Hartnell’s Party in the Library exceeds goal

On Saturday, May 13, 2017, Hartnell College Foundation hosted its Eleventh Annual Party in the Library (PITL) with this year’s theme of “Catalyze!” which truly created an incredible reaction for support of Hartnell College, its students, and programs. Trustees Candi DePauw, Erica Padilla-Chavez, and Patricia Donohue were in attendance. This is one of Salinas Valley’s favorite events with large attendance each year that reaches new levels of fundraising in support of our students. This year PITL raised over $400,000 in support of Hartnell College and the Foundation. In its 11 years, PITL has raised well over $3.5 million!

Party in the Library was presented by Sam Linder Auto Group. The night featured a cocktail greeting, delectable strolling dinner, a special singing performance from Mariana Vigueras, amazing auction, dancing to the Money Band, and most importantly the opportunity to make the educational dreams of Hartnell students come true.

Hartnell students, Elizabeth Madrigal, Priscilla Amao, and Jasmin Camba shared their personal educational journey and spoke of the impact Hartnell’s programs, student success scholarships, and career preparation internships have had in their lives. They were surprised with a $1,500 George Tanimura Scholarship.

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 leaders Bob Martin and Cathy Schlumbrecht. The honorees were selected due to their community involvement, leadership and being monumental in their support of the college.
The Hartnell College Foundation recognizes the Party Co-Chairs, Alfred Diaz-Infante, Kurt Gollnick and Susan Gill for their vision and dedication. Special appreciation goes to the Party in the Library Committee, sponsors, and to the community at large for supporting Party in the Library 2017.

Jonathan Elder gets Regents scholarship at UC Davis
One of our psychology students, Jonathan Elder, was awarded the Regents Scholarship at UC Davis, the most prestigious scholarship on the Davis campus. It is a merit-based award – scholars are selected based on their academic achievements and personal accomplishments rather than financial need.
“When I found out I got the scholarship, my mouth dropped!” shared Elder. “Knowing that it is a prestigious award, I was hoping to get it, but was not sure I would.”

Regents Scholars who are covered for six quarters ($15,000). The terms for the scholarship are that the student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25, complete at least 39 units each year and be enrolled full-time as an under-graduate student. Privileges and perks of this scholarship include, priority registration, extended library privilege, transcript notation, University Honors Program, and faculty mentorship.

Elder wants to earn his bachelor’s degree in Psychology, continue with his master’s, and complete a Ph.D. He wants to do research more than anything because to him, the brain is fascinating and he wants to uncover new findings in perception vs. how we see the world. He credits his experience at Hartnell for finding his passion for psychology. “I first wanted to be a writer but in exploring courses here at Hartnell, I found out I really enjoyed psychology,” he said with a smile.

He has a younger sister who attends Hartnell and his parents are both in the sciences. His dad is a retired Hartnell faculty member. Elder thanks his professors for the support and inspiration he received from all of them. Congratulations Jonathan!

Hartnell Helps Support Students with Week Long Study-A-Thon Event
The Early Support Program (ESP) and the Panther Learning Lab (PLL) were proud to host another Study-A-Thon event for our students getting ready for Spring finals. In addition to being provided with childcare, free printing and meals, EOPS and Student Life provided students with their much-needed finals materials. Attending students also received a variety of academic
support ranging from tutoring and supplemental instruction, small study groups, and faculty lead review sessions.

Attending students also got to de-stress by painting mandelas, writing thank you cards to supporting friends, faculty and family, and mixing together essential oils to create combinations of calming, energizing or focus oils provided by our very own Foster Care & Kinship Education program. Students were provided with informative material regarding mental health awareness, had access to counseling services provided by ESP, and even got to take dogs out for a de-stressing walk.

The Study-A-Thon saw over 1,000 students during this week-long event at the Main Campus, King City Education Center, and Alisal campus. The event’s main focus was giving a greater number of students’ exposure to Hartnell’s Panther Learning Labs, which will be providing extended hours for students next week during finals. All in all, the entire college was able to come together in support of our students at a time in the semester when they might need it most. We wish our students the best, and more importantly, will continue to provide them with the support they need to finish off their semester on a positive Hartnell note.

Student-Athlete Honor Roll Banquet and scholarship

On May 15, 2017 the Hartnell College Athletics Department hosted a Student-Athlete Luncheon to recognize student-athletes who have been in Honor Roll, President’s List and Dean’s List. All students invited had an overall GPA of 3.40 and above. During the luncheon, the Athletics Director, Dan Teresa, also recognized and awarded Male and Female Student-Athlete of The Year. Yvette Felix, was awarded female student-athlete of the year. Yvette is a Cross Country and Track and Field athlete. She graduated from Anzar High School and came to Hartnell in the fall of 2015. She has competed for the Panthers for the last two years and will be graduating this Spring. She received a full-ride scholarship to East Central Oklahoma University in Enid, Oklahoma.

Javier Alfaro was awarded the male student-athlete of the year. Javier, also
known as “choco,” played forward position for the soccer Panthers. Javier graduated from Santa Cruz High School and came to Hartnell in fall of 2015. He will be graduating this spring and will be transferring to California State University Fullerton on a full-ride scholarship. We recognize the efforts and work of all 91 students that on Honor Roll, President’s List and Dean’s List. As a former student-athlete it was an honor for me to attend and say a few words to these scholars. Congratulations to all, we are proud of your athletic and academic efforts. Go Panthers!

**EOPS/CalWORKs/CARE Recognition Ceremony**

On Thursday, May 18, 2017 I was honored to join 162 graduating students who were recognized during the 18th Annual EOPS, CARE and CalWORKs Student Recognition Ceremony. The event was emceed by Director Paul Casey. Keynote Speakers were Hartnell Alumni and EOPS students, Christy Barrera and Lupe Figueroa. Christy received her AA degree from Hartnell and transferred to San Jose State where she received her Bachelor’s in Social Work and Master’s in Social Work. Christy is currently employed as a Psychiatric Social Worker for the Monterey Behavioral Health Division. Lupe received her AA degree from Hartnell in General Studies and then transferred to CSUMB where she received her Bachelor’s degree in Collaborative Health and Human Services. She is graduating from the American Public University this spring with a Masters in Psychology. Family, friends, faculty and staff were invited to celebrate. Congratulations!

**First Mi CASA Transfer Banquet**

On Thursday, May 18, Hartnell Dreamer students who are transferring in fall 2017 and their loved ones were brought together for a Mi CASA Dreamer Transfer Banquet honoring their perseverance and success. The students and families were joined in celebration by faculty, staff, Board of Trustees President, Manuel Osorio, Trustee David Serena, Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez, Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Romero Jalomo, Director Paul Casey, and me. Esmeralda Montenegro Owen served as the master of ceremonies. An inspirational keynote address was delivered by Monica Cardenas Guzman, UC Irvine graduate and founder of Opportunities through Peer Empowerment 4 Undocumented Students or HOPE4US. Three
outstanding Dreamer transfer students received $1,000 transfer scholarships made possible by the Employees for Student Success. One of the goals of Mi CASA is to increase the number of Dreamer students at Hartnell who complete their educational goals through graduation or transfer to a four-year university. Congratulations Hartnell Dreamer class of 2017!

MILE and WELI hold final workshop
On Saturday, May 13, WELI and MILE conducted their final quarterly workshops and mentor meetings for the 2016-17 cohorts. Inspirational keynote speeches were provided for MILE by Professor John Perez, Hartnell College and for WELI Priscilla Amao, Philanthropy Officer and WELI alumna. The opening remarks were followed by a career exploration workshop. Students completed online career assessments and reviewed local employment data. The workshop concluded with a reflection and closure exercise. At lunchtime, WELI and MILE mentors joined the cohorts for their final meeting. During the mentor lunch, students presented certificates of appreciation to their mentors and developed communication plans with their mentors to define the parameters of their relationship moving forward. Congratulations WELI and MILE scholars!
Stellar Navigators of Sea and Space visit Hartnell

On Thursday, May 18, 2017, the Hartnell College Planetarium hosted two lectures by experts on navigating by the stars in the STEM Center for Hartnell students and local 5th and 6th grade students from Hartnell’s K-12 STEM Program. The lectures were given by Bruce Rowe, a local experienced in marine navigation of commercial ships, and Coralie Jackman, a member of NASA’s New Horizons team that successfully piloted the first probe past Pluto. The lectures are a part of a larger event centered on strengthening ties between Hartnell and local institutions. Along with the lectures at Hartnell, there will be a technical talk on astronavigation for students at the Naval Post-Graduate School and a workshop on practical celestial navigation for sailors at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.

Earlier in the day, the WELI scholars had the honor of meeting Coralie Jackman during an exclusive meet and greet luncheon in which Coralie and the girls were able to share their stories and empower each other. This is one of a growing series of events hosted in the new planetarium aimed at expanding its role on campus and in the local community with support from the Hartnell College Foundation.

African American male athletes’ workgroup

A group of faculty, staff and administrators at Hartnell college has been formed to create a comprehensive support system for improving retention and success for African American male student-athletes with a specific emphasis on those coming from out of state. The group began by examining data and successful models for supporting African American male student athletes. The goal is to develop a detailed Action Plan to be implemented this fall, along with long term goals. Components of the Action Plan include an expanded mandatory orientation program for new students, a first year experience program, peer mentors, scholarships, meal plans for eligible students, and comprehensive academic support services. To learn more, contact Director of Special Programs, Bronwyn Moreno at bmoreno@hartnell.edu.
Integrated Planning Process for Student Equity kicks off to a great start
On May 10, 2017, over 41 faculty, staff, managers, and even one student convened to kick off the Integrated Planning Process for Student Equity, Student Services Support Programs (SSSP), and the Basic Skills Integrated Action Plan. Facilitated by Director Antonio Alarcon, the event covered an overview of the Chancellor’s Office changes to these three major initiatives and the integration of the plans was discussed. Hartnell College has been a leader in integrated planning and as a payoff, activities have already been identified that overlap between the three plans, but combining the teams is leading toward even more collaboration across campus and even reduced silos between Student and Academic Affairs. The new integrated plan will be written during summer and the beginning of fall, activities will be evaluated, ongoing and new activities will be included. Information will be provided as updates in the process take place.

Education about careers in the health field
The Salinas Valley Health Professions Pathway Program (SVHPPP) team has been busy at work tabling at community events, high school career fairs, wellness days, and Panther Prep. They provided current high school and middle school students the opportunity to learn about the Nursing and Allied Health programs offered at Hartnell College. High schools included North Salinas, Alisal, San Benito, Gonzales, and King City. In addition, the team connected with Gonzales Middle School students, members of the Boys and Girls Club, and attendants at the Alisal School Wellness Fair. The purpose of attending these resource fairs is to identify students interested in pursuing a health career and to provide them with resources such as program descriptions and contact information. Nursing and Allied Health students also joined the SVHPPP team to give a student’s perspective on the programs.
Mental Health First Aid Course for Staff
On May 12, 2017 the Department of Supportive Programs & Services (DSPS) and the Psychology Department, offered Hartnell College students Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training. MHFA is an 8-hour certification course that offers a five-step action plan to assess a situation and secure appropriate care for an individual experiencing a mental health problem. After the completion of the course and passing of a final written examination, 24 Hartnell College students obtained a 3-year certification in Mental Health First Aid!

The CDC represents Hartnell at World Forum
Director of Early Childhood Education, Dr. Susan Ratliff and Child Development Instructor, Carmen Gonzalez, had the unique privilege of representing Monterey County at the World Forum on Early Care and Education in New Zealand. During the four-day conference, both had the opportunity to meet others working to improve the lives of children and families.

The relationships that were built and the connections made have inspired and motivated both to continue the work done locally in providing culturally relevant quality early education to families in the Salinas Valley.

Dean Pinet presents at 2017 Epic Symposium at Stanford
Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Celine Pinet presented at the 2017 EPIC Symposium at Stanford University, Global Studies Division, in collaboration with Dr. Dulce Maria Gray, from West Valley College. Their presentation focused on Educating and Mentoring Global Citizens: The Role of Co-Curriculum Activities. They discussed how such activities can enrich students’ and faculty’s awareness of global issues, such as with the environment, peacekeeping, or infectious diseases. They addressed global citizenship in the context of education, recognizing that people from around the world are inextricably woven and collectively involved in global matters.
Visit to the Nacimiento Dam

As part of the 2017 AgKnowledge Class XI, Vice President of Administrative Services, Benjamin Figueroa and Director of Farm Worker Education and Advancement, Clementina Macias, visited the Nacimiento Dam on Friday, May 19, 2017 as part of training on water issues in the Salinas Valley. The AgKnowledge program is a nine-month executive leadership program. AgKnowledge educates participating fellows about the heritage, diversity, stewardship and complexity of Monterey County agriculture and the interdependencies of agriculture, local government, and the community.

King City students have exciting visit to the MBARI

South County students in Professor Dominic Gregorio’s Biology and Oceanography class, visited the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) in Moss Landing, on May 15, 2017. Students were given an opportunity to go on board Research Vessel Rachel Carson with “Gulper,” an autonomous underwater vehicle.

Panther Men hold on for historic 2\textsuperscript{nd} Place Trophy

It was a mild surprise the Hartnell College men's track & field team held a second place position heading into Saturday's Northern California Championship but with each passing event it was clear that the Panthers were in deed the second best program in the region. Powered by an army of distance runners spread through all four events on Saturday and help from Thomas Salao in the pole vault and javelin, the Panther men tallied 104 points to earn a regional trophy for the first time since 2008. The Hartnell men's team has placed in the top three in the regional championship just eight times in school history with this year's finish matching the 2008, second place performance. Teams in 1995, 1996, and 2000 hold the record for highest placing with regional titles. The Panthers amassed 32 team points from the decathlon and 10,000-meter finals heading in the first event Saturday, the men's 3000-meter steeplechase. Sophomore Andrew Martinez placed third (9:47.01), his
second best time of the season, an improvement of five places from 2016. Freshman Jonathan Saldana was fifth (9:53.35) and sophomore Jose Ruiz sixth (9:56.12) to add 13 points to the team score. Former King City High School Mustangs Eduardo Orozco and Edgar Bonilla provided the biggest surge in points with a top two finish in the 1500-meter run. They finished nearly at the same time with Orozco claiming the title in 3:56.28 and Bonilla a half step behind in 3:56.30. The Panthers received nice surprises from Patrick Olson (3:59.78) in fourth and Sergio Coronel (4:01.47) in sixth. Jorge Sanchez held on for an important scoring eighth place (4:04.20). Mario Perez, Jr. did the early pace work to set up his teammates and was rewarded with a lifetime best 4:05.53 for ninth. All told, the Panthers amassed 27 points of the available 39 in the event. Orozco added to the total with a runner-up finish in the 800-meters (1:55.35). He will advance to the CCCAA State Championship next weekend in both the 1500-meter and 800 meter runs. Jorge Sanchez and Oscar Mora, Jr. provided the final support to the second place team finish by placing first and third in the 5000-meter run and adding a final 16 points to the team's total. Sanchez becomes another Hartnell Panther to complete the 5000 and 10,000-meter championship double joining Daniel Tapia and Diego Leon, both state champions in both events. Sanchez will look to achieve the same feat next weekend in Sacramento. Sanchez won the 12.5 lap race by 9 seconds in 15:12.79. Mora used a final lap push to move up to third in 15:32.48. Mario Perez, Jr. (15:42.15) and Angel Mejia, Jr. (15:44.46) both ended with season bests but were in non-scoring ninth and tenth positions. Sophomore Thomas Salao placed fifth in the pole vault final with a lifetime best 13.9.75. He was also seventh in the javelin with 164-8. Freshman Jozhiah Garcia placed seventh in the 400-meters (49.95).

For the Lady Panthers, sophomore Yvette Felix added two more scoring events to her total. Already a second place finisher in the 10,000-meter final, Felix finally dipped under the five-minute barrier in the 1500-meter event (4:59.96). Her time was good for sixth overall in the final. Felix also placed third in the 5000-meter run (18:55.85). Beatriz Duarte (19:57.54) and Jocelyn Cervantes (19:57.54) finished tenth and eleventh. Joining Felix at the CCCAA State Championship will be freshman Yvette Tavarez. Only the third place finisher at the Coast Conference Championship in the 3000-meter steeplechase, Tavarez lowered her season best by an outstanding 34 seconds to surprise with a third place finish.
in 12:16.55. She bested conference runner-up Sierra Breciaglia of De Anza College by 7 seconds to advance beyond the regional meet. Freshman Haley Romero placed fifth in the long jump (17-7.50) and will advance and take a season best 18-3 into the state championship. The women's 4x400 relay team posted their best time of the season in 4:10.96. The mark moves them to 14th all-time with three returners coming back in 2018. Sophomore Chelsea Andrade picked up two eighth place finishes in the hammer and discus throws to help the team. As a team, the Lady Panthers landed in sixth overall with 47 points. The Panthers sent seven men and four women to the CCCAA State Championship in Sacramento on May 19-20. The update in next week’s report!

Our Mary Cousineau Retires!
It was a bitter sweet gathering for Nursing and Allied Health last week as the department convened to celebrate Instructor Mary Cousineau’s retirement. Since 2005, Mary, a pediatric nurse practitioner and certified nurse educator, has been an unsung hero of the nursing program. Because she is the assistant director of the well-regarded nursing program, Mary’s responsibilities extend far beyond those of a typical faculty member. Each semester, Mary meets with community partners, professional staff, and faculty members to coordinate complex classroom activities and clinical course placements for more than 75 nursing students. In addition, she mentors new faculty members and leads curricular changes. It was an honor for me to say a few words about Mary at this event.
Because of Mary’s oversight, Hartnell’s registered nursing program is one of the most innovative in the state and has been recognized for its progressiveness and student success. In 2016, she received a Hartnell Innovation Award for initiating an annual service learning partnership project with Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas. Each fall, with Mary’s oversight, Hartnell nursing and respiratory care practitioner students conduct 36 hours of clinical skills training classes for more than 60 medical assistants working at Clinica de Salud.

Student successes energize Mary. Her desire to create a safe, nurturing environment for students led to the successful adoption of the Academy of College Excellence foundation course. Mary enhanced the professional development course to include instruction on health disparities in the Salinas area. She understood that new nursing and allied health students are “at risk” populations because of pressure resulting from academic course requirements, clinical experiences, and family and home life responsibilities. With Mary’s leadership, Nursing and Allied Health conducts interprofessional education classes in which nursing, respiratory care, and emergency medical technician students learn together. In 2015, Mary arranged a panel discussion on intimate partner violence, a significant problem for Salinas residents. Mary collaborated with Hartnell psychology and counseling faculties to host community leaders, advocates, lawyers, and counselors who spoke to more than 250 students and community members in attendance.

In summary, Mary Cousineau has been a real hero to her students, the Hartnell family, and the untold number of community residents who have benefited from her professional care. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Welcome new bookstore manager

We’d like to welcome Shante Mitchell, the new bookstore manager. She is from Seaside, CA and a graduate of Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) with an AA in Social Science. She has worked with Follett for 4 ½ years, starting out as a temp at MPC and working herself up from there. Before coming here to Hartnell she managed the bookstore at Woodland Community College near Sacramento. She is happy to be back home.

Welcome to Hartnell Shante!
Double the joy, Double the Fun!
In a year where twins happen to be extra popular among celebrities and regular everyday people, I am happy to announce that a pair of Panthers were born last week! Accounting Manager, David Techaira and wife Kristina welcomed their beautiful fraternal twin girls, Alyssa and Alanna. The girls were born on May 14, 2017 and each of them weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and 19” in length. What an exciting time for this family. Congratulations on the birth of your babies!

Mercedes Del Real is celebrated
More twin girls are in our future! Mercedes Del Real is expecting twins in the next few weeks. Some of her colleagues gathered to celebrate her and shower her with gifts. She will be taking a one-year sabbatical to bond with her babies. Congratulations!

UPCOMING EVENTS
Classified School Employees Week – May 22 – 26, 2017
California’s Legislature recognizes the important contributions of classified school employees and named the third full week of May “Classified School Employee Week” (CSEW) to honor the invaluable contributions of classified school employees.

Spring Jazz Concert
May 23, 2017, Mainstage at 7:30 PM

A Concert of Instrumental Solos
May 24, 2017, K-125 at 11:45 AM
A Symphony and More
Hartnell Community Orchestra
May 25, 2017, Mainstage at 7:30 PM

Commencement 2017
May 26, 2017
6:00 p.m. – Rabobank Stadium
Admission ticket required

The Western Stage launches its 43rd Repertory Season with, Born Yesterday
June 10 through July 2, 2017
In Studio Theater directed by Western Stage resident staff Jeff McGrath.
Details are at westernstage.com.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Nursing and Allied Health Newsletter
http://www.hartnell.edu nah

PHOTOS: Party in the Hartnell Library

Q&A, Kristen Arps: Adult education is slowly being rebuilt
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20170513/NEWS/170519911

Forbes Hosts Third AgTech Summit, June 28-29, 2017, Salinas Valley

Forbes Ag Tech Summit set to return to Salinas in June

Winning Ways
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2017/05/18/winning-ways/101858562/

Local Roundup: Hartnell, MPC qualify contingent to state track

Panthers’ men place second at De Anza
http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2017/05/16/panthers-men-place-second-de-anza/101764434/