Speech Team does it again!
Three students qualified for Nationals!
The Hartnell Speech Team wrapped up its regular season at the California Community College State Championships in Sacramento, March 8-11, 2018. The team has qualified three students for the Phi Rho Pi National Community College National Speech tournament in Daytona Beach, Florida, April 9-15.

Team captain Casie Guido has qualified in three events, including After Dinner Speaking, Communication Analysis, and Prose Interpretation. Guido earned a bronze in the Prose event at the state championships.

Teammates Chris Rendon and Hannah Villafuerte have also qualified in two events. Rendon will represent Hartnell in Dramatic Interpretation and Poetry Interpretation, and Villafuerte will join Guido in the Communication Analysis and Prose Interpretation events.

Competing for the team this season but not qualifying for the national tournament were teammates Adriana Gonzales, Athena Ramirez, Carmen Urciuoli, Chris Almaraz, Iliana Ramos, Isaac Rodriguez, Luke Lundin, Sandra Ruvalcaba, and Victor Nambo.

“We have taken some great lessons from the competitive season,” said Co-Coach Daniel Lopez. “Next year’s team will be focused on generating more champions to represent Hartnell nationally.”

Also at the state tournament, Co-Coach Jason Hough was elected by peers as the next President of the California Community College Forensics Association, and will help lead the organization the next two years.

The team will be hosting a public showcase fundraiser on the main campus at Steinbeck Hall, March 21. All twelve members of this year’s team will present a variety of speech events. Admission is only $5, and will help send the qualifying team members to the national tournament. Mature themes are presented, so parental guidance is advised. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, patrons can email coach Jason Hough at jhough@hartnell.edu.
Honor Thy Children presentation a success

On Thursday, March 8, 2018, Al and Jane Nakatani came to Hartnell College once again to deliver another successful presentation. Their main message was to be aware of the forces of societal discrimination and battle it by accepting, loving, and honoring everyone, especially children. This was the Nakatanis’ 31st appearance (29 in person and 2 by Skype) at Hartnell.

“We started these presentations 17 years ago and they have rarely missed a semester,” said Professor Yoshiko Matsushita-Arao, Ph.D. “They have influenced thousands of people here and touched the lives of countless others’ all around the world.”

A Hartnell College alum who is now an ESL teacher recently invited them to speak in China as he is sharing their book there as well. They continue to draw a standing room only crowd because they are such genuine and compassionate people.

Thursday’s presentation was extra special as not only did we have the parents from the book, but also the incredible author, Mrs. Molly Fumia! This was a surprise to the Nakatanis as they have not seen each other in years. This was Mrs. Fumia’s 4th appearance here. After 16-years, we were so happy and honored to have her back! This was the first time the 3 of them have presented together! Mrs. Fumia is the author of “Honor Thy Children,” along with 2 other books titled, “A Piece of My Heart” and “Safe Passage.”

Woolpert Algebra Academy visits Hartnell

On Tuesday, March 6, 2018, we had 130 middle school students from the Bruce W. Woolpert Algebra Academy visit the STEM Center for Hands on Tuesday. The day started with a great “Ted Talk” from Dean Clint Cowden, discussing the importance of having a strong math foundation to solve tomorrow’s problems. The group was then split into four rotations: Physics Club electricity demonstration; Geology sand table demonstration; mini Coder dojo; and engineering design demonstration. They received a planetarium show and design competition as well as a tour of the campus and delicious lunch.
from Jill Sweeney. The students and teachers had a great time and we thank the MESA Ambassadors, Physics Club and STEM students for assisting. MESA will host a MESA Family Luncheon this month to help families celebrate the dedication and hard work put in by their STEM students. We will discuss the amazing opportunities for their students as well as the importance of perseverance and internships.

Students are exposed to universities and career options
On Friday, March 2, 2018, Hartnell Transfer and Career Center took more than 40 students to visit two great University campuses: UC Merced and Fresno State. The two campuses were excited to host Hartnell College students and provided a tour, admissions presentation, and a student panel. During their visit they learned about exciting new plans for the campus, popular majors, student life, scholarship and financial aid opportunities and various support programs available to them. For many students this trip reassured their decision to apply and or attend that campus and allowed them to build a relationship with current students and admission staff. A big thank you to the individuals that assisted in one way or another to make this a successful trip: Jessica Lopez, Norma I. Cuevas, Rosa Vidales, Joel Torres and Monical Silva.

DREAMer students get on it before deadline!
Mi CASA Continues to provide innovative and responsive services to DREAMer students and our Hartnell community. In order to assist students with completing their DREAM Act Applications prior to the March 2 deadline, Mi CASA partnered with the Hartnell College Financial Aid Office to implement three days of drop-in assistance at the Mi CASA Student Center in D-385. Mi CASA Counselor Yuliana Vazquez and Financial Aid Lead, Jessica Tovar, led the collaboration. Over 50 students took advantage of the opportunity to receive expert help in completing the application, which provides Cal Grants and Board of Governors Fee Waivers to qualified DREAMer students. The workshops were in addition to the collaboration which took place in the fall.
Introducing Hartnell HITS (High Impact Teaching Strategies)
As part of a collaborative effort between Hartnell Faculty and the Hispanic Serving Institutions office, a series of faculty development workshops have been designed to offer all faculty the opportunity to share their best and most effective classroom teaching strategies. Each month during fall and spring semesters, a one-hour long session on various dates, times, and locations will be scheduled so that a select faculty or group of faculty can share their best and most effective teaching strategies with their peers. The first session is this week. Information has been emailed to full-time and part-time faculty. See the flier to the right.

Panthers jump into League Play, splitting first two games 1-1
On March 1, 2018, the Hartnell Softball Team began the quest for a league championship as they played their first League game against Gavilan. We had 12 hits and 3 RBIs compared to Gavilan’s 29 at bats and 7 hits. Angelina Ruiz continued her offensive success as she had 2 hits. Bethany Cardenas had 2 RBIs driving in two runs and pitcher Nicole Martinez also had an RBI to add to her 3 strikeouts and only allowing 9 hits on the game facing 34 Batters on the game securing the 5-2 win for Hartnell as they begin conference play.

Then on March 6, 2018, the Panthers traveled to Cabrillo College, home of the Seahawks. Cabrillo got off to early success as they had a 7-2 lead at the bottom of the fourth inning. Madison Perez, had her first 3-hit game of the season and Adalena Infante had 2 hits and 2 RBIs. Pitchers for the day consisted of Nicole Martinez, who pitched 3.1 innings and Danielle Caolli who pitched 2.1 innings. The game did come down to the last inning as Hartnell drove in 3 runs in the 7th inning and had more players on bases, but ultimately fell short 7-5 to Cabrillo. Hartnell now sits at 7-8 (.466) and 1-1 (.500) in League play with 81 runs, .314 batting average, and a .405 slugging percentage.
Angelina Ruiz currently sits atop in the Coast-South Conference in stolen bases with a total of 14 and is 14th in the state.
Lastly, on March 8, 2018, the Softball Panthers hosted San Jose City College as the first of three-game home stretch. Hartnell initially struggled letting SJCC take the lead with 3 runs at
the top of the first inning. However, the Lady Panthers were able to answer right back scoring two runs and almost catching up to SJCC. Unfortunately, Hartnell would be unable to get anything going offensively throughout the game. The Lady Panthers held San Jose to two runs in the following innings, until San Jose broke out for six runs in the fourth inning. Unfortunately for the Panthers, the game would end with a loss for Hartnell with a final score of 12-2.

Hartnell Softball Head Coach, Andrew Watt, said “We’re finding ourselves as a team and we’re working on getting better by making sure we keep a prepared mindset throughout the week in practice and in games.” Hartnell now has a 7-9 overall record and has plenty of time to improve its record. The next home game will be against conference rival MPC on March 13, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in our Softball field. See you there, Go Panthers!

Kimberly Kessler retires

Kimberly Kessler is retiring! She has been a key employee at the King City Education Center since June 2005 and worked as Administrative Assistant since September 2008. She leaves with mixed emotions. “I have made lasting friendships and have enjoyed working with you these past (nearly) 13 years,” said Kimberly. “I will treasure our shared memories and experiences and take them with me on my journey.”

We wish Kimberly a very happy retirement and we thank her for her time and contributions to the District.

WELI AND MILE Applications Now OPEN!

We are pleased to announce that the Men's Institute for Leadership and Education (MILE) and the Women's Education and Leadership Institute (WELI) Programs have opened their application period for the new cohort. Both MILE and WELI provide leadership training, professional development, mentoring, and a $2,000 scholarship for those who successfully complete the program.

The deadline to apply is April 9, 2018. Click here to apply NOW! More information and minimum requirements can be found at: www.hartnell.edu/scholarships.
K-12 STEM Education – our children, our future
Xavier is a Kindergartner - when he grows up, he wants to be a scientist.
Asher is a second grader - when he grows up, he wants to be an engineer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!
Remember our Fallen Opening Ceremony
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Hartnell College - Steinbeck Hall

Educator in Residence
Dr. Carol McKibben presents
Immigrant women: how they shaped American history
March 14, 2018 – B208 at 1:00 p.m.
The Princess Who Lost Her Hair
March 17, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
March 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
Tickets ($10) at www.westernstage.com

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/

Western Food Safety Summit
May 9, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
At the Mainstage Theater

For more events, go to Calendar at www.hartnell.edu

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Hartnell College staff learn to address student veterans needs

Leon making first trip to NCAA Championships
http://nbcmontana.com/sports/content/leon-making-first-trip-to-ncaa-championships

King City Chamber to honor city’s best

John Devine, County Clipboard: Panthers on the prowl
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180304/SPORTS/180309933

Solar energy could see second hit with new steel, aluminum tariffs

A new movie theater, Hartnell outpost and ballpark improvements mean good news for Soledad

Home-schooled teen wins county spelling bee for second straight year
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180304/NEWS/180309934