Salinas Valley AgTech Summit is the largest yet!

The Fifth Annual Salinas Valley Ag Technology Summit opened Tuesday evening, March 27, 2018 with a fireside chat and reception featuring Salinas natives Kirk L. Haney, CEO & Managing Partner, Radicle Growth and Dennis Donohue, lead for Western Growers Innovation and Technology Center. The STEM Center and the Mainstage were vibrant with innovation and purpose.

The AgTech Summit followed on Wednesday, March 28 at Hartnell College. It was an eventful day with an outstanding attendance of over 1,000+, including 64 speakers, more than 75 vendors, and more than 30 countries represented.

This was the first time the AgTech summit was hosted on Main Campus. Some of the special highlights and guest speakers include Colby Pereira, president of Monterey County Farm Bureau; Drew McDonald, vice president Quality & Food Safety at Taylor Fresh Foods; Yinon Eliza (Taranis) presented on next generation aerial imagery technology to prevent crop diseases; Nikki Rodoni (founder Measure to Improve) led on all-star panel entitled Addressing Plastic Pollution as an Innovation Opportunity.

One of the unique aspects of the event was that Ag employees could get their continuing education credit hours while enjoying the Summit’s other amenities like the exhibitor trade show.

We thank Salinas Councilmember, Steve McShane for having the vision for this AgTech Summit five years ago and for his
incomparable support; to committee Chair, Nick Pasculli from TMD for his leadership; to Marci Bracco and the Chatterbox PR team for planning and execution of event; and to the Hartnell staff and volunteers to help make this the most successful Salinas Valley AgTech Summit yet! Our sponsors are key in making all this happen and we thank them all, specially our presenting sponsors TRICORD Tradeshow Services, Scheid Vineyards, Biotechnology Innovation Organization, and Converted Organics. Save the date! The next AgTech Summit is on March 29, 2019.

Psi Beta Honor Society Induction Ceremony

On March 22, 2018, Hartnell College chartered Psi Beta Honor Society and inducted its first members! Psi Beta, the national honor society in psychology for community colleges, was founded in 1981 to recognize the scholastic achievements and interests in psychology of two-year college students. Psi Beta provides national recognition and serves as an aid for stimulating interest in psychology as an academic and professional field of endeavor. To be granted a Psi Beta charter is an honor. The charter speaks for the psychology curriculum, the training of the faculty, the college as an institution of higher learning, and the students for their serious and conscientious study of psychology. Hartnell College Psi Beta students are preparing to present their research at the Western Psychological Association Annual Conference in Portland, OR on April 27, 2018; among them, ASHC President, Nelida Ponce.

Second Annual Classified Staff Development Day

The classified staff of Hartnell College attended the second annual professional development day right before Spring Break. The day began with lunch and a guessing game of “Who is that baby?” The first activity was a Disability Awareness Trivia facilitated by Amy Lehman, Director of Department of Supportive Programs and Services. Disability awareness provides us with the knowledge to be responsive to the broader needs of a range of people with physical and non-physical disabilities, information about the appropriate language, and practice of proper etiquette to communicate.
The second activity was a presentation by Kenneth Laird, Director of Public Safety & Emergency Management on Awareness Tactics. Topics discussed were policies, procedures and resources for staying safe, and who to call during an emergency and security awareness.

The third activity was a TRUE COLORS workshop facilitated by CSEA-U. TRUE COLORS is a personality assessment tool that develops an understanding of self, others and expand your appreciation for valuing differences. It provides a clear, fundamental, and universal way of translating complicated individual perspectives to help overcome the barriers to progress. This understanding improves collaboration, provides a way to strategize and organize work teams, and helps increase individual and team productivity and recognition.

We ended the day with a Wellness Activity and Jeopardy Spin-Off facilitated by Neil Hertsch, Health & Wellness Program Manager from MCSIG. The room filled with laughter and enthusiasm tossing around beach balls in promoting a more active lifestyle at work. The Jeopardy Spin-Off provided health and wellness tips and tricks for a better, healthier you.

Special thanks to the Staff Development Ad Hoc Committee of the PDC: Terri Pyer, Belen Gonzalez, Belinda Saecho-Jimmeye, Betty Rivera, Daniel Jimmeye, Laura Warren, Monica Massimo, and Steve Otero. What a great way to connect and learn how to enjoy the work environment and those around us.

2018 Reception for Tenured Faculty

On March 20, 2018, we held a reception in honor of the eight faculty that have been granted tenure this year; the faculty and staff were there to personally congratulate them. Those granted tenure for 2018 are: Emily Brandt, Gabriel Bravo, Sergio Diaz, Dr. Marnie Glazier, Dr. Hortencia Jimenez, Samuel Pacheco, Nicholas Pasquale, and Dr. Mohammed Yahdi. Congratulations once again!
On March 23, 2018, Hartnell Transfer and Career Center was able to take over 40 students to visit two great University campuses: UC Davis and Sacramento State. The two campuses were excited to host Hartnell College students and provided a tour and admissions presentation. During their visit, they learned about academic opportunities, popular majors, student life, scholarship and financial aid 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, Joel Torres and Monica Silva.

Hartnell presents at Conference for the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE)

Director of HSI Initiatives, Moises Almendariz, and I presented a workshop at the recent AHSIE Conference. The national conference had about 600 attendees and we had approximately 50 attend our workshop titled *A Relentless Focus*
On Student Success: The Hartnell College Journey.
In this presentation, we talked about ‘a five-year, laser focus on student success and completion at Hartnell College that led to a 90% increase in degree and certificate completion and a 63% increase in transfers to four-year institutions while only experiencing a 3.3% enrollment increase.’
Hartnell College was recently identified by Diverse Issues in Higher Education as producing the 9th highest percentage of minority graduates for community colleges across the nation. The College recently produced the highest percentage of under-represented transfer students to the University of California system. We shared high impact strategies and best practices that led to an increase in student success outcomes and included information on current and future initiatives designed to strengthen student success outcomes in the future.

Facilities Planning and Construction Management
The Facilities Planning and Construction Management Team will provide a monthly update on Measure T Projects, which will be reported to the public via this Weekly Report. Here are the updates on a number of major projects voted on by our constituents.

Major Measure T Projects

King City Expansion
Programming/Design meetings under way; construction start planned for fall 2019.

Soledad Education Center
Programming/Design meetings under way; construction start planned for summer 2019.

Nursing Health Science Building
Programming/Design meetings under way; construction start planned for spring 2019.

Renovation of Buildings D & E
Programming/Design meetings under way; construction start planned on Building D fall 2019.

North Monterey Education Center
District is working on acquiring land for the center in North Monterey.

Solar Canopy Relocation Project
This project will relocate the solar canopy system in Lot 3 to other areas on campus to make room for the new Nursing Health Sciences Building. Relocation planned for summer 2018.

Building B, 2nd Floor Renovation
Programming/Design meeting in the process of being scheduled; construction is TBD.

Other Projects

Performing Arts Remodel Project
This project will replace the old ticket booth, improve the front entrance, lobby and court yard area. DSA approval has been obtained. Construction to begin May 2018 with completion November 2018.

Parking Structure Solar Project
This project will place solar canopies on the 3rd floor of the parking structure. Construction scheduled to begin June 2018 and be completed in October 2018.

Safety Kiosk
Construction documents currently in the approval process with the Division of State Architect. Construction to begin May 2018 and will take three months to complete.

Merrill Hall Building N
Old labs are being freshened up with new paint, carpet and furniture to serve as swing space classrooms for when the other Main Campus buildings are being renovated. Building N is scheduled for renovation in the third phase of Measure T and will most likely be the last project.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Reyes at jreyes@hartnell.edu.

**National Public Health Week April 2-8**

The National Public Health Week is April 2 – 8, 2018 with the theme “Healthiest Nation 2030: Changing our Future Together.” This week is a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation.

During the 20th century, the health and life expectancy of persons residing in the United States progressed dramatically. The ten greatest public health achievements in the United States in the 20th Century are:
- Vaccinations
- Motor-vehicle safety
- Safer workplaces
- Control of infectious diseases
- Decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke
- Healthier mothers and babies
- Family planning
- Fluoridation of drinking water
- Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard

Interested in Public Health? Summer 2018 Online Public Health Courses are available. These include:
HES-1-4608: Introduction to Public Health; HES-2-4606: Health and Social Justice; and HES-3-4607: Drugs, Health, and Society

For more information about this week and about Public Health, go to: http://www.nphw.org/.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Employees for Student Success BBQ
Tuesday, April 3, 2018
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Quad (Lawn Area) - $10 Donation

Special event!
“Remember our Fallen” Opening Ceremony
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Hartnell College - Steinbeck Hall

LIVE! A Musical Showcase
April 7, 2018 at 7PM
April 8, 2018 at 2PM
Mainstage Theater
For tickets www.westernstage.com/tickets

Estudiantina,
University of Guanajuato, MX
Thursday, April 12, 2018
K-125 at 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Student Center – Lunch time

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

Paint Nite
Friday, June 29, 2018
Hartnell College, C Building
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Register:
https://www.paintnite.com/events/beach-sunset-hartnell-college
For more events, go to Calendar at www.hartnell.edu

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK
After years helping others, Hartnell student honored with Live Your Dream Award

Salinas Valley AgTech Summit Comes of Age

VIDEO: Centenares Participan en Cumbre de Agricultura en Salinas

Drones, tractors and robots: Salinas Valley addresses evolving industry at Ag Tech Summit

VIDEO: Ag Tech Summit in Salinas
http://www.kion546.com/video/local

Hartnell College center reaches out to Dreamers
Salinas Valley Sports Hall of Fame announces 2018 inductees

Bruins hold off Pirates, 8-6
https://greenfieldnews.com/article/bruins-hold-off-pirates-8-6

Herd linebacker Moody celebrates special birthday

Boras Baseball Classic highlights spring break for regional baseball programs
http://www.sacbee.com/sports/high-school/joe-davidson/article206859754.html