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CONGRESSMAN JIMMY PANETTA TO DISCUSS SEPARATION OF POWERS WITH MONTEREY COUNTY STUDENTS AT ANNUAL LAW DAY

Over 300 high school students will hear from Congressman Jimmy Panetta as part of a unique learning experience to deepen their understanding of the law during Monterey County Law Day on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Hartnell College. Law Day is held on May 1st every year to celebrate the role of law in society and to cultivate knowledge of the legal profession. The Law Day 2018 theme – “Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom” – enables students to reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to the constitutional purpose and to consider how the governmental system is working for citizens and their posterity.

Monterey County Law Day is part of the Civic Learning Partnership to ensure that all Monterey County K-12 students gain the knowledge, skills and values they need to succeed in college, career and civil life. The Partnership supports a comprehensive civic learning curriculum and programs in all local K-12 schools and provides non-partisan civic learning models and resources that can be used by teachers and schools and engage local students in the civic process. The Monterey County partnership is one of many networks across California.

Law Day is hosted by the Monterey County Office of Education, Monterey County Superior Courts, Hartnell College; and sponsored by Brandman University and the Dan and Lillian King Foundation.

Agenda

- 9:30-9:50 a.m. – Welcome by Nancy Kotowski, Ph.D., Monterey County Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Willard Lewallen, President of Hartnell College
- 9:50-10:00 a.m. – Introductions by Master of Ceremonies, Honorable Julie R. Culver
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. – Keynote Speaker, Congressman Jimmy Panetta
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. – Panel Discussions with Congressman Jimmy Paentta, Honorable Stephanie E. Hulsey, Sheriff Steve Bernal, Public Defender Jennifer Davenport and District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni
- 11:30-12:00 p.m. – Essay and Art Contest Announcement of Winners
- 12:00-2:00 p.m. – Lunch (Steinbeck Hall)

Law Day Theme

Every year the American Bar Association designates a Law Day theme to highlight an important issue relating to the law or legal system. This year’s theme is “Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom”. The U.S. Constitution sets out a system of government with distinct and independent branches – Congress, the Presidency and a Supreme Court. It also defines legislative, executive and judicial powers and outlines how they interact. These three separate branches share power and each branch serves as a check and balance on the power of the others.

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