

President's Weekly Report to the Board of Trustees

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Aug. 2, 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.



The Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees on July 30 approved an agreement with Dr. Patricia Hsieh, a longtime president of San Diego Miramar College, to become our college's next superintendent/president following my retirement at the end of September.

The Governing Board voted 6-1 for a three-year contract with Dr. Hsieh, one of three finalists who visited Hartnell in June for public forums and board interviews. Student Trustee Samantha Saldana also voted yes. The opposing vote was cast by District 5 Trustee Ray Montemayor.

Dr. Hsieh (pronounced SHEE-ah) is in her 14th year as president of Miramar, which is one of three colleges in the San Diego Community College District and has an enrollment of approximately 16,000 students. She has broad experience and background in teaching, student services and community college administration.

Hartnell Board President Aurelio Salazar Jr. said that the vote represented "a clear statement of confidence in Dr. Hsieh's qualifications and ability to serve and lead."

"It will be incumbent on all of us in the Hartnell campus community to work together, with her leadership, to uphold our mission, vision and values," Salazar said, "including what has become our college's mantra — 'Students First.""

Dr. Hsieh said she will join with Hartnell employees and the college's many community partners to maintain its growth and progress through ongoing assessment and continuous improvement.

"I look forward to working with Hartnell's board and its passionate faculty, staff and administrators to build upon the college's impressive achievements and to enhance its ability to serve the deserving students and communities," she said.

Dr. Hsieh studied at Harvard University's Management and Leadership in Education (MLE) Program and Institute for Educational Management (IEM) and received her

doctorate from Pepperdine University in Institutional Management in Higher Education focusing on Community College Administration.

A native of Taiwan, she received a Master of Arts degree in Guidance and Counseling from Wayne State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Western Languages and Literature from National Chengchi University in Taipei.

Dr. Hsieh will arrive at Hartnell on Sept. 16 to overlap with my final two weeks as superintendent-president. This will allow me to further inform her about our college and introduce her to some of our wonderful community partners before she starts on Sept. 30.

Hartnell to celebrate launch of Salinas Valley Promise on Aug. 8

Hartnell invites its own students and employees, media and the public to an Aug. 8 news conference and celebration to launch the Salinas Valley Promise scholarship program, the college's most ambitious student success program ever.

Beginning with the Fall 2019 semester, which starts Aug. 12, the Salinas Valley Promise is providing more than 600 first-time students with leadership training, mentorship, a

free laptop computer and free tuition, regardless of their family's income.

The first three-day leadership training session for the incoming students – known as "scholars" – was July 29-31, and a second session will be Aug. 5-7. Activities include a resource fair, financial aid and financial literacy workshops and teambuilding.

The Salinas Valley Promise is a scholarship program, but ultimately it is a completion



program, putting students on a path to complete a transfer degree or pursue a technical career.

The outdoor news conference, to begin at 11:30 a.m. on the central quad at the Main Campus in Salinas, will include remarks by officials from Salinas Valley governments

that are joining with private philanthropists to fund the Promise. Private donors, the program's director and newly enrolled students will also take part.

18-19 brings still more credentials, and a big increase in UC transfers

Continuing a series of annual gains, Hartnell College students earned 13 percent more degrees and certificates this year than last, for a total of 2,449 credentials.

Our college has nearly tripled its degrees and certificates over the past seven years, while enrollment has held relatively steady, up 3.7 percent during that time. We have increased our total credentials by an annual average of 17 percent since 2011-12, when students earned 478 degrees and 257 certificates.

These outcomes reflect another year of amazing work in academic support and student services provided by faculty and staff. We pride ourselves on getting students across the finish line, and I don't think there's another college in the state that's doing a better job of that.

The number of Hartnell graduates transferring to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems continues to increase, as well. The UC reported that 37



Hartnell students enrolled at UC Santa Cruz this past year. That is up from 22 in 2017-18, a 68 percent increase — and three times as many as in 2011-12. The CSU has yet to report its 2018-19 numbers, but 666 Hartnell graduates enrolled at its 23 campuses in 2017-18, up from 473 in 2011-12 representing a 41 percent increase.

Convocation offers precious chance to celebrate our successes together

We have made some changes to our traditional Convocation schedule so we can come together as a college on Aug. 9 to celebrate our successes, share updates on key initiatives and give a warm Hartnell welcome to our new employees.

To allow all employees to attend the lunch and our afternoon program, the Main Campus will close to the public at 12:30 pm (11:30 a.m. for Alisal Campus and King City Education Center to allow travel time).



I will give a "State of the College" presentation at 1:30, which will be followed at 2:45 p.m. by guest speaker Lasana O. Hotep, a consultant to schools and companies on issues of race, gender and social justice and their impact on organizational success.

Classified employees are not required to attend the lunch, but I certainly hope most will choose to attend. All employees will convene in the Mainstage Theater (Building K) at 1:30 pm for the afternoon Convocation program.

Classified and confidential employees do not attend the Convocation program in the morning unless they have been assigned to particular sessions by their immediate supervisors.



Farewell Celebration and Barbecue to recognize and thank Dr. Lewallen

I am grateful to the Hartnell College Foundation and others for organizing an event in my honor for the Hartnell Campus Community at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 21 on the Main Quad lawn.

This Farewell and Celebration and Barbecue will be an opportunity for me to greet and thank our wonderful employees, students and supporters. The event will include a free hot dog and sausage lunch for all attending.

Dr. Kildal will serve as interim VP when Dr. Lolland heads to Yuba

Dr. Lori Kildal has agreed to return to Hartnell on an interim basis beginning Aug. 29, filling a vacancy created when Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Sonja Lolland accepted a two-year assignment as interim vice chancellor of educational planning at the Yuba Community College District. She will remain with Hartnell College through the end of August.

Dr. Kildal previously was vice president of academic affairs at Hartnell from 2013 to 2018. Her extensive experience in higher education experience also includes service at three four-year institutions, Azusa Pacific University and Peru State College, and two other California Community Colleges, Grossmont College and Victor Valley College.

The vice president position will be placed into recruitment, with a goal of filling it in time for the Spring 2020 semester.



Math Academy, through Aug. 8, helps 'mathletes' start strong

While many students are getting their last days of rest in before fall classes, more than 100 "mathletes" are preparing for the semester in this fall's six-day Math Academy, which began Aug. 1. Thanks to a strong team of volunteers, tutors, faculty and staff, the Math Academy is helping participants not only improve and advance their math skills,



but also developing a growth mindset.

Math Academy faculty coordinator John Perez, now working in his 18th Math Academy, said it creates a contagious environment of learning that spreads throughout campus.

The evidence of that is the enthusiasm of returning mathletes like Leonardo Jimenez, who participated in two previous academies and is now a math major.

"Math Academy has helped me tremendously conquer my fears and misconceptions of how I think of math," Jimenez said. "I started Hartnell with the lowest math class possible, MAT 201, and now am getting ready for pre-calculus!

This fall's academy features a mathlete-forging extreme math sport called Marshmallow Math Towers. Students use their math knowledge and teamwork abilities to complete the challenge. Another learning game is called Kahoot, which instructor Javier Martinez played with his MAT 123 class (pictured).

Transfer and Career Center offers transfer workshops

Students who are completing their education at Hartnell this fall may be eligible to transfer to a four-year university in spring 2020. The Transfer and Career Center is hosting Transfer Application workshops to assist them in filing their application for university admission.

To see what CSU campuses will be open for spring 2020 admissions (and for what majors) visit: Application Dates & Deadlines.

Spring 2020 Application Workshops will be held in Building C, room 132 (Transfer & Career Center) from 9-noon and 2-5 p.m. on both Aug. 6 and Aug. 13.

Please note: If you're going to be applying for fall 2020 transfer admission, the center will be hosting transfer applications every Tuesday from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.

Upward Bound students complete busy week in summer program

Hartnell's six-week Upward Bound Summer Program for 2019 concluded July 25 for 81 participating students from Alisal, Everett Alvarez and North Salinas high schools in Salinas

Their experiences included the rigorous courses of Introduction to Astronomy, Ethnic Studies: La Chicana and English 1A, along with ACT/SAT prep courses. They also participated in a UC Essay Writing Workshop and sessions on healthy relationships, interview skills, resume



writing, study skills and navigating a university, plus an etiquette dinner at CSU Monterey Bay. Students got a taste of college life, as they were invited to stay overnight at Santa Clara University, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and CSUMB.

The students also embarked in a five day Southern California University Tour, which included five major universities (University of California-San Diego, San Diego State, University of San Diego, CSU San Marcos and Pepperdine University). They also visited the murals at Chicano Park in San Diego and other local attractions before ending their trip with a day at Disney California Adventure Park in Anaheim, which included physics workshops throughout the park.

"Without the Upward Bound Program at Hartnell College, students from our local Salinas high schools would most likely not have been exposure to so many college campuses and other enrichment opportunities," said Cesar Velazquez, director of TRiO Upward Bound. "We know our program will open their eyes to other possibilities, and more importantly, unlock their true potential."

Internship participants to share microcomputing insights at Maxar

A group of Hartnell students are finalizing microcomputer projects they will present this month at Maxar Technologies in Palo Alto, which is partnering with NASA on the Artemis program to return humans to the moon by 2024.

The nine students are participating in a paid summer internship to develop their coding and electronics skills while helping to develop future engineering and computing talent for high-technology industries. They will present three projects at Maxar on Aug. 14 along with students from Butte College in Oroville.

The students also will receive a tour of Maxar operations that are so secret they will be forbidden to bring their cell phones. The company's role in the Artemis program involves the Lunar Gateway, a way station orbiting the moon that crews could visit before descending to the moon's surface.

With training and guidance from Dr. Pimol Moth, a physics and astronomy instructor at Hartnell, and Tito Polo, the college's science

laboratory technician (pictured at right), the students have worked since April to conceive and build real-world devices using Arduino microcomputers: a motion-tracking security camera, a sun-tracking solar panel and a rover for exploring hazardous environments.

"We're going to be able to talk to their scientists and engineers," said Tyler Doolittle, a Salinas High School graduate who is studying computer science. "We're not necessarily going to get hired there right away, but it's good to be in that environment."

The Arduino internship students also will present their projects and experience at Hartnell's STEM Research Symposium on Aug. 17.

Graduates share testimonials on feeling welcome at Hartnell

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities this summer invited Hartnell to share student and graduate testimonials concerning how the college embraced diversity and made them feel welcome and included.

We shared the following statements of examples of the experience shared by many students:

"There's a lot of discouragement that could have taken me out of the educational system. If it hadn't been for a center like Mi CASA (for undocumented

students at Hartnell College), I would have been out. Mi CASA connected us to allies through different programs and events. It was like, 'I'm going to take this person's classes because I've seen them supporting our events.' The networking and relationships I have built here with staff and administrators have been because of my involvement in the Mi CASA program."

— **Adriana Gonzalez,** a 2019 graduate of Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif. After struggling at a four-year university in California, this first-generation student came to Hartnell and discovered the Mi CASA program for undocumented students, eventually becoming a student worker there in the role of communications specialist. Gonzalez will continue her studies in Fall 2019 at San Jose State University, majoring in public relations.

"I had such a great experience with the staff and the students as an English language learner. I don't think I would be here today if it weren't for the empathy and the amazing people we have at Hartnell. As a student here, and also as an employee, they made me feel I could actually do it. They never saw me as different. They always saw me as just another student who wanted to succeed, and when I needed help they were really there for me, which I think was really incredible."

— Stephen Carillo, a 2019 valedictorian graduate of Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif. After coming to the United States as a non-English speaker in 2016, and starting out working in the lettuce fields, this first-generation student will continue his studies in Fall 2019 at the University of California, Berkeley, majoring in business administration.



"Hartnell came at me with open arms. It never ever made me feel out of place. It made me feel welcome. It made me feel wholesome, especially EOPS and the TRiO program. Those were like my home – like my true *familia*. Those two programs never made me feel like I was anything other than who I was. And it helped me embrace my culture. I never felt like I had to sacrifice who I was as a Latina to be anywhere. They made it so beautiful for me."

 Alexis Munoz, a 2016 graduate of Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif. She is currently a neuroscience major at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she also is an undergraduate research in the Department of Biochemistry.

Ghous speaks to Young Legislators convened by Sen. Anna Caballero

Mostafa Ghous, dean of South County Education Services, gave a presentation on Hartnell and all it offers to a group of Salinas Valley high school students on July 13 at Greenfield City Hall.

Participants in the 2019 Young Legislators Program offered by State Sen. Anna Caballero, the students were spending the morning learning about career opportunities and higher education as part of their fiveweek summer experience.



The program, to which students had to apply and be accepted, was designed to spark interest in young adults to become civically engaged in the democratic process. The ninth- through 12th-graders attended four three-hour class sessions and then visited the State Capitol on the final day, July 18.

Fall 2019 Teacher Pathway cohort gathers for welcome

On July 19, the new Fall 2019 cohort of 53 students in the Teacher Pathway Program (TPP) participated in their first orientation at Steinbeck Hall.

Hartnell TPP Director Jihan Ejan welcomed the Cohort 4 students, along with her colleagues from CSU Monterey Bay. Participants got to meet one another, talk with student mentors, learn about the program requirements and support system designed especially for them, hear from a panel of students already in the program (pictured) and take part in a variety of ice breakers.



The Giannini Foundation Board of Trustees also recently awarded Hartnell another round of funding in support of the programs, bringing to \$2 million the total teacher

pathways funding awards from various sources, allowing the college to respond to the urgent need for K-12 teachers regionally and countrywide.

Earlier in the summer, on July 10, a group of Teacher Pathway students in Hartnell instructor's Sam Pacheco's History 5A course visited the Legion of Honor and De

Young Museum in San Francisco.



The students were able to appreciate, observe, and learn about important artwork and artifacts related to the course content. Students who participate in the Teacher Pathway Program or MAESTROs get to participate in field trips, workshops, and events to create a deeper learning experience.

Students interested in becoming a teacher, are invited to contact the program at teach@hartnell.edu for more information.

Walker and Dr. Singh attend college readiness training

Dr. Jay Singh, director of academic affairs for student academic support, and Laurencia Walker, director of student affairs for college readiness, attended an Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) Administration 101 training on July 21-25 in Irvine.

The five-day seminar focused on specific "nuts and bolts" and management basics for the California Community College system. Topics included the new student-centered funding formula, strategic enrollment management and Guided Pathways, among others.



Case studies and presentations provided by seasoned practitioners and system leaders helped participants understand the application of rules and regulations in real-world situations. I am proud that I was a founder of the Admin 101 program when I served on the ACCCA Board of Directors and then as the ACCCA president in 2012.

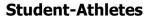
Athletics Hall of Fame preps for seventh annual ceremony

Hartnell College Athletics has completed selection of the 2019 Hall of Fame honorees, who will be inducted at a sixth annual luncheon on Nov. 2.

As in years past, the college will be honored to welcome back and recognize individuals and teams who have left their mark on Hartnell Athletics during its extraordinary history of success.

Over the past 82 years, Hartnell has been represented by more than 8,500 studentathletes, achieving success in competition and in the classroom.

The 2019 Athletics Hall of Fame inductees are:



Chuck Dillard, football (1952-53) * Kathy Kuchta, track and field and volleyball (1977-78) Gary Plumlee, football (1961) Vanessa Yebra, track and field (1999-Rosa Montejano, women's basketball

(1994-95)

Volunteers/Supporters

Gene Mazza * Lvman Lowe * Phil Garcia

Coaches

Dick Casper



Claire Shackelford, swimming (1976-77) Sam Albanese, track and field (1970-72)

Mike Breschini, baseball and football (1973)

Tom Campbell, swimming and water polo (1975-76) Benny Guerra, wrestling

Chuck Filice

Teams

1977 Baseball 1960 Football

* Posthumous awards

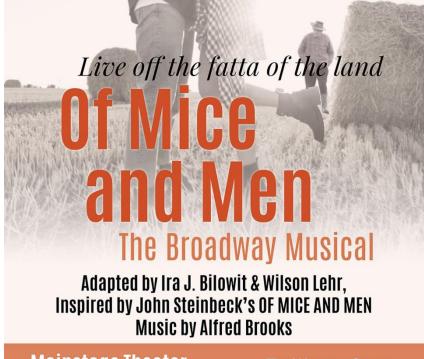
After the luncheon and ceremony, a wall with the inductees' plaques will be unveiled in the Gymnasium. At approximately 6 p.m., the inductees will be introduced during halftime at Rabobank Stadium in Salinas as Hartnell Football hosts Monterey Peninsula College. Tickets to the day's events are available for purchase online.

'Mice and Men' musical drama opens Aug. 24 at Western Stage

Beginning Aug. 24 and continuing on weekends through Sept. 14 at Hartnell's Mainstage Theater, The Western Stage will present Ira Bilowit's musical adaptation of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," a work not seen onstage since a brief off-Broadway run in 1958.

The National Steinbeck Center acquired the original script and score after Bilowit's death in 2016 and has made these materials available for The Western Stage to bring the work back to life. Opening weekend will culminate in an exclusive panel discussion on Aug. 25, featuring a collection of the people responsible for making the 2019 revival a reality.

Steinbeck wrote "Of Mice and Men" with the intention of it being



Mainstage Theater August 24-September 14 TheWesternStage

presented on the stage. He drew on his experiences growing up in the Salinas Valley, where during his teens he worked several summers at a Spreckels Sugar beet farm. That introduced him to the hardships facing his fellow farm hands, who had to constantly move to find employment. Like many of his works, "Of Mice and Men" is a cutting portrait of the migrant worker's struggles as both heroic and tragic.

Artistic Director Jon Selover will direct the production, which holds a personal significance for him: "Of Mice and Men" was a part of his very first season with The Western Stage in 1984.

"To direct a production that was close to Steinbeck's heart, to bring it back after 60 years, and to do it *here* in Salinas is really quite special," Selover said.

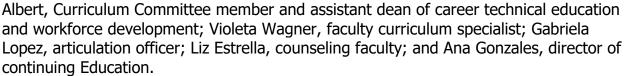
Tickets to all performances are \$26 general admission, \$24 for seniors and military and \$12 for children age 5-15. Hartnell students are free with student I.D. For single or group tickets and information, go to westernstage.com or call (831)-755-6816 (5-8 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday).

Hartnell team gathers timely info during Curriculum Institute at SFO

A team from Hartnell College attended the 2019 Curriculum Institute on July 10-13 at the Hyatt San Francisco Airport.

The institute covered topics such as implementing Assembly Bill 705, Title 5 changes, the Student-Centered Funding Formula, guided pathways, University of California Transfer Pathways and planned changes in the Chancellor's Office Curriculum Inventory system. The team benefitted from time spent together to discuss how to adjust the college's general directions for the coming year as it relates to curriculum.

The team was composed of Herbert Cortez, curriculum and scheduling lead; Dr. Celine Pinet, dean of curriculum & instructional support, Sharon







Carol Hobson, distance education coordinator, attended Instructurecon 2019 on July 8-10 at the Long Beach Convention Center, along with Lindsey Bertomen, distance education faculty, and Laura Otero, instructional technologist.

The conference covered a variety of topics such as the latest on teaching with technology innovations, excelling with student success and engagement strategies, and data visualization and prediction metrics to help improve teaching and learning outcomes.



Corchado receives send-off to his new veterans role at Madera

On July 25, the Student Affairs Counseling Division hosted a farewell for counselor Francisco Corchado, who has left after five years of service at Hartnell to become a general counselor for veteran students at Madera College.

Colleagues and friends shared many memories and some tears of joy, said Isaura Arreguin of the College Pathways team. Corchado "touched numerous students' lives by being passionate about the work he performed every day," she said. Added Carla Johnson, dean of student affairs for student success, "Francisco will be deeply missed and will always have a home at Hartnell."



In the News

Dr. Hsieh to succeed Dr. Lewallen:

https://krkccountry.blogspot.com/2019/07/patricia-hsieh-to-succeed-dr-lewallen.html

Hartnell College selects new president amid controversy:

https://www.kion546.com/news/hartnell-college-selects-new-president-amid-controversy/1102056404

Patricia Hsieh prevails in bid to become next Hartnell College president:

http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/news_blog/patricia-hsieh-prevails-in-bid-to-become-next-hartnell-college/article_53c41f0e-b4b6-11e9-a9ed-fbfab06bd013.html

Hartnell College board under pressure to recruit Latino president:

http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/news_blog/hartnell-college-board-under-pressure-to-recruit-latino-president/article_81e57812-ae51-11e9-a19b-cb31e7afe4bb.html

Editorial: Not Minority Enough? https://www.ksbw.com/article/editorial-not-minority-enough/28521478

Letter to the Editor: Salinas LULAC asks Hartnell trustees to reconsider

president pick: https://www.thecalifornian.com/get-

access/?return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thecalifornian.com%2Fstory%2Fopinion%2F20 19%2F07%2F24%2Fletter-editor-salinas-lulac-asks-hartnell-trustees-reconsiderpresident-pick%2F1801151001%2F

Squidfry grades the process for hiring a new superintendent:

http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/opinion/squidfry/squid-grades-the-process-for-hiring-a-new-superintendent-at/article 8b226886-aca3-11e9-84c7-f7e2320eb64b.html

Good Week/Bad Week (Hartnell accreditation):

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Hartnell College names Dr. Patricia Hsieh as its new president-

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Hartnell College new superintendent: https://www.thecalifornian.com/get-access/?return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thecalifornian.com%2Fstory%2Fnews%2F2019%2F07%2F09%2Fcalifornia-hartnell-college-salinas-new-superintendent-education-sandiego-miramar-community-college%2F1690305001%2F

Upcoming Events

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

Summer and Fall 2019 Registration

Continuing Students and New Matriculating Students

Fall through Aug. 11

Salinas Valley Promise News Conference

Thursday, Aug. 8 11:30 a.m. Main Quad lawn

Campus Offices Closing

Friday, Aug. 9 Alisal and King City campuses – 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Main Campus – 12:30-5 p.m.

Convocation 2019-2020

Friday, Aug. 9 Student Center Commons (8:30-9:20 a.m.) Library (9:25 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) Mainstage Theater (Building K) (1:30-4 p.m.)

Planetarium: Children's Show - "Stars"

5:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 Admission \$4 Building S, room 101

Planetarium: Evening Show - "Black Holes"

6:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 Admission \$5 Building S, room 101

Fall 2019 semester begins

Monday, Aug. 12

"Week of Welcome" Resource Fair

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 14-15 Student Center Commons

Free Baseball Coaching Clinic

5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16 Tony Teresa Diamond

Planetarium: Children's Show - "Earth, Moon and Sun"

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Free Youth Baseball Clinic

1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 Tony Teresa Diamond

Farewell Celebration & Barbecue for Dr. Willard Lewallen

11:30 a.m. – all invited Wednesday, Aug. 21 Main Quad lawn

"Of Mice and Men, a musical drama"

7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday Aug. 24-25, 30-31; Sept. 1, 7-8, 13-14 Mainstage Theater (Building K)