Hartnell College voted Best Ag Educator – again!
For the third year in a row, Hartnell College is voted ‘Best Ag Educator’ in the Central Coast by readers of The Monterey County Weekly. This is a great honor for us. The Agriculture Business and Technology Institute took off a few years ago and it shows. The win could be attributed to the comprehensive curriculum the college offers for both the business and technological side of the complex industry. Not only do we offer multiple technology and mechanical certifications in the ag-tech programs, but we also offer degrees in agricultural food safety and are developing more partnerships with CSU Monterey Bay’s agricultural science program. Congratulations!
This is the link: http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/best/2017/agriculture/best-ag-educator/article_ed4523b2-0e69-11e7-bfb0-27fleea31059e.html

Music Extravaganza is a feast for all senses
On March 24, 2017, the Hartnell College Music Department presented its annual Music Extravaganza.
The event was well attended and featured performances by the Hartnell College ensembles including the Guitar Ensemble, Orchestra, College Choir, Chamber Singers, Jazz Band, and students in the piano class. Some of our Killian Scholars performed and our students’ talent was everywhere to be heard and enjoyed, surrounded by proud family and friends. Photos show Professor Sandy Rudo’s Choral Ensemble performing and the Hartnell College Orchestra is being led by Professor Steve Ettinger. This is also an annual fundraiser for the music department and more than $1,000 was raised that evening.
Farm Worker Awareness Week offered workshops, movies, and more

On March 30, 2017, Farm Workers Awareness Week ended with a special presentation organized by the Office of Student Life and the Sociology and Ethnic Studies Department. Invited Guest Speaker, Dr. Melissa Moreno presented a workshop titled “From Farmworkers to Food Justice.” Dr. Moreno spoke about the legacy of farmworkers and the food justice movement of today, shedding light on some of the adversities that migrant workers face and sharing her personal story about how migrant work and food justice impacted her life. Dr. Moreno teaches Ethnic Studies at Woodland Community College. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Utah in the Department of Education, Culture and Society. Her publications address issues surrounding citizenship identity, racial information, cultural studies, food justice education, and practices of young adult community-based leadership.

The Western Stage Presents Miss Electricity to hundreds of children

The Western Stage hosted over 500 students and teachers at special morning performances of "Miss Electricity" March 29 and 30, 2017. Guests from Vista Verde Middle School (Greenfield), University Park, San Benancio, and Sacred Heart were on campus to see this story about 10-year old Violet, who is determined to show the cool kids how special she is, but in doing so, she learns the hard lesson of choosing between popularity and true friendship. The cast includes youth actors from Vista Verde, San Benancio and Spreckels Schools, a Hartnell Theatre major, and TWS staff actors. The middle schoolers enjoyed the performance; for some, it was their first time going to the theater.
Respiratory Care participates in “Sputum Bowl”
Three Hartnell College Respiratory Care Practitioner Program teams participated in the California Society for Respiratory Care Greater Bay Area Region "Sputum Bowl" on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. The Sputum Bowl is a knowledge contest similar to the game show "Jeopardy." The contest takes place at the local, state and national level. Winning teams move forward to compete at the state level. This competition gave the students an opportunity to draw upon course material quickly and under stress.
Our teams (the A-team, O2 Cool and Shunt Your Mouth) competed against three other community college teams (Skyline, Ohlone, and Foothill) for the chance to advance to state. We reached the semifinals this year! What a great way to exercise your knowledge.

Nursing students participate in special talk
The Natividad Medical Center Foundation sponsored 40 second-semester Hartnell Nursing students to attend an all-day educational program on childhood trauma. The “Our Kids are Not Broken” was presented by Dr. Ken Ginsberg from Philadelphia. The focus of the program was that trauma should be considered from a social disparity lens. Dr. Ginsberg spoke to the students about their role as parents who are healthcare providers. "To be effective with working with young people, it’s imperative to eliminate shame, build confidence and learn not to lecture. If you lecture, children resent it. They rebel. Our job is to make our kids feel smart and make the program we’re offering them manageable,” said Dr. Ken Ginsburg during his presentation.

(Hoto by Jay Dunn, The Californian)

Hartnell College students visit Fresno State
On March 24, 2017 a group of 40 students attended a field trip to Fresno State University chaperoned by Counselor, Dr. Nancy Reyes, and Counseling Intern, Monica Silva. Among the students who participated were members of our EOPS, TRiO, MESA, MiCASA and DSPS programs. Our students were greeted by the Fresno State Dream Outreach Center who facilitated a review of the transfer admission application process, a student panel with emphasis on student life (including discussion on majors and
careers), and a campus tour that included all the special student support programs available as transfer students.

Our students provided positive feedback upon their return and the majority are planning to apply to Fresno State for transfer in the next application period. This field trip was the last of 4 university field trips coordinated by the Transfer and Career Center for the current academic year, with funding from the Student Equity Program. We look forward to providing these university visit opportunities to our students next academic year.

**UCSC Home (TUCSCH) Program brings Hartnell College Alumni in outreach efforts**

Hector Silva and Corina De La Cerda are Hartnell College alumni, and both are part of the “Take UCSC Home” program at UC Santa Cruz where students are tasked with visiting their hometown high schools and colleges to reach out to students and talk about their experience as UCSC students. Their goal is to inspire other students in their community to consider UC Santa Cruz as an option for their higher education degree. On March 29 and 30, 2017, through the Hartnell College Transfer & Career Center and Psychology Student Club, they presented to approximately 40 Hartnell students who were able to ask them a variety of questions related to their transfer success. This was a great peer-to-peer outreach effort and students that attended the presentations received a wealth of information that will support them as they continue to polish their education plan in relation to their transfer goal.
Faculty attend Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting
Professors Lisa Storm and Lindsey Bertomen attended the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting last week; it is a large international conference with over 10,000 attendees and criminal justice professionals from all over the world. Computer forensics was a prominent topic of discussion. More specifically, Lisa and Lindsey attended sessions on pedagogy, online instruction, open courseware as well as criminology theory and use of force forums. Lisa Strom presented two panel sessions, one about applying Hartnell’s regular and effective contact policy in online education, the other about low-cost textbooks combined with the Open Education Resources OER saving students almost $400 each. It was a great experience for both of them.

Office of Institutional Advancement has its annual operation’s retreat
On March 24, 2017, the Office of Institutional Advancement staff participated in its annual operational retreat at the Harden House. The group, which included Hartnell and Foundation staff plus student workers, participated in activities that helped organize and prioritize the process of strategic planning. Facilitators, Sonja Koehler and Kim Stemler, helped the team to review the strategic plan for the Office of Institutional Advancement by looking at accomplishments to date, planning for next year’s goals, looking at the long term funding plan, celebrating milestones that were met and exceeded, and creating interim funding planning. Special guests Director of Special Programs, Bronwyn Moreno and Dreamer Student Ambassador, Zuleima Alvarez, shared insight on their roles with Hartnell and how they plan on helping current and future Dreamer students. The retreat concluded at the Western Stage. Melissa Chin-Parker led a fun team-building activity that included ice breakers, stage acting, vocal exercises, script reading and a cold read. It was a great day for the team to recharge and re-energize.
Welcome new employee – Priscilla Amao

Meet the Foundation's newest team member, Priscilla Amao! She is the new Philanthropy Officer for the Hartnell College Foundation. Priscilla is originally from Yuma, Arizona but lived and worked in Phoenix. She moved from Phoenix to Salinas in 2010. Priscilla worked as an advocate supervisor for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), in which she worked closely with members of the community who were sworn officers of the court that work with children in foster care. Priscilla serves an example of a well-balanced and highly dedicated student and professional. She is currently enrolled as a student at Hartnell, as well as working staff member.

In the past, Priscilla has worked mostly for non-profit organizations, such as the Arizona Humane Society in Phoenix and in Salinas at the SPCA, where she worked as a volunteer coordinator. Although Priscilla has a deep love and passion for animals and advocating for animal rights, she felt that it was time to become a voice and advocate for people. More recently, she volunteered as a radio broadcaster for Radio Bilingue and as a teacher's aide in various elementary schools. Priscilla is a former WELI Scholar and also served as Co-Chair in the Women’s Empowerment Conference Committee.

She is majoring in Psychology and plans on transferring to CSUMB to complete her Bachelors in Organizational Psychology and eventually plans on achieving a Master’s Degree in Psychology in the future. In her free time, Priscilla enjoys reading, hiking, going to the movie theaters and exploring new foods. Priscilla looks forward to contributing to Hartnell’s mission and vision and to advance programs that support student success. Welcome to the team!

Welcome new employee – Matt McElhenie

Matt McElhenie is our new EMT Instructor. He is a former Marine who started his EMS career on a small ambulance in San Luis Obispo California just after graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a B.S. in Kinesiology. Shortly after graduating paramedic school, Matt accepted his first assignment as a Firefighter/Paramedic with Selma Fire Department in Selma, CA. After two years, Matt accepted a position with the Department of Defense as an Engineer/Paramedic in which he served for five years. Since then Matt has been an Engineer/Paramedic with Cal Fire up until he joined Hartnell as full-time faculty. Matt has completed his M.S. in Public Safety Administration from Lewis University and currently is in the process of completing his Doctor of Public Administration from California Baptist University in Riverside. Matt has served as a Paramedic Field Training Officer, Quality Improvement Officer, and EMS Coordinator over the course of his career.
Cristina Westfall gets naturalized

Cristina Westfall, Administrative Assistant II for the Office of Institutional Advancement, recently became a U.S. citizen. Cristina and her family participated in the Notice of Naturalization Oath Ceremony in San Jose on March 23, 2017. "It was a pleasure to share this moment with my family and inspire my children to advocate for citizenship and do their share to make our community a better place!" shared Cristina. Congratulations on such an important milestone.

Productive Home Meet for Panthers

Hartnell College hosted a two-day version of the Ed Adams Invitational over the weekend. Friday featured an opportunity to test the waters in the decathlon and heptathlon multi-events for a few athletes followed by the longest championship race offered at the college level, the 10,000-meter run. Friday's competition was not dampened by rains and Saturday enjoyed a beautiful Salinas Valley day.

Hartnell College competed three men in the day one decathlon with Norman Napolitano winning the 100-meters (11.52) and long jump (20-5). Freshman Sherise Robinson lead a crew of five Lady Panthers in the day one heptathlon. She was the victor in the 200-meters at 26.10 in the rain and ran an impressive 17.47 over her first 100-meter hurdles race.

Sophomore Beatriz Duarte dipped under the State B mark in the 10,000-meter run. She covered the 25-lap race in a personal best 40:59.42. Frosh duo Jocelyn Cervantes (42:08.59) and Leslie Oseguera (42:19.10) also completed the race and will be eligible for the Northern California championship race. Freshman Christian Aldape led a total of six Panther men under the regional qualifying mark. He was clocked at 34:03.54 in his 10,000-meter debut.

Following Aldape were Louis Leon (34:19.87), Williams Ordaz (34:22.06), Jorge Sanchez (34:22.15), Jamie Garcia (34:22.23) and Jonathan Saldana (34:34.58).

On Saturday, sophomores dominated the Panthers. Jose Ruiz kicked off the meet with a NorCal qualifying 10:14.75 in the 3000-meter steeplechase. Andrew Martinez won the 1500-meters in a lifetime best 4:02.23. Edgar Bonilla lowered his personal best in the 3000-meters (8:44.72) to win. Norman Napolitano was a two event winner in the pole vault (13-6) and triple jump (42-3.50). For the ladies, Yvette Felix lowered her 3000-meter best to 10:54.15. Chelsea Andrade won both hammer and discus competitions. Her toss of 135-9 was a lifetime
best. Andrade cracked the 120-foot mark in the discus for the first time this season with 120-2. **Alyssa Pochop** won her fourth straight javelin competition at 109-3. Freshman **Tanya Campos** managed a victory in the 3000-meter steeplechase (13:19.41) in her first attempt.
For full Ed Adams results: [https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/48910.html](https://www.directathletics.com/results/track/48910.html)

**Softball update by Cathleen Watts**

We started the weekend off with a great win at home Thursday against Ohlone (4-3). They had been riding a 15 game winning streak before their 1 run loss to Dee Caoili. We led most of the game but they tied us in the 5th inning 3-3. Emily Espino lead off in the bottom of the 7th, Kaitlyn Doyle then hit a game winning sacrifice fly after a sacrifice bunt moved Emily to third base. It was a complete team victory! This kept us in first place.
We are now in Ventura (Saturday and Sunday) playing a four game schedule: 2 games Saturday and 2 games Sunday.
Saturday the first game we won 13-0 against Victor Valley. Our winning pitcher was Dee Caoili. Game two gave us the same result 13-0 with Kaitlyn Doyle getting the win. All Saturday we hit the ball hard and often.
Sunday in our first game against the home team, Ventura, we held the lead 4-2 but with 2 outs, we failed to get the third out at first base when our first baseman pulled off the bag by a throw from our pitcher. They were in the top of the order and made us pay for it taking a 6-4 lead. We were unable to overcome the momentum and ended up losing 6-4.
In the last game of the weekend, we played San Diego. We took a 5-1 lead into the top of the 6th inning. Top hitters in the game each with 2 hits were: Kaitlyn Shipman, Dre Gutierrez, Harlee Noda, and Kaitlyn Doyle (the winning pitcher). All in all this weekend was a success.
Next week, we have 1 lone game Tuesday at Chabot in Hayward.

**Student-Athlete Spotlight – Gabrielle Garcia**

Born in Colorado Springs and raised in Salinas California, Hartnell College’s Gabrielle Garcia (#32) is a proud member of the Hartnell College Women’s Basketball Team. She graduated from Salinas High School and came to Hartnell to play for the Lady Panthers as a forward/center. Gabby not only has the athletic ability to play on the junior college team, but she has a bright future ahead of her. She is currently a Sophomore here at Hartnell and is pursuing a double major in Kinesiology and Register Nursing.
“My career goal is to become the most influential or helpful nurse or athletic trainer there is possible. I also want to learn as much as I can about both roles. Saving people's lives and seeing their smile, as well as those of their families and friends are what I look forward to in my career,” said Gabrielle.

Her desire to be great on the court and a team player has been influenced by her past experience as a fan and player of the sport. The interest to play on the Hartnell College Women’s Basketball Team struck her in the stands while attending the Alumni game. "I chose to play for the Hartnell because ever since I was in high school, I would always watch the alumni play at their home games and when I was invited to one of their practices, I felt a strong bond as if I was part of the team already playing for them,” Garcia explained.

Although this past season has been rough on the Women's Basketball Team, with an overall record of 3 wins and 21 losses, Gabrielle still has an optimistic outlook for the next season, "what I hope to see next season for the Lady Panthers is to see them play their very best and keep striving for another win every game.” Gabby's dedication and positive approach definitely shows the kind of leadership and skills that define a student-athlete of the week. “My experience on the team overall has been great! I’ve made mistakes and learned a lot from them. I wouldn't trade it for anything,” said Gabrielle.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Spring 2017 President’s Forum and Lunch**
Monday, April 3, 2017
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall

**Governing Board Meeting**
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
6:00 p.m.
King City Education Center

**Monterey Bay Internships Mixer**
April 6, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
Steinbeck Hall

**Classified Staff Development Day [Mandatory]**
Friday, April 7, 2017
12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Lunch included
Steinbeck Hall

**Walk for Autism**
Saturday, April 8, 2017
12:00 – 4:00 PM Hartnell Track
Sponsored by ASHC - $5 to participate
IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Alum and local Hartnell supporters promote innovation among our youth

Hartnell College notes: Softball team on a tear
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