

# President's Weekly Report



**HARTNELL COLLEGE**

## MISSION:

Focusing on the education and workforce development needs of communities in the Salinas Valley. Hartnell College strengthens communities by providing opportunities for students to reach career and/or academic goals (associate degrees, certificates of achievement, transfer to four-year institutions) in an environment committed to student learning, achievement and success.

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The President's Weekly Report is distributed every Monday and highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress and success for and within the Hartnell College Community. Please send information and photos by each Thursday to [sfaust@hartnell.edu](mailto:sfaust@hartnell.edu).

## Hartnell Foundation celebrates King City center with donors

The Hartnell College Foundation invited donors to its King City Education Center expansion on Oct. 14 for a luncheon and ribbon-cutting ceremony, celebrating completion of an 18-month project that doubled the size of the downtown center.



Hartnell Community College District Trustee Candi DePauw, whose District 7 includes King City, cut the ribbon on the 12,500-square-foot addition, which opened this summer and began holding face-to-face classes on Aug. 30.

Speaking on behalf of the entire Hartnell Governing Board, DePauw said, "We're all proud that the day has come in King City when we're able to have this facility to offer for our students."

The center's new wing includes wet and dry science labs, essential for courses in the science, engineering fields and many agricultural programs,

as well as two additional state-of-the-art classrooms, a Community Room and a Panther Learning Lab center for tutoring and study.

King City resident Susan Gill (pictured), a Hartnell College Foundation board member and chair of the King City Expansion Committee, announced that the fundraising drive has exceeded its \$1 million goal and is approaching \$1.2 million. The money will help fund center operations over the next five years.

Gill noted that naming gifts for the center's labs, classrooms and other facilities reflect the support of Hartnell employees and graduates and many King City-area companies. "They all believe in Hartnell, and they believe in changing the lives of our local students and families," she said.



#### Other event

speakers included current King City student Raquel Arredondo (pictured), a participant in the Teacher Pathway Program, who said, "I want to thank all the supporters that brought the King City center to fruition, giving the current and future students of South County an opportunity to expand their knowledge and achieve their goals."

Hartnell Interim Superintendent/President Raul Rodriguez said the addition of new facilities in the King City center's expansion "means we're going to be able to open up new opportunities for students here, new majors, and help students get degrees and be able to start and finish here."



(Pictured above, from left: Mostafa Ghous, dean of South County Education Services; Candi DePauw, Hartnell Governing Board trustee; Jane Hernandez, student trustee and president of the Associated Students of Hartnell College; and Dr. Raúl Rodríguez, interim superintendent/president.

## **TRiO receives \$1.4 million grant to promote college attainment**

The SSS/TRiO program at Hartnell learned this month it has been awarded a \$1.4 million federal TRiO Talent Search Grant, which it will use to identify and assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education.

The award means Hartnell is one of a relative few schools nationwide to receive three TRiO grants in the past year,



with total TRiO funding near \$9 million, said Manuel Bersamin, director of SSS/TRiO. He thanked Cesar Velazquez, director of the TRiO-funded Upward Bound program for high school students, for his success in writing the Talent Search grant.

"We can now serve a total of 1,020 first-generation and low-income students across the Salinas Valley," Bersamin wrote in an Oct. 11 email, "600 Talent Search students, 300 Student Support Services students and 120 Upward Bound students."

The Talent Search funding will be used to serve students at Rancho San Juan, Everett Alvarez and North Salinas high schools in the Salinas Union High School District. Alisal High School's Talent Search program is managed by Cal State Monterey Bay.

Velazquez said the Talent Search outreach to low-income and first-generation students who have a GPA of at least 2.0 will be integrated relatively seamlessly into current efforts funded through Upward Bound, with a common goal of encouraging students to graduate from high school and complete their postsecondary education.

## Hartnell ranked in top 50 nationwide for Hispanic/Latinx students, degrees

In [top 100](#) lists dominated by community colleges in California and Texas, Hartnell ranked 36<sup>th</sup> in the nation for total Hispanic/Latinx enrollment in 2019-20 and 43<sup>rd</sup> in total associate degrees awarded to those students, according to the October-November edition of the magazine Hispanic Outlook on Education.

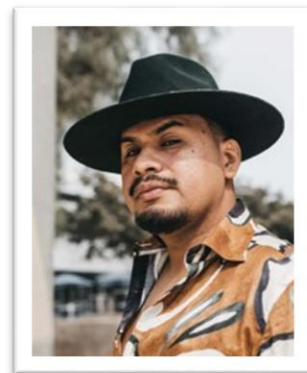
According to the magazine, Hartnell had 11,328 Hispanic/Latinx students, 63% of its total enrollment of 17,951. For total degrees among those students, Hartnell had 1,288, 83% of all degrees awarded in 2019-20.

The top-ranked school for total Hispanic/Latinx enrollment was East Los Angeles College, at 37,244, which was 66% of its total 2019-20 enrollment. Miami Dade College was No. 1 for total Hispanic/Latinx degrees, with 7,388. The top California school for Hispanic/Latinx degrees was Pasadena City College, with 3,233, for 42% of its total.



## Join the student Pride Club on Nov. 1 for a Poetry Reading and guest speakers

The Hartnell student Pride Club will present a Poetry Reading at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 1 in Steinbeck Hall (Building C) in an event that will include an art gallery, free food and three guest speakers. Student poets are invited to present their work as spoken word and can sign up to participate via this [Google form](#).





The guest speakers are Bianca Tonantzin Zamora, associate director of Stanford University's School of Humanities and Sciences and a queer Latina writer and social justice educator; Kent Leatham, a pansexual poet, translator and educator at Cal State Monterey Bay; and Yosimar Reyes (pictured), a nationally acclaimed poet and public speaker who explores themes of migration and sexuality in his work.

## Men's Cross Country achieves historic win at highly competitive Mt. SAC Invitational



Hartnell's undefeated [Men's Cross Country](#) team won its first ever title at the Mt. San Antonio College Invitational on Oct. 15 in Walnut, and the [women's team](#) also had a best-ever second-place finish over the most difficult course in Southern California.

The Panther men won the meet thanks to placing seven runners in the top 14 overall. Sophomore [Isaac Gensel](#) led the charge, placing second with a four-mile time of 21:24. [Esteban Deniz](#) (21:44) was fifth, [Eli Ainsworth](#) (21:46) placed sixth and [Jose Velazquez](#) (21:49) in seventh enjoyed his best race of the season. The women's team came close to a win, as freshman [Sofia Camacho](#) placed third overall, covering three miles in 19:20, just four seconds ahead of teammate [Valeria Lozano-Gomez](#) in fourth.

Both teams will next compete in the Coast Conference Championship on Oct. 27. (Pictured: Eli Ainsworth, Isaac Gensel and Francisco Maciel.)

**Football:** On Oct. 16, Hartnell held onto the T.J. Owens Trophy, which is claimed by the winner of each year's game against Gavilan. The Panthers won 40-28 at Rabobank Stadium, with three touchdown passes by quarterback [JP Garcia](#), who threw for 253 yards and leads the conference in both total yards and TDs. Running back [Payton Flores](#) scored on a 26-yard run. Hartnell's ground game improved considerably, with 266 total yards, as did its rushing defense, holding the Rams to just 78 yards. They travel to San Jose on Oct. 30 for a 1 p.m. game and will host MPC at 6 p.m. on Nov. 6. (Pictured: Dean of athletics Dan Teresa presents the T.J. Owens Trophy.)



**Men's Soccer:** The Panthers (10-1-1) crushed Chabot, 17-0, in an away game on Oct. 12 and faced Napa Valley on the road on Oct. 19. Currently in second place in the Coast-South Conference behind De Anza, they return home for a series of three critical conference games – 4 p.m. Oct. 22 vs. Foothill, 1 p.m. Oct. 26 vs. Ohlone and 4 p.m. 29 vs. San Francisco. As of

Oct. 11, and the team ranked No. 2 statewide, behind Foothill, and No. 13 in the country in the United Soccer Coaches Oct. 12 poll for NJCAA DIII.

**Women's Soccer:** The team notched its second 0-0 tie of the season at home against Cabrillo on Oct. 15, preceded by an impressive win against Foothill, 4-1, at home on Oct. 12. The Panthers were away at West Valley on Oct. 19 but are back home on Oct. 26 to host San Francisco at 4 p.m. With an 11-2-2 record as of Oct. 18, they were ranked No. 10 in the state as of Oct. 11.

**Volleyball:** The Panthers are preparing for a home match against MPC at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 22. They split their matches last week, losing a tough one at home, 3-0, on Oct. 13 against San Mateo and winning at Gavilan, 3-2, on Oct. 15 – both conference games. The team's record is 10-8 overall and 3-1 in conference.

## ASHC publishes October edition of The Panther Press newsletter

The Associated Students of Hartnell College published a second fall edition of [The Panther Press](#), the official student newsletter, on Oct. 11.

The online publication included information about the recent Western Stage production of "The Wizard of Oz," an explanation of Meta-Majors, an overview of the Transfer & Career Services Center and highlights of this month's observance of Heritage Month, as well as information on starting or reactivating a student club.

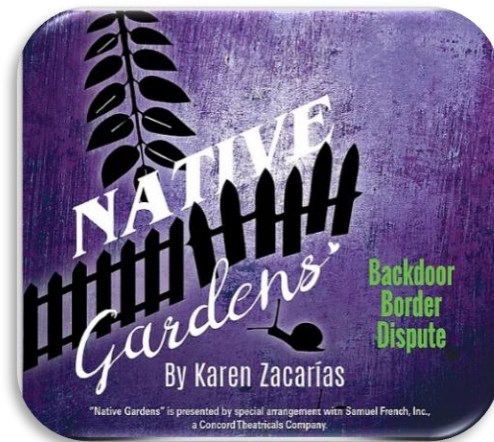
In an opening article, Jane Hernandez, ASHC president and Governing Board student trustee, wrote, "If you are ever in need, please remember that your student leaders are only an email away. We will do our best to guide you to the correct resources, and if you ever just need someone to talk to, you can count on us."



## Western Stage presents 'Native Gardens' Oct. 22-Nov. 7 in Studio Theater

The Western Stage theatre company at Hartnell is presenting "Native Gardens", a warm-hearted comedy by Karen Zacharias, opens Oct. 22 in the Studio Theater of the Center for Performing Arts.

The play centers on two couples whose adjacent backyards become a symbolic battleground between their generations and cultural philosophies. An up-and-coming lawyer Pablo Del Valle and his doctoral candidate and very pregnant wife, Tania, find their dream Washington, D.C., home next door to Frank and Virginia Butley, retired federal employees who strive to create a prize-winning



American version of a quaint English cottage garden, assisted by a generous application of insecticides and chemical soil amendments.

Through Nov. 7, performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., with a special 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Oct. 30. For ticket information, visit [westernstage.com](http://westernstage.com) or call (831) 755-6816. The ticket office is open 5-8 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday and one hour before curtain time on Sunday matinees.

## In the News

### **Metallica-Funded Program Prepares Vets for Diesel Careers:**

<https://www.pageturnpro.com/NORCAL-Community-Newspaper-Group/101872-Agriculture-Fall-2021/sdefault.html>

### **New Hartnell Softball Coach Carries on Family Legacy:**

<https://kion546.com/news/2021/10/14/new-hartnell-softball-coach/>

## Upcoming Events

### **Undocumented Student Action Week Through Oct. 22**

**Messages of Support:** Let Hartnell's undocumented students and families know you are here for them. Show your support by leaving a message at our butterfly of support.

Through Oct. 22

Mi CASA, B-204A, Main Campus



### **System-Wide Informational Sessions on Policy Frameworks and Tools**

1-2 p.m.

Oct. 19-22

Register [here](#).

**Advocate:** Urge Congress to support DACA students in the federal budget reconciliation plan, and support undocumented students all year long. Take action by sending email or calling. Details [here](#).

**Free immigration legal consultations:** By appointment only at the Soledad Education Center, 1505 Metz Road, Soledad. To make an appointment, email [micasa@hartnell.edu](mailto:micasa@hartnell.edu) or call 831-755-6730.

**For undocumented and/or mixed-status students and families:** Ongoing program of Jueves de Inmigración, at 2:30 p.m. every other Thursday, via [Livestream](#).

## **Soledad Grand Opening – Oct. 23**

Employees, students, community members and their families are invited to a ribbon-cutting and Grand Opening Celebration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the Soledad Education Center, 1505 Metz Road.

Following a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony, the event will include building tours, science demonstrations and a free hamburger and hot dog picnic lunch.

## **Hartnell Governing Board – Development Meeting**

5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Steinbeck Hall (Main Campus, Building C)

## **Volleyball vs. MPC**

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Hartnell Gymnasium

## **Mini Fall Festival – ceramics show, theatre performances, Hartnell Jazz Band**





12 p.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 21  
Central Plaza, Main Campus

### Great Shake-Out – Earthquake Drill

10 a.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 21

### Free Immigration Legal Consultations

By appointment only  
4-8 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 21  
Soledad Education Center  
[micasa@hartnell.edu](mailto:micasa@hartnell.edu) or (831) 755-6723

### The Western Stage: “Native Gardens”

Oct. 22-Nov. 7  
Recital Hall, Building K  
**Hartnell employee discount info:** Cheryl Worthy at (831) 755-6816; [cworthy@hartnell.edu](mailto:cworthy@hartnell.edu)  
<https://www.westernstage.com/tickets>

### Pop-Up Food Pantry

12 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 22  
Hartnell Parking Structure

### Men’s Soccer vs. Foothill

4 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 22  
Hartnell Soccer Field

### Soledad Education Center Grand Opening Celebration

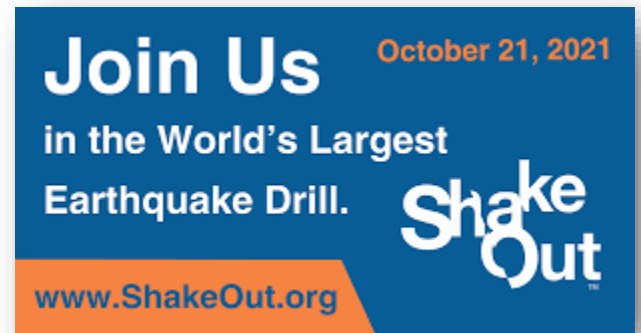
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 23  
1505 Metz Road, Soledad

### Men’s Soccer vs. Ohlone

1 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 26  
Hartnell Soccer Field

### Women’s Soccer vs. San Francisco

4 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 26  
Hartnell Soccer Field



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Tickets for football and basketball: Hartnell students and employees: free with Hartnell ID. Military: free with military ID. Other students and adults: \$6. 55 and older: \$5. Children under 12: free.

**Home games through Dec. 30:**

<b>FOOTBALL</b> Through Nov. 6 Rabobank Stadium, Salinas	<b>CROSS COUNTRY (Men/Women)</b> Through Oct. 27 Toro County Park	<b>MEN'S BASKETBALL</b> Nov. 4-Dec. 18 Hartnell Gymnasium
<b>MEN'S SOCCER</b> Through Nov. 3 Hartnell Soccer Field	<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> Through Nov. 10 Hartnell Gymnasium	<b>WOMEN'S BASKETBALL</b> Nov. 9-Dec. 30 Hartnell Gymnasium
<b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b> Through Nov. 2 Hartnell Soccer Field		

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**Volleyball vs. West Valley**

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Hartnell Gymnasium

**Men's Soccer vs. San Francisco**

4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 29

Hartnell Soccer Field

**Dia de Los Muertos observance**

6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Central Plaza and Student Center

**Student Pride Club Poetry Reading**

1:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 1

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)