

### **President's Weekly Report**

October 4, 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.

## Dr. Hsieh tours Soledad site, welcomes U.S. Rep. Panetta

My introduction to Hartnell's tremendous assets and the partners who support our college and its students continued this week as I visited Soledad and welcomed U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta to our Main Campus.

On Sept. 30, I joined Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez on a trip to Soledad to meet with Mayor Fred Ledesma Jr. and City Manager Michael McHatten. We were accompanied by Joseph Reyes, executive director of facilities planning and construction management, who gave us a tour of the future site of Hartnell's Soledad Education Center. Contractor bids for the project will be opened Oct. 10, and construction is scheduled to begin in early November. We expect the center to be open and occupied by Spring 2021.



On Oct. 2, I greeted Congressman Panetta (pictured) as he arrived to share aspects of his personal journey with students in an ethnic studies class taught by instructor Phillip Tabera. I am grateful for his pledge of continued support for Hartnell and its students.

## Mi CASA plans week of activities to assist undocumented students

With a vote of support from the Hartnell Governing Board, the Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA) has scheduled a series of campus activities for the Undocumented Student Week of Action, Oct. 14-18, in collaboration with partners statewide.



"We hope you can join us for one or more of these activities in support and solidarity with our Hartnell undocumented students," said Miriam Vazquez-Gonzales, Mi CASA program assistant. "If you cannot attend, we ask that you please spread the word."

The following activities are planned, including several that are open to all community members:

- **Monday, Oct. 14:** CA Dream Act Application Workshop for students, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Building B, room 204A.
- Tuesday, Oct. 15: Dreamer Ally Mixer for all students and employees, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Student Life Center (Building C) and a Mandala Flower Art Healing Workshop for Dreamer students, 2:30-4 p.m., Student Life Center.

- Wednesday, Oct. 16: Dream Club Hot Chocolate Social for Dreamer and ally students, 9-11 a.m., Building B, room 204A; DREAM Club Ice Cream Social for Dreamer and ally students, 2-4 p.m., Building K atrium; and Entrepreneurship Chat, 2-3 p.m., Building K atrium and K-125, for all community members
- **Thursday, Oct. 17:** Student Webinar "Thriving with Fear and Building Resilience" for Dreamer students, 2-3 p.m., Building B, room 204A.
- Friday, Oct. 18: Reception and screening of film "Rocio," with special appearance by Dario Guerrero, for all community members, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Building K atrium and K-125.

# Mi CASA names students fellows for California Campus Catalyst

The Hartnell Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA) has selected two 2019-20 students as California Campus Catalyst Fellows, responsible for fostering greater undocumented student engagement and collaboration at our college and throughout the state.

Fellow Josselyn Navarrete is a second-year student seeking a degree in business administration. She aspires to return to her community become a Latina entrepreneur and create financial literacy awareness throughout her community. Fellow Lesly Cruz is a second-year student who would like to pursue a degree in nursing. Once she completes her education, she wants to return to Salinas and give back to those in need via her profession. Cruz also wants to continue to advocate and support undocumented students through mentorship and philanthropy.

Hartnell gained the opportunity to select Catalyst fellows after being chosen in 2018 to participate in the highly competitive California Campus Catalyst Fund. The program seeks to expand and broaden support for undocumented students and their families across the state's three higher education systems.





### Family Science Day on Oct. 20 to offer STEM learning and fun

During Family Science Day on Oct. 20, the STEM Center at Hartnell College will become a science and technology amusement park for children and their parents, with a four-hour schedule of fun and engaging learning activities.

This free event, which will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will welcome the community with a variety of hands-on opportunities for youngsters of all ages to experience and discover.



"We look forward every year to inviting families to have fun and help their children develop an awareness and interest in science," said Joy Cowden, assistant dean for science, technology

and math. "It's great for the kids, and it's good for our community to develop a strong science pipeline."

All activities will be concentrated in and around Building S at the center of the Main Campus, 411 Central Ave. A free tortas lunch will be provided to the first 500 attendees, and parking is also free. A limited number of Hartnell giveaways will also go to early arrivals.

Among the highlights are live reptiles, hourly planetarium shows, makerspace, physics demonstrations, hands-on science activities and more.

## It's game-on for a spooktacular Halloween office competition

The Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) and the Office of Student Life have announced a Halloween office decorating contest. Students will review provided photos and vote for the best office during the ASHC Halloween Celebration.

Photos of participating offices must be submitted to ASHC President Samantha Saldana by Oct. 29. Only one submission is allowed per office. First-prize winners will receive coffee and pastries for their office. For more information, contact Saldana at <a href="mailto:samanthajsaldana@student.hartnell.edu">samanthajsaldana@student.hartnell.edu</a>.



# Laird receives farewell after two years leading public safety

Kenneth Laird, director of public safety and emergency management, concluded two years in that role on Oct. 3 as he heads for Texas to assist with family responsibilities. He received thanks and good wishes at a farewell event in the library on Oct. 2.

Laird's contributions included establishment of the welcome kiosk adjacent to the parking structure, updates of campus planning for emergency action and management, establishment

of a Campus Safety Office in Building T, new training requirements for public safety staff and introduction of high-visibility transport for campus patrols.



# Hartnell students remain eligible for \$20,000 Baskin scholarships

The Peggy and Jack Baskin Foundation Scholarship program has notified Hartnell that its students will continue to compete for two-year \$20,000 scholarships to support completion of their undergraduate education at a University of California campus.



Faculty and staff are encouraged to share this information with students and encourage them to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, with priority consideration for immigrant women and women of color.

Applications are due by March 15 and selection will occur by April 15. Criteria include overall GPA, rigor of community college courses, educational goals and career aspirations and the quality of a personal statement, graded writing sample and letters of recommendation.

To learn more, visit the Baskin Foundation website.

## Teaching students seize chance to prepare for CBEST exam

To help Hartnell teaching students take and pass the California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST) before they advance to CSU Monterey Bay, staff in the Teacher Pathway and MAESTROs programs have provided multiple test-prep workshops this fall.

Over the past two weeks, about 65 students have taken advantage of the opportunity to increase their understanding of the examination process and learn test-taking strategies. California Education Code specifies that teacher candidates must demonstrate proficiency in basic reading, writing and mathematics skills.

"We are extremely proud of our students as they juggle the demands of college-level coursework, attend several classes per week, meet for mandatory events, balance additional outside family and work responsibilities, while at the same time studying for the CBEST," said Jesus Clemente, TPP and MAESTROs coordinator.



### Dr. Willard and Michele Lewallen thanked for athletics support

Hartnell Athletics honored retiring superintendentpresident Dr. Willard Lewallen and his wife, Michele, during halftime of the Sept. 28 home football game against Cabrillo for their loyal support of Panther teams and student-athletes.

In a midfield ceremony, Director of Athletics Dan Teresa and men's soccer Head Coach Daniel Ortega presented the Lewallens with Panthers-branded jackets and lifetime passes to all Hartnell home athletic events.



# Inaugural pop-up art festival involves students and community

The Salinas Valley Arts and Innovation Hub (SVAIH), in partnership with the Hartnell College Foundation, the Digital Nest, and other community organizations, and artist/innovators, presented a successful SVAIH Pop-Up Art Festival on Sept. 29 at the Cesar Chavez Library in Salinas. This inaugural event was open and free to the public and included food, artists' exhibitions, and community building.

In addition to students from Hartnell's digital arts and theatre and cinema programs and the Chicano Teatro class, participating artists and groups included spoken word presenter LaSofaQueen, The Dan Beck Band and the



Spector Dance youth theatre company, said Dr. Marnie Glazier, founder of SVAIH and professor of theater and cinema at Hartnell.

(Pictured are student volunteers Emily Uribe, a theatre and cinema major at Hartnell, and Stacey Palmerin, a student at CSUMB.)

### Ethnic studies conference explores

context of academic discipline

Professor Hermelinda Tabera-Rocha and her fellow faculty in Hartnell's Chicano Studies/Ethnic Studies program presented the second annual Xicano Institute (XITO Institute) for Teachers and Organizers on Sept. 20-21 at the Alisal Campus.

The gathering drew participants from as far away as Texas to listen to and engage with conference presenters. The conference focused on the historical and contextual frameworks and metaphors impacting definitions of ethnic study, as well as culturally humanizing pedagogical strategies.



Stakes rising as Panthers pass midpoint in fall campaigns

**Football:** The <u>Panthers</u> will be on the road, but close to home, on Oct. 5 for a game against Gavilan, seeking to tip their record to 3-2. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. at Gilroy High School. Turnovers hurt the team against Cabrillo at home on Sept. 28, as the Seahawks triumphed 27-3. (Pictured in the Cabrillo game is running back David Freeman.)

Cross Country: Following their annual home invitational meet at Toro County Park on Oct. 4, the highly ranked men's and women's teams will travel to Orange for the Brubaker Invitational. Hartnell will be back at Toro on Nov. 8 to host the Northern California Championship, which the women won last year.



**Women's Soccer:** With a 5-3-3 record heading into their Oct. 4 home game against West Valley, the <u>Panther women</u> will host Canada on Oct. 8 and then face Ohlone at home in a conference game on Oct. 9. Head Coach Ivan Guerrero says his team is positioned for a run at the Coast North conference title and a spot in state playoffs.

**Men's Soccer:** Coming off a three-game winning streak, the <u>Panther men</u> were 4-3-1 before playing rival De Anza on Oct. 4. Their next home date is Oct. 12 against Las Positas, followed by Chabot on Oct. 18.

**Volleyball:** With its conference debut still to come at home against Ohlone on Oct. 9, the <u>team</u> has a winning 10-9 record, including a see-saw 3-2 home victory over West Valley on Oct. 2.

### **Upcoming Events**

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

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

#### **CA Dream Act Application Workshop**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14 Building B, 204A Audience: Students

#### Women's Soccer vs. Chabot

4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 15 Hartnell Soccer Field

#### **Entrepreneurship Chat**

2-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 Building K, 125

Audience: Hartnell Dreamers, Allies (students, staff, faculty, administrators)

### Reception and Film Screening of 'Rocio' with special appearance by Dario Guerrero

2:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18

Building K, Atrium and 125

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#### **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)

#### Football vs. MPC

6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 Rabobank Stadium