Update on Immigration Reform
Press Conference with Congressman Jimmy Panetta

Hartnell College was honored to host a press conference with special guest Congressman Jimmy Panetta Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at Steinbeck Hall, to provide students and the community with the latest information on efforts to pass permanent legislation in Washington D.C. to provide lasting immigration relief to keep families together and allow DREAMers a path to citizenship. The event was organized by Hartnell’s Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA) to show continued support for DREAMer students and their families and provide accurate, updated information to the Hartnell community. Over 200 students, faculty, staff, and community leaders were in attendance.

Board President Manuel Osorio provided opening remarks and affirmed District support for DACA Recipients and other DREAMer students. I was there to reassure students that we will do anything within our power to support them on their education journey, and that we will not share any personal information with Immigration Enforcement officers in absence of a warrant or judicial order. Attorney Magnolia Zarraga provided an update on DACA and responded to legal questions related to immigration and immigration enforcement. Due to a recent federal ruling, all DACA recipients past and present are now eligible to renew their DACA permits. Hartnell College encourages students to renew
as soon as possible and to contact Hartnell’s DREAMer Center Mi CASA at (831) 755-6723 for more information about how to renew for free. In addition, Hartnell will be hosting a free DACA renewal clinic on February 2, 2018 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM in Steinbeck Hall.

Cabrillo College visits Mi CASA

On Tuesday, January 23, 2018, the Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA) received a special visit from their Cabrillo College partners. Cabrillo College Interim Director of Student Success and Equity, Dr. Nereida Oliva, also a part-time faculty member for the Hartnell College Ethnic Studies, was present for this collaboration visit. The Cabrillo Dream Program staff and Dream Ambassadors came along with Dr. Oliva to witness and learn how Mi CASA has been successful in reaching out and providing services to our Hartnell DREAMers and local DREAMer community. During this visit, the Cabrillo College team was also able to get a glimpse of the welcoming environment DREAMers walk into when stopping by Mi CASA, as they were able to participate in the Mi CASA Spring 2018 welcome. Mi CASA is delighted to collaborate with Cabrillo and other colleges, as such collaboration has a greater impact for the DREAMer community.

Teacher Talent Incubator, a new $75,000 grant

Hartnell College was awarded a new $75,000 State Development Grant for the Teacher Talent Incubator (TTI) program. A team from the TTI accompanied Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Celine Pinet, to a Chancellor’s Office workshop in support of the effort, including Dr. Mayra Almodovar and Sergio Diaz from Hartnell College, Dr. Mark O’Shea from CSU Monterey Bay, and Kristine Vasquez, Educational Administrator, Monterey County Office of Education. The grant will serve to support expanding the TTI program to Hartnell’s Salinas campus, and to provide further sustainability for the program’s services. The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office reviewed 44 applicants, 23 of which were awarded funding and of those, six were development grants. The one-year grant is renewable after the first year.
Hartnell Crisis Counselor Selected to Receive
Mental Health Services Act Award

Hartnell Crisis Counselor Roberto Hernandez, has been selected to receive an $18,500 award through the California Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) Stipend Program. Roberto is currently completing his graduate studies at Brandman University and was one of two selected from Brandman to receive the award. The long-range objective of the MFT Stipend Program is to promote public mental health as a career option for those entering the MFT profession. Brandman’s students are qualified to apply for the 24 Stipends allocated in the MFT Consortium of the Bay Area.

The California MFT Stipend Program is funded through the Mental Health Services Act and administered by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to address the statewide workforce need for mental health practitioners in underserved communities of California. The Stipend Program promotes curriculum development in MFT graduate institutions that prepares graduates for public mental health practice.

The California Educational MFT Stipend Program awarded 110 stipends for use by selected students throughout the state to defray the cost of their graduate education. Selected stipend recipients must graduate between July 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018 and will be required to complete one year of post degree paid or unpaid employment at a mental health service agency operated by or affiliated with a county’s mental health or behavioral health department in California.

Dr. Ting surprised with recognition by Executive Cabinet

On Tuesday, January 23, 2017, I asked Institutional Research Analyst, Dr. Layheng Ting, to join me and my Cabinet members for a quick Q & A about one of her projects. She was intrigued and a bit skeptical, but she accepted. To her surprise, I along with Dean Brian Lofman, handed her a certificate of completion from the Data and Decisions Academy of the Association for Institutional Research (AIR). Last fall, she was selected as an awardee of a presidential scholarship for professional development by AIR. Dr. Ting enrolled in Longitudinal Tracking for Institutional Research and Designing IR Research. She reported that she is both happy and honored to be rewarded with the opportunity to attend the beneficial courses that will refresh and enrich her knowledge and expertise regarding research.

Scholarships are intended to broaden access to the Academy’s unique online courses, which build practical IR skills needed to support data-informed decision-making.
Hartnell SWE club is now an official affiliate of the national organization!

Congratulations on the successful completion of the Affiliate application for the Society of Women Engineers! Inside the engineering profession, women make up only ten percent of practicing engineers. Even within that already tiny sliver, Latinas are consistently underrepresented. The Society of Women Engineers is a national organization dedicated to encouraging women to achieve their full potential in careers as engineers and leaders. With Hartnell's new official link to the national society, our students will have access to their support, network, and resources to help them succeed in their academic pathways. "SWE@Hartnell isn't just for women and it isn't just limited to supporting engineering majors," said faculty advisor Dr. Melissa Hornstein. "Several of the members are men and there are also women belonging to other STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) majors." To read more about this topic, visit the following links:

Why are there so few female engineers?

We Need More Women and Minorities in STEM Fields
https://www.realclearmarkets.com/articles/2018/01/09/we_need_more_women_and_minorities_in_stem_fields_103096.html

Assisting in disaster areas
Professional Expert, Kevin Crane

Kevin Crane (pictured far left) was deployed as a first responder to the Montecito area after the fires and flooding. For weeks, Kevin has been providing search and rescue services to the hundreds of residents affected by the natural disasters in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Kevin is a professional expert for the Emergency Medical Technician course. He is responsible for reviewing emergency response skills with our EMT students as they prepare to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification examination.
Panthers defeat Lobos 60-59 in conference showdown

On January 25, 2018, conference rivals Hartnell and MPC, took the court with storm. With Hartnell’s recent success last week, with a 50-47 win against another conference team, De Anza, on the road. Meanwhile MPC was full of three-point shooters and sitting with a 10-10 (.500) overall record, the game looked like an even match. During the first half, the Lady Panthers led the game, staying head of the Lobos with a five-point lead, 28-23. Even though Hartnell stayed ahead it was a whole team effort as three players finished with double-digits, Alexus Andrade added 14 points while Cristeta Almorade finished with 13 points. Not to mention Valeria Quinoes Liddy tallied 10 points and 11 rebounds while Davaughna Thompson added nine points. At the second half the Lobos begin to make the game interesting, as their sharpshooters continued to attack. Although the Lobos had a late heroic comeback, Hartnell prevailed with a 60-59 win! Hartnell now sits at 4-13 (.235) overall and 2-4 (.333) in conference play. Now winning two out of three conference games with 6 games remaining in the season, Playoffs are not entirely out of the picture yet.

Don’t forget about Hartnell’s Women’s Basketball Annual Alumni game January 31, 2018 at 7 pm. See you all there, go Panthers!

Panthers Lose First Conference Game of the Season

On January 17, 2018, our Hartnell Men’s Basketball Team went up against De Anza on the road and prevailed confidently with a 78-67 final score. It was textbook play by the Panthers, as they looked to have control on both sides of the ball all night. Four out of five of Hartnell starters scored in double digits, led by (#22) Spencer Conrad’s with 24 points. Hartnell was on fire resulting in a 50% shooting for the game and an incredible 42% shooting from beyond the arc. With the win Hartnell remained undefeated in conference at (4-0), but still had one more road game to go before returning home.

On January 19, our Panthers stayed on the road going up against the Gavilan Rams and falling in a tough 75-86 game. Even with their extreme momentum the Panthers just couldn’t get it done on the defense end allowing Gavilan to shoot a 50% field goal percentage. Even with the heartbreak of the loss, the Panthers are in good spirits to know the depth of their roster as (#5) Kishon Rogers recorded 33 points and (#15) Dallin Mortensen scored 15 points off the bench, which led the team. The Panthers record fell to (12-6) for the season and (4-1) in conference. Go Panthers!
**Prepping Panthers ready to rack up home runs**

On January 26, the Panther Baseball team began the season against San Francisco City at our Tony Teresa Diamond. According to Head Coach Babin, the team is more than excited, stating “I really like where we’re at, I think we’re just ready to play someone else at this point.” The Hartnell team has been active since August and you would find the student-athletes grinding out on the field and studying hard on Coach’s instructions. Now, as we get closer to February and to the third week of school, the time has finally arrived. The team hopes to improve last year’s record, where they finished with just 16 wins. The first game will give the team an idea where they need to improve and highlight their strengths on their road to a successful season. We wish the Baseball Panthers the best of luck as they get the season going and can't wait to see what they have in store. Go Panthers!

**Welcome back lunch a delicious success!**

The Welcome Back Lunch took place on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 in the Student Center. Over 450 meals were served to students and staff at this traditional semester event. Participants were appreciative as the welcome back lunch is a time to enjoy a delicious Mexican lunch and socialize with other students and staff. We thank the Office of Student Life and the Associated Students of Hartnell College for making this another successful welcome to the new semester.

**Pre-Season Thaw: The Western Stage’s SpringFEST In Bloom**

The Western Stage’s annual SpringFEST offers performance and technical opportunities to students and the community who wish to improve their skills, gain experience, or simply find enrichment in the arts. This year’s theme adds an especially relevant layer to the program, which speaks to the country’s current efforts to address the gender gap: “In the Company of Women: Changing the Story.” Each project is reflective of the stories and experiences of women, and seeks to explore, highlight, and rejoice in the unique truths and triumphs of women around the world. Opportunities include, but are not limited to: acting/performing, producing, playwriting, directing, and tech (lights/sound/rigging/deck crew), and include opportunities for children, teens, and adults. Those who wish to audition, may contact Casting Coordinator, Malinda DeRouen, at 831-759-6037 or email twscasting@gmail.com. Those interested in enrolling in a workshop or getting involved in technical, artistic, or non-performance arenas, contact Artistic Program Director, Melissa Chin-Parker at 831-770-7088 or email mchin@hartnell.edu. And of course, those who simply wish to support SpringFEST by enjoying these collaborative and
grassroots projects from the audience are encouraged to make note of the performance schedule. Most performances are free to attend or by donation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ag Tech summit – sign up now
Coming on March 28!
The Hartnell College Agriculture Business and Technology Institute in collaboration with the Monterey Bay Chapter of the California Association of Pest Control Advisers (CAPCA) invites you to participate in the Fifth Annual Salinas Valley Ag Technology Summit. It will be on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM at Hartnell College’s Main Campus. Two educational tracks are specific to continuing education credit hours in the areas of laws and regulations, new technologies for pest management, aerial Ag tech, understanding bee behavior/vulnerability, increasing student interest in related Ag careers, and much more. A third educational track addresses overarching Ag technologies with respect to rural broadband, food safety, robotics and ergonomics, mechanization, and harvest assist technologies.

Admission to the event is free and includes a sponsored lunch. Growers, PCAs, CCAs, QALs, pilots, students, growers, and members of the Ag tech and software industries are encouraged to attend. Agriculture professionals with PCA, QAL or QAC certifications will receive ongoing education credits by the Department of Pesticide Regulation for attendance.

Registration for the event is on-line at: http://svagtechsummit.com/register/

DACA Renewal Clinic
Friday, February 2, 2018
6:00 – 9:00 PM
Steinbeck Hall

Faces of DACA
DREAMers share their stories
Tuesday, February 6, 2018
Mainstage, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Cash for College Day
February 24, 2018
B-110
Workshops throughout the day

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

DREAMer to be Panetta’s guest at State of the Union Address

Panetta tells DREAMers he understands their urgency

Congressman Panetta says small window open for DACA legislation

Hartnell slips past MPC – Women’s Basketball
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180124/SPORTS/180129908

Kacee Takasaki leads Hartnell Baseball to season opening win

Hartnell Basketball breaking out in 2018