



HARTNELL COLLEGE

President's Weekly Report

Sept. 27, 2019

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.

Special events and meetings continue Dr. Hsieh's introduction to community

My introduction to the wonderful people, strong organizations and varied strengths of the Salinas Valley and Monterey County continued this past week.

Accompanied by former superintendent-president Dr. Willard Lewallen and Vice President for Advancement and Development Jackie Cruz, as well as on my own, I was able to witness the economic, civic and social diversity of this beautiful area:

- On Sept. 20, I attended the 26th Annual Ag Woman of the Year Luncheon, held at Rancho Cielo, where Silvia Prevedelli, co-owner of Prevedelli Farms in Watsonville, was honored. This event was presented by Ag Against Hunger, a core program of the Salinas Valley Grower-Shipper Association Foundation. I am pictured with members of the event planning committee.
- Also on Sept. 20, I attended the first meeting of the Monterey County Office of Education's new Insight Education program. I am pictured with MCOE Superintendent Dr. Deneen Guss and David Kong, a member of the Greenfield Union School District board.
- On Sept. 21, I was welcomed at a meeting of LULAC Council #2055. I am pictured with Council President Christopher Barrera.
- On Sept. 23, I met with the Salinas Valley Workforce Development Intermediary Advisory Board (Salinas Valley Five Cities) at Gonzales City Hall.
- On Sept. 25, I joined several Hartnell colleagues at United Way of Monterey County's annual Community Breakfast, held at CSU Monterey Bay. Our college was proud to help sponsor this event, which showcases the enormous impact made possible by those who give to United Way. College participants were Anne Adamson, director of Early



Childhood Education and the Child Development Center at Hartnell; Kristen Arps, director of the Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium; Michelle Peters, director of student affairs, Department of Supportive Programs and Services; and Ana Gonzales, director of adult education and workforce development.

- Also on Sept. 25, I met with Alfred Diaz-Infante, president and CEO of CHISPA Housing, who is also a Hartnell alum and longtime member of the Hartnell College Foundation Board of Directors. I then visited Salinas City Hall, where I was able to meet Mayor Joe Gunter and City Manager Roy Corpuz.
- My busy day of Sept. 25 also included a networking event with the Salinas Valley Association of California School Administrators, which I attended with Hartnell Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez.
- Finally, on Sept. 26, I participated in the 2019 Bob Johnson Ag Tour, hosted by Monterey County Agricultural Education, for which Hartnell Trustee Candi DePauw serves as Farm Day coordinator. She is pictured at left in this photo of Ag tour participants, who included several Hartnell colleagues.



WELI Forum celebrates and supports Program for deserving women students

I was pleased to provide welcoming remarks on Sept. 19 at the Sixth Annual Women's Education & Leadership Institute (WELI) Forum, which raised funds to support socioeconomically disadvantaged women students at Hartnell.

This event celebrated the success of WELI, which since 2011 has graduated 200 women scholars and granted approximately \$200,000 in scholarships. It provides participants with summer leadership training, mentorship by community leaders and a \$2,000 award per student.

The evening at Tehama Golf Club began with a wine reception and dinner, followed by presentations by



me, Vice President of Advancement and Development Jackie Cruz and Nelida Ponce. Ponce (pictured) is a WELI alum who is now a Pister Leadership Scholar at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Guests also took part in a raffle drawing for luxury prizes and a deluxe silent auction.

As in the past, another highlight of the evening was a panel discussion. This year's panelists were Andrea Bailey, public affairs representative for Chevron Inc., and Adrienne Laurent, chief strategic communications officer for the Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System. Both shared their personal journeys and how overcoming challenges has contributed to their success. (Pictured: Laurent, at left, Bailey and Cruz, who facilitated the panel.)

STEM Center dedication on Oct. 8 to honor gift by Taylor Farms

The entire Hartnell College Community is invited to join in an Oct. 8 dedication and naming ceremony outside the STEM Center (Building S) to recognize a \$1.1 million gift from Salinas-based Taylor Farms, a producer of fresh-cut fruits and vegetables.



The contribution from Taylor Farms will support development of an engineering-technology pathway program at Hartnell, in partnership with neighboring universities, to better leverage STEM and agricultural technology education to meet workforce needs in our region. The 10:30 a.m. ceremony will include a special presentation by the company's CEO, Bruce Taylor.

TRIO welcomes parents at sessions on Main Campus and in King City

SSS/TRIO staff held two meetings over the past week for parents of new SSS/TRIO students – on Sept. 20 at the King City Education Center for families from Soledad to King City and on Sept. 25 in Steinbeck Hall on the Main Campus for families from Gonzales to Castroville. Mostafa Ghous, dean of South County Education Services, hosted the program in King City, attended by about 40 students and parents (pictured). Approximately 100 students and parents attended the Main Campus meeting.

The goal of the 90-minute meetings was to recruit parents as allies in support of their students' completion and graduation from Hartnell within the next two to three years. At both meetings, SSS/TRIO Director Manuel Bersamin and counseling staff Norma Nichols and Joel Torres highlighted challenges that students will face during



their first year in college and how parents can support freshmen during the all-important first year. The parents expressed their gratitude to SSS/TRIO staff for reaching out to them.

Speech Team opens its 2019-20 season with success in San Fran

The Hartnell Speech team started its 2019-20 competition season by winning several awards at the Golden Gate Opener tournament, held Sept. 22 at San Francisco State University.

For the first time, Hartnell competed in debate, and Megan McDaniel became the first student in school history to place as a quarter-finalist in a debate event. She advanced over preliminary opponents, presenting argumentation and evidence on this year's topic of federal investment in fossil fuel alternatives.

The team also had success in individual public speaking events. Student Valerie Becerra earned a third place in Persuasive Speaking, and newcomer Melissa Salinas placed fifth in the same event. Guided by faculty coaches Daniel Lopez and Dr. Jason Hough, the team will next compete on Oct. 4 at Chabot College.

(Pictured in the front row are, from left, Kim Torres, Megan McDaniel and Athena Ramirez; and in the back row are Melissa Salinas, Aixa Crespo, Angel Hernandez and Valerie Becerra.)



Students enjoy pizza and more in honor of EOPS 50th anniversary

The Hartnell EOPS, CARE and CalWORKs program staff held a Student Appreciation Day event on Sept. 16 in front of the Student Services building to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services at California Community Colleges. From 12 to 2 p.m., students enjoyed free pizza, lawn games and prizes and had the chance to meet and mingle with program staff.

EOPS is the longest-standing social justice, educational rights, human rights, and equity program in California. For 50 years, EOPS programs across the state have supported millions of students achieve their educational



endeavors. Legislation signed by Gov. Ronald Reagan on Sept. 4, 1969, made available state funding to improve community college access for students disadvantaged by social and economic circumstances or a language barrier.

Engineering students attend diversity conference at SJSU

Eighteen Hartnell engineering students attended the Fifth Annual Conference for Engineering Diversity on Sept. 14 at San Jose State University. They were joined by engineering instructor Dr. Melissa Hornstein.

The conference encouraged students to be change-makers and explored the importance of encouraging a diverse workplace – for society and for business. They attended a wide variety of talks, including a plenary by biochemist Lino Gonzalez of 23andMe, a spacecraft engineering presentation by Lockheed Martin, and a presentation about impostor syndrome by Google. They also interacted with major employers from the Bay Area during a STEM Career Fair.



“One thing that I learned was that I should get work experience by being part of internships,” said student Rodolfo Constantino Madrigal. “That way, when I graduate, I know I’m getting my degree in something that I like.”

The participating students (pictured with Dr. Hornstein, center) were Sierra Bryant, Jesus Delgadillo Ponce, Paulina Flores, Diana Garcia, Timothy Garza, Rosa Hernandez, Isela Magallon, Hector Flores Ortiz, Aldo Jarvio, Arturo Jarvio, Adan Navarro Cruz, Jair Gonzalez-Alvarez, Nicole Polo, Rodolfo Constantino Madrigal, Christian Pineda-Ayala, and Ruben Bravo.

Clemente joins TPP/MAESTROs with focus on student outcomes

Hartnell’s Teacher Pathway Program (TPP) and MAESTROs on Sept. 16 welcomed a new staff member, Jesus Clemente, who will serve as a coordinator for both teacher-development programs.

Clemente has served numerous student populations through various roles for student equity programs and academic advising at his previous institution, CSU Monterey Bay. For Hartnell, he will work to



address challenges faced by talented potential teachers and the teacher shortage of the region and state.

“Jesus is committed to helping students envision future possibilities and to help them learn to leverage talents to address obstacles that may emerge in the future,” said Jihan Ejan, program director for TPP and MAESTROs. “He takes a holistic approach when supporting students to maximize their success.”

Panthers’ seasons turn corner into all-important league play

Women’s Soccer (4-3-1) will begin conference action on Oct. 1 at Foothill and continue at home against West Valley on Oct. 4 and Canada on Oct. 8. (Pictured: in action against Sierra at home on Sept. 6).

Men’s Soccer (2-3-1) won their last game against Napa Valley, 2-1, at home. Their league competition will begin with two home games, Oct. 1 against Monterey Peninsula and Oct. 4 against De Anza.

Football (2-1) escaped with a 28-27 victory over Redwoods at home on Sept. 20. They will play at home again at 6 p.m. on Sept. 28 at Rabobank Stadium, beginning league play against rival Cabrillo.

Volleyball (7-8) had a big win at San Francisco on Sept. 25. They will play at home on Oct. 2 versus West Valley and begin their league season against Ohlone on Oct. 9, also on their home court.

Men’s and Women’s Cross Country continued their strong seasons at the Modesto JC Invitational on Sept. 27 before hosting the Toro Park Invitational/Norcal Preview Meet on Oct. 4 at Toro County Park.



Upcoming Events

Note: All event locations are on the Main Campus in Salinas unless otherwise noted.

Football vs. Cabrillo

6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28

Rabobank Stadium

Respiratory Care Practitioner Informational Session

4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30
Building N, room 4

Men's Soccer vs. Monterey Peninsula

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

Volleyball vs. West Valley

6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 2
Hartnell Gymnasium

Women's Soccer vs. West Valley

1:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4
Hartnell Soccer Field

Men's Soccer vs. De Anza

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

Certificate, Vocational Nursing Informational Session

2:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4
Building B, 2nd Floor, Room 204B

Associate Degree, Registered Nursing Informational Session

3:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4
Building B, 2nd Floor, Room 204B

Women's Soccer vs. Canada

4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8
Hartnell Soccer Field

Volleyball vs. Ohlone

6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9
Hartnell Gymnasium

Women's Soccer vs. Chabot

4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Hartnell Soccer Field

Men's Soccer vs. Chabot

4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18

Hartnell Soccer Field

Music Performance Night

7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Football vs. San Jose City

6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Rabobank Stadium

Family Science Day

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 20

STEM Center (Building S)

Fall Ceramics Sale

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 22, and Wednesday, Oct. 23

Student Center (Building C)

Volleyball vs. Las Positas

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Hartnell Gymnasium

Women's Soccer vs. Skyline

4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Hartnell Soccer Field

Transfer Day, College Night

9 a.m.-12 p.m. community college students

6-8 p.m. high school students

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Student Center (Building C)