Happy Holidays
And the best wishes for a brand new year!
[The Weekly Report will resume on January 5, 2018]

President’s Circle Reception
The Foundation recognizes those who give

The Hartnell College Foundation celebrated its annual President’s Circle Reception on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. The Athletics Field House was transformed into an elegant venue by the Chatterbox PR team to welcome donors who give $1,000 and more to our students and programs each year. Among the attendees were dozens of Hartnell employees who believe in the power of philanthropy. Guests enjoyed h’ordeuvres and a variety of beverages.

Guests found demos of our programs at each corner, and spoke to student ambassadors about their studies. Three student speakers shared their goals and dreams, and shared how each have benefited from the contributions of the President’s Circle. The Foundation took this opportunity to recognize President of the Board, Anne Secker for her outstanding leadership, and outgoing Board Members Susan Black and Alfred Diaz-Infante for their service.

It was a great moment to share with President of our Governing Board, Manuel Osorio, and Trustees Pat Donohue and Candi DePauw who were in attendance, also.

Cheers to a new year filled with more achievements and possibilities!
Football – a Panther receives full ride scholarship

Last week, Sophomore Martin Cintora, a Salinas High School graduate, signed a mid-year full athletic scholarship. He will be attending Kansas Wesleyan University in January. Congratulations Martin! We wish you great success.

Communication Studies hosted two events-
Highlight on public speaking and presentations

On December 9, 2017, Communication Studies and the Hartnell Speech Team hosted the Third Annual Steinbeck Invitational Speech Tournament. Sixteen (16) two-and four-year schools attended the tournament, including Illinois State University, University of Nevada-Reno, and Modesto Junior College.

Members of the Hartnell Speech Team earned more individual awards than any other school, including:

- Chris Rendon, 1st Place Dramatic Interpretation, 3rd Place Poetry Interpretation and 3rd Place Dramatic Duo Interpretation with partner Carmen Urciuoli
- Hannah Villafuerte, 1st Place Communication Analysis
- Carmen Urciuoli, 2nd Place Poetry Interpretation and 3rd Place Dramatic Duo Interpretation with Chris Rendon
- Casie Guido, 2nd Place Communication Analysis, 3rd Place Prose Interpretation and 4th Place After Dinner Speaking
- Iliana Ramos, 3rd Place Communication Analysis
- Athena Ramirez, 3rd Place, Persuasive Speaking
- Victor Nambo, 4th Place, Dramatic Interpretation
- Isaac Rodriguez, 4th Place Program of Oral Interpretation and 5th Place Informative Speaking
- Sandra Ruvalcaba, 6th Place, Informative Speaking
Up next, December 11 – 14, 2017, Communication Studies sponsored the Academic Expo in Steinbeck Hall. The Expo show-cased original research conducted by students in Communication Studies classes. In small groups, students complete a research paper and design a table display and backdrop to accompany the research. Forty-eight (48) different groups representing 200 students in nine different classes were on display. From each class, a Best of Class group was selected to then compete for Best of Show. This semester’s winning group was in Instructor Jason Hough’s COM 3, Introduction to Communication Class. The group analyzed group communication in the film, “Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales.” Members of the winning group included Donald Jenness, Mark Laranjo, Joel Partible, and Gabriella Prendez.

**Accessibility workshop for Administrators and staff**

On December 6, 2017, Gaeir Dietrich from the High Tech Center Training Unit (HTCTU) held a workshop for Administrators and support staff about Web Accessibility and Online Documents. In California, campuses are required to be accessible both physically (architectural guidelines) and technologically. Accessible websites are required by law according to Section 508 in the state; ADA and Section 504 federal laws. As an institution, we are aware of the accessibility laws and are currently working in making the necessary changes in our systems to be compliant. For more about accessibility, visit prolearningnetwork.cccco.edu/creating-accessible-materials.

**Fall transfer application period coming to a close**

This fall semester, the Transfer and Career Center has been busy facilitating workshops and assisting students applying to Universities. Thirteen workshops were offered and over 400 students were assisted. It was great to see many of them ready to transfer and excited for their new journey. Some students received a second opportunity to apply given that some California State Universities (CSUs) extended their deadlines to December 15, 2017. The Universities of California: Santa Cruz, Merced, and Riverside, have extended the deadline to January 8, 2018. We are so grateful for the Counseling team and Transfer and Career Center staff who were able to assist during workshop sessions.
Study-a-Thon

Students take advantage of the help and atmosphere

At the end of the semester and just before finals, the Panther Lab holds exceptional study and refreshment stations at all three campuses to provide students the help they need. Tutors, desks, snacks, and refreshments are provided to all those students who needed that extra boost just before finals. The designated areas were packed with students who at 9:00 o’clock in the evening asked for extended hours of study. It was great to see the enthusiasm and camaraderie among students and faculty. What a great way to support student success!

CDC children share Holiday Cheer on campus

Children from the Child Development Center and staff visited the offices throughout campus to sing holiday songs. It was a great surprise for me and my Executive Cabinet to enjoy the holiday cheer. The children came in and sang a few songs for us. How nice was it to see these future Panthers; this certainly brought a smile to everyone’s face.
Holiday Wishes
From our students and staff

Jamius Henry
Major: Law
“Have a marvelous time of your life. Live free, be happy!”

Nelida Ponce, Student Body President
Major: Psychology
“Be Blessed! Happy Holidays and rejoice in this time of rest and peace and joy!”

Octavio Jimenez
Major: Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics
“I wish you all a happy holiday season and enjoy your break!”

Catalina Gonzalez and Dean Debra Kaczmar
Nursing and Allied Health
“Happy Holidays from the faculty and staff of Nursing and Allied Health!”

Amber Mena
Major: Psychology
“I hope everyone and their families have a safe and happy holiday!”
Esmeralda Mariano  
Major: Mathematics  
“Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Governing Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 9, 2018  
Main Campus – Steinbeck Hall – 5:00 p.m.

7th Annual Student Success Conference  
January 11 – 12, 2018  
Main Campus

Winter Closure  
December 18, 2017 – January 1, 2018

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

County Clipboard: Orozco earns track scholarship to Alaska – Anchorage  
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20171210/SPORTS/171219997

Can smiling make you a better athlete?  
http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/12/12/can-smiling-make-you-a-better-athlete/

Show of Support  
https://greenfieldnews.com/article/show-of-support

Hurtado brother’s at Alisal have eye on Hartnell  
http://www.montereyherald.com/article/NF/20171214/SPORTS/171219892

Comic Con in Salinas - Hartnell  
James Burks
http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/people/face_to_face/james-burks/article_b48a981a-e076-11e7-b26a-cffa31320e99.html

Hartnell holds off Cerro Coso