



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY REPORT

**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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## Share your news!

The President's Weekly Report highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress, and success for and within the Hartnell College community. The President's Weekly Report will be distributed every two weeks during the summer months. Please send information and photos by each Tuesday to [vagonzalez@hartnell.edu](mailto:vagonzalez@hartnell.edu).

## Thank you for your warm welcome to Hartnell College!

It is my sincere pleasure to serve as the superintendent/president of Hartnell Community College District and to share with you this first weekly report. In my short time here, I already can tell that this is a vibrant community with a lot of well-earned pride for the accomplishments, hard work, and generous spirit of its members. I am thrilled to become part of that community.

On my very first day, Friday, July 1, you welcomed me with a dessert reception in the new quad space between Buildings D and E. Student trustee Laura Rivera, trustee Alejandra González, and trustee Aurelio Salazar, Jr. (pictured at right) were among those in attendance, while Board Chair Erica Padilla-Chavez sent her enthusiastic greetings on behalf of the whole Board.



Both at this reception and throughout the day, I felt honored and excited to meet so many of you for whom Hartnell holds a special place in your hearts. Through its faculty, staff, trustees, and students, Hartnell has made a large impact on this Valley. In the days to come, I look forward to meeting more of you and listening to your Hartnell story.

I thank you again for your warm hospitality, and I look forward to having a great tenure at Hartnell. Please read on to learn about some of the many wonderful things that are happening at Hartnell!

Michael Gutierrez  
Superintendent/President

## **Dianna Rose, new vice president of Human Resources and EEO**

Dianna Rose began her new position as vice president of human resources and equal employment opportunity on July 1. Rose has 27 years of experience in human resources administration, including 11 years with the California Community Colleges. She joins Hartnell from City College of San Francisco, where she became vice-chancellor human resources in 2016. Since July 2020, she has been CCSF's deputy chancellor human resources, compliance, risk management & safety. From 2019-2020, she was the college's senior vice chancellor, administrative & student affairs, and she twice served as interim chancellor during 2020-2021. From 2011-2016, she was vice president, human resources & risk management in the San Joaquin Delta Community College District, and for the previous 13 years she held senior roles in human resources with school districts and city and county governments in California. She began her career with positions in law and the food service industry.



Rose holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Utah College of Law, an MBA degree with an emphasis in training and organizational development from Westminster College, and a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

## **Benjamin Grainger, new director of student affairs, college readiness**



Benjamin Grainger returned to Hartnell College as the director of student affairs, college readiness on July 7. "I'm excited to return to Hartnell after four years away," Grainger said. "It really does feel like a homecoming to be back on campus. I'm looking forward to continuing this amazing work that is being done by the Office of College Readiness." Prior to becoming the director of student affairs, Grainger was a financial aid technician and enrollment services specialist at Hartnell, and then a full-time academic counselor with San Jose City College. Grainger has a BA in race and ethnic studies from the University of Redlands and a Masters in Educational Counseling degree from San Jose State University.



## Dr. Milena Angelova, director of institutional research

Milena Angelova joined Hartnell College on July 1 as the new director of institutional research. Angelova has served as a planning and research analyst at Cañada College since 2015. Prior to that, she was a research analyst for Washoe County School District in Reno, Nevada, for roughly a year. Angelova holds bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace engineering from Istanbul Technical University, a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Nevada, and a Ph.D. in physics from San Francisco State University. Angelova is excited to assist Hartnell with strengthening its culture of innovation by making the best use of data. She says, "New global research reveals that leaders with the best data practices and strongest innovation culture outperform competitors in every measure of innovation, and educational leaders are not an exception."

## Sharon Albert, dean of academic affairs for STEM Programs

On June 21, the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Sharon Albert as the dean of academic affairs for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Programs. Albert has been with Hartnell since 2017 as the assistant dean of career and technical education. Since January 2022, she has served as the interim dean of STEM Programs.

Albert earned a master's degree in educational leadership from San Jose State University and a bachelor's of science degree from Golden Gate University in Business Management. She has many years of experience in workforce development programs. "It is my pleasure to be joining the highly experienced and talented STEM faculty and staff," Albert said, "and I look forward to supporting their collective efforts to grow high quality STEM education programs throughout the Hartnell College service area."



## Introduction of ASHC Students



The officers of the Associated Students of Hartnell College for academic year 2022-23 were introduced to the Governing Board, superintendent/president, and college community at the regular meeting of the Board on July 5.

Pictured: (From left to right bottom row) Alina Ramirez (Senator South County), Apolonia Preciado Castillo (President), Laura Rivera (Vice President and Student Trustee), Celeste Flores (Senator Alisal Campus), Bryan Cabello (Treasurer). (Left to right top row) Forrest Alvarez (Program Assistant I for Office of Student Life), Wilfredo Martinez (Director of ICC).

Not pictured: David Otra (Secretary & Senator Evenings/Weekends/Online), Guillermo Menchaca (Director of Programs & Services), David Parmley and Jennifer Santiago (Senator at-large).

# Biology Department adds 3D anatomy and virtual dissection platform to its toolbox



Through the college's program planning and assessment process, Hartnell's biology department was given the green light to purchase an Anatomage Table, the proprietary name for a fully segmented real human 3D anatomy visualization system. The "table" is a computerized touch screen that projects life-sized images of the various human anatomy systems within the context of a virtual human body so that students can visualize each system and its interaction with others, and simulate dissection without resort to an actual cadaver. The table can be used in a horizontal or vertical mode.

Using this fairly new technology's virtual library and diagnostic capabilities, students can gain experience quite similar to actual dissection. To engage students in learning, a quiz mode can be used, similar to a Jeopardy game format, for students to demonstrate their knowledge of specific bones or areas of the body. The Anatomage Table is currently being used in summer courses with plans to expand its use during Fall 2022. Hartnell College is the only community college in the area that has this technology available.

(Pictured: (above) Biology Department personnel Elizabeth Jablonska-Hutchins, Tony Chhom, Tito Polo, Joni Black, Dr. Rosser Panggat, and Dr. Ver Marie Myr Panggat)

## Hartnell Partners with UCSC in Grant-Funded Drone Initiative

Hartnell College has joined with the University of California, Santa Cruz and high-tech training provider Digital NEST in a \$1 million, 15-month grant from the James Irvine Foundation for establishment of a Monterey Bay-area drone education and workforce development program.

This planning grant could lead to a second grant to implement the project over five years, with the goal being an ongoing collaboration that provides drone pilot skills and certification leading to employment for students in the Salinas and Pajaro valley regions. Many of these students, including Latino and other ethnic groups, remain underserved and underrepresented in the fields of science, engineering, technology and math (STEM), and this work attempts to address these inequities.

Leading the initiative will be UCSC's [CITRIS Initiative for Drone Education and Research \(CIDER\)](#), which brings together students and stakeholders to develop a diverse drone workforce.



Drones are being used in a rapidly expanding variety of fields, ranging from agriculture and construction to forestry, conservation and law enforcement. They also have become a transformative factor in scientific research, revolutionizing data acquisition and the types of data available to researchers in many fields.

Hartnell intends to establish a drone camp, probably during summer 2023, serving students from college age all the way through middle school, introducing them to drones and guiding them toward becoming certified as drone operators and pursuing careers in drone technology.

The college will receive about \$300,000 of the grant funds, which will go to purchase drones and other equipment for use in training, and to fund the work of faculty, administrative support, and other staff who do the training. The Hartnell College Foundation will help oversee use of the funds.

"The idea is to begin exposing students from eighth grade on up to STEM fields and the possibilities of using drones in STEM," said Dr. Joel Thompson, interim director of the Science & Math Institute at Hartnell.

Board Chair Erica Padilla-Chavez, said Hartnell is grateful for this chance to partner with UC Santa Cruz and for the support of The James Irvine Foundation. "It is crucial that our students understand how drones work and be ready to apply their many benefits in a wide variety of STEM-related careers, especially within the Salinas Valley agricultural industry," she said.

*UCSC writer Emily Cerf contributed to this report.*

## **SSS/TRIO program orients next year's cohort of students**

Hartnell's Student Support Services/TRIO program held an orientation for its incoming first year students on June 15-17 on the main campus in Salinas. The goal of the three-day orientation was to connect the 95 participants with each other and with their SSS/TRIO family, and to learn the various components of the program, as well as additional support programs across the campus.

Students participated in team-building activities and in group discussions on how to make their college journey a reality, and they created bonds with other students they were meeting for the first time, but with whom they shared both similarities and differences.



Hartnell's SSS/TRIO program has built a strong tradition of success over the years by providing the student supports required by the US Department of Education in a supportive, family-like setting where students from up and down Monterey County learn to cheer on each other's efforts as they strive toward common goals. Those supports include academic tutoring, advice and assistance in course selections, access to financial aid counseling and scholarship opportunities, and assistance with completing financial aid forms. Hartnell additionally requires at least three counselor contacts per semester, the completion and maintenance of an education plan, and participation in this orientation. New students must enroll in at least 12 units of instruction, and are expected to maintain a grade point average of "C" or better. Students enjoy priority registration in exchange.

The orientation ended with students touring the campus to familiarize themselves with the classrooms and spaces they would be occupying in the Fall.

(Pictured: (above) Orientation participant Angelina Morales from North Salinas High School.)

## Mission Trail ROP Students Tour Alisal Campus



On June 28, 20 students and two instructors from the Mission Trails Summer ROP Program visited the Alisal Campus. Along with a tour, students were provided presentations in welding, administration of justice, advanced automotive technology, and simulation lab. In the simulation lab, students were given the opportunity to practice on the forklift, heavy machinery, and equipment simulators.

(Pictured: (To the left) Mission Trail ROP student doing an automotive hands-on electrical activity)

## First recipient of the Newton Family Scholarship completes transfer journey

Karla Roque was the first recipient of the Newton Family Scholarship, a scholarship that was established by Andy Newton, a long-time employee of Hartnell College and son of a former Hartnell instructor and dean, Larry Newton. The \$6,000 scholarship is awarded to Hartnell students who are on a university transfer pathway, and who face challenges to their educational success due to their residency or immigration status. The scholarship provides support over a four-year period to these students who may have limited access to traditional funding sources and awards.



After Hartnell, Roque transferred to CSUMB. She recently notified Newton that she had graduated from CSUMB in December 2021 with a bachelor's degree and a teaching credential. She emailed him, saying "I just wanted to share with you that I did it! I am done and have graduated! . . . it would have never been possible without your help and support. . . . There are no words to express how grateful I am and how much it means to me."

## Finishing touches for academic support services' new home



Renovation of the second floor of Building B on the main campus is nearly complete. Before the start of the fall semester, that floor is scheduled to be the new home of the Panther Learning Lab, the open computer lab, and the tutorial services programs. Those programs will join Mi Casa and the ESL classrooms, which recently moved there.

(Pictured: (To the left) Building B, second floor, Tutorial Learning Lab)

Those moves also will clear the way for the anticipated demolition work in August of the second and third floors of Building E, which will continue into the fall.

The next phase of work in Building B will see the EOPS program moving upstairs from the first floor, making way for an expanded first floor area for the counseling department.

(Pictured: (To the right) Building B, second floor, Open Computer Lab)



## Hartnell Athlete Alums on the Move

Congratulations to former Hartnell linebacker and Southeastern LA University standout **Alexis Ramos**, who will be joining the Arkansas Attack of Major League Football, a new professional football league consisting of 18 teams, set to hold its first season this fall.



Panthers wide receiver **Josiah Freeman** commits to Fresno State. Freeman, from Soledad High School, was named to the All-California First Team for Offense. In 2021, he had 866 yards receiving, averaging, 108 yards per game, and 10 touchdowns. Congratulations, Josiah!

## In the News

### Juneteenth in Salinas:

<https://voicesofmontereybay.org/2022/06/23/juneteenth-in-salinas/>

### JuCo Wide Receiver Josiah Freeman commits to Fresno State:

<https://247sports.com/college/fresno-state/Article/Josiah-Freeman-Fresno-State-football-recruiting-wide-receiver-Hartnell-College-189156206/>

### Preschool Registration:

<https://kingcityrustler.com/salinas-valley-news-briefs-june-28-2022/>

### Rising Scholars Program in Good Week/Great Week:

<https://flipbook.mcweekly.com/archive/2022/07-07-22/#mcw-6>

### Local McDonald's owner grants scholarships to 21 students throughout Salinas Valley

<https://kingcityrustler.com/local-mcdonalds-owner-grants-scholarships-to-21-students-throughout-salinas-valley/>

## UCSC professor reacts to new images of space taken by James Space Telescope

<https://www.ksbw.com/article/ucsc-professor-reacts-to-new-images-of-space-taken-by-james-space-telescope/40594299>

## Hartnell College helps incarcerated people get their degrees

<https://www.ksbw.com/article/hartnell-college-helps-incarcerated-people-get-their-degrees/40618675>

## Upcoming Events

### "Floyd Collins" A Musical

July 16-30

The Western Stage

[www.westernstage.com](http://www.westernstage.com)

### Kids Track & Field Games (coed)

Ages 5-12

9 a.m.-12 p.m., July 18-22

To Register: [www.hartnellathletics.com](http://www.hartnellathletics.com)

### Purpose Workshop

3:30- 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 21

Nursing & Health Sciences, Building O

To RSVP: <https://bit.ly/purposehartnell>

### Kids Track & Field Games Session (coed)

Ages 5-12

9 a.m.-12 p.m., July 25-29

To Register: [www.hartnellathletics.com](http://www.hartnellathletics.com)

### Pop-Up Pantry

12 p.m.

Friday, July 29

Hartnell Parking Structure (Main Campus)

### Hartnell Governing Board -- Regular Meeting

5 p.m.

Tuesday, August 2

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

### Last Day of Summer Classes

Saturday, August 6

### Pop-Up Pantry

12 p.m.

Friday, August 12

Hartnell Parking Structure (Main Campus)

### Hartnell Governing Board -- Board Development

5 p.m.

Tuesday, August 16

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

