Party in the Library 2018 breaks records!

On May 12, 2018, Hartnell College Foundation hosted its Twelfth Annual Party in the Library. This event has proven to be one Salinas Valley’s favorite galas with this year’s attendance of over 400 guests and reaching record-breaking levels of fundraising, reaching over $477,000 in support of Hartnell College students and programs.

The night featured a cocktail greeting, delectable strolling dinner, amazing auction, dancing to the Extra Large, and most importantly the opportunity to make the educational dreams of Hartnell students come true. Hartnell student, Louis Romero gave an impassionate speech in which he shared his personal journey and the impact Hartnell’s programs, student success scholarships, and career preparation internships have had on his and his family’s lives. Jackie Cruz, Vice President for Advancement and Development and Margaret D’Arrigo-Martin announced the Salinas Valley Promise Program, which will provide scholarships to every high school graduate from the Salinas Valley for a fully paid first year at Hartnell College.

Each year the event features the presentation of the Hartnell College Foundation’s Leadership Award honoring exceptional leaders who have exhibited significant effort and leadership on behalf of the Foundation, college, students and alumni. This year’s award was presented to local leader and Hartnell alumnus, Alfred Diaz-Infante of CHISPA. The honoree is an incredible community leader who has both been monumental in their support of the college and has shown incredible commitment to the college and the students of this community. Hartnell College Foundation recognizes the fantastic Party co-chairs Kurt Gollnick and Susan Gill for their vision and dedication.

Special appreciation goes to the Party in the Library Committee for their leadership and to the community at large for supporting Party in the Library 2018.
The Teacher Pathway graduation ceremony took place on May 16, 2018, at the King City Education Center, welcoming students and families alike with smiles on their face. This is the first cohort to complete their associate's degree from Hartnell. The Teacher Pathway program would not be possible without generous funding from the Claire Giannini Fund and the vision of its trustees. It was my pleasure to share some congratulatory words to the students and speak of their future.

We were joined by Hartnell Trustee Candi DePauw, who draped the graduates with a stole. Others in attendance were Dean Celine Pinet, Dean Paulette Bumbalough, Professor Almadovar, Gabriela Lopez and Sergio Gomez (pathway directors and counselors). Our CSU Monterey Bay colleagues were also present, including Dean Luis Alvarado and Department Chair Deanne Granados-Perez, accompanied by Antonio Gallardo, pathway advisor. Starting this Fall, the students will pursue two more years of study with CSUMB teaching at the Hartnell King City Education Center, pioneering the very first baccalaureate program offered in South County.

Hispanic Serving Institutions Forum - a first at Hartnell

Hartnell College hosted the first Hispanic Serving Institutions Summit on Friday, May 18, 2018. HACU's Chief Advocacy Officer, Luis Maldonado, provided a keynote address that included current legislative activities related to the Dream Act, HSI funding, Higher Education Act Reauthorization, Federal Budget, and other upcoming HSI related items. Hartnell HSI Initiatives Director, Moises Almendariz, gave an opening presentation about HSI Designation, a brief historical overview of HSI, and impacts HSI funding has had on Hartnell. The HSI Forum concluded with a speaker panel that included, me, CSUMB President Dr. Eduardo Ochoa, and Superintendent of Soledad Unified School District
Timothy Vanoli. The speaker panel addressed questions related to the educational attainment of Latino students, education policy and practice, next generation of faculty and administrative leaders, and successful student experiences outside of the classroom. Attendees included Board President Manuel Osorio and representatives from Cabrillo College, UC Santa Cruz, North Monterey County High School, local LULAC Councils, MCOE, U.S. Department of Agriculture, CSUMB, and Hartnell.

**Foster Caregiver Appreciation Dinner**

In honor of Foster Care month in May, the Foster & Kinship Care Education Department hosted a Caregiver Appreciation Dinner at the Steinbeck Center on First Friday. Each family was sent home with their choice of a beach day basket or movie night basket. The kids enjoyed a craft table and balloon animals made by a clown. Among the certificates of appreciation, FKCE Susan Derschweiler was acknowledged for her community support.

**iPad Class for Foster Youth**

The Independent Living Program (ILP), within the Foster & Kinship Care Education Department, supports foster youth by providing educational workshops. Recently, 8 foster youth completed the iPad Class taught by Professional Expert, Jason Hall (pictured). During the six-week class, the youth learned and implemented budgeting techniques from the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace budget model, they received a presentation on Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) system, and practiced job interviewing skills. The highlight of the course was watching the true story of Jay Moriarty, famous local surfer, in the movie *Chasing Mavericks*. For the final session, the real-life mentor of Jay Moriarty, Frosty from Santa Cruz, met with the students, gave a heartfelt and inspirational speech, and answered the students’ questions about resilience and overcoming life obstacles. At the course conclusion, students who attended all sessions, completed all assignments, and actively participated in discussion received a free iPad mini.
Psychology Research Symposium

The Psychology Research Symposium was held in the Office of Student Life at Hartnell College, May 15 -17, 2018. Psychology students presented their semester-long research projects to the Hartnell College Community. Seventeen research projects were displayed and oral presentations of the experimental findings were shared with hundreds of students, faculty and staff in attendance. Psychology professors, Alicia Edelen and Dr. Sarah Deal created this symposium to provide students with a venue to present important psychological topics affecting the community today.

Gonzales Panther Cub Day

On May 11, 2018, we welcomed 169 Gonzales Unified School District fourth graders into our campus for our annual Panther Cub Day Gonzales. The Panther Cub series have become a tradition in our campus. Its main purpose is to create a college going culture with our South County partner. This year’s powerful message was “We can all go to College” and included presentations by Hartnell’s programs. Gonzales students, teachers, staff and chaperone parents enjoyed a theatrical presentation by the Theater and Cinema Club Students who presented their now famous “I can go to college” skits. Our Gonzales audience witnessed the Magic of Science by Tito Polo, Science Lab Technician, who demonstrated the wonders of Physics. Lastly, our young Panther Cubs took a tour of our campus. This event is planned in collaboration between our College Pathways Office, College Readiness Office, Gonzales Unified School District and the Community Partnership for Youth’s Monterey County College Challenge (M3C) project, and serves as the culminating event for the Fourth Grade College Readiness curriculum at Gonzales Unified School District. We would like to specially thank Dr. Marnie
Glazier, the Theater and Cinema Club, this year’s Master of Ceremonies Melvin Jimenez, Yeraldiny Jose Alonzo, Brenda Jones, Wendy Sosa, Ariana Rodriguez, Ernesto Rodriguez, Selso Ruiz and student guides Athena Ramirez and Judith Lepe, as well as Dr. Romero Jalomo, Dean Antonio Alarcon, and our Audio Visual and Mainstage Staff. Our Alisal Union School District Panther Cub event will take place, Friday, June 1. Departments interested in highlighting their services should contact Laura Zavala, College Pathways Coordinator at lzavala@hartnell.edu.

Annual Transfer Mixer gathers over 50
The Transfer and Career Center hosted our Annual Transfer Mixer last week at Steinbeck Hall. We had the honor and opportunity to celebrate over 50 students that are preparing to transfer this fall 2018. During our event, we provided them with the platform to begin networking with others that are planning to attend the same University. We also invited former students and faculty to share their experiences transitioning to a 4-year institution. During the event students enjoyed food, dessert and a special parting gift and certificate on behalf of the Transfer and Career Center. Thank you to the students that attended and staff: Jessica Lopez, Irie Cunningham, and Norma I. Cuevas for putting this event together; Dean Antonio Alarcon for sharing his story and for his encouraging words; and our panel: Kathy Rodriguez, Frankie Juarez, Rosa Vidales, Jihan Ejan, and Melvin Jimenez. We cannot wait to see all our students spread their wings and fly!

Healthcare Employer Summit Co-Convened by MBEP
Approximately 65 people attended Hartnell College's Salinas Valley Health Professions Pathway Partnership's Healthcare (SVHPPP) Employer Summit on May 14, 2018. The event was co-convened with Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP). Multiple stakeholders including business, workforce development partners, education and students attended. Presentations included local and statewide data on healthcare workforce trends, future work skills including ‘internet of things’, artificial intelligence and more and, highlights about SVHPPP’s program accomplishments and opportunities for growth including an update on Measure T bond funding passed by voters in 2016. As a result, healthcare programs will substantially grow and will include the construction of a new building on main campus – The Center for Nursing and Health Sciences. In addition, recent graduate and current RN, Mayra Escalante, spoke about her experience in the nursing program and how she is working locally in her field of study.
Stakeholders worked together in task group with focus on four health profession sectors including Medical Assistants/Community Health Workers and Patient Navigators, RNs, Health Info Technologists, and Behavioral Health to determine how they are working to strengthen the supply and diversity of skills and how SVHPPP can help support further efforts. Several employers confirmed that they would like to support the pathway through internships, career fairs, job placement, job shadowing, advisories and cooperative work experience. SVHPPP was started 11 years ago and represents a guided pathway model for the College starting from elementary all the way to employment. The mission of the pathway is “to grow a local, culturally relevant workforce with Salinas youth in the healthcare industry for high wage, high skill, and high demand careers while serving their community.” The SVHPPP is one of several investments being supported through The California Endowment’s Building Healthy Communities 10-year place-based community change initiative, working in 14 communities across the state. SVHPPP was funded initially through the strategies outlined in the Building Healthy Communities, Community Plan for East Salinas BHC (when it was formerly known as the Alisal Health Professions Pathways Partnership) which called for equitable outcomes for East Salinas. Hartnell College, the pathway’s anchor organization, is a long-time BHC partner and a key champion moving a new narrative of equity in education through an explicit race lens. For additional information on the pathway go to: https://www.hartnell.edu/SVHPPP.

Pasadena City College visits our Maker Space

Deborah Bird and Salomon Davila, from Pasadena City College, Technical Assistance Provider for the State Chancellor’s Office of the California Community Colleges Maker (CCCMaker) initiative, came by on May 18, 2019 to visit Hartnell College’s Alisal Campus. They were welcomed by Maggie Malone and Claudia Contreras, from the Hartnell Makers Team and were mighty impressed by what they saw. Our college’s team has been particularly successful in a short period of time in equipping two new Makers Spaces at the Alisal campus, as well as a mobile maker-lab. The mobile lab got dispatched to several events this spring while the Alisal labs have been receiving groups of students coming in to experiment with the cutting-edge equipment made available to them through the maker-labs venues. Thanks to a grant from the state CCC and from the Packard Foundation, we are now providing our students and region with an opportunity to gain 21st-Century skills.
Alumni News - Maria Carolina Suarez receives doctorate

Hartnell alumni continue to achieve and conquer! Former student-athlete, Maria Suarez received her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from St. Mary University in Leavenworth, KS. Suarez is a graduate of Alisal High School and was a two-year track and field member while at student at Hartnell College. As a sophomore, she was the Coast Conference Champion in the triple jump and qualified to the CCCAA state championship. At USM, she competed in indoor and outdoor track and field and qualified to the NAIA National Championship both indoors and outdoors in the triple jump. She left Hartnell College with a personal best 37'3" which is still ranked in the top 20 all-time in program history. Congratulations Dr. Suarez!

Hartnell Men’s Baseball 2018 Wrap Up

Our Hartnell baseball team has concluded their 2018 campaign finishing (11-28) overall and (7-11) in conference. It was a very challenging journey for the team, they went through various ups and downs but our Panthers dug their claws to the ground and kept pushing forward. Statistically, the team fell short of the previous years, this year the team recorded 16 wins and 24 losses. Hartnell started off the season with no identity in a 11 game losing streak. However, despite the discouraging results, these student-athletes showed their resilience and perseverance, they broke through their struggles by earning some victories. At one point, Hartnell looked like they got the ball rolling achieving a 5 game win streak heading into conference play. Unfortunately, consistency was a big obstacle for the team as well as continuing to build on their momentum. Their strategy didn't always hold up, especially with tough competition and tight games they found themselves facing. Hartnell was able to find its identity by the end of the season, in their ability to never give up reflecting just what it means to be a Hartnell Panther. Even though pieces fell short for competing in the postseason, there were without a doubt flashes of what the future holds for our Hartnell Baseball Program. Head Coach Travis Babin and Assistant Coaches Seth Hudson, Graham Santiago, and Blake Aldrete
are working tirelessly to build a tradition within the program that will always push towards success. Sophomore players in their last season (#34) Evan Dean, (#3) Joseph Gutierrez, (#18) Royce Hirayama, Cody Maltezo, (#19) Ryan Porras, (#8) Ricardo Torres, (#7) Kekaulike Kaula, (#6) Ryan Clack, (#2) Nick Gardoni, (#10) Isiah Azua, (#36) Tommy Fermin, and (#16) Kacee Takasaki move onto new endeavours and to continue their education, with some even playing at the four-year level, such as Ryan Clack and Ryan Porras. Both will continue their college baseball careers for Lyon College. For the returning roster there’s no doubt that their ready for the work to be put into the following season. We thank the whole team for their perseverance and hard work within the season. Go Panthers!

Hartnell Announces it’s 2018 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

Hartnell Community College District is proud to announce the Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2018 to be inducted at a luncheon on November 3, 2018. This will be the sixth annual event.

It is truly an honor to welcome back and recognize those individuals and teams who have left their marks on Hartnell athletics during its extraordinary history of success.

Hartnell College has a rich athletic tradition and a long history of success that spans over the past 82 years, producing well over 8,500 student-athletes who have not only achieved success in athletics, but also in the classroom and in life. The 2018 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees are:

**Student-Athletes**
- Tyrone Ward, Track & Field/Football
- Kendric Brooks, Basketball
- Cesar Baltazar, Soccer
- Staci Raine, Volleyball/Softball/Track & Field
- Cristina Serrano, Track & Field/Cross Country
- Mike Grim, Football
- Bill Maker*, Football
- Marv Anderson, Track & Field

**Volunteers/Supporters**
- Jim Silveria*, Announcer
- Gordon Ray, Announcer

*posthumous

**Coaches**
- Jim Forkum, Basketball
- Mike Garibaldi, Swim/Water Polo

**Teams**
- 1981 Rodeo
- 1994-95 Men’s Basketball
- 1998 Women’s Cross Country

After the luncheon and ceremony, the inductees will be introduced during half-time at Rabobank Stadium where Hartnell Football will face Los Medanos College. For more information about the induction, call 831-755-6810 or email Ashton Clarke at aclarke@hartnell.edu.
This week, the Office of Student Affairs and the Panther Learning Lab held Study-A-Thons on all three campuses to get students ready for finals. Besides coffee, other drinks, snacks, and scantrons, professors and tutors were at hand to help each student to get them prepped for the big week of finals! Well done team!

**Stress Relief Table at the Study-A-Thon**

Back by request, the Guardian Scholars Program volunteered to support the Panther Learning Lab Study-A-Thon by hosting a Stress-Relief Activity Table. The two prepared activities included making your own stress ball and blending your own aromatherapy bottle. Aromatherapy lets the student choose between energizing or calming scents and was unique to each student. The stress balls are simple and effective using balloons and rice and can be personalized. Many students participated in both activities; some returned each day for a relaxing study break.
Thinking outside the box… or simply, thinking outside

Who is this mystery faculty teaching under a tree? Is this Socrates with his followers? As students get ready for their final week on campus, Jason Hough, Communication Studies faculty and Forensics expert, gathered the speech team under a tree to celebrate the end of the year and look back on their successes for 2017-18. Graduates and veteran team members imparted a few final drops of wisdom upon their newer recruits. To them, and to all Hartnell Students, we wish you the best for a successful exams’ week!

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
For tickets and information, go to westernstage.org
Or call 831-755-6816

Athletics Hall of Fame
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

I N THE NEWS THIS WEEK
Local Roundup: Hartnell women win NorCal track title
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20180512/SPORTS/180519940

Inductees to Athletics Hall of Fame 2018

Seven Area Students to be Awarded Scholarships June 2, At 59th Annual Castroville Artichoke Food & Wine Festival

Soledad Campus designs move forward
https://kingcityrustler.com/article/hartnells-soledad-campus-design-moves-forward

John Mentillo named Harbor’s boys basketball coach
http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/sports/20180511/joe-mentillo-named-harbors-boys-basketball-coach