Faces of DACA – a house packed with supporters

The Salinas based project Faces of DACA held an open forum on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 – we had the honor of hosting the event at our Mainstage. Alumnus and founder of Faces of DACA, Daniel Diaz created this project and built a website to tell the stories and portray the faces of 30 DACA recipients. Diaz along with four other DACA recipients presented their stories to the over 300 in attendance. It was certainly an emotional and inspiring event moderated by Hartnell faculty member, Melvin Jimenez. The panelists shared their emotions, fears, and plans for the future. They say they will continue to fight and get prepared so their skills can be utilized anywhere they go.

Towards the end of the event, there was a call to action from VP of Advancement and Development, Jackie Cruz. She announced the creation of a fund to help DACA recipients pay for their DACA renewal. On Friday, February 9, Daniel Diaz did his first philanthropic act and wrote a check for $500 towards this fund. Jackie was more than happy to accept. The fund is nearing its $5,000 mark and they hope for more donors to come forward and help in this cause.

For more about the project visit

http://www.facesofdaca.us/
More great news for Nursing!
Ranked 22 in the State

It was recently released that Hartnell Associate Degree in Nursing Program was ranked #22 out of 131 in California. Nursing programs were assessed on several factors which represent how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond. Past and present first time NCLEX-RN “pass-rates” - weighted by year were analyzed. Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, Debra Kaczmar says this is another proud moment for the college. Congratulations, graduates, students, faculty, and staff! For more, go to https://www.registerednursing.org/state/california/#rankings

Teacher Pathway Program attends CTA Good Teaching Conference

On Saturday, February 3, 2018, four Teacher Pathway Program Hartnell College students attended the CTA Good Teaching Conference in San Jose. Students had the opportunity to attend workshops on topics such as positive classroom management strategies, NGSS and engineering, integrating mindfulness in the classroom, understanding dyslexia, handling school stress! empowerment tools for teachers, literacy in secondary science, among others. The future educators were accompanied by Dr. Antonio Gallardo, faculty member and Teacher Pathway Program Coordinator at CSUMB. Students are members of the first and second cohorts of the Teacher Pathway Program in South County.
The first cohort of the TPP program is graduating from Hartnell College with Associate Degrees for Transfer in Elementary Teacher Education this spring and will be attending CSUMB to pursue a BA in Liberal Studies in Fall 2018. This innovative partnership with CSUMB has allowed students to grow academically and professionally while making timely progress towards their goal of becoming local educators. The program is co-coordinated by Hartnell Counselors Sergio Diaz and Gabriela Lopez and CSUMB faculty members Dr. Deedee Perez-Granados and Dr. Antonio Gallardo.

Energy Savings presentation
Salinas City Hall
Clean energy savings was the topic of conversation at Salinas City Hall on Monday, February 5, 2017. I presented alongside superintendents of schools in Monterey County on Hartnell’s experience implementing solar energy projects and LED lighting to save money, energy, and the environment. See the full story by clicking this link:
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2018/02/05/energy-savings-projected-total-100-million-salinas/308260002/

Panthers drop 3 straight after hot start
On January 24, 2018 our Hartnell Men’s Basketball team fell against bitter county rival MPC 79-64 in front of the home crowd. Hartnell was looking to bounce back against the Lobos after their previous loss on the road and even with their solid start towards the final minutes the Panthers just burned out and couldn't bring the score within reach. The Panthers kept their season average of 64 points but were unable to hold back the Lobos offense attack, allowing them to shoot over 63 shots for a 42% field goal percentage. Sophomore guard (#22) Spencer Conrad racked up 19 points, 5 assists, and 9 rebounds in a great effort to turn the game around but MPC never let up resulting in Hartnell’s second conference loss for the season (4-2).

On January 26, 2018 our Panthers went on the road against Cabrillo College and unfortunately lost for the third straight game in a row 81-73. Even with the Panthers offense clicking in all gears to pour in 73 points on Cabrillo's home court, they failed to get it done on the other side of the ball as they allowed 81 points to a team that recorded over 19 turnovers. Hartnell, who had started off on the right foot after winning their first 4 conference games, have now dropped 3 straight to bring their overall record to (12-9) and their conference record to (4-3). The Panthers are still in a position to be a contender, but they are going to have to make a quick and powerful turn around with only 5 games left in the season, 3 of which are at home. Hartnell supporters can find hope as Head Coach Andrew Vasher's style of play for the team doesn't rely on one or two guys making plays, but the whole unit working together to achieve victory.
Panthers Baseball Off to Competitive Start
On January 26, 2018 the Hartnell Baseball team started what hopes to be a stellar season in a 4-3 win over City College of San Francisco. Led by Head Coach Travis Babin, the team was most eager to get the season going and compete against teams from other schools. This first game was a great way to start the season; both teams made the game interesting and played all 9 innings with great effort.

After some great defensive play, in the first inning, Hartnell was the first to bring it home as they went up 1-0, Sophomore (#6) Ryan Clack was able to make it home after a hit by (#12) Timothy Burkhardt. Continuing on the Panthers allowed the Rams to tie at the top of the 3rd inning. At the bottom of the third inning, both teams would go on a defensive headlock until the bottom of the 5th inning where Hartnell would pounce to put two more on the board thanks to (#2) Nick Gardoni and (#14) JJ Rodriguez. It was smooth sailing as the Panthers added one more in the 7th inning through (#16) Kacee Takasaki, but heading into the 8th inning, San Francisco brought themselves within one score after putting up 2 runs. Fortunately, the Panther defensive prowess was enough to hold onto a win and great start to the season.

On January 30, our Hartnell Panthers competed against the West Valley Vikings. The game was tied 3-3 and had to be discontinued as extra innings led to the loss of sunlight causing an unsafe situation. Due to this circumstance the game has moved to March 1st in the top of the 10th with the Vikings at bat.

New Parking Permit Dispensers on Campus
As you may have noticed, we have new parking permit dispensers and the parking stalls have been numbered – thus the parking stall number is needed when purchasing the pass. Currently the machines will only accept cash. Once the Merchant Account is set up, the meter will be able to accept credit/debit cards, but NO COINS. At that time, the cash only sign will be removed. The new parking dispensers/meters have been placed as follows: two on the south end of the first floor of the parking structure, one each in lots 3 & 4, and one at the Alisal Campus.
Employees have lunch with the President
On Friday, February 9, 2018, a group of employees from different areas on Campus joined me for the Monthly Lunch with the President. Faculty, staff, and administrators engaged in lively conversation and asked great questions about the various projects and initiatives.

Hartnell seeks nominations 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award
Hartnell Community College District has an open call for nominations for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award. The selected alumnus/alumna will also be our 2018 Commencement Speaker. This special award and recognition tradition began in 2014. It is granted to an individual who has achieved distinction in his/her chosen field and has demonstrated on-going contributions to the College and/or community.
Nominations are due on March 6, 2018.
Our Governing Board will make the final selection at their regular meeting on April 3 at 5:00 p.m. at which time the 2018 Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna will be announced. To access the nomination form online, go to: http://www.hartnell.edu/alum

UPCOMING EVENTS
Art Hub and the MAKERS
Learn to create and manage a website
Saturday, February 24, 2018
Alisal Campus – MAC Lab, Room C-211
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Facilities Open Forum
King City Education Center
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
5:30 p.m.

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

FRANCESCO ATTESTI
PIANIST
with
MATTEO GALLI
ORGANIST

ELISE CALUWAERTS
SOLOIST
Thursday, February 15
6:00 PM
Mainstage Theater
411 Central Avenue, Building K, Salinas, CA
Free concert to the general public! VIP Reception for Sponsors
Ag Tech summit – students welcomed!
Admission to the event is free and includes a sponsored lunch.
Registration for the event is on-line at: http://svagtechsummit.com/register/
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Panther signs with Cal Poly (in photo with Football Head Coach Matt Collins and Director of Athletics, Dan Teresa)
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180207/SPORTS/180209863

Energy savings projected to total $100 million for Salinas
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2018/02/05/energy-savings-projected-total-100-million-salinas/308260002/

Spanish – Faces of DACA report
https://noticiasya.com/monterey-salinas/2018/02/06/video-rostros-de-daca-expone-las-vidas-de-los-sonadores/

Monday Q&A: Hartnell College professor explores transitional experience

This is what Dreamers look like: Salinas team puts faces on DACA

Project aims to show ‘Faces of DACA’

BC baseball gets close win over Hartnell
http://www.bakersfield.com/sports/bc-baseball-gets-close-win-over-hartnell/article_12899a18-0892-11e8-b888-67beafc7b70c.html
Why UK went Juco heavy

Drinkall announces 37 newcomers

Cal Poly recruits our players

Panther signs with Dixie State

The Western Stage
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/entertainment/art/western-stage-is-bringing-back-a-vital-part-of-last/article_84a6ccd2-0c5d-11e8-839d-1f01e040ab15.html