President Lewallen Inducted into Cal Poly Pomona Athletics Hall of Fame as Member of 1976 National Champions Baseball Team

It was 42 years ago that I had the honor of being a member of a national championship baseball team at California State Polytechnic University (Cal Poly), Pomona. It was the first national championship in university history. Since then, Cal Poly has earned 14 national championships across multiple sports. On February 17, 2018, the team was inducted into the Cal Poly Athletics Hall of Fame (HOF).

The 1976 team is the first team ever inducted into the HOF. Of course, the HOF was a wonderful honor, but the best part was reuniting with my teammates. Most of us had not seen each other for over 40 years. We had 21 of 25 team members and 3 coaches attend the event. Unfortunately, our 2 main coaches, John Scolinos and Gary Marks, were already deceased. The photo of 2 of us by the banner is me and Lon Brusegard, a catcher on the team. That is him on the banner lifting the championship trophy 42 years ago when we beat Southern Illinois University at the World Series in Springfield, IL. It was a humbling and proud moment for me and my family.
Francesco, Matteo, and Elise delight in many ways

Last week, we were so happy to have Francesco Attesti and Matteo Galli for a Piano and Organ, a Symphonic Duo Concert, in their annual visit to Hartnell. This time, they were in good company with Soprano Elise Caluwaerts. Attesti is from Cortona, Italy and is a pianist of international acclaim. Galli is from Milan and the chief organist at local Basilicas. Elise is from Belgium, speaks 7 languages, and travels around the world sharing her talent as an opera singer.

**Performance for over 1,500 4th/5th graders**

It was a busy week of performances. To start, the talented musicians shared their craft with around 1,500 4th and 5th graders from the Salinas City Elementary School District. Francesco, Matteo, and Alise performed four matinees for the students. In each, the children were impressed and at the end of each presentation, the questions did not cease. During the shows, they also presented two videos to show and explain a little bit of the history of the piano and the organ.

**One piano, four hands at Rotary**

On Tuesday, the artists were my guests at Rotary. It was my honor to introduce them to the crowd and, of course, a piano was available and so Francesco and Matteo played a song for us. Both of them, four hands, playing for the amazement of the members there.

**A master class for our community**

As it is usual, a master class is offered to students and the community. Matteo and Francesco had one-on-one time with about a dozen attendees who got to learn techniques not taught in the classroom.

**A grand show for the community at large**

On February 15, 2018, the community at large was invited to the grand show. The three of them delighted the audience with their talent. Some of the children who had been there for the matinees returned with their families. Everyone enjoyed small bites and drinks after the concert out in the courtyard in building K. Hartnell thanks GKK Works, Associated Students of Hartnell College, PBI, Northridge Mall, and the Hartnell College Foundation for sponsoring this event to promote music.
MILE featured at Rotary meeting

The Male Institute for Leadership and Education (MILE) Program was featured at the Salinas Downtown Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. MILE Mentor and fellow Rotarian, Mark Faylor and I sponsored the Program. Rotarians learned about the MILE program structure, goals for the future, and opportunities for involvement from Director Bronwyn Moreno and VP of Advancement, Jackie Cruz. MILE scholar and mentee Steven Blanco shared his experiences in the program and expressed his appreciation for his mentor Mark Faylor. At the end of the presentation, there was a call for mentors to take on the next cohort. For information on how to become a MILE or WELI mentor, contact Bronwyn at bmoreno@hartnell.edu.

Stanford Collaboration to provide opportunities for our students

On February 8, 2018, VP of Advancement and Development, Jackie Cruz, Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Celine Pinet, and History faculty member, Sam Pacheco, drove to Stanford University for a collaborative luncheon with a group of Stanford professors. These included Dr. Carol McKibben, from the History Department along with Urban Studies Co-Directors, Dr. Michael Kahan and Dr. Zephyr Frank, plus Urban Studies Professor, Dr. Deland Chan. The group discussed starting a partnership between Hartnell and Stanford that would provide Hartnell Social Sciences students research internship opportunities working side by side with Stanford students and professors and funding for them to attend professional conferences or symposiums. Professors McKibben, Pacheco and their students, have been working together on the Salinas History Project and will continue to shepherd the partnership development, in collaboration with their respective colleagues.

Makerspace

High school students get a dose of hands-on creativity

On February 8, 2018, the new clean Makerspace at Hartnell College was used by a group of local high school seniors who will hopefully be attending Hartnell College this fall. They used everyday supplies to successfully make Rockets strong enough to hold the payload of 300 pennies. They also participated in a walk-about to other "making" labs. They got to see welding college students making a trailer, construction students creating wall frames, and automotive technology students tearing down and building engines. They were given a mini-lesson on electricity and how to make cars run fast. The group visited a
tiny house built on campus and stopped by the Computer Aided Design Engineering lab. The students left with a whole new way of thinking about “making” and utilizing resources here at Hartnell to let their imaginations run wild.

King City Open Forum
On Wednesday, February 14 2018, the Facilities Planning and Construction Management Department held an Open forum at the King City Education Center. I presented to a group which represented community members, students, and staff the information and concepts of the King City Education Center Expansion Project. The depiction of those concepts were on display for the attendees to review. An engaged question and answer period closed out the evening where discussion ranged from travel challenges of the South County student to secondary effects of the project, timelines, and current status. The concepts and a recap of the meeting is posted on the Measure T Webpages. Feedback about the project is welcomed at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WL22F9Q

Welcome new employee!
Jeannie Kim-McPherson

Jeannie Kim-McPherson is the new Director of Student Academic Support. She earned her B.A. in English from Mills College and M.F.A in Writing and Literature from Bennington College. Kim-McPherson comes to us from Monterey Peninsula College, where she taught English as an adjunct faculty member, then served as the Director of the English and Study Skills Center. At MPC, she was awarded Difference Maker of the Year in its inaugural year. She moved to Napa in 2008 and taught English at Napa Valley College and worked for the Napa Valley Writers’ Conference as Community Housing Coordinator and Events Manager. In 2015, she returned to the area and resumed teaching English at MPC before stepping into her new role at Hartnell. Jeannie lives in Carmel with her husband and four-and-a-half-year-old twins. When she’s not busy trying to keep up with two very active boys, she enjoys travelling and spending time at the beach with her family. She is excited to be joining Hartnell College and looks forward to serving the students of the Salinas Valley.
Student Success Story
Rosa finds resources at Hartnell that help her get over her anxiety

Despite multiple obstacles, Rosa Elena Espinoza has been pursuing her educational goals for the past four years. She was taking ESL classes at Salinas Adult School and was referred to Hartnell given her need for disability services; Rosa suffers from anxiety and the adult school had limited services to fill her needs. At Hartnell, Rosa continues to learn English and is studying Business. However, her anxiety is heightened when challenged by computer assignments.

Rosa decided to take a Technology Readiness course provided by Hartnell's Adult Education program because she thought that learning computers in her native language might help her increase her skills and confidence. Mission accomplished! Finding the right program and other support at Hartnell have propelled her to a level in her education that she never imagined possible.

Rosa is now one semester away from completing her business degree. This is a testament of how important our work is to help shape the lives of every one of our students. Looking forward to shaking your hand at commencement Rosa!

Student-Athlete Spotlight: Rene Hurtado

For this week’s spotlight we feature Rene Hurtado from Men's Basketball, freshman forward (#24), averaging 9.5 points per game on a stellar 44% field goal percentage. Born in Sonora, Mexico, Rene spent much of his early years playing against the likes of his older brother Jesse Hurtado, who is also on Hartnell’s basketball team and their father who was known as a talented scorer in the game. Rene and Jesse attended Alisal High and played there. The two had amazing chemistry and along with the great coaching staff were able to win back to back championships there.

When it came to playing at the next level, Rene took advice from his older brother Jesse who already had a year under his belt at Hartnell’s basketball program and encouraged Rene to join so, they could play one more year together. For Rene, it was an easy decision, stating that the thing he loves the most is the people he has met through the culture diversity within the game itself.

Off the hardwood, Rene is studying to become a Spanish teacher, his main reason for that choice lies within the culture that he admires. Rene is aware of the differences between high school and college both academically and physically, as he reflects back on how it's much different than his time in Mexico. He hopes to gain a scholarship through basketball to continue his studies at a university.

The biggest challenge he faces with being a student-athlete is the time he has to sacrifice from being with his family more often, though they do attend every game they can to support both of their sons. When it comes to the team’s season (13-12), Rene loves the improvement from
last years (9-15) finish and for himself, he feels that he has grown more intelligent with the ball and more confident in his shot making ability. Of course with a long season, he cannot do it himself and finds support from his family who provides encouragement and advice constantly. It's not hard for Rene to find motivation whether it be his family or teammates, but he has a quote he lives by, “Odié cada minuto de entrenamiento, pero dije,' No renuncies. Sufre ahora y vive el resto de tu vida como un campeón.” This translates to, “I hated every minute of training but I said [to myself] Don’t give up. Suffer now and live your life as a champion.” Rene has another year left to play for the Panthers and he is beyond thankful for his family and loved ones’ support, but is especially grateful for his teammates and the Hartnell community.

Panthers split opening “Duel Meet” with rival De Anza

The annual Hartnell College vs De Anza College "Duel Meet" is the brainchild of the head coaches of both programs. Hartnell Head Coach Christopher Zepeda and De Anza Coach Nick Mattis have been at the helm of both for approximately the same number of years. In that time, a friendly rivalry that often determines the end of season championship distribution has been born. Since 2007, De Anza College is the only Coast Conference program to win a men’s title more than once from Hartnell’s stranglehold taking victories in 2012 and most recently 2017. On the women’s side, the Lady Dons have been even more successful taking the last two conference titles and four overall since 2007, the same number as the Lady Panthers. Last year’s opening meet between the two teams ended up predicting the eventual conference champions with the Dons taking both trophies in April. On Saturday, both squads returned to Hartnell College for the second annual two team competition with the Dons narrowly edging the Panthers on the men’s side 77.33 to 75.66 points. The Lady Panthers took back the ceremonial plaque given to the winning team by tallying 86 points to the Lady Dons total of 58.

For the men, freshman Jack Fling, formerly of Palma High School, enjoyed a solid debut in a Hartnell uniform. He won the pole vault with a season opening mark of 14’1.25”. He also placed second in the high jump with a clearance of 6’1.5”. Both marks surpassed the regional championship provisional mark. Fall’s Northern California cross country champion Ricky Esqueda was victorious in both the 1500 meters (4:07.56) and 3000 meters (9:07.31). Former North County standout thrower Manuel Gallardo is back in uniform and tossed the discus to the victory (138'8") just short of the Hartnell all-time list. Sophomore Daniel Rangel also returned to action after a year away to win the shot put (40'2.75”). The Panthers saw excellent debuts from hurdlers Rex Tomimbang and Brendan Lepe. Both stars while at Alisal High School and North Salinas High School, Tomimbang won the 110 high hurdles in 15.68 and Lepe took the 400 intermediate hurdles in 58.23. All totaled the Panthers had eight regional provisional qualifying marks to start the season.

The ladies enjoyed a mix of veteran leadership and newcomer enthusiasm. Sophomore Sherise Robinson won both the 200 meters (26.50) and 400 (61.66). Fellow sophomore Haley
Romero was a double event winner as well taking the 100 hurdles (16.46) and long jump (17’5”). Freshman Monica Ruelas (5:13.82) won her first race as a Lady Panther in the 1500 meters. Sophomore Jocelyn Cervantes (11:02.91) moves to seventeenth all-time in the rarely 3000 meter run. Freshmen Tyshell Johnson-Hill and Idalys Romero provided much needed balance in the throws. Johnson-Hill won the shot put (37'8.50”) and Romero was third in the discus (104'5”). Both relays took the the victory in 52.05 and 4:23.36. The Lady Panthers provided ten regional qualifying marks to begin the season. The Hartnell College track and field team will next compete at the Monterey Peninsula College Open on Saturday, February 17th.

Hartnell picks up 62-60 win on Panthers vs Cancer Night
On February 9, 2018 the Hartnell Women’s Basketball Team along with the Men’s Team featured the Coaches vs Cancer game. This state trend allows teams to raise money for any cancer research organizations through admissions. For this year, the Women’s Basketball Team decided to donate to a local cancer research organization, Key for a Cure. This was very personal for Hartnell Women’s Basketball Coach Destiny Grijalva as her nephew, Matthew Robert Pierce, battled with cancer and ultimately passed in 2013. The Grijalva family has since dedicated their lives to finding a cure.

"To watch the years go by and the effects of cancer treatment had on my nephew, I wanted to raise more awareness for our local families,” expressed Coach Grijalva. “Key for a Cure is a local foundation raising awareness and advocating to find a cure by fundraising and funding current cancer research. To think 100% of Key for a Cure money raised goes toward finding cure for cancer is amazing.”

With just three remaining games on the schedule the lady Panthers wanted to finish the season strong and that’s what they did in their game against De Anza, defeating the team 62-60 in the final seconds. The game was dedicated to those who have been affected by cancer in some way.

Key for a Cure Foundation was formed in 2015 to support pediatric cancer research. The mission of the foundation is to raise funds to directly support pediatric cancer research that will lead to more effective treatments for children with cancer. The foundation is currently working to raise funds for T-cell based Immunotherapy research, conducted at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The foundation has raised $250,000 during its first year. Thank you to all who attended the game and helped contribute to a good cause. Go Panthers!

Basketball - Panthers snap 5 game skid
On February 2, 2018, our Hartnell Men's Basketball team fell to the likes of San Jose 72-63, marking their 4th lost in a row. Sophomore (#22) Spencer Conrad would try to lift his team up behind his 32 points, but it was not enough as Hartnell would shoot 36% from the field while allowing San Jose to shoot 44% and allowing them to take 29 free throws. Shots being missed and no defensive pressure gave the game away and would send Hartnell on the road with another loss.
On February 7, Hartnell fell to West Valley, making their 5th loss in a row at 78-63. In a game that seemed as an uphill battle from the start, Hartnell seemed to have a chance to catch up, but the Vikings never took their foot off the gas and continued to run the floor. Even with (#24) Rene Hurtado’s 25 points and (#5) Kishon Rogers 15 leading the way the Panthers still allowed the Vikings to shoot a stellar 47% from the field. Even with Hartnell shooting at 46%, West Valley put up 14 more shots than Hartnell and recorded 40 rebounds which proved to be the deciding factor in the game. The Panthers felt comfort heading back home to face De Anza on February 9 and used that to snap their losing streak and win 93-54. Hartnell executed perfection on both sides of the ball giving them great looks and solid coverage. Hartnell had 5 players record double digits and (#23) Jesse Hurtado and his brother (#24) Rene Hurtado lead the way with a combined 28 points. The Panthers didn't allow a single player from De Anza to record double digits in points and held them to a horrible 33% shooting from the field. It was this same play that had Hartnell looking like a serious threat earlier in the season and though they have hit a rough patch, winning their last two games would put them in a good position to make a playoff run. Go Panthers!

Panthers struggle early into the season

Between February 1 and February 10, 2018, the Hartnell Baseball Team competed in six games, in which they were unable to produce a victory. In this tough stretch the Panthers gave up a total of 63 runs and only produced 18 runs to combat their defensive let downs. The team now finds themselves (1-6) for their overall record recently losing to American River back to back with their first game falling 9-2 and just recently on February 10, they fell 8-0. It is without a doubt a disappointing start, but to Head Coach Travis Babin it is the best time for these type of things to be addressed and fixed for the long season ahead. Coach Babin expressed to his team after a loss to De Anza on February 6, where they lost 17-10 that the team needs to learn from their mistakes and move forward in their progression. For the Panthers the season is not lost, as it is way too early to predict an outcome. What is certain though is the understanding within the team that they need to get better and execute what they learn through practice. They hope to capitalize on this motivation by snapping their losing streak against Redwoods. Go Panthers!

Lady Panthers start off the season 3-2 on the road

The Softball Team competed in a doubleheader at West Hills on February 8, 2018 for the first two games of the season. The first game was close, with only two pitchers needed to get the 3-0 victory. Nicole Martinez, was the starter and Danielle Caoili came in to secure the victory. The leading hitters were Beth Cardenas and Nini Ruiz, each having 2 hits. For the second game, Caoili and Nicole Martinez shared the pitching. Caoili pitched the
first of 4 innings, then Martinez came in to finish the game in the fifth inning. Jenny Lafayette, Martinez, and Celeste Canchola had two hits each in the 9-1 win.

**Later on Saturday February 10,** Hartnell matched up against Taft for another doubleheader. Only 9 players were able to compete for a match, due to illness and injuries. The team played well, but the ball found Hartnell players who were out of position. It was a close game and unfortunately, Panthers lost 2-3. Danielle Caoli had 2 hits and was charged with the loss since she came in with the game tied at 2-2 in the bottom of the fifth inning. Taft got a run in the bottom of the seventh to win the game. For the second game of the day, Hartnell had an early 3-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning when shortstop, Nini Ruiz, ran through first base and her knee locked up – she was unavailable for the rest of the game. With only 8 players, Hartnell had to forfeit due to lack of players needing the minimum of 9 making the final score 7-0 Taft.

**On Tuesday, February 13,** it was a whole different story as Hartnell started off the game with no problem getting runs on the board with the offense driving in 5 runs just in the first inning. Thanks to the efforts of Jasmine Aten who had 2 hits and an RBI, Celeste Canchola who had 3 hits with 3 RBI and pitcher and Nicole Martinez pitched 5 innings allowing no runs propelling Hartnell to a dominating 11-0 win. Softball Head Coach Andy Watt later expressed “We are learning about the players we have and how to work together. There are going to be a lot of tough games coming up so we have to get ready to play softball now.” Hartnell’s next home game will be Thursday, February, 22 against Reedley; opening pitch will begin at 12:00 PM. Go Panthers!

**February Accreditation Report to the Community**

**By Dr. Lori Kildal, VP Academic Affairs**

Each day Hartnell College exceeds the expectations of the local community and beyond when students participate in an environment that promotes student learning, achievement and success. This happens because of the efforts of the whole community and the individuals who devote themselves to these goals. Whether it be the faculty member grading papers late into the night, the administrator facilitating countless support meetings each day, the custodial staff cleaning classrooms and hallways after the students have long gone home, or the men and women who work toward careers that will benefit the local community, each takes part in the impact of college level learning. The affirmation of the successes of our workplace come daily, but can sometimes be hard to note amidst the outpouring of efforts by college constituents. This is the very reason why accreditation is so paramount. The college community looks to continue to earn its accolades. For this reason, your team of faculty, staff, administrators and students on the Accreditation Council have been putting in the extra hours to ensure the college’s forward movement in doing what Hartnell does best, getting students ready for their next steps in career, education, and family.

The past few months have been busy to say the least. Accreditation Council members are deserved of commendation for their tireless efforts to collect literally hundreds of pieces of support evidence backing the positive responses to questions about the college needed by the A.C.C.J.C. to reaffirm the college’s continuing good work. The collection of data in all forms has culminated into the development of drafts of reports. These samples chronicle successes
directly relating to the core values behind the direction of the college as a whole. Success does not however come without challenge. Beside the extra workload of all community members participating in the collection of evidence and the development of drafts, a deadline is fast approaching. Council members are required to offer each of their portions of the Hartnell College Institutional Self Evaluation Report with all adjoining evidence in its final form before the end of May. With the clock ticking, it is essential that college constituents support these efforts. "How can I help?" you might ask. The council may need extra evidence of the great work we do at the college. Be on the watch for emails requesting support or documentation. Attend meetings with openness toward potential college shifts in programs, services and/or planning. Take extra steps to ensure the already excellent work we are doing meets the expectations of the most important part of our job, the students.

The good news is that we are not alone in these fruitful endeavors. Just this past week, Dr. Steven Reynolds, the College’s ACCJC liaison, attended the Accreditation Council’s monthly meeting. Beside noting our good work thus far, he encouraged members of the council and guest participants, some of whom were your S.L.O. coordination team, to dig deeply when it came to noting successes in all forms, to review work internally to ensure every report speaks to continuing efforts, to be as specific as possible when reporting these achievements, and to be diligent in the college’s accreditation work, for its purpose is of undeterminable value. Accreditation is always in process. Everything each community member contributes each day speaks to the success of the students that attend Hartnell College. Please contact department deans and supervisors for more direction on further involvement in this valuable process of affirmation and improvement. Your Accreditation Council members look forward to sharing more of this process as it further develops. Keep a sharp eye for email and direct contact that asks for your continued commitment to Hartnell College.

Pottery Students on Valentine’s Day
The Paw-tery Club joined the Associated Students of Hartnell College and other student clubs to celebrate Valentine’s Day. In support of the club, they raised funds by selling humorous Valentine’s Day cards handmade by club members as well as by setting up a photo booth. Club members Michelle Bonilla, Kailyr Pike, Giselle Beltran, Noah Campa, and Club President Samantha Saldaña paused for a picture for Dr. Celine Pinet, dean of academic affairs.

CSin3 Cohort 5 received their backpacks – a big deal!
Our Computer Science in Three (CSin3) students in Cohort 5 are happy and thankful to have received their distinct backpacks last week. These are specially engraved and a reminder of the special bond they share. They thank the Hartnell College Foundation and the Matsui Family for this gift and continuous support.
New Art Display in Building E

The work displayed right outside my office in Building E has changed! This one was created by beginning, intermediate, and advanced Ceramics students taking Art 15A, 15B, 102 and 103. Included are Action Figures, Japanese inspired pieces, plus functional and sculptural Art work. The instructor is Sylvia Rios. Student artists include Grace Engler, Debbie Panelli, Grace Engler, Mark Panelli, Candice Jansen, Candice Jansen, Mary Ann Toney, Su Tyrrel, Rodolfo Solis, Nina Wolff, Dorcas Miller Gash, Stephanie Escorcia, Joyce Liners, Aaron Borum, and Donna Grijalva.

UPCOMING EVENTS

You are Invited!
The Photography Department at Hartnell College, invites you to the Center for Photographic Art in Carmel, for their upcoming show, Artists as Teachers. Professors Lesha Rodriguez, Dina Roepele Santos, Nancy Sevier, and Trish Triumpho Sullivan will be representing Hartnell in this exhibition. There is a round table discussion on February 24, 2018 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM, with an opening reception immediately following. The show runs from February 24 to April 8, 2018. For more information you may go to http://photography.org/.

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.

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

Educator in Residence
Dr. Carol McKibben presents
A lecture on Minority-Majority Cities in California
Title: What Does It Mean to Be a Minority-Majority City in California in the New Millennium?
February 27, 2018, B-208, 1:00 PM

Fourth Annual Women’s Empowerment Conference
Saturday, March 8, 2018
Steinbeck Hall
Register for the Conference at: WEC 2018
Ag Tech summit – students welcomed!
Coming on March 28!
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

Ag Tech Summit
http://www.eventjams.com/events/Salinas.United-States/5402910/Ag-Tech-Summit

Diego Leon does it again!
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180216/SPORTS/180219855

Spring football practices will feature competition galore in secondary

Monterey County reentry program graduates ready for change

Building Healthy Communities' looks to expand to Peninsula