Latino Network recognizes Dr. Hortencia Jiménez

Sociology Professor Dr. Hortencia Jiménez was one of four recipients awarded a Community Achievement Award by the Latino Network of Monterey County on Sept. 20. The award, in recognition of “extraordinary contribution and tireless efforts” on behalf of the county’s Latino community, was presented during the organization’s 29th anniversary and Community Achievement Awards program. Dr. Jiménez also received certificates of recognition from Monterey County Supervisor Luis Alejo and Assemblywoman Anna Caballero.

She thanked the students who nominated her for the award and said, “It’s truly an honor to work at Hartnell College and also serve as a board member for several non-profit organizations in the community. Everything I do is genuine and with a strong conviction that we can all play a role in making our community better. I’m a proud resident of Monterey County.”

Final Measure T forum will be Wednesday in Soledad

We will hold the last of this month’s three public forums on Measure T projects at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Soledad High School Community Room, 425 Gabilan Drive. Interested community members can view plans for our new Soledad Outreach Center and learn about progress on the project, scheduled to be completed by 2020.

At the Salinas forum on Sept. 19, I was joined by Joseph Reyes, Hartnell’s executive director of facilities planning and construction management and architects involved in our many upcoming projects. We shared updates on the Nursing and Health Sciences Building and extensive remodeling of buildings D and E, all on the Main Campus, as well as plans for the Soledad facility and an expansion of the King City Education Center. These forums have been valuable opportunities to highlight the dramatic improvements made possible through voters’ support for Measure T in 2016.
Hartnell Foundation hosts crowd at annual WELI forum

About 160 friends of Hartnell College gathered Thursday evening at Tehama Golf Club for the Fifth Annual WELI Forum, celebrating the transformative impact of Hartnell’s Women’s Education & Leadership Institute in the lives of striving, deserving women students.

The event was an opportunity to recognize and thank supporters of the Women’s Education & Leadership Institute, which serves socioeconomically disadvantaged female students. Through sponsorships, a raffle and a live auction, the forum also raised funds that will further strengthen WELI, which has graduated 175 scholars and granted nearly $350,000 in scholarships since its founding in 2011.

WELI graduate Lumi Barba, who has since completed her degree at the University of California, Los Angeles, shared what the program has meant for her and her family. In addition, WELI donor, forum committee member and mentor Margaret D’Arrigo Martin moderated an inspiring conversation on leadership with Susan Black, chairman of Pinnacle Bank, center, and Kate Roberts, right, president of the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership.

Men’s Basketball invites president to join in reading motivational book

The Men’s Basketball team and Head Coach Andy Vasher stopped by my office last week to give me a copy of a book they are reading, and they invited me to participate. “The Energy Bus: 10 Rules to Fuel Your Life, Work, and Team with Positive Energy,” an international best seller by Jon Gordon, takes readers on an enlightening and inspiring ride that reveals 10 secrets for approaching life and work with the kind of positive, forward thinking that leads to true
accomplishment — at work and at home. The author infuses this engaging story with keen insights as he provides a powerful roadmap to overcome adversity and bring out the best in yourself and your team. Congrats to Coach Vasher and his staff for creating innovative learning opportunities for our student-athletes.

Summer Inquiry participants contribute to College Re-Design
Thank you to all the administrators, faculty, staff and students who worked together this summer to collect research and discuss how we can make Hartnell College even better and more user-friendly for our students. Summer Inquiry Groups (SIGs) gave final presentations on their results at the Sept. 10 Assembly meeting in Steinbeck Hall.

Brian Lofman awarded certificates of appreciation to all the SIG participants. The seven SIGs focused on cross-functional inquiry, integrated planning, major and career exploration, improved basic skills, clear program requirements, integrated technology and professional development.

The results of the Summer Inquiry Groups have been compiled in e-portfolios for use by College Re-Design Inquiry and Design Teams this year. To join a team or for more information on College Re-Design Guided pathways, contact Hetty Yelland hyelland@hartnell.edu or follow this link to the web page http://www.hartnell.edu/h-20-college-re-designguided-pathways.

Hartnell shares lessons on dual enrollment at briefing
Hartnell's college readiness director, Laurencia Walker, provided testimony on Sept. 13 at a Legislative Briefing in Sacramento to present on our growth and success in dual enrollment. Vice President for Advancement Jackie Cruz also was on hand for support.

Representatives from East LA and Chaffey colleges also presented at the briefing, titled "The Promise of Dual Enrollment." Presenters fielded questions from practitioners and policymakers about how to continue with overall implementation of the dual enrollment initiative. The program was hosted by the Community College League of California, The California Edge Coalition and the Career Ladders Project.
Teacher Pathway Program holds info session in Soledad

On Sept. 15, Hartnell College and California State University Monterey Bay Teacher Pathway Program (TTP) hosted the Aspiring Teachers Workshop at Soledad High School for TPP participants and high school students interested in becoming elementary teachers. The sessions were facilitated by teacher mentors who provided a first-hand account on what to expect in the teaching profession. They covered topics such as setting up a classroom, establishing teacher-parent relationships and what to anticipate as a new teacher.

Colleagues facilitate tour for Portuguese startups

Belen Gonzales-Mottu, coordinator of job and internship placement, and Clint Cowden, dean of career technical education and workforce development, organized a Salinas Valley Roadshow on Sept. 20 for the Luso American Development Foundation (FLAD) from Lisbon, Portugal. The organization was hosting five Portuguese startups that are developing technology ranging from sensors for the wine-making industry and irrigation to cloud-based data collection for livestock management and beekeeping data collection.

FLAD reached out to Hartnell College for help in connecting the startups with ag tech stakeholders in our region. The group began its day at Signature Irrigation, then met with Walt Duflock of SVG Partners, participated in a window tour at Taylor Farms, met with U.S. Department of Agriculture researchers and finished their day at the Western Growers Association Center for Innovation & Technology. The Career Prep and Placement Services staff will stay in contact with these startups in pursuit of future internship and employment opportunities for Hartnell students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Measure T Public Forum
Wednesday, Sept. 26
Soledad High School Community Room
Information: 831-770-6195 or email to dhenny@hartnell.edu.

Athletics Hall of Fame
Saturday, Nov. 3
Hartnell College – Main Campus
Information: 831-755-6810 or email to acllark@hartnell.edu.
The Western Stage Presents
“American Night: The Ballad of Juan Jose”
Building K, Studio Theater
Through Oct. 7
Tickets at: www.westernstage.com/tickets or 831-755-6816

Gala for the Arts
STEM Center Building
Sunday, Nov. 18

In the News

College Football: Cabrillo falls to Hartnell in double OT shootout
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180922/SPORTS/180929968

College Football: Hartnell denies Cabrillo in double OT shootout

CASP: Salinas youth violence drops 63 percent

‘We belonged and we deserved to be there’ UC Berkeley transfer student alumni offer advice