Announcing, Salinas Valley Promise Program

Hartnell College is thrilled to announce its Salinas Valley Promise program, an initiative that guarantees one year of free tuition for all first time, full-time students attending Hartnell for the 2018-19 academic year. Hartnell is committed to providing the opportunity for all local students to attend college and/or receive workforce training, regardless of family income.

The initiative is designed to encourage more local students to enroll as full-time students, thereby boosting degree completion and transfer rates to four-year institutions. The value of this program to students equals approximately $1,100 to $1,900, depending on the number of units they enroll in.

The Salinas Valley Promise program will launch this fall. The initial focus will be on offering free college for a year. Beginning fall 2019; however, the program will also offer increased support structures to students, such as mentorship, leadership and life skills training, in order to strengthen student success. It is anticipated that more than 800 students will benefit annually from this program.

For the past year, a Hartnell College task force has been working closely with President Lewallen and the Hartnell College Foundation to develop a comprehensive college promise strategy that will increase opportunity and success for Salinas Valley students. This work was further supported by a Salinas Valley Promise committee, consisting of the following members: Aleen Bradley, Alfred Diaz-Infante, Ana Valles, Andrew Myrick, Antonio Alarcon, Aurelio Salazar, Jr., Elliott Robinson, Esther Rubio, Jackie Cruz, Kate Roberts, Margaret D’Arrigo-Martin, Mary Dominguez, Michele Peregrin, Mike Briley, Olegario Gomez, Dr. Pablo Romero, Rene Mendez, Dr. Romero Jalomo, Ruth Rodriguez and Dr. Willard Lewallen. The extensive contributions by both teams have been instrumental in launching this meaningful initiative.

Farewell to Dr. Lori Kildal

On Friday, July 27, 2018 the Academic Affairs division hosted a farewell potluck in honor of Dr. Lori Kildal. Stories and well wishes ending with hugs and tears were shared.

Congratulations to Dr. Kildal on her many achievements at Hartnell. She will be missed and we wish her the best in her retirement!
Welcome Mostafa Ghaus

We are happy to welcome Mostafa Ghaus as the new Dean of South County Education Services. Previously, Mostafa worked at Everett Community College in Everett, WA as the East County Campus Director. “We are very excited to have Dean Ghaus join us and lead the expansion efforts in South County. He has already demonstrated a strong commitment to Hartnell, the students and the communities we serve” said Dr. Lori Kildal, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Prior to working at Everett Community College, Mostafa served as the Director of Campus Life and Student Activities at Berkeley City College, managing the college’s Outreach and Retention services, student leadership initiatives, community relations, faculty and student events and district-wide diversity efforts. Mostafa is a product of a California Community College and has extensive experience working in four and two-year universities and colleges in California. He has a master of arts in educational administration and leadership with an emphasis in student affairs from the University of the Pacific and a bachelor’s degree in information systems management from the University of California at Santa Cruz. Mostafa is excited to come back home to the Bay Area and is living in Salinas with his wife and 7-month old daughter.

SPARK! Theater Camp

This Summer, The Western Stage’s SPARK! Theatre Camp engaged roughly 50 students between the ages of 9 - 14 in over 45 different activities ranging from performance (singing, dancing, acting) to tinkering (learning nuts and bolts, knots, and costume construction) to technology (stop-motion animation and creating soundscapes). Resident TWS staff and guest instructors led our campers in these hands-on, exploratory activities, culminating in a week’s end showcase and ice cream social with friends and family. Talk about “Happy Campers!”

The Western Stage presents, Hair

The Western Stage presents the tribal-love rock-musical Hair, during the 50th Anniversary of this social and cultural phenomenon. The story follows a tribe of politically active, free-loving, psychedelic youths, living a bohemian life as they struggle to balance lives, loves, and the sexual revolution with their rebellion against the war and conservative society. Hair is a jubilant assertion of life and freedom, and a cry for peace.

This event is wheelchair accessible. Those requiring sign language, interpreters, or real-time captioners, please contact the Box Office at least one week prior to the event: 831-755-6816.

**Alisal Campus Early Education Center Now Open Year-Round!**

Beginning August 2018, the early education center will now be open YEAR-ROUND serving children ages 2 years 6 months to entry kindergarten on a sliding scale cost!

Our new hours will be 7:30am-5:30pm, Monday through Friday except major holidays

For more information, please contact:
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You can also download an application for services from our website: www.earlydevelopmentservices.com

**Nick Gardoni Signs Letter of Intent**

On July 24, 2018 Nick Gardoni, all-star academic and a sensational baseball student-athlete signed his letter of intent for Texas Lutheran University. Nick was offered an academic scholarship of $15,000 where he hopes to continue to play baseball in their D3 program. Nick grew up in Gonzales, and attended Palma High School here in Salinas. Gardoni decided to attend Hartnell College after Baseball Head Coach, Travis Babin recruited him during his senior year of high school. Nick looked forward to having the opportunity to play baseball while at Hartnell and to follow the footsteps of his siblings who also attended Hartnell. Nick was motivated to pursue higher education and continue to play due to his passion for the sport, but also knowing that he needed a college education. “Nick was actually a little under the radar, when I recruited him, but after his sophomore year here at Hartnell he had a lot of suitors looking after him, and that’s the type of opportunities this college provides.” stated, Coach Babin. “This is not the end game for them, this is just a two
year program and to see Nick sign to move on makes me really proud. “The whole experience here (at Hartnell), was pretty great.” stated Nick. We are sad to see Nick leave our community but we are beyond proud to see him grow and pursue his dreams. Good luck in your future endeavors, Go Panthers!

**Track and Field Camp Jumps to New Heights**

From July 16 to the 20 the Hartnell Track and Field team held its annual summer camp. The entire team of student-athletes and coaches helped out for a week long full of activities for our local kids. Head Coach Christopher Zepeda, took hold of instructions and laid out drills and skill events to improve our young athletes abilities. From high jumps to hammer throws, there was never a dull moment for our campers or camp volunteers. On the final day the kids participated in actual competition and got a taste for what was to be expected at an actual track meet. Team members were there to assist with any questions and to reinforce skills and concepts for the campers. Through this camp Hartnell gained great connection with the local community and possibly some future Panther student-athletes. Go Panthers!

**Soccer Camp Heads it in From the Corner**

From July 16 to the 20, our Hartnell soccer team held its second camp of the summer. Filled with kids from ages 7-13 all from around the Hartnell community, the camp consisted of drills and opportunities to get better at the game. The camp was led by Hartnell’s Men’s and Women’s Head Coaches; Ivan Guerrero and Daniel Ortega, who instructed participants in the technical aspects of the sport and understanding of each drills. Head Coaches were backed by their student-athletes as they helped out on each event by coaching our campers on dribbling, shooting and polishing the campers’ skill. Campers and coaches alike were having a blast! With the World Cup just having come to a close, there was definitely a fire of passion for the game within each student-athlete participating, as well as the coaches and the new bonds of friendship with our campers. Our Hartnell soccer programs definitely hit goals with each session of camp and we look forward to more. Go Panthers!

**Baseball Camp Hits It Out Of The Park**

From June 25 to the 29, the Hartnell Baseball team held its annual summer camp with the goal of teaching kids in our community the skills necessary to get better at the game. Head Coach Tavis Babin led the way with planned drills and exercises for all campers. All of the drills were designed to enhance the players abilities on the field. Throughout the week, participants learned the basics skills of baseball and got to grow in each aspect of the game whether it was hitting drills or catching drills. By the end of the week, campers were ready to hit and run in small scrimmages against each other. Many of the last season and incoming
student-athletes helped to run the camp. Each student-athlete was involved helping out with either logistics, coaching, and drills. During the scrimmages, campers, student-athletes and coaches alike were very into the play and campers got very competitive. This was undoubtedly a fun fundraiser and chance to get closer to the community for our baseball team, as they continue to push harder into the off-season in preparation for some fall ball. Go Panthers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Western Stage presents Hair
August 11 – September 1, 2018
Mainstage Theater - 7:30 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays; 2:00 p.m. Sundays.
For tickets and information, go to westernstage.org Or call 831-755-6816

WELI Forum
Tehama Golf Club
September 20, 2018

Gala for the Arts
STEM Center Building
November 18, 2018

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 information about the induction, WELI Forum, or Gala, call The Hartnell College Foundation at 831-755-6810 or visit www.hartnellfoundation.org

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

IN THE NEWS

Antelope Valley Women’s Soccer Signs Four New Players

Hartnell College waives tuition fees for many first year, full-time students
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180727/NEWS/180729923

Hartnell launches free tuition program for full-time students