



HARTNELL COLLEGE

President's Weekly Report to the Board of Trustees

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Sept. 20, 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.

Thank you for sharing your pride in Hartnell College and its students



After just one week as superintendent-president of the Hartnell Community College District, my greatest impression is the pride you feel for Hartnell: employees, students, trustees and community members. You are deservedly proud, just as I am proud to join with all of you in continuing to serve our wonderful students.

I felt this pride during a Sept. 17 employee reception in my honor (pictured, with construction management instructor R. Burton Ward), during my first regular meeting with the district's Governing Board (pictured, with trustees Manuel Osorio and Irma Lopez not included), and in virtually every conversation I had throughout the week.

This sense of pride in Hartnell's success and mission is extremely motivating for me personally, and I believe for all of us, because it strengthens our commitment to uphold the quality of the education and support we provide to students. It also is a great inspiration for the innovation and hard work required to attain an even greater level of excellence in the future.

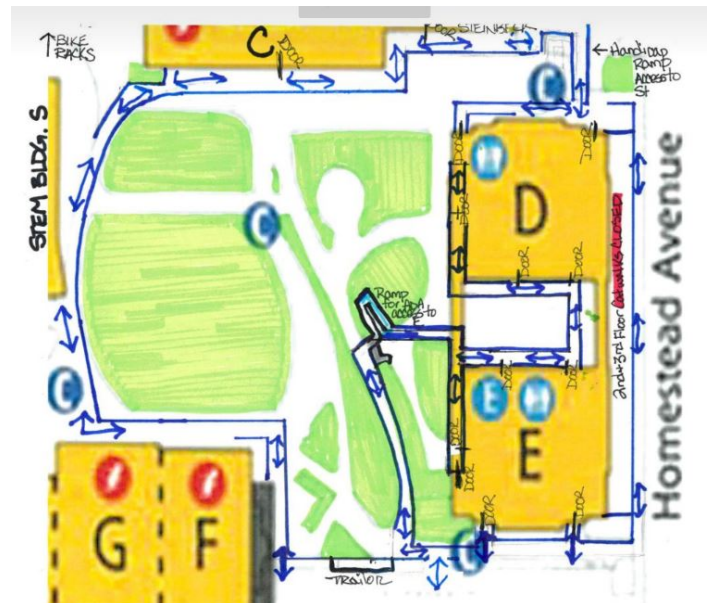
As we collaborate in pursuit of this goal, my job will be to support and encourage the talented individuals who have helped make Hartnell a leader among California community colleges. I will do everything I can to maintain open lines of communication, keep us aligned with the goals of our new Strategic Plan for 2019-24 and join with you to overcome challenges when they inevitably arise.



In some ways, the construction work that began this week on the Main Campus is a metaphor for the journey ahead. Progress requires the courage to change, a willingness to work our way around obstacles, and a vision of the future we are striving to create. Thank you for everything you do for Hartnell College!

Fencing for safety on Main Campus signals start of major improvements

Installation of fencing on Sept. 17 around the Main Quad on Hartnell's Main Campus in Salinas has provided a safe route of travel for pedestrians during a lengthy period of major landscaping and modernization work on the Quad and buildings D and E, among improvement projects funded by Measure T bonds.



The map shown here depicts fencing that surrounds the project area and a circular path of pedestrian travel around the Main Quad. The fencing will preserve access to all campus buildings while keeping travelers safely outside of construction zones. We apologize for any inconvenience, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we undertake these major improvements.

Please note that the catwalks on the second and third floor of buildings D and E will be closed during the construction, which will continue through May 2020. There are two ramps for ADA access within the path of travel. One ramp is located near the bookstore and allows access into Building C. The other ramp is accessible from Parking Lot #3, and will reach the Building D interior elevator to the second and third floors.

The college will provide the most updated access information to employees through email; in addition to email, students will receive information through social media, but please share the information during either class or when you interact with students.

Measure T forums draw strong interest, attendance and ideas

A total of 101 community and business leaders participated in three Measure T forums that were held on Aug. 22 in King City, on Aug. 29 in Soledad and on Sept. 5 in Castroville. These stakeholders shared their hopes and vision for the expansion of Hartnell's education center in King City and construction of new centers in Soledad and Castroville by 2021. (Pictured: Dean of Academic Affairs Celine Pinet speaks to participants at the Soledad forum, held at the Soledad Community Center.)



The college invited representatives from agriculture, education, health care, local government, social services and other sectors to discuss how they believe the centers can best serve south and north Monterey County while also strengthening Hartnell College as a whole.

One of the overarching desires expressed was the need to develop and retain local talent, avoiding a "brain drain" of educated and skilled individuals way from Monterey County and the Central Coast. Other goals were increasing college awareness and preparedness among K-12 students, continuing to improve access to college, and ensuring that college graduates have work-based experience through internships. Specific academic programs were also discussed at each of the forums, with strong interest expressed in such areas as administration of justice, agriculture and ag technology, health care and sustainable energy and the environment.

Participants' input is being compiled and will be shared widely as planning continues for the best use of these new assets for Hartnell College.

Dr. Hsieh attends Soledad's Back to School celebration

I was pleased to represent Hartnell on Sept. 14 at the Soledad Unified School District's annual Back to School Event at the Soledad Mission Shopping Center.



I joined with Governing Board member Erica Padilla-Chavez (pictured), members of the Soledad school board and City Council, Soledad school principals and many others to celebrate the beginning of a new academic year.



The festivities included the Soledad High School NJROTC Color Guard, the high school band and cheerleaders, and a group of folklorico dancers called "Sol y Luna." It truly was a demonstration of the importance Soledad places on education, including their partnership with Hartnell.

Office of Student Life presents Safety Awareness Month activities

Beginning with an active shooter preparedness course on Sept. 19, the Hartnell Office of Student Life is presenting several educational opportunities for students during September, which is National Campus Safety Awareness Month.



**National Campus
Safety Awareness Month**

On Sept. 20, students are strongly encouraged to complete an online training in sexual violence awareness, which will help prepare them to properly identify, respond to and handle related incidents. They will receive an email with instructions to begin the training, which must be completed by Nov. 22. In addition, at a date to be scheduled, the Immigration Task Force of Monterey County will present a Know Your Rights workshop in support of undocumented students at Hartnell.

For more information about National Campus Safety Awareness Month, call the Office of Student Life at (831) 755-6734.

Alisal High students visit Hartnell on a dual-enrollment field trip

On Sept. 16, students from a dual-enrollment English class at Alisal High School visited both Hartnell's Alisal Campus and Main Campus on an educational field trip.

The students, who are enrolled in ENG-1Ax (Intensive College Composition and Reading), started at the Alisal Campus, where they participated in a Writers' Workshop on academic writing. They then traveled to the Main Campus, where they visited the library and learned how to conduct research, properly use MLA citations and maintain their own academic integrity.



The trip concluded with a campus tour that included obtaining their Hartnell student ID cards. Students said they were excited to go back to their school and use their new knowledge and skills. The Office of College Readiness expressed special thanks to Lisa Fischler, academic support specialist, and librarian Cynthia Ainsworth for creating such positive learning environments for the students.

College hosts USDA discussion as prelude to statewide summit

More than 50 Monterey County stakeholders met on Sept. 5 at Hartnell's Alisal Campus to discuss the U.S. Department of Agriculture's rural prosperity initiative and its five key elements of e-connectivity, economic development, innovation and technology, workforce and quality of life.



Moderators and panelists included Kate Roberts, president of the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP); Rene Mendez, Gonzales city manager and chair of the Salinas Valley Five Cities Board; Abby Taylor-Silva, vice president of policy and communications for the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California; Patrick Zelaya, CEO of HeavyConnect; and Alfred Diaz-Infante, president of CHISPA.

Participants listened to panel discussions and worked in small groups (pictured) to discuss the region's greatest assets, as well as its biggest challenges and possible solutions. The discussions were intended to help USDA leadership prepare for a California Community Summit planned for 2020 at Hartnell. The summit will convene local, state, federal, Hispanic Serving Institutions, tribal colleges, national development organizations, non-profit organizations, faith leaders, veterans and other strategic partners to focus on the key elements of the initiative.

Traditional meal for students marks Mexican Independence Day

The Hartnell Spanish Club joined with the Office of Student Life and the Associated Students of Hartnell College to celebrate Mexican Independence Day on Sept. 16, complete with decorations in the Student Center and a free Mexican lunch for students. Among students serving the meal was



Paulina Vazquez, Spanish Club vice president, who dished up pozole (pictured).

The celebration, which included a television broadcasting the celebration in Mexico City, was the first event in celebration of the National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Patriot Day ceremony remembers loss and sacrifice of Sept. 11

For an eighth straight year, Hartnell paused to remember the airborne terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, with a ceremony on Sept. 11 in the Student Center.

Then-Superintendent-President Dr. Willard Lewallen, who initiated the annual ceremony after he came to Hartnell in 2012, noted that many of the college's newest students weren't even born when planes struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Business instructor Peter Calvert, faculty adviser for the Hartnell Veterans Club, gave brief keynote remarks (pictured), reminding students of that day's ongoing legacy of health-term problems among surviving victims and first responders.

As the tragedy recedes further into the past, Calvert said, it's even more important to remember and honor the freedoms that the 9/11 attackers sought to undermine through terror.

Cross Country takes two wins while other sports seek edge

Both the [men's](#) and [women's](#) **Cross Country** squads claimed team victories at the Chabot Invitational on Sept. 14 in Livermore. Sophomore Jesus Avalos took first place for the men by four seconds with a time of 21:28. Close behind and placing fifth was freshman Isaac Gensel, with a time of 21:46. The Hartnell women dominated a race they nearly missed because of Bay Area traffic. Sophomore Daniela Salazar placed first, with a time of 19:15.6, followed by sophomore Isabelle Torres, who placed third at 19:38.1. Valeria Lozana-Gomez and Shantal Martinez place fourth and fifth, respectively, with times of 19:47.5 and 19:57.1. The next event for both teams is the Modesto JC Invitational on Sept. 27.



Women's Soccer (3-3-1) is on a roll after two straight wins, 2-1 on Sept. 17 at Diablo Valley and 4-0 on Sept. 19 at home against Feather River. In the latter game, freshman forwards Cyenna Maldonado and Carly Lowi each scored a pair of goals. The Panthers will continue a four-game home series on Sept. 24 against Clovis and on Sept. 27 against Ohlone.



Men's Soccer (1-3-1) is seeking to boost its win total after tying Cosumnes River at home on Sept. 17. They will play Napa Valley at home on Sept. 24 and then host Monterey Peninsula on Oct. 1. Pictured is sophomore Adrian Cerrato in the team's Sept. 13 loss to Butte on their home field.

Women's Volleyball (6-7) will seek to tilt their winning percentage over .500 as they take on West Valley at home on Oct. 2 and Ohlone on Oct. 9. The Panthers split a pair of games during their second Hartnell Classic on Sept. 18 – losing to Santa Rosa, 1-3, before sweeping Mission, 3-0.

Football (1-1) will begin consecutive home games on Sept. 21, facing Redwood at 1 p.m. at Rabobank Stadium. Next up is Cabrillo at 7 p.m. on Sept. 28. After winning their opener at home against Yuba, the Panthers fell to Foothill on Sept. 14. The bright spot was a 42-year touchdown pass from Isaiah Ariolla-Randalle to freshman wide receiver Angel Olivas.

Hartnell represented at teacher prep conference for community colleges



Three Hartnell employees attended a cross-systems conference hosted by the California Community Colleges Teacher Preparation Programs on Aug. 15-16 in Sacramento.

Representing the college were Jihan Ejan, director of the Teacher Pathway Program and MAESTROS; Sergio Diaz, counselor and Kelsey Wettach, program assistant. (Pictured with colleagues from CSU Monterey Bay, Monterey Peninsula College and Cabrillo College are Diaz, far left and Ejan, fifth from left).

The conference, titled "Bringing Education Systems Together to Strengthen the California Teacher Workforce," emphasized ways to better connect systems that support teacher training pathways, including community college teacher preparation programs, CSUs and other four-year institutions, K-12 school districts and county offices of education.

Said Ejan, "The conference was a great way to network and learn best practices, while also affirming the great work Hartnell College is doing to increase teacher preparation efforts in our region."

In the News

College football: <https://www.montereyherald.com/2019/09/14/local-roundup-mornhinwegs-five-touchdowns-lifts-carmel-past-mustangs/>

Upcoming Events

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

Xicanx Institute for Teaching and Organization (XITO) Institute

Sept. 20-21

Alisal Campus

Football vs. Redwoods

1 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21

Rabobank Stadium

Hartnell Planetarium

Children's Show: "One World, One Sky"

5:15 – 6:16 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27

Building S, room 101

Hartnell Planetarium

Evening show: "Undiscovered Worlds"

6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27

Building S, room 101

Respiratory Care Practitioner Informational Session

4 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 30

Building N, room 4

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

Hartnell Planetarium

Children's show: "Larry Cat in Space"

5:15 – 6:16 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4

Building S, room 101

Hartnell Planetarium

Evening show: "From the Earth to the Universe"

6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4

Building S, room 101

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)