Hartnell Summer Institute welcomes incoming first year students

The College Pathways and Early Support Program hosted a mid-summer event for our incoming freshmen. The Panther Summer Institute provided information about how to navigate Hartnell College to about 125 incoming students June 14, 2018. They were welcomed by Dean Antonio Alarcon, Faculty Member Melvin Jimenez, and College Pathways Coordinator, Sara Sanchez. The event included a Frequently Asked Questions workshop for incoming freshmen, Navigating Hartnell Tech, and College 101. The FAQ workshop kept the students moving every 5 minutes, stopping at resource tables led by campus staff Selso Ruiz and Nelida Ponce from Student Leadership; Melvin Jimenez represented faculty; Fatima Barron and Monica Carrasco represented Financial Aid; Jihan Ejan and Michael Espino (student) represented Early Support; Belen Gonzales represented internships, work experience, Ag Science and CTE; Iris Medina represented Nursing and Allied Health; Joanna Ledesma, Carla Gonzales and Carlos Aguilar represented our Panther Learning Lab; Cynthia Ainsworth and Isaac Hernandez represented the Library; and Joy Cowden and Ana Martinez-Aguilar represented STEM. Alma Loredo graciously met with parents that were in attendance. Carla Johnson kept them all moving and was the official time keeper for the event. Wendy Sosa led the Hartnell Tech Workshop, teaching students about Canvas, the Hartnell app, how to use the copy machines, PAWS, student Gmail accounts, and much more. The College 101 workshop was led by Brenda Jones and Ernesto Rodriguez and covered essential student information, including positive study habits, essential best practices for academic success, how to look up and purchase textbooks, demystifying crisis counseling, available student resources and a conversation on the expectations and realities of college.
The event was fun and rewarding; it helped students obtain their student IDs, receive an early start on finding the location of their future classrooms, and connected/acquainted them with many important resources and contacts throughout campus.

**Teacher Pathway - new cohort ready to roll!**

The Teacher Pathway Program (TPP) hosted orientation for the newest cohort on June 27, 2018. Close to 30 students were in attendance to learn about the program requirements, campus resources, and bonded with their peers through team-building activities. In attendance from CSUMB was Dean Jose Luis Alvarado, and Dr. Deanne Perez-Granados (Chair of Liberal Studies Department). From Hartnell College, we had Dean Dr. Celine Pinet who gave a warm welcome to students; TRiO SSS Director, Manuel Bersamin, and HEP Director, Eric Becerra who were on hand to facilitate team-building activities for the students. This was made possible thanks to Jihan Ejan, Kelsey Wettach, Brenda Jones, Sergio Diaz, and Elizabeth Torres. It is a genuine example of collaboration with staff from academic and student affairs from both institutions. All the best to the new cohort!

**Welcome Jihan Ejan**

We are pleased to introduce Jihan Ejan, the new director of the Teacher Pathways Program. She comes to us with over 14 years of experience in higher education ranging from working on student recruitment, counseling, program planning, and developing campus-wide initiatives to support student success. She was previously the Student Success Coordinator at CSUMB before coming over to Hartnell College as an adjunct Counselor in the Early Support Program.

In her new role as Grant Projects Director for the Teacher Pathways Program (TPP), she hopes to continue developing strong partnerships with our area high schools to further promote the TPP and to support our current cohort students, connecting them with resources, engaging in their academics, and developing their skills as future educators.
Hartnell’s FKCE helps collect backpacks for foster youth

The Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Department at Hartnell collaborated with The Monterey County Association of Families Caring for Children for the Sixth Annual Backpack Drive this past week. Volunteers from the Guardian Scholar program, Hartnell staff, foster families, and local community members joined together to assemble over 150 backpacks filled with school supplies to equip Foster Youth of Monterey County for this upcoming school year. Foster Youth from as young as pre-school to college age will benefit from these backpacks. The Foster Youth are invited to select their own backpack at the Backpack Event at Calvary Church on Saturday July 14. We are honored to help.

Commencement Speaker at EPI C de Cesar Chavez High School

The adult charter high school in Greenfield, EPI C de Cesar Chavez High School, held its commencement ceremony on June 20, 2018. EPI C is an acronym for Escuela Popular Instituto Campesino. I was honored to be the commencement speaker. The charter high school was founded in 2016 and specifically serves adults 18 years of age and older who have not completed high school. The school has initial accreditation status through 2021 from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The majority of the students are farm workers. The Mayor of Greenfield, Jose Olvera Garcia, attended and is a Hartnell alumnus who is a math teacher at El Sausal Middle School in East Salinas. Also attending the ceremony was Jose Sanchez, another Hartnell alumnus, who just graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in Business-Management Information Systems. He was attending because his girlfriend was graduating. The graduate in the photo is Ana Karen Suarez Flores. She is planning to attend Hartnell in the fall at the King City Education Center. Congratulations to all the graduates! (Jose Sanchez on left in photo, Jose Olvera Garcia on right.)
Associated Students’ President attends key National Conference

President of the ASHC, Nelida Ponce, attended The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) held at the University of Maryland; it provides leadership development and training for women who are striving to challenge the boundaries of society and how it treats women. As an American Association of University Women (AAUW) event, this conference lived up to the expectation of empowerment and the spirit of collaboration.

“This year the NCCWSL conference was held just 30 short minutes away from Washington D.C., and as a recipient of a national scholarship to attend this conference, I was so very grateful to Hartnell for assisting me with the transportation necessary to attend,” said Ponce. “NCCWSL workshops were empowering and inspiring, and many of the tools that were shared with me will help me to develop more agency.”

The conference offered a variety of workshops of which Ponce picked those that would help her enhance leadership skills and support of other women. Other workshops included how to deal with social constructs, privilege and power, social justice, race and sexuality, how to be an ally, and so much more. “I also attended workshops that helped me to identify some of the skills I would need to run for local, or state office,” she adds.

Attendees had the opportunity to meet with other young ladies in leadership positions at their institutions plus representatives from graduate schools, and employers in the area at the NCCWSL job fair. As an added bonus, Nelida visited the White House, Capitol Hill, and the new National Museum of African American History and Culture. It is our joy to help students like Nelida have these experiences. Remember…opportunity, engagement, achievement.

Student Trustee sworn in

Student Trustee, Rafael Mendoza was sworn in for a second year at the Board of Trustees regular meeting on June 12, 2018 by Board Vice President, Aurelio Salazar Jr. Mendoza was selected by the student body to lead them as student trustee and be their voice for the next academic year. Congratulations!
A student fears the unknown and finds her talent is Gold

Counselor Joseph Martinez stops by Digital Media classes taught by Professor Lesha Rodriguez at least once a semester. He explains transfer options to students and shares examples of Hartnell student successes. In preparation for the Spring 2018 Program, Planning and Assessment Process, Professor Rodriguez followed-up with students who expressed an interest in transferring to universities. One such student was Xiaotong Wang.

Xiaotong shared her exemplary art & design portfolio prepared for submitting with her applications. After reviewing a number of outstanding institutions with her, Professor Rodriguez was surprised by the student’s reservation and reluctance to apply to such schools, for fear of not being accepted. Professor Rodriguez encouraged the student to apply to the leading art & design colleges.

Ultimately, Xiaotong applied to 15 colleges—and was accepted into 13 (an 86.6% success rate). She was accepted to eight UCs and in several top notch schools from out of state. Ultimately and with excitement, Xiaotong decided to continue her education at UC Berkeley starting this fall. Congrats!

(Pictures from Xiaotong’ graphic design work)

Online Teaching Conference is eye opening

Educators interested in current best practices and the latest research met for detailed discussions at the Online Teaching Conference, June 18-20, 2018 in Anaheim, California, presented by California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office. Session offerings included everything from tutorials for newbies to some fascinating presentations/reviews of the latest research. Dr. Luke Wood addressed the perennial frustration we have about including more young men of color and other underrepresented groups into the college experience. Online learning is no panacea, yet Dr. Wood points out online may be the only way to reach certain underrepresented groups such as those he studied. This is worth considering because our current processes are not achieving the diversity we aspire to achieve. Dr. Aimee Whiteside presented research about how a “feeling of presence” in the learning environment matters for students’ learning satisfaction and outcomes. Dr. Whiteside’s research quantitatively tests different strategies to promote the
needed online community. The good news is that current technologies are already sophisticated enough to fulfill this need, and Whiteside described several approaches to fostering a desirable environment. The team representing Hartnell College at the conference was composed of Academic and Student Services, faculty members, and administrators, which included Eric Becerra, Lindsey Bertomen, Norma Cuevas, Sergio Diaz, Carol Hobson, Lisa Storm, Nancy Wheat, and Dean Céline Pinet.

Facilities Projects Update JUNE 2018
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Measure T First Phase
King City Expansion, Soledad Outreach Center, Nursing Health Science Building, Bldg. D& E Renovations
• Design phase has progressed to schematics. Detail meetings starting for specific room requirements. New renderings will be posted at end of the month. Architects provided presentations to the Board on June 19. Schedule is current with construction starts for spring 2019 (Nursing), summer 2019 (Soledad), Bldg. D & E Fall 2019.

North Monterey Education Center
• Property is in escrow

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 and Health Sciences Building. Relocation planned for summer 2018.

Building B 2nd Floor Renovation
• B208 has had some renovation work to convert further to classroom/lab use. Construction start date is to be determined.

Other Projects
Performing Arts Remodel Project
• Demolition is complete and starting into the building phase of the new lobby and ticket booth.

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
• Bids were received on June 14, and have gone to Board for review and approval.

Starbucks
• Master Lease Agreement has been approved. Construction starts later this year.

Hartnell pennant at HACU offices in D.C.
The Hartnell pennant given to Luis Maldonado, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, made it to the HACU offices in Washington D.C. We are proud to be included among hundreds of education institutions.
So long Esmeralda! 
Director of Communications moves on to executive position

On Friday, June 29, 2018 dozens of Hartnell employees gathered in E-112 to wish Esmeralda Montenegro Owen well at her new post as Executive Director for Youth Orchestra Salinas (YOSAL). Colleagues and students expressed their gratitude to Esmeralda for the impact she made in mentorship, visibility, branding, and storytelling of our District and its people. She came to Hartnell almost five years ago and transformed its public and media relations overnight, it seemed, towards what we are today: a great institution with great programs and amazing results, and everybody wants to know how we do it. “I am so honored to be a part of the evolution at Hartnell College,” said Esmeralda. “I will miss working here; will miss my coworkers and the students.” She will be close by and will stay in touch. We wish her the best in her new venture and we know that she will make impact with YOSAL.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Western Stage presents The Secret Garden
June 23 – July 14, 2018
Mainstage Theater
For tickets and information, go to westernstage.org
Or call 831-755-6816

Athletics Hall of Fame
Saturday, November 3, 2018
Hartnell College – Main Campus
For more information about the induction, call 831-755-6810 or email Ashton Clarke at aclarke@hartnell.edu.

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

Family separation policies

Local women’s group calls for action on immigration policies

Carl Nicks to coach at Alvarez High
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180701/SPORTS/180709996


Chris Zepeda featured

Rancho Cielo grads cook up, construct new futures

Monterey County students McLovin’ scholarship awards

Evergreen State Volleyball Announces Outstanding 2018 Recruit Class

County Clipboard: King City grad Flores tearing it up in the Mexican Leagues
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180617/SPORTS/180619899

Salinas youth schooled on baseball, life by former MBL pitcher

Salinas native, former MLB pitcher puts on baseball clinic for youth

King City’s Robinson medals at State Meet
https://kingcityrustler.com/article/king-citys-robinson-medals-at-state-meet
From Leader to Listener: Fish Smithson Switches Gears in Soaking Up Experience with Redskins

County Clipboard: Pompan closes chapter on tennis career at Penn

Local Roundup: Cristian Soratos takes eighth in 1500 final at USA Track and Field Outdoor
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180623/SPORTS/180629934

Salinas Valley Spartans headed to Division II championship game

Ricky Esqueda running strong
https://sanbenito.com/2018/06/10/ricky-esqueda-running-strong/

‘Queer’ and ‘undocumented’ poet to host writing workshop in Salinas

Herald Female Athlete of the Year: Call King City standout ‘Four-sport Flores’
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180615/SPORTS/180619910

Wanda Faye Lewis Hayford

No longer just a dream
https://soledadbee.com/article/no-longer-just-a-dream

Miguel on the “Chace” to fulfill potential

Salinas Rodeo awards six scholarships to local students
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180625/NEWS/180629918

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