Hello Hartnell Students,

We would like to present you with the first newsletter of The Panther Press, edited and organized by students and for students. Social distancing has created a barrier between academic progress and student activities. However with this newsletter we are hoping to minimize those barriers. The Panther Press provides information on current student activities and events. It also gives students the opportunity to display their creative work such as poems and art work. Most importantly it helps students have a more complete college experience even while social distancing. May your Spring 2021 semester be successful!
Meet Our Team!

by Guadalupe Rodriguez & Victoria Valdez

Daisy Ortiz Matiaz
Committee Member
Major: Biology
ASHC Position: Senator at Large
Year at HC: First Year

Mishell Guzman Espinoza
Committee Member
Major: Biological Sciences
ASHC Position: Secretary
Year at HC: 3rd

Jane Sanchez Hernandez
Committee Member
Major: Nursing
ASHC Position: President
Year at HC: 2nd

Victoria Valdez
Co-editor
Major: English
ASHC Position: Director of Public Relations
Year at HC: 2nd

Guadalupe Rodriguez
Co-editor
Major: Sociology
ASHC Position: Senator at Large
Year at HC: First Year

The Hartnell College newsletter is brought to you by 5 ASHC students!

In the future, this page will feature students who have shown excellence as a Hartnell student. Hartnell staff and students are welcome to recommend students for Student of the Month. Google form is linked below.

https://forms.gle/tUXPO4BbJcXNFeSx8
Hartnell Social Media
by Daisy Ortiz Matiaz

ASHC Meetings
The ASHC meets every first and third Thursday at 3pm. For the agenda and zoom link, click the link below:
https://www.hartnell.edu/students/osl/ashc/ashc-agenda-and-minutes/index.html

ASHC Discord
The ASHC has a Discord server that allows all Hartnell students to socialize and meet other students. On the Discord, you can chat and game with the people you meet!
https://discord.gg/NdUJrGQFWq

ASHC Instagram
The ASHC has an Instagram that is used to post important information regarding events for Hartnell students. Follow at:
@hartnellashc

Clubs at Hartnell!
Hartnell has 13 active student clubs. It's never too late to get involved!

https://www.hartnell.edu/students/osl/ashc/icc-and-students-clubs.html

Club Discords

Math Club:
https://discord.com/invite/ACBXuNn

Pride Club:
https://discord.gg/azAny46Urh

TRiO Club:
https://discord.gg/pRRhTGYGv3

EPAS (Engineering Physics and Allied Stem) Club:
https://discord.gg/QU6K8mJb3h

Club Announcements
Joining the different clubs Hartnell has to offer will keep you socially active during these hard times. It is also a good way to expand your network!!
Resources at Hartnell
by Guadalupe Rodriguez

In-Person Study Area
Hartnell College in-person study area spaces are open for students! To reserve a space, register on Evenbrite (click here for link).

Time available: 12-4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Location/s of study area(s): Main Gymnasium-Building H- Main Campus (411 Central Ave, Salinas, CA 93901)

Equipment available in study area(s): desks and WIFI access.

If you need a Chromebook to study, you can request one via Hartnell's equipment reservation system (click here for link). Make sure to reserve a Chromebook before you reserve a study area!

Racial Equity Task Force
The Hartnell College President's Task Force on Race & Equity highlights issues regarding race, equity, diversity, and inclusivity. In such a way, the college can seek and implement methods of improving student and racial equity.

Student Engagement Group
As part of the Racial Equity Task Force, a student engagement group is in the process of being formed. The group will ensure students' active participation in the college's task force decision making.

If you have questions, concerns, or are interested, contact jcruz@hartnell.edu
The Melanin in our skin,
leaves open a gateway for hate.
It is where violence and bigotry breed
at the hands of those meant to protect.
Was our skin color God’s mistake?

What is fed to us as seeds,
grow into fires filled with rage as we mature.
The cycle is inevitable, at best,
foreshadowing the entirety of our lives.
Placing those sprouted through hate into an
inescapable prison,
filled with fires which cannot be extinguished.
Warranting these fires to burn within us, was
God’s only mistake.
We will not be put out.
- girl on fire // I.M

Isis Martinez’s Inspiration

"A piece written about growing up as a bipoc in a world of systemic racism and oppression. Children of color are seen as their stereotypes which negatively affects them as they grow older. If we continue to bring up children in a negative environment, surrounded by racism, violence, and oppression, then this cycle will just continue. Only we can stop this cycle." - Isis Martinez
Make the best of it:

My name is Josh Riley. I am a high school senior graduating class of 2021, and this year sure isn't what I imagined. I was looking forward to many big events my senior year, like an amazing year of cross country and track and field. I had plans to break my personal records, make memories with my team, and enjoy the thrill of competition! I was also looking forward to my final years in my agricultural clubs, FFA and 4-H. I learned skills in those clubs like judging vegetables (yes, that's a thing) and vaccinating puppies. Lastly, I was looking forward to just hanging with my friends outside of school, at Starbucks, and even seeing who could sneak talking in class the most without getting caught! Unfortunately, COVID-19 struck the world and took us all by surprise, tossing a lot of what I was looking forward to right out the window. I had two choices: sulk in my misery about what I’d lost or make the best of a bad situation. This senior year may not be what I anticipated, but I have managed to make the best of a bad situation for my sports. Since I ended up not getting a senior cross country season in which I was aiming to have a breakout year, I found myself with a lot more time. I did a lot of solo running because it's good for me, and found myself reflecting on the two great seasons the KCHS Varsity cross country team had. I decided it needed to be written down, and behold -- I had a side project! I spent some of my COVID closure time writing a book about how our cross country team came together and won League two years in a row, took 1st in the Division 4 Section, and then achieved the honor of running in the CIF State Finals. It gave me a chance to reflect on our team’s success, and chronicle our great experiences -- as a team and as individuals. I took my mind off the current status quo of staying at home, and also gave something great to
my coaches and teammates. It was personally revelatory, because I realized my running times had improved quite a bit over the years. While making that book, I also had the opportunity to look through all the photos that were taken over the years prior by everyone on the team. Not only did I incorporate many photos into the book, I made photo albums! It turned out that by losing all my running time, I gained an opportunity to reflect on my personal journey, chronicle two amazing seasons for the KCHS cross country team, and sort our photos into an album showcase of all our great times. With that said, I am holding on for the hope that my high school will allow a final track and field season, and I hope to run cross country for Hartnell College. Whatever happens, though, I will always have my memories, and thanks to COVID, those are solidified in written and photo forms. As for my school, other activities, and friends, I found new ways to make memories! Every day I've been camera-ing into online school and doing my best to participate in my lessons so I can learn something new. Yes, my rural wifi gets some laughs, but hey, if that'll get my classmates laughing and engaging with one another, I'll gladly let my face look pixelated and my responses lag! I've learned how to arrange flowers and houseplants, tying off fancy ribbon bows, and even how to make a garland! In AP Gov, I've learned a lot about the significance of the amendments, and let me say this: no amendment has done more for the due process than the 14th! In AP Economics, possibly the hardest class I've ever taken, I've learned all about monopolies, oligopolies, supply, demand, fiscal policy, and more! In FFA and 4-H, I've participated in events that I never realized could be done virtually. I learned what to takes to work in viticulture through the Delicato Family Wines Job Shadow. Whenever Ms. Souza needed help handing out flowers, I volunteered. Just recently, I participated in the FFA Car Parade. Besides all the fun making floral arrangements, Ag Veterinary Science is teaching me vet procedures like suturing. In 4-H, I'm serving my local club as the Vice President and trying out new responsibilities like volunteering as the youth committee chair for the Monterey County Record Book Workshop. More than anything, I'm trying to make time to hang out with my friends!
I keep in touch with them through tech and occasionally manage to fit in an in-person visit. Thanks to COVID, I've realized that when it comes to appreciating friendship and company, I should never take anything for granted. In-person school, friend gatherings, sports... anything you love can easily be taken away, so always appreciate what you got. I wouldn't wish a pandemic on anyone, but the best lesson I can attest to is to always try to make the best of it. I don't like COVID, and I would love it if things went back to normal; however, it's not looking that way. Instead of sulking in misery, I am making the best of it and trying to make memories. I have been fortunate that I've been able to make memories with FFA, 4-H, and my friends. Even though I had no senior year of cross country, I was able to dedicate that time to chronicling and making memorabilia to help me appreciate what I did have. I do hope for some sort of normal to return, but in the meantime, I will keep making the best of my current situation -- to anyone reading this, I want to send that same message to you! Above all, if we want to be able to see the light when it comes back, we have to see it and be it right now.

Joshua Riley's Inspiration

"This is simply an essay about how COVID-19 did cause my senior year at King City High School to not be what I thought it would be, but despite the pandemic I've been able to make memories, and mainly learn to appreciate what I have. Lastly, this is just an essay to hopefully leave a good message to anyone who reads it." -Joshua Riley