Hartnell and CSUMB receive joint $3.75M HSI grant

A collaborative project between Hartnell College and California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) has been awarded a $3.75 million grant through the U.S. Department of Education’s Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program (Title V). The award, expected to span five years, will help fund the collaborative “Making Accessible and Effective Systems for Teacher Readiness Outcomes (MAESTROs) Project” between the two institutions.

MAESTROs aims to enhance retention and completion rates for Hispanic and low-income students and prepare students to graduate and fulfill teacher workforce needs through enhancing students first-year experience on both campuses, increased collaboration between advisors and counselors at the two schools to support successful student transitions, and improvement of curriculum to ensure it is meeting students’ needs.

As CSUMB reported in its news account of the grant, our institutions share a strong working relationship and history in shared programming to serve the growing numbers of Hispanic and low-income students who are under-prepared for college and Teacher Education Pathway programs.

We have joined forces to “grow our own” teachers in the Salinas Valley. These students have roots in our communities and want to contribute to improving quality of life by helping to educate the next generation of leaders.

NPS showcases Hartnell students’ transformative STEM internships

Hartnell students’ life-changing experiences in internships at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey are highlighted in the fall 2018 edition of NPS In Review magazine. Over the 12 years since the Naval college began its Community College Catalyst (3C) program, 31 percent of 600 participating interns have come from Hartnell. The college recognized this benefit in 2008 when it awarded NPS the President’s Partnership in Excellence Award. In turn, the NPS website describes Hartnell as being “among the top community colleges in the country in promoting and achieving success for its underrepresented students in the STEM disciplines.”

The recent magazine article includes the stories of five Hartnell
graduates, each of whom describe how an internship at NPS proved pivotal in their educational and career paths. They are: Casi Martin, now a Naval intelligence specialist at Fort Meade, Md., whose immigrant grandmother insisted she take computer science at Hartnell; Miles Hansen, who continued on to UC-Santa Cruz and has since worked as a systems engineer in Silicon Valley; Aaron Lopez, now an astro-seismologist at the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Lauren Polo, who earned a degree in astronautics from Cal Poly-SLO and is now an aerospace engineer with Northrup Grumman; and Genaro Sanchez, now an electrical engineer for Zodiac Aerospace in Santa Maria.

Also featured is Hartnell computer science professor Joe Welch, a retired Navy flight officer who also teaches at NPS and helped foster Hartnell’s involvement with NPS. It quotes Superintendent/President Dr. Willard Lewallen, who credits the STEM internship program with being “a key ingredient in the success of these students.”

**Theater students present ‘Ubu Roi’ Dec. 7-9**
The Hartnell Theatre & Cinema Program invites the campus and greater communities to its Fall 2018 production of “Ubu Roi.” Originally written by Alfred Jarry, the play is an absurdist adaptation of Shakespeare’s “Macbeth” and prompted riots in the theatre when first produced in 1896. The students have adapted the play to suit the current national political climate, said Dr. Marnie Glazier, lead faculty for Theatre & Cinema.

This all-student production is sure to make you laugh and features a talented group of student writers, designers, actors and producers. The show has been entered into this year's Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, and a festival judge will attend the Dec. 7 performance.

The shows are: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7-8, Studio Theatre (K 116), and 2 p.m. Dec. 9 at the MCAET Blackbox Theatre at the Monterey County Office of Education, 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas. A $5 donation is suggested. Contact mglazier@hartnell.edu for more information.

**Instrumental performances through Dec. 13**
Following choral performances in the Student Center on Nov. 28 and a Winter Choral Concert on Dec. 3, Hartnell instrumental students will present holiday season performances through Dec. 13:

- **“A Hawaiian Music Concert,”** featuring students in the Music 6 class with special guests, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5, Mainstage Theater, Center for Performing Arts, Building K; William Faulkner, director.

- **“Winter Jazz,”** featuring the Hartnell Jazz Ensemble, 7 p.m. Dec. 5, Mainstage Theater; Steve Ettinger, director.

- **“A Winter Instrumental Recital,”** featuring students from the Music 11 class, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11, Mainstage Theater; Steve Ettinger, director.
• “Dances and Carols,” Hartnell College Community Orchestra, featuring holiday music and classical favorites of Borodin, Gershwin, Beethoven and more; 11:45 a.m. Dec. 12, K125, and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13, Mainstage Theater; Steve Ettinger, conductor.

Donations may be requested at the concerts. No tickets are required. For further information, contact Steve Ettinger at 755-6906 or settinger@hartnell.edu

Opportunities still available to join “Lights of Love” giving campaign

The Associated Students Hartnell College and the Office of the Superintendent/President continue to seek more participants in a "Lights of Love" campaign to provide gifts for our students, many of whom have tremendous responsibilities and face significant financial challenges.

To participate, come to the Office of Student Life, C-140, by Dec. 3 and choose one or more children’s names. Then, by Dec. 5, return an age- and gender-appropriate and wrapped gift with the name securely taped on by Dec. 5.

More than 200 employees receive diversity training on Nov. 28

A total of 210 Hartnell employees attended two sessions of a two-hour diversity workshop presented on Nov. 28 by workshop, "Hiring the Best While Developing Diversity in the Community College Workforce," presented by Laura Shulkind, a partner in the San Francisco office of the law firm Liebert Cassidy Whitmore. Another session will be held on Feb. 1 for employees who were unable to attend these.

Hartnell requires that all employees attend this training at least once every three years. Currency in this training is a prerequisite to serving on a screening panel that recommends new hires. This is one of the ways that Hartnell affirms its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
Pinet and Hobson attend DET/CHE Conference in Monterey

Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Celine Pinet and Dr. Carol Hobson, distance education faculty coordinator, attended the Directors of Educational Technology/California Higher Education (DET/CHE) conference in Monterey on Nov. 27-29. The conference began with a meeting for the California Community College distance education coordinators to hear the latest developments around the “Finish Faster” initiative, which helps students complete a specific class they need to graduate by guiding them to online courses, including those offered at Hartnell.

The conference also included opportunities to explore emerging trends and share successes, innovations and strategies in educational technology. For example, Dr. Charles Dziuban, director of the Research Initiative for Teaching Effectiveness at the University of Central Florida, presented an overview of 25 years of research on digital learning, covering student success and satisfaction, reasons for choosing digital learning and challenges with that modality.

CalPERS to offer benefits education in Seaside Jan. 11-12

CalPERS has announced it will offer two daylong educational programs in Seaside on Jan. 11-12, with sessions on such things as retirement and health benefits, deferred compensation, Social Security and long-term care. The conference-style events will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Monterey Bay Hotel. Event details and registration are available on the CalPERS website.

Students receive food through Pop-Up Pantry

In a continuing pilot program this school year, 150 students and Child Development Center families experiencing food insecurity traded vouchers for bags of free food Friday through the Pop-Up Pantry. The USDA-funded program is a joint effort by the Office of Student Life and the college’s Foster Care Kinship Program in partnership with the Food Bank of Monterey County.

The bags included beans, pasta, tuna, canned vegetables, potatoes, apples and bread – intended to equate to two or three days of food, said Augustine
Nevarez, director of student affairs.

The first Pop-Up Pantry was Nov. 9, and a third is set for Dec. 14. Staff and students are evaluating the program and considering other ways to address food needs, Nevarez said.

**CalWORKS and CARE provide Thanksgiving meals**

The CalWORKs and CARE programs provided 40 Thanksgiving dinners to program participants. Many students stopped by the office with their children, who were excitement to know they would enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

The two programs extended their thanks to the Food Bank for Monterey County for their donations of turkeys and other items necessary for a Thanksgiving dinner. They also recognized Isaura Arreguin for driving her vehicle to pick up food items.

“From the bottom of our heart, thank you to all of our students,” organizers said. “We thank you for allowing us to share in your struggles and triumphs. Please know that you can always count on us!”

**Thanksgiving meal includes an etiquette lesson**

Approximately 20 Monterey County youth in foster care and their guests gathered Nov. 15 in the Student Center to share a meal and memories in an event organized by the Independent Living Program part of Foster & Kinship Care Education at Hartnell.

Also invited were partnering organizations such as the Department of Social Services, Peacock Acres, The Epicenter, Probation Office and Santa Lucia. As a part of helping the youth be successful once they age out of the foster care system, they also received a lesson in etiquette for dining in public at a prepared table.

Most of the event was fun and games, including live music, a photo booth with props, a gratitude wall and a pumpkin-decorating contest.
From Hartnell Athletic Director Dan Teresa:
‘An incredible fall season – one of the best’
Hartnell Athletics has had an incredible fall season — one of the best in school history.

**Men’s and Women’s Cross Country** were both Coast Conference Champions. The women had an astounding season, becoming Northern California Champions and finishing second at the **State Championship** on Nov. 21 behind Los Angeles Harbor. The men finished second at the Northern California Championship.

**Volleyball** had a remarkable finish, with an overall record of 26-6, the program’s best in more than 20 years. The team was one game away from the State Championship, falling to Fresno City on Nov. 21. Head Coach Jamie Pedroza was named Coast Conference North Coach of the Year.

Panthers **Football** played Yuba on Nov. 24 at Rabobank Stadium in the Living Breath Foundation Bowl. They barely fell short, 30-29, when they missed on a two-point conversion attempt in overtime. The team finished with an overall record of 8-3. Linebacker Alexis Ramos was named the Golden American Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year, along with other team members who earned first-team honors on offense and defense.

**Men’s Soccer** finished second in the Coast-North conference and lost the first round of playoffs against De Anza on Nov. 19. The team had an overall record of 12-4-3. **Women’s Soccer** had a spectacular season, with one of the best records in program history, at 15-7-3. They were one game away from the Final Four, losing to San Joaquin Delta in overtime on Nov. 27.

In **basketball**, the men are off to a 4-4 start, with no conference games so far. They will play Los Medanos on Dec. 4 in a 5 p.m. home game. The women are 2-5, also with no conference action to date. Their next game is on the road – Dec. 7 at Butte.

**Upcoming Events**

**Study-a-Thon Tutoring and Activities**
8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Dec. 3-5
A-124

**Study-a-Thon Tutoring and Activities**
3-7 p.m.
Dec. 4
Panther Learning Lab, Alisal Campus

**Men’s Basketball vs. Los Medanos**
5 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 4
Hartnell Gym
“A Hawaiian Music Concert”
10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5
Mainstage Theater, Building K

“Winter Jazz”
7 p.m.
Dec. 5
Mainstage Theater, Building K

Study-a-Thon Tutoring and Activities
3-8 p.m.
Dec. 5
King City Education Center

Student Drama Production: “Ubu Roi”
7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7-8
Studio Theater
$5 donation

Student Drama Production: “Ubu Roi”
2 p.m.
Dec. 9
MCAET Blackbox Theater, 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas
$5 donation

“A Winter Instrumental Recital”
7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11
Mainstage Theater, Building K

“Dances and Carols”
Dec. 12, 11:45 a.m., K-125, Building K
Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., Mainstage Theater, Building K

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