

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 highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress and success for and within the Hartnell College Community. Please send information and photos by each Wednesday to sfaust@hartnell.edu.

TPP inducts Cohort 6, plus students who joined MAESTROS this year

Students who joined Hartnell's MAESTROs and Teacher Pathway Program (TPP) this academic year were officially welcomed during an Induction Ceremony at the Soledad Education Center on April 22. Most will graduate in Spring 2023 with their Associate of Arts for Transfer in Elementary Teacher Education and transfer to Cal State Monterey Bay to earn a bachelor's in Liberal Studies and their teaching credential.



Twenty-nine students belong to Cohort 6 of TPP, and 26 students joined the MAESTROs program in the past year. Many participated in the ceremony (pictured), both virtually and in person, and were joined by their families and friends, MAESTROs and TPP staff from Hartnell and Cal State Monterey Bay and administrators from Hartnell, CSUMB and Soledad Unified School District.

Dr. Cathryn Wilkinson, vice president of academic affairs, and Mostafa Ghous, dean of South County Education Services, provided opening remarks and helped present certificates

to students. Erica Padilla-Chavez, president of the Hartnell Community College District Governing Board, also provided words of encouragement, as did Randy Bangs, superintendent in Soledad, where many of the students may be working in a few years. The keynote speaker was Dr. Edward Jadallah, dean of the College of Education at CSUMB (pictured), and closing remarks were given by Mayra Gonzales, who was part of the first cohort of the Teacher Pathway Program and is now teaching for the Greenfield Union Elementary School District at Mary Chapa Academy.



"Our students left the event feeling energized about their future as educators and supported by an entire network of individuals and institutions committed to helping them reach their goals," said Kristen Arps, Director of Hartnell's MAESTROs/Teacher Pathway Program. "We are so impressed by our students' commitment to and passion for their chosen profession, and grateful for everyone's ongoing support of the program."

Food bank offers free produce on weekly Main Campus visits

Starting with a trial run of weekly Monday visits through May 16, Food Bank of Monterey County will distribute free fruits and vegetables to students and employees from a produce truck parked on the parking roundabout between the Student Center and Merrill Hall (Building N).

The food bank, which also helps operate Hartnell's bimonthly Pop-Up Pantry, initiated the service after bringing its produce truck to campus for the Public Health Job Fair on April 4 (pictured). The truck will be at the site from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., or sooner if its produce runs out, said Augustine Nevarez, director of student affairs for student life.





Campaign for College Opportunity hails Black students' placement and success in transfer-level English

Hartnell has been named a 2022 Champion by the Campaign for College Opportunity for supporting 100% of Black students to enroll directly into transfer-level English coursework and having at least 70% of those students complete it within a year. Black students comprise about 3% of Hartnell's enrollment.

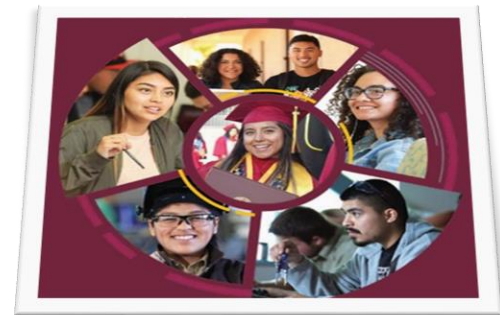
"Additionally," said Michele Siqueiros, president of the organization, "your campus supported Black students to succeed at rates equivalent to or even exceeding your dedication and commitment to California students."

The recognition was announced April 22 during a presentation by Siqueiros on Instagram Live (pictured), on the eve of Black Student Success Week, April 25-29. Hartnell and other California Community Colleges receiving Excellence in Placement honors will be celebrated on May 12 in Los Angeles.

Task Force on Race, Equity & Social Justice provides update to Governing Board

Members of Hartnell's Task Force on Race, Equity & Social Justice, led by founding chair Jackie Cruz, vice president of advancement and development, provided an overview of their progress and future work to the Hartnell Governing Board on April 19.

Cruz and her fellow presenters, Dr. Jay Singh, director of academic support; Senorina Vazquez, math instructor and co-chair of the Student Success and Equity Committee; and Dr. Guy Hanna, interim dean of languages, learning support and resources, highlighted the composition and objectives of action teams and their overarching recommendations. Among the objectives are establishment of a new Equity Office and implementation of an Equity Rubric for Student Success, as well as a review of existing college curriculum through a lens of diversity, equity and inclusion. The timeline calls for gathering further stakeholder input this spring and presenting a final plan in the fall, with Governing Board approval anticipated in October.



Task force members cited several early "wins" in their ongoing work, including a plan to establish hubs for basic needs services at all Hartnell sites and international recognition received for the equity rubric, including its use as a model for work by the Centre for Education, Language and Professional Practice at Humber College in Toronto.

Hartnell Academic Senate leaders attend Spring Plenary in Burbank

Five Hartnell faculty members attended the Academic Senate of California Community Colleges Spring Plenary, held April 7-9 in Burbank.

Every spring and fall, Academic Senate leaders from around the state gather to learn more about the role of the senate to improve student success and promote institutional excellence. This spring theme was "Strengthening Teaching, Leading and Learning through Racial Justice and Academic Freedom".

Participants attended in person and virtually. Representing Hartnell were: Cheryl O'Donnell, Business, current Academic Senate president; Lisa Storm, Administration of Justice, past Academic Senate president; Dr. Jason Hough, Communication Studies, candidate, Academic Senate president; Cynthia Ainsworth, Library Science, current Academic Senate secretary/treasurer; and Violeta Wenger, Counseling, current Curriculum Committee specialist. (Pictured in Burbank: Ainsworth, O'Donnell, Storm and Dr. Hough.)



Pathways and counseling teams host students in Castroville

The College Pathways Team and Counseling hosted an April 19 event for 31 North Monterey County High School (NMCHS) students at the Castroville Education Center. Students received a center tour, heard TRIO and Panther Learning Lab (PLL) presentations, met with an academic counselor to complete an educational plan and enjoyed lunch together.

Carla Johnson, dean of student affairs for student success, expressed her thanks to NMCHS staff, Dean Clint Cowden, TRIO Director Manuel Bersamin, PLL staff member Carla Gonzalez, counselors Mercedes Del Real, Rosa Vidales and Jazmin Rios, as well as, pictured left to right, College Pathways Program Assistant Alejandra Carrillo; College Pathways Coordinator Ariana Rodriguez; counselors Heather Rodriguez and Monica Galvan; and College Pathways program assistants Carolina Silveira and Victoria Bartholomew; (with Johnson in front).



In-person career fair returns to Student Center on April 27

For the first time in three years, Hartnell's Transfer & Career Center will hold an in-person Career Fair in the Student Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on April 27. (Pictured: Career Fair on April 24, 2019.)

Dozens of employers will be on hand to promote full- and part-time opportunities for students and community members. Career fields represented will include public safety, armed forces, health care, food service, agriculture technology, hospitality, social and behavioral sciences and building trades, transportation and more.

Outstanding student-athletes honored at Bill Elliott awards dinner

Ten transferring Hartnell student-athletes received 2021-22 Bill Elliott awards for leadership and academic excellence on April 21 as the annual event returned to an in-person format in Steinbeck Hall.

They are, pictured from left, Jazmine Aguilera (volleyball), Aaliyah Foster (volleyball), Jada Taylor (soccer), Anthony Rangel (soccer), Payton Flores (football), Ashton Headley (track & field), Marcus Granger (basketball), Isaac Gensel (track & field and cross country) and Isabelle Torres (track & field and cross country). Not pictured is Briana Medvecki (diving). Aguilera, Rangel, Gensel and Torres were awarded \$1,000 scholarships. The other six received a \$100 gift card. All were nominated by coaches of Hartnell's 14 men's and women's athletic teams.



"Thank you for setting such a wonderful example for your fellow students and those who will follow in your footsteps," said Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Steve Crow.

Jackie Cruz, vice president of advancement and development, paid tribute to the late Charles "Bill" Elliott, a former Hartnell football player in 1957-58, who with his wife, Barbara, was an enthusiastic and leading financial supporter of Hartnell Athletics. The Hartnell Football Field has been renamed the Bill Elliott Memorial Football Field in permanent recognition of their generous support.

Dean of Athletics Dan Teresa reminded the gathering that the Fall 2021 season was the best in Panther Athletics history, including Hartnell's first-ever women's state championship –in soccer, a second-place finish at state for men's soccer, a second-place finish at state for women's cross country and a third-place finish for men's cross country, their best ever. He noted that all 63 of this year's sophomore student-athletes are transferring to complete a four-year degree. Thirty-two student-athletes received academic and athletic scholarships, and 115 were on the Dean's and President's List honor rolls. Eighty-five percent of Hartnell's 303 full-time student-athletes came from local high schools.

Swimmer Kanyada Doughty wins gold, as track preps to compete at conference



Swim & Dive: Hartnell swimmer Kanyada Doughty is headed to the state championship on May 5-7 after sweeping gold in her three events at this weekend's Coast Conference Championship (pictured with assistant coaches Bob Enea, left, and Tom Campbell). Doughty set new personal bests and school records in the 100-yard butterfly (57.84), the 200 intermediate medley (2:16.83) and the 200 butterfly (2:13.80). Fellow swimmer David Parmley placed fifth in the 1,650, and diver Erika Perez was fourth overall. The women's swim team finished sixth in conference and the men were seventh out of 12 teams.

Track & Field: Members of the Panther's men's and women's teams continued their pursuit of post-season competition during Hartnell's Last Chance/Open Meet on April 23. Among those leading the way was sophomore Isaac Gensel, who lowered his lifetime best in the 1500 meters with a winning time of 3:56.22. Freshman Kyras Headley (pictured), twin brother of fellow thrower Ashton Headley, slung the hammer 42.35 meters, joining others who have qualified for the conference championship on April 27 and the Northern California Championship on May 14. On the women's team, standout performers included sophomore Mariah Changco, who took over the Northern California regional lead in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a first-place mark and personal best of 12:07.26.



Softball: The Panthers concluded Head Coach Casey Watt's premier season with a 15-19 record, going 6-8 in conference. They were 12-8 at home, scoring a total of 160 runs and achieving a team batting average of .317 and an on-base percentage of .386.

Baseball: Hartnell will finish its 2022 campaign on April 28, after hosting De Anza for a final home game at 2:30 p.m. on April 26. The Panthers are 5-33 overall, with 159 runs – including 16 home runs – in 38 games, and an on-base percentage of .315.

Staff visit Monterey High School to promote Hartnell's CTE programs

Career Technical Education program assistants Celia Anderson and Kerry DeCarli and Instructional Associate Jessica Martinez attended the Monterey High School College and Internship Fair on April 20 and provided career-technical information to about 400 students.

Students expressed interest in administration of justice, automotive and diesel technology, business, welding and mechatronics, Anderson said, adding, "We were excited to see a large interest from female students in the areas of automotive, diesel, welding and mechatronics." (Pictured: DeCarli, left, and Martinez.)



In the News

In-person graduations return to Monterey County after two-year hiatus:

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2022/04/21/in-person-graduations-return-to-monterey-county-after-two-year-hiatus/>

High school counselors tour Hartnell College campuses:

<https://salinasvalleytribune.com/high-school-counselors-tour-hartnell-college-campuses/>

Upcoming Events

Baseball vs. De Anza (final home game)

2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

Tony Teresa Diamond

Career Fair

9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27

Student Center (Building C)

Music Performance Night

7 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Hartnell Governing Board

5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Transfer Mixer

1-3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)
[RSVP](#)

Spring Mini Arts Festival

1-3 p.m.
Thursday, May 5
Student Center

Transfer Field Trip to Stanislaus State

6:45 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday, May 6
[RSVP](#)

Pop-up Pantry

12 p.m.
Friday, May 6
Hartnell Parking Structure

Hartnell Chamber Singers – Free Family Concert

6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 12
Greenfield High School, 225 S. El Camino Real

Hawaiian Concert

7 p.m.
Sunday, May 15
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Panther Night in Soledad – Registration Fair

5-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17
Soledad Education Center
1505 Metz Road

Jazz and Concert Band Concert

7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Panther Night in King City – Registration Fair

5-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 19
King City Education Center
110 N. Second St.

Orchestra Concert

7 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

Mainstage Theater (Building K)