MILE/WELI Graduation Ceremony is inspiring

On Thursday, May 10, 2018, Hartnell College witnessed the first ever, joint graduation celebration for the Men’s Institute for Leadership and Education (MILE) and the Women’s Education and Leadership Institute (WELI) Cohorts. The 2017-18 MILE and WELI cohort students culminated a year of learning experiences from their participation in their respective programs. The celebratory event was emceed by Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen, and Director of Sales for Mapleton Communications and WELI Mentor, Monica Tovar.

The celebration was attended by the MILE (Cohort 2) and WELI (Cohort 7) scholars along with their families, which is yet another reminder that success is obtained with support from all of those that surround our students. Also, in attendance were members from the Hartnell Board of Trustees, Manuel Osorio (President), Candi DePauw, Pat Donohue, Hartnell Foundation Board Member Dr. Pablo Romero, and Vice President of Student Affairs and MILE Mentor Dr. Romero Jalomo. Students Jamie Tindall and Ruben Tinajero shared with the audience how being part of WELI and MILE has helped shape them and keep them on track with their education.

The culmination of another successful MILE and WELI cohort year would not have been possible without the support of the dedication of the many mentors, sponsors and supporters of these programs. The men and women of our community can and will succeed and this is a fine example that a well-rounded support group makes a difference. Congratulations to the MILE and WELI Scholars 2017-18 Cohorts!
On Saturday, May 12, 2018, the Hartnell College Foundation held its 12th Annual Party in the Library honoring CHISPA’s CEO and Hartnell alumnus, Alfred Diaz-Infante. It was a great fundraiser that gathered hundreds of community members and leaders to celebrate higher education. In next week’s report, we will have the results of this event, plus the glitz and glam.

Western Food Safety Summit

More than 250 people attended Hartnell College’s 13th Annual Western Food Safety Summit on May 9, 2018 at Hartnell College. The focus of the Summit was on ‘Food Safety throughout the Supply Chain.’ Hartnell College student and AgAmbassador, Tyler Armbrister, kicked off the event with a special introduction to the Food Safety Advisory Chair, Bob Mills; I was honored to provide a warm welcome to attendees and highlighted Hartnell’s new Innovation Farm and Maker Space at its Alisal Campus. Attendees included all stakeholders, growers, shippers, educators, students, contractors, regulators, bringing together all levels of the agricultural workforce and support services to California’s Central Coast for a day of intensive training on the most current issues and concerns for fresh fruits and vegetables and in support of engagement opportunities for all. Kurt Gollnick, Vice President/Chief Operational Officer of Scheid Family Wines and Sonia Salas, Director of Science and Technology of Western Growers, gave a special keynote address. A joint theme of their presentation is that food safety encompasses all facets—berries, leafy greens and the wine industries.

An additional 10 presentations were delivered on the topics of CDFA Compliancy, Produce Safety Rule, Foreign Supplier Verifications Program (FSVP), Monterey County Crop Report, Water Sustainability, Food Safety Over the Years, Curing,
Listeria Management, Field to Fork Temperature Challenges and Getting the Paper Out of the Field, a joint Food Safety and AgTech presentation.

Hartnell College student AgAmbassadors, Jessica Aceves, President; Norvella Mendoza, Vice President; and Tyler Armbrister, Past President, with the support of videography by Dave Cramer, Food Safety Advisory member, conducted interviews throughout the day with stakeholders on the value of coming together on this day. As a student stakeholder, Jessica, an AgBusiness major, stated, “it's important to recognize and take advantages of the opportunities provided to students and that is what Hartnell does, (giving us the opportunity) to network with our potential future employers.” In addition, she stated that there was so much info provided this day that she just wanted to ‘absorb it all like a sponge.’

We are especially thankful to our presenters, Kurt Gollnick, Sonia Salas, Steve Patton, Brian Zomorodi, Dr. Barry Eisenberg, Henry Gonzales, Clarisa Molina, Abby Taylor-Silva, Johnny Massa, Justin Kerr and Patrick Zelaya who provided a wealth of information on this day and gave their time so generously.

This Summit would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors who we would also like to thank including, Grower Shipper Association of Central California, Monterey County Farm Bureau, Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce, Boggiatto Produce, SCS Global Services, Bengard Ranches, Produce Marketing Association, Schied Family Wines, Braga Fresh Family Farms, Markon Cooperative, Driscoll’s, Global Gap North America, Landmark Ag, Safe Food Alliance, American Farms, Misonero, Apio, Inc., Taylor Farms, Miles Chemical Company and Monterey Bay Community Power.

Additional appreciation to our committee members, volunteers, staff and Chatterbox Public Relations who worked tirelessly to put this event together.

**Of Mice and Men at Western Stage**

The Western Stage and The National Steinbeck Center presented a rare musical adaptation of Steinbeck’s *Of Mice and Men*, on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Mainstage.

This adaptation had been archived for 60 Years. It premiered Off-Broadway in 1958, never to be seen again until this past weekend where more than 300 people attended the event.

Steinbeck’s stepdaughter, Waverly, was in attendance and Artistic Director, Jon Selover hopes she will give her blessing for a full production here at Hartnell College, four blocks from the house Steinbeck grew up in. Stay tuned because this looks like a great possibility!
Hartnell Student Safety Ambassadors are making an impact!

Have you noticed something different on campus? Yes, uniformed student ambassadors are gaining first-hand experience in their journey towards law enforcement.

The Hartnell College Student Safety Ambassador Program is a learning and leadership opportunity for students who are dedicated to serving and representing Hartnell College in a student safety role. This program has been implemented under the leaderships of Director of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Kenny Laird.

Student Safety Ambassadors are called upon by the campus to serve in a variety of circumstances and functions. They assist with Safety Escort services, report suspicious activity, perform checks on emergency systems and complete research on safety topics to name a few of the many duties that are required. In addition, they must maintain 12 semester credits and a 2.5 grade point average. If you see them walking across the campus in their green student safety uniforms, please stop them and welcome them; they are among the many student workers and programs that Hartnell College delivers.

Governor Releases May Revision for 2018-19 Budget


We will be sorting out what all of this means for Hartnell College over the next few weeks. Also, it is important to remember that the budget is not finalized until the legislature approves the budget and the Governor signs the budget.

Hartnell Showcased its Academic Support at ACTLA Conference

After presenting at the Student Strengthening Success Conference in October 2017, Dean of Student Affairs, Antonio Alarcon, Director of Institutional Research, Natalia Cordoba-Velasquez, and Counselor Melvin Jimenez were invited to present the research findings of the effects of tutoring on student success at the Association for College and Tutoring and Learning Assistance (ACTLA). The ACTLA Conference highlights best practices in tutoring and learning assistance and sessions reflecting the collection, analysis, and presentation of data are in high demand.
Dean Alarcon presented the development of the College’s academic support system and highlighted the Panther Learning Labs. Jimenez discussed the development of the College’s Early Support Program (ESP) and the intentional collaboration with the Panther Learning Labs that helped students that typically do not use learning support become comfortable using the services. The argument that only students with high self-efficacy use tutoring and Supplemental Instruction has been refuted by the results of the study. Cordoba-Velasquez presented a study on the effects of tutoring for students in math and English courses. The results of the study indicated that students receiving tutoring from the launch of the Panther Learning Labs have significantly more success in math and English courses, with achievement gaps of up to 10 percentage points for math and 17 percentage points for English. Increases in success for both math and English were also greater for Hispanic students identified within the study. For more information about the study, please contact the Director of Institutional Research, Natalia Cordoba-Velasquez ncordoba@hartnel.edu. Hartnell College has identified a way to increase student success, close equity gaps, and has supported more than the students who typically seek out services. The Hartnell team was applauded for focusing on these efforts and were invited to share the findings with other colleges.

**Strategic Planning Advisory meeting**

On May 7, 2018, we held the Strategic Planning Advisory Group to updated education leaders in our community on our revised vision, mission, and values statements, update on guided pathways initiative, Measure T Facilities Bond Measure projects, accreditation, and enrollment update. This is the end of the five-year Strategic Plan and the development of the next one is underway. Thank you to the local community leaders who have been a part of this effort.

**Hartnell represented at CSUMB Undocu-Success Conference**

On April 28, 2018, Sociology Professor Dr. Hortencia Jimenez along with Mi CASA Program Assistant Miriam Vazquez-Gonzalez, and Hartnell Dreamers Estefania Escalante-Solis and Maritza Correa-Luna, presented a workshop at the Undocu-Success: Visibility and Change Conference hosted by the California State University Monterey Bay. The workshop titled **Allies in Support of Dreamers**, focused on the importance of the allyship between The Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA), Hartnell faculty, staff and community partners. Conference participants learned about the collaborative service delivery model implemented to support undocumented students holistically, inside and
outside of the classroom setting. Also, highlighted were the services and key opportunities provided to students by Mi CASA, what it means to be an ally as a professor, and student story and leadership experience sharing. Dr. Jimenez shared her teaching pedagogy, and how it embodies allyship. Maritza and Estefania shared their experiences as Dreamer students, allies, and community activist. They also shared how taking Dr. Jimenez immigration class has allowed them to understand the concepts, frameworks around the topic of immigration.

**Student-Athlete Spotlight Angelina Ruiz**

For this week’s Student-Athlete Spotlight, we would like to recognize Sophomore Angelina Ruiz, from the Hartnell Women’s Softball Team. Angelina grew up in Salinas and attended Everett Alvarez High School - there she had great success in her softball career. She received First-team all-league, athlete of the year in her senior year and played Varsity for all 4 years. Angelina began to play softball at 12. She says that her biggest supporters are her family, especially my mom and dad. One of the reasons Angelina decided to come to Hartnell was Assistant Hartnell Softball Coach, Geno Sigala. She expressed that after a conversation with him, she felt she had a place here, making it a smooth transition. As for the 2016-2017 season, it was Ruiz’s first year playing intercollegiate sports. In the season, Angelina averaged a .439 batting average, 13 RBIs and 48 runs. Furthermore, she averaged a .360 batting average, 1 homerun, 12 RBIs and most impressive, 17 steals on the season that placed her first in league in steals. She did not stop keeping her eye on the prize, as she received second team: all-league this season and made President’s Honor Roll. Angelina plans to transfer in the fall semester of 2018 and continue to play softball at the intercollegiate level. Angelina shared her favorite quote – ‘You’re anything but ordinary’- she later explained that this inspires her to believe that the only thing that could stop you is yourself. So far, she has demonstrated commitment and drive to be exceptional. We wish Angelina the best in her future endeavors. Go Panthers!

**Panther Baseball players sign scholarships to Arkansas**

This week our Hartnell Baseball program, under Head Coach Travis Babin held a signing day for two student-athletes: (#6) Ryan Clack and (#19) Ryan Porras. Both of these incredible sophomores have signed to Lyon College in Arkansas, to continue their education and play. Clack (UTIL) is coming off a season in which he had 36 hits, 22 runs on a .275 batting average while his teammate and close friend Porras (LHP) handled things on the mound averaging 5.76 strikeouts per game and only allowing 48 hits in 13 appearances. Both players expressed their excitement for the opportunity,
to experience together and the culture they get to be a part of. All their hard work as student athletes has come into fruition. Clack said the biggest thing he had to do, was to focus on his sleeping schedule and make sure he gets enough rest to tackle the workload he took on. Porras praised time management as well, stating that it is what allows him to get on the field on time and to get to class on time. This season was held close to Ryan Clacks heart as he unfortunately lost his mother earlier in the year, the team rallied together and dedicated their play in her memory; our condolences to Clack for his loss but there's no question that both of these players’ families and teammates couldn't be any happier for their accomplishments. Go Panthers!

**Lady Panthers achieve greatness at NorCal Championships**

For just the second time in Hartnell College history, the Lady Panthers were victorious at the Northern California Championship. The last time the women were the overall team champions was 21 years ago in 1997. With scorers in 16 events, the Lady Panthers were able to outdistance American River College by 10 points taking the title with 126 points to the second place Lady Beavers with 116 points. Sophomores Sherise Robinson and Haley Romero contributed 25 and 23 points of the 126 along with another 8 points as two members of the second place 4x100 meter relay. Distance runners Lauryn Orozco contributed 18 points, Jocelyn Cervantes 16 points, and Monica Ruelas with 11 points as those totaled double digits.

Sophomore Haley Romero was the lone Lady Panther to win an individual event moving from fifth last year to the top podium spot in the long jump. Sherise Robinson took second in the 400 meters (58.72), Haley Romero in the triple jump (11.05m), and Lauryn Orozco was second in the 5000 meters (19:13.55), also. The women’s 4x100 meter relay team of Romero, Robinson, Veronica Aguilar, and Gerilynn Omitcin will represent the North at the CCCAA State Championship with their second place finish. Robinson and Orozco were bronze medalists in the 200 meters (26.03) and 10,000 meters (41:09.81). Jocelyn Cervantes was third in the 5000 meters (19:19.41) along with Monica Ruelas in a blustery 1500 meters slowed strong winds (5:14.22). Maria Aceves picked up a third place finish in the 3000-meter steeplechase (12:37.54) and will advance to State by virtue of her automatic qualifying mark attained at the Coast Conference Championship.

Other Lady Panthers contributing toward the team title by virtue of a top 8 placing were Haley Romero fourth in the 100m Hurdles, Jocelyn Cervantes fourth in the 1500 meters and 10,000 meters, the women’s 4x400 relay, and Lauryn Orozco in the 1500 meters placed in fifth overall. Sherise Robinson was sixth in the javelin and Nina Arias the same in the 3k steeplechase. Maria Aceves picked up seventh in the 10,000 meters and eighth in the 1500 meters with Olivia Jimenez seventh in the 800 meters. Monica Ruelas was eighth in both the 5,000 and 10,000
meters. Leilani Russell in the javelin and Dakota Peebles in the 400m hurdlers and Anesa Vanderlippe in the triple jump were eighth adding one point each. Those who have achieved automatic qualifying marks to the state championship include Sherise Robinson (heptathlon and 400 meters), Haley Romero (long jump and triple jump), and Maria Aceves (3k steeplechase). Those with State “B” marks who will have to await final declarations include Lauryn Orozco (5000m and 10,000m). The women's 4x100 meter relay team also has a "B" mark. The CCCAA State Track & Field Championship will be held May 18-19 at Bakersfield College.

Hartnell College distance ace Ricky Esqueda scored in three events while winning the Northern California 10,000 meters’ title to push the Panthers to a fourth place team finish. He was also the runner-up in the 5000 meters and fourth in the 15000 meters. His 23 points accounted for almost half the Panthers 64.5 points. Hartnell College was just 14.5 points from third place Modesto Junior College who tallied 79 points. Sophomore Williams Ordaz added 11 points with Adam Alnazer contributing 9 points. From the events 800 meters and up, 53 points were totaled.

In addition to Esqueda's top overall finish in the 10,000 meters and second place in the 5,000 meters, Adam Alnazer took bronze in the 800 meters and Williams Ordaz the same in the 5,000 meters. Freshman Kyle Henn achieved the State "B" mark in the pole vault to take a surprise third place. Jonathan Saldana was fifth in the 3000-meter steeplechase along with Nick Merillana in the 10,000 meters. Rex Tomimbang picked up 2 points in the 110-Meter-High Hurdles. Merillana and Christian Aldape added a pair of eighth place finishes in the 1500 meters and 3000-meter steeplechase. Frosch Jack Fling was also eighth in his first pole vault final.

Panthers advanced to the CCCAA State Championship having achieved the State automatic qualifying mark include Rick Esqueda and Williams Ordaz in the 10,000 meters, Jack Fling in the Pole Vault, Adam Alnazer in the 800 meters, and Jonathan Saldana in the 3000-meter steeplechase. Those who achieved the "B" mark and will have to await their fate include Fernando Garcia (long jump), Kyle Henn (pole vault), and Rex Tomimbang (110mHH).

### Panthers give it all they have in final 5 games

Between April 19 and 27, the Hartnell Baseball Team played their final 5 games of the season. The Panthers would only pull away one win from the contest, bringing their overall record to (11-28) and (7-11) in conference. Hartnell first had rival showdown against MPC where they fell (16-0) at home and then lost a tight one on the road (2-1). In these two games, Hartnell would allow 18 hits, 12 of which came from their 16 run loss. Hartnell just could not get things going on the offensive side, only getting 11 hits in total from these battles. (#11) David Ortiz, was the only Panther to register a run in this stretch but even with the lack of offensive push the panthers still continued to move forward. Heading into a 3-game stretch in which they would face Skyline on the road. In their first contest, Hartnell would bounce back winning (5-3) in the tenth inning. (#21) Davin Kapuras and (#11) David Ortiz both recorded two hits and a run to rally the Panthers pass Skyline College. Unfortunately, the next two games would not formulate the same outcome, as Hartnell would fall at home in a tight one (11-10). Hartnell battled tremendously, but a run given up late in the 8th inning ended up being the deciding score as
the Panthers failed to produce any more runs in the final two innings. (10) Isaiah Azua would have himself a game regardless of the outcome, scoring a homer and bringing up two RBI's for the day. Panthers definitely hated to give up their last home game, and looked to get some sweet revenge the following day, as they would take on Skyline one final time on the road. In a tough contest, Hartnell would fall (12-8). Offense was in no question for the Panthers but too many opportunities were given up for the home team to stay in control, as Hartnell would allow 20 hits for the day. Even with the tough losses, Hartnell never quit, continuing to cheer each teammate on and appreciating each moment. We are so proud of our team and for their accomplishments and one stellar season. Go Panthers!

Rancho Cielo's Drummond Culinary Academy Caters a Wonderful Lunch

On May 8, 2018, students from Rancho Cielo's Drummond Culinary Academy provided an exquisite lunch at our home. The lunch was an auction item at last year's Arts Gala Fundraiser. The students were under the direction and supervision of Executive Chef Estevan Jimenez. Among the guests were former President of the Hartnell College Foundation Board, Anne Secker and her husband. Many thanks to Whiz and Bruce Lindsay for purchasing the auction item and for their tremendous support of Hartnell College.

Hartnell College Music Department – Spring 2018

The Hartnell College Music Department Choral and Vocal Music performed in the Student Center on Friday, May 11, 2018. The performances were composed of end-of-the-year solos & duets, followed by choral performances by the choir. As a backdrop, the group serenaded the nearby accreditation team working on the institutional self-evaluation report (ISER). It added an inspirational touch to the work and focused purpose for the ISER team.
First Grader Shares his aspirations with Oscar

Son of Administrative Assistant II, Cristina Westfall, visited Hartnell College last week and enjoyed a conversation with Oscar. Nicholas Westfall, a first grader, said that he talked to Oscar about the things he wants to do when he enrolls at Hartnell College. He mentioned his interest in astronomy due to a recent school field trip to the Planetarium; he wants to be an astronaut when he grows up so he can visit the moon, and he wants to play soccer at Hartnell, also. We hope to continue inspiring young minds to attend college and pursue degrees in STEM! We’ll keep an eye out for you Nicholas!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Commencement 2018
Friday, May 25, 2018 – 6:00 PM
Rabobank Stadium

Western Stage Presents It Can’t Happen Here. Or Can It?
The Western Stage Kicks Off 2018 Season with Sinclair Lewis’ Cautionary Tale, It Can’t Happen Here, based on Nobel-Prize winner Sinclair Lewis’ chilling satirical novel. This new stage adaptation by Tony Taccone and Bennett S. Cohen adds a fresh and playful theatrical treatment to a timelessly prescient novel. This chilling tale keeps insinuating itself into our lives because of its insight into American politics.

Opens June 2 – July 23, 2018. June 2 – July 23, 2018. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2:00 p.m. Sundays. For tickets and information, go to 831-755-6816.

For more events, go to Calendar at www.hartnell.edu
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Panthers win NorCal title

Crowning Achievements for our Lady Panthers

New players sign with Klamath Falls Gems

Hartnell Football to host golf tournament

John Devine, County Clipboard: Lazzerini receives honor from Sonoma State

Road closures announced for Amgen Tour
https://kingcityrustler.com/article/road-closures-announced-for-amgen-tour

Hartnell Community Choir Directed by Robin McKee Williams Announces 2018 Spring Concert on June 10, in Carmel