ucsc-karl-s-pister-leadership-opportunity-program](http://www.hartnell.edu/ucsc-karl-s-pister-leadership-opportunity-program)

If you have any questions, contact Financial Aid Technician, Ana Valles at 831-755-6811 or avalles@hartnell.edu.
Hartnell to participate in CCSSE national student survey

The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) is a national student survey focused on teaching, learning, and retention in community colleges. The project is managed by the Center for Community College Student Engagement, part of the Program in Higher Education Leadership at The University of Texas at Austin.

In spring 2014, the CCSSE was administered at Hartnell College and across the nation. The results from the survey provided valuable information about the engagement of our students. A number of strategies were launched as a result of the findings to improve areas of student engagement. This spring 2018, Hartnell College will again participate in the CCSSE as a follow-up to examine changes to measures of student engagement.

Research shows that the more actively engaged students are, the more likely they are to persist in their college studies and to achieve academic success. Identifying what our students do in and out of the classroom, knowing their goals, and understanding their external responsibilities can help us create an environment that enhances their academic outcomes.

CCSSE will be administered in a random sample of classes. Instructors whose classes are sampled will receive specific information. Managers and staff can participate as survey proctors. Natalia Cordoba-Velasquez, Director of Institutional Research, will contact you with details.

To learn more about CCSSE visit http://www.ccsse.org/ or contact the Center for Community College Student Engagement at 512-471-6807 or info@cccse.org.

Contact Natalia if you have questions (ncordoba@hartnell.edu) or 831-755-6854. I encourage your participation and I appreciate your support for this important survey.

Hartnell Baseball gives back to the community in their second Annual Free Clinic

On January 13-14, 2018, the Hartnell Baseball team hosted their second Annual Hartnell Baseball Clinic. Over 100 kids and 30 Little League coaches participated from all over the county. This year the number of children in attendance doubled. We had about 50 kids participate last year. In addition to the increase in participation, Hartnell student-athletes facilitated the clinic along with Baseball Assistant Coaches, Graham Santiago and Seth Hudson. During the clinic, the kids had fun in interactive drills including sliding, bunting, and a quick game of ball.

Hartnell Baseball Head Coach Travis Babin said, “I just think it’s a win-win for everybody; we had a lot of good instructors such as: Ray Green from Greenfield H.S., Lorenzo Espino from King City H.S., Daniel Munoz from North Salinas H.S., Don Keathley former Monte Vista Head Coach, and our two assistants.”

“I also think it’s great for our Program, the community service and giving back is great for our players,” added Babin. “To get a chance to work with these young kids and getting a different perspective, getting to see through a different lens than they are used to, is invaluable.”

We are thankful for all attending coaches that offered their support for this clinic and attendees. Save the date! Men’s Baseball team will host their first home game January 26, 2018. We are playing vs West Valley at 2:00 p.m. at the Tony Teresa Diamond, (Hartnell Baseball Field).
Men’s Basketball
Panthers keep great form going into another win

On January 12, 2018, our Men’s Basketball team took on West Valley Vikings (10-9) at home and came away with a 70-60 win, to improve their overall record to (12-6) and remain undefeated in conference play (4-0). The team’s good form has been a norm for the Panthers, as they consistently moved the ball all around West Valley and produced buckets that proved to be too much for the Vikings defense and ultimately led to their defeat. (#22) Spencer Conrad recorded 21 points and (#5) Kishon Rogers followed with 19 to help keep a comfortable lead throughout the game. We are now three quarters into the season, and the Panthers find themselves in a good spot. The team looks in accord and they all move the ball around following their Head Coach Andrew Vasher’s lead; this has driven the team to consistent scoring throughout the season. Hartnell is currently riding on a four-game winning streak, which started at their first conference game. The Panthers hope to keep the same type of winning mentality as they face their next opponents. Go Panthers!

Women’s Basketball mid-season recap

The Women’s Basketball Team currently sits with an overall record of 3-12(.200) and a conference record of 1-3 (.250) with two wins over Ohlone and De Anza. Although the Lady Panthers have suffered losses, there have been plenty of learning and off court team wins. The team has already improved last year’s team record, as well as an increase in team roster. In addition, key contributors of the team are: Davaughna Thompson, Alexus Andrade, and Dallana Pantoja Perez who have taken a lead in contributing to the team’s progress. With eight freshmen and only two sophomores, the upper class women of this team have stepped up and paved the way for the freshmen on the team.

Sophomore Davaughna Thompson has been averaging 13.4 ppg, 9.2 Reb/g and 66.1 % on FT. Likewise, Freshman Ryoka “Lay” Takeda has also given a spark for this team with a 29.2% in 3PT and averaging second in PTS/G for Hartnell with 10.1 per game, right behind Thompson. The season is not over yet, giving the Hartnell Panthers more opportunities to amaze fans. As for their last seven games of the season, four will be home games and league games. **Do not miss our next home game against our conference rival MPC, January 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. - hope to see you all there! Go Panthers!**
Hartnell Men's Football Team Has Season to be Proud Of

Led by Head Coach Matt Collins, our Panther football team made us proud and excited for what the future holds. This last fall season had its own unique challenges as the team battled injuries with an already thin roster. Each player stepped up to the call and provided as much support as they could in whichever area the team needed. Whether it was moving to a position they were asked to, or stepping up in practice for the scout team, each student-athlete deserves to hold their head high. Coaching staff consisting of Justin Hansen (Defensive Coordinator), Sunil Smith (Defensive Line), John Kaup (Offensive Line), Andrew Banua (Offensive Assistant), and Ivan Ramos (Linebacker) each gave the tools and support the players needed to improve each week.

At the end of the season the results do not reveal the whole story, although the Panthers finished with an overall record of (5-5) they also finished with a positive (4-2) in Conference play and only had one loss that was more than 6 points. At home, they seemed unstoppable losing only one home game!

The team averaged 299 yards on offense for the season. On the thoughts for the season Coach Collins praised the coaching staff for its resilience and adaptability to each obstacle and respected how the players held their morale high throughout the season. They all stayed focused on each task, while at the same time fighting through physical and personal challenges. Without a doubt, the team has earned respect. We congratulate the 2017-2018 Football Team for their triumphs and cannot wait to see what's in store for next year. Go Panthers!

From the Professional Development Committee

The upcoming deadline to submit your application for the next cycle of Conference and Travel grant awards is January 31, 2018. Travel or conference attendance must take place during this academic year. All Hartnell employees are eligible and encouraged to apply. You have four opportunities each year to apply for this benefit. Applications will be received: January 31, April 15, July 15, and September 15.

This Program provides Hartnell employees access to outside professional development and training to improve student learning and success. Awards will be made for up to $1,000 per person per academic year. Funds can be used to pay for conference fees, conference materials, travel, hotel, and food. Hartnell employees who receive Professional Development Conference/Travel Reimbursement funds will attend conferences and share what they have learned with colleagues. For more information on these programs, selection criteria, and for the materials to apply and nominate, please visit the Professional Development Program webpage.
Advancement Team attends IMPOWER Luncheon

VP of Advancement and Development, Jackie Cruz, Director of Public Grants Management, Michele Peregrin, and Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, attended the IMPOWER Luncheon at Corral de Tierra on Thursday, January 18, 2018. It was the perfect scenario to catch up with members of the business community, current donors and supporters, and meet new potential future additions to the Hartnell spirit. The keynote speaker was Corinne Warnshuis, executive director for Girl Develop it! a nonprofit organization that provides affordable and judgement-free opportunities for women interested in learning web and software development. You can learn more at www.girldevelopit.com.

Baby Shower for Priscilla

On Friday, January 19, 2018, a baby shower was celebrated in honor of mother-to-be, Priscilla Amao-Herrera, philanthropy officer for the Hartnell College Foundation. Her mother, sisters, Advancement and President’s Office colleagues gathered to wish Priscilla all the best in this new venture; they enjoyed refreshments, cake, played games, and she opened gifts. Priscilla and husband Francisco are expecting their first child Camilla in February.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESS CONFERENCE
Congressman Jimmy Panetta
Wednesday, January 24, 2018
11:30 a.m. – Steinbeck Hall
Topic – Taking a DREAMER to Washington D.C. and the State of the Union Address

Welcome Back Lunch
Wednesday, January 24, 2018
12:00 p.m. – Student Center
Track & Field
Hartnell College vs. De Anza College
Saturday, February 10, 2018
Field Events: 11:00 a.m.
Running Events: 12:00 p.m.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Hartnell Basketball stays strong against De Anza
https://lavozdeanza.com/sports/2018/01/20/de-anza-dons-face-close-loss-to-hartnell/

California School is a network of coincidences for KU football
http://www.kansan.com/sports/california-school-is-a-network-of-coincidences-for-ku-football/article_608e1e26-f723-11e7-a935-574f1252b79f.html