



## HARTNELL COLLEGE

### 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.



## Measure T forum on campus doubles as Centennial Kick-off

Hartnell joined with the City of Salinas and the entire Salinas Valley Five Cities Partnership on Feb. 20 to host a Measure T community forum that also doubled as a kick-off event for the college's Centennial Celebration.

Scott Faust, director of communications, marketing and public relations, provided a

brief overview of yearlong plans as about 50 attendees in Steinbeck Hall enjoyed a cake featuring the Centennial logo (pictured). A mix of community members and Hartnell employees received a warm welcome from Board of Trustees President Aurelio Salazar Jr. (pictured) and Superintendent/President Dr. Patricia Hsieh. Board Vice President Pat Donohue also attended.



A special appreciation was provided for the more than 50 donors who contributed to the successful campaign for passage of Measure T in 2016 with support from 69 percent of district voters. Reflections on Measure T's impact were provided by students Estefania Villacana (pictured with facilitator Kim Stemler), a social sciences major and Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship semi-finalist, and Brionna Gonzalez, an EMT student who is also applying to the Hartnell nursing program.



During a facilitated discussion, participants shared suggestions for such services as child care and internship support at Hartnell's new and expanded centers in Soledad, King City and Castroville. The primary focus was on the "brain gain" of new and retained workforce talent in the Salinas Valley that will be made possible with the addition of the expanded facilities. (Pictured: Gonzales City Manager Rene Mendez shares thoughts with Vice President Pat Donohue and others.)

## Dry weather enables rapid progress in King City, Soledad and Salinas

Following a wet start in December, recent dry weather has allowed all current Measure T-funded construction projects to move along well in multiple Hartnell locations.

At the King City Education Center, which is doubling in size, trenching for in-grade utilities has been done (pictured), and formwork has been started for the foundation footings. Concrete pour will continue through the first week of March. Progress on the new Soledad Education Center is even further along, with the foundation and interior footings already poured.



On the Main Campus in Salinas, concrete continues to expand on the central plaza, stretching along the south side of the Student Center and across the tiered landscaping in the quad (pictured). The Center for Nursing and Health Sciences has been in a dormant mode while test piles were curing. Testing of these foundation piles for the strength of the concrete and soil began Feb 26.



The North Monterey County Education Center in Castroville, scheduled to start construction this summer, will undergo its first pre-plan review meeting on March 24. This is a meeting with the Department of State Architect (DSA) to review drawings and specifications. If all goes well, DSA will set a date for the architect to submit the package for formal review and approval process.

All these projects, as well as modernization of classrooms in buildings D and E on the Main Campus, are funded through \$167 million in Measure T bonds approved in 2016 by Hartnell Community College District voters.

### Centennial update



## Entire college community invited to join in Centennial Celebration

Everyone who is part of the Hartnell College Community – students, employees, alumni, former employees and community supporters – are all essential participants in the yearlong 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration that is now officially underway.

Although several major events have already been planned, most notably a Centennial Alumni Appreciation Night on June 20 and a Centennial Community Celebration on June 21, there are still many opportunities to propose and help present a variety of special events during the remainder of the spring semester and through the summer and fall terms of 2020.

The Centennial Planning Committee, working with Communications and Marketing Director Scott Faust, has been meeting regularly to coordinate the observance of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They invite your ideas for additional programs that connect all of us to Hartnell's proud history, to the accomplishments of its current and past students, faculty, staff and leadership, and also to the college's future as it begins a second century of excellence.

We welcome your suggestions for alumni guest lectures, student engagement and other activities that connect with significant chapters or milestones in Hartnell's past, as well as exploring our direction and opportunities in the coming decades.

Everyone is also encouraged to recommend persons of interest whose stories deserve to be told and to share any items or memorabilia that may have historical significance: photographs, instructional materials, attire, etc.

Whether you have an item or an idea of interest, or simply want to get involved in the Centennial over the coming weeks or months, please contact Faust at (831) 755-6858 or [sfaust@hartnell.edu](mailto:sfaust@hartnell.edu).

## **College remains watchful as Coronavirus threat persists**

As you are no doubt aware from widespread media coverage, a potentially deadly illness of the type known as a coronavirus has developed in China and spread to other countries, including the United States. As of this week, approximately 60 cases had been confirmed in the U.S., including 10 in California. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says more U.S. cases are likely to be identified in coming days.

Because the safety and health of Hartnell students and employees are always the top concerns for our college, I and other administrators are closely monitoring the situation. We will continue to share information about this public health situation as it affects our community. Here are relevant links for the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [California Department of Public Health](#).

Steps to minimize the risk of contracting the coronavirus are the same as those recommended to prevent the spread of all respiratory illnesses – and for general good health:

- Try to get sufficient sleep, exercise regularly, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious foods.
- Keep your hands clean and wash them frequently with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you cannot wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Do not share cups, straws or anything else you put in your mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- Get a flu shot – it’s not too late – available at most pharmacies
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve. When you use a tissue, immediately put it in the trash.

Please share any questions with Daniel Scott, director of public safety and emergency management, at (831) 770-7013 or [dscott@hartnell.edu](mailto:dscott@hartnell.edu).

## Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit will focus on workforce challenge

While exploring the “what” and “how” of emerging technologies, the 2020 Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit on March 17-18 in Salinas will also sharply focus on the “who” – preparing workers at all levels to leverage continual innovation in production agriculture.



The seventh annual summit on the main campus of Hartnell College, in partnership with the Western Growers Association, will deliver a two-day program of actionable expertise from recognized leaders in agricultural education and throughout the fresh fruits and vegetables industry.

Summit chair Dennis Donohue (pictured), director of the Western Growers Center for Innovation & Technology, a premier ag tech startup incubator based in Salinas, said the summit is an opportunity to help drive an essential “national conversation” about agriculture’s rapidly changing workforce needs.



“We will provide a thorough overview of the latest technology, as these events typically do,” Donohue said, “but we’re also going to talk about the knowledge and abilities needed to deliver on that technology – and then we’ll pivot to the challenge of making sure our workers and managers have those skill sets.”

The two-day summit will begin on March 17, St. Patrick’s Day, with an Irish-themed VIP reception from 5:30-8 p.m., featuring a welcome from Hartnell Superintendent/President Dr. Patricia Hsieh and a “Fireside Chat” with three Irish ag tech entrepreneurs, as well as craft beer, wine and deluxe hors d’oeuvres. March 18 will offer a full day of expert speakers, panels and exhibitors focused on technology, automation and workforce education. Visit the event website for information and to [register](#).

## On biology instructor’s advice, seaweed will make trip to space on March 6

When the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket [launches](#) March 6 on a cargo resupply mission to the International Space Station (ISS), the seaweed on board for a growth experiment will be the result of a recommendation from Hartnell biology instructor Dr. Jeffery Hughey.

After SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft docks at the ISS three days later, study of a California species of seaweed will begin. The path to its selection for the mission began in December when a NASA director of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) initiatives sought Dr. Hughey's advice for a study of how microgravity' affects plant growth.



The impetus came from students at the Santa Clarita Valley International School, who had been selected to help plan the flight as part of the 2019 DreamUp to Space challenge. On Dr. Hughey's advice, mission planners chose the Nori species *Pyropia perforata*, which he has studied for more than 25 years, rather than sea lettuce as originally planned. He noted that the seaweed can withstand extended periods of desiccation. It also has nutritional benefits and produces oxygen when it photosynthesizes, making it a good candidate organism for astronaut life support, Dr. Hughey said.

(Pictured: Fifth- and sixth-graders from Santa Clarita Valley International School collect samples of nori seaweed on Feb. 1 north of Santa Barbara for study on the International Space Station.)

## Cash for College workshop serves twice as many students as in 2019

The Cash for College financial aid workshop from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 22 was a great success, reports Financial Aid Manager Jessica Tovar.

Financial Aid staff gave up their Saturday to assist 106 students and their family members in completing the FAFSA and California Dream Act applications, as well as the application for the Salinas Valley Promise – all of which are due on March 2. A total of 50 students were served during the 2019 workshop.



(Pictured: Financial Aid Specialist Clara Maldonado assists a student during the workshop in the Student Services Building.)

## Parent nights at local high schools help families join Salinas Valley Promise

More than 300 students and family members joined the Hartnell Office of Equity Programs and partners from the Cal State Monterey Bay Gear Up program for Parent Information Nights at local high schools throughout February to promote and share information about the Salinas Valley Promise Program.

The Promise provides two years of free tuition to first-time, full-time students, as well as a free laptop or help with textbooks, workshops in life skills and leadership and pairing with a volunteer industry mentor.



The parent events took place at high schools in Greenfield, King City and Salinas. The objective was to ensure that families receive the information and support they need in order to join the Promise prior to the March 2 deadline. (Pictured: Salinas Valley Promise Coordinator Chynna Obana presents to 120 parents at King City High School on Feb. 12.)

The informational nights provided an interactive opportunity for parents and students that compliments the ongoing efforts of the Hartnell College Pathways Team, as well as a robust digital marketing campaign.

In Fall 2019, a total of 621 students successfully participated in the Salinas Valley Promise program. Overall, program participants completed more units and had a 12 percent higher course success rate than their first-time-in-college peers who did not participate. For more information about the Salinas Valley Promise Program please visit [hartnell.edu/promise](http://hartnell.edu/promise).

## Math instructor Kelly Locke is also a fiber artist and podcast co-host



You may have noticed that Kelly Locke often knits during meetings, and it's a more than a casual pastime. Locke co-hosts and produces the "Two Ewes Fiber Adventures" podcast with Marsha Failor, a friend from her college days who is also an avid fiber artist.

"Two Ewes" is a bimonthly audio show about knitting, crochet, weaving, spinning yarn and other fiber arts. The podcast has been published since September 2014 and has approximately 3,000 listeners around the world. The show is available on apps including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher and Overcast.

Locke said one of her favorite things about the show has been the number of listeners she has met in person throughout the past five years.

## Educator in Residence series begins March 9 with Dr. Jean E. Fox Tree

The 2020 Educator in Residence Series will begin at noon on March 9 in Steinbeck Hall with a lecture by Dr. Jean E. Fox Tree, a professor of psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her topic will be “The Power of Little Words in Everyday Conversation.”

Dr. Tree is co-founder of the SPARK Society, whose goal is to increase the number of underrepresented students in cognitive science. She has an AB in linguistics from Harvard University, an MSc in cognitive science from the University of Edinburgh and a doctorate in psychology from Stanford University.



The next two Educator in Residence lectures will be presented by Benjamin Percy, a novelist, comics writer and screenwriter. He will speak at 1:30 p.m. on April 2 on the topic “How I’ve Learned to Pivot ‘Failure’ into Success as a Writer and Educator.” At 9:30 a.m. on April 20, his topic will be “Super-Powered Storytelling.” Both presentations will be in Steinbeck Hall.

## Dean and counselors attend program on critical skills in ‘era of equity’

Hartnell counseling faculty and Student Affairs Dean Carla Johnson attended an Equity Institute program on Feb. 19-21 at the San Francisco airport Marriot Hotel on “Counseling in the Era of Equity: Critical Competencies for Student Success.

The purpose of this professional development was to “engage counselors in the process of examining our current practices and exploring innovative pedagogical approaches that can be applied to the needs and goals of colleges as they make the transitions to Meta Majors and Guided Pathways.”

Faculty reviewed their course syllabi, participated in exercises looking at counseling modalities, dialogued with peers and enjoyed keynote speakers Dr. Angela Valenzuela, a professor of educational policy and planning at the University of Texas-Austin, and Dr. J. Luke Wood, associate vice president for faculty diversity and inclusion and Distinguished Professor of Education at San Diego State University.



## Umoja students participate in Super Saturday at CSUMB

On Feb. 22, students in the Umoja program at Hartnell took part in the annual Super Saturday event at Cal State University, Monterey Bay, part of ongoing efforts to improve graduation rates of African-American students.

The Hartnell group were among participants from a number of different colleges and high schools in the region who came together for the event, which included a student panel and featured renowned spoken word and hip-hop artist Ise Lyfe.

"Our students had a wonderful experience mingling with CSUMB students and learning of the credit opportunities the university has to offer," said Hartnell's Umojo coordinator, Student Affairs Counselor Rosa Vidales.



## Four upcoming tours offer students first-hand look at California campuses

The Hartnell Transfer and Career Center is registering students for four free campus tours, which provide transportation and a guided look at California universities.

Tours are scheduled for March 6 to the University of California, Davis; March 13 to Fresno State University and Fresno Pacific University; April 3 to the University of California, Berkeley; and April 17 to California State University, Stanislaus in Turlock.

For more information about the tours and similar opportunities in the future, visit the Transfer and Career Center in room C-132 (Student Center) or contact Program Assistant Jessie Betancourt at (831) 759-6007 or [jbetancourt@hartnell.edu](mailto:jbetancourt@hartnell.edu).

## TPP and MAESTROs schedule nine information sessions during March

The Teacher Pathway Program (TPP) and MAESTROs programs have scheduled informational sessions throughout March on Hartnell's Main Campus in Salinas and at the King City Education Center for students interested in becoming teachers in the Salinas Valley.

Both TPP and MAESTROs are bachelor's degree programs for Hartnell students in partnership with Cal State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB). They include free CBEST preparation workshops, CSUMB campus visits and seamless transfer for completion of a four-year degree.



### INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

#### Main Campus\*

- 3/06 @ 11-1 pm [room S-111]
- 3/13 @ 9-11 am [room S-111]
- 3/20 @ 9-11 am [room S-111]
- 3/27 @ 10-12 pm [room S-111]

#### King City Education Center\*

- 3/3 @ 2-4 pm [room 209]
- 3/10 @ 2-4 pm [room 209]
- 3/17 @ 10-12 pm [room 209]
- 3/24 @ 10-12 pm [room 209]
- 3/31 @ 2-4 pm [room 209]

\*Please note the informational sessions will repeat on the hour



The locations, dates and times for the two-hour informational sessions are:

- King City Education Center, room 209: March 3 (2 p.m.), March 2 (2 p.m.), March 17 (10 a.m.), March 24 (10 a.m.) and March 31 (2 p.m.).
- Main Campus, room S-111 March 6 (11 a.m.), March 13 (9 a.m.), March 20 (9 a.m.), March 27 (10 a.m.)

For more information, contact Jesus Clemente, TPP/MAESTROs coordinator, (831) 770-6136 or [jclemente@hartnell.edu](mailto:jclemente@hartnell.edu).

## **SpringFEST season opens March 7-8 with Eve Ensler's 'The Vagina Monologues'**

Hartnell College Theatre Arts & Cinema students will present Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues," with the Monterey County YWCA as part of The Western Stage's SpringFEST 2020. Also known as "V-Day," the monologues are performed worldwide as a movement to end violence against women.



Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. March 7 and 2 p.m. March 8 in the Studio Theater (K-116) of Hartnell College's Center for Performing Arts. The presentation has open seating that is first-come, first-seated. Donations at the door benefit Monterey County YWCA's Human Trafficking Case Management and Case Advocacy work.

SpringFEST is The Western Stage's pre-season festival of workshops and performances that provides community members of all skill levels the empowering experience of Theatre, and gives developing artists the chance to grow and improve.

Visit [www.westernstage.com/season/springfest](http://www.westernstage.com/season/springfest) to learn more!

## **Psych Club and Social & Behavioral Sciences co-present a couple's story of tragedy, triumph**

Al and Jane Nakatani, a couple who have written and lectured on their personal journey following the death of their three children, two to AIDS and a third the victim of a tragic drive-by shooting, will speak at Hartnell on March 5. The lecture will be held in room K-125 in the Center for Performing Arts. It is free and open to the public.

Their presentation will involve their personal story, told in the book, "Honor Thy Children" by Molly Fumia, which chronicles the creation, devastation and resurrections of a family that journeys from unimaginable grief to healing.

Their visit is co-sponsored by the Hartnell Psychology Club and the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences. The Nakatanis recommended



that audience members read the book before attending or watch their video with the same title.

For more information, contact Dr. Yoshiko Matsushita-Arao at (831) 755-6781 or [yarao@hartnell.edu](mailto:yarao@hartnell.edu).

## Panther teams head into the thick of spring season with home action ahead

**Men's and Women's Swim/Dive:** Hartnell travelled to De Anza on Feb. 21 to compete in a five-team meet with De Anza, Cabrillo, Ohlone and San Francisco. Emily Pachecho continued her winning ways for the women, taking first in the 200-meter backstroke. Robert Ehlers (pictured) also had a good day for the men, placing second in the 1,650 freestyle and third in both the 200 fly and 400 individual medley. Diver Doug Lynch continued to show the conference that he is a top competitor, taking second in the 1-meter and 3-meter competitions. The Panthers are now locked into a couple more weeks of hard training to prepare for the Cuesta Invitational, one of the biggest meets in the state, on March 13-14.



**Men's and Women's Track & Field:** For the women, Daniela Salazar continued to impress at the Jim Linthicum Invitational hosted by DeAnza on Feb. 22. She was a double winner, placing first in the 1,500 meters with her lifetime best and also winning the 5,000m. Valeria Gomez-Lozano placed third in both those events, including a state-qualifying time of 18:50.81 in the 5,000. For the men's team, the 4x100 relay team of Tim Hunter, De'Antae Williams, Hiroki Terada and Jeffrey Wiemer placed fifth overall, with a time good enough to qualify for the State "B" level. Juan Gutierrez III took third in the 1,500, and Julian Resendiz moved to second in the Coast Conference with a pole vault of 4.20m. The Panthers will compete next at the Chico Wildcat Cup hosted by Cuesta on March 6.

**Baseball:** The Panthers hit a tough stretch over the past week, falling to Los Medanos at home and away on Feb. 21-22 (7-1 and 15-4) and then losing to West Valley at home on Feb. 25. With a 5-8 record as of Feb. 27, Hartnell will host Canada at 1 p.m. on Feb. 29 and then play three straight games with Monterey Peninsula, including games at home at 2 p.m. March 3 and 1 p.m. March 7.

**Softball:** The Hartnell team suffered two losses in the Cuesta Tournament on Feb. 21, bringing their record so far to 5-8. The Panthers will play a doubleheader at Los Medanos on Feb. 29 before returning home for a game with Gavilan at 3 p.m. March 3 and Monterey Peninsula at 3 p.m. March 5.



**Volleyball:** Just like the men's and women's soccer teams, the volleyball team also assisted at the Spreckels Elementary school-wide fitness day on Feb. 14 (pictured). Said Head Coach Jamie Pedroza: "My

team did such a great job, and it was a very fun event that we would like to be a part of next year."

## In the News

**Hartnell participates in national signing day, celebrating technical education:**

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2020/02/21/hartnell-participates-in-national-signing-day-celebrating-technical-education/>

**College Athlete of the Week:**

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2020/02/25/college-athlete-of-the-week-22/>

**SpringFEST at the Western Stage:**

[https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/calendar/springfest-at-the-western-stage/event\\_c3aa3c24-544b-11ea-bf15-7b0c671fe1ea.html](https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/calendar/springfest-at-the-western-stage/event_c3aa3c24-544b-11ea-bf15-7b0c671fe1ea.html)

**Provisional marks in track established for former Hartnell runners:**

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2020/02/23/provisional-marks-in-track-established-for-former-hartnell-runners/>

## Upcoming Events

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

**STEM Internship Programs – Enroll Now!**

<https://www.hartnell.edu/academics-affairs/academics/stem/intern/>

**Pop-Up Pantry food distribution**

Friday, Feb. 28

Building C, room 140

**Planetarium Children's Show, "Earth, Moon, and Sun"**

5:15 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28

Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

**Planetarium Evening Show, "Dynamic Earth"**

6:45 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28

Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

**Spring FEST 2020 "LegacyPlayers in Performance"**

2 p.m.

Feb. 29 and March 1

Studio Theater  
Building K, room 116

**Baseball vs. Canada**

1 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 29  
Tony Teresa Diamond

**“The Vagina Monologues” Audition**

Sunday, March 1  
Building N, room 7 (Old Planetarium)  
Email Dr. Marnie Glazier for appointment: [mglazier@hartnell.edu](mailto:mglazier@hartnell.edu)  
Performances: 2 p.m. March 7-8

**Money Monday**

3-5:45 p.m.  
Monday, March 2  
Building B, room 110

**FAFSA, Dream Act and Salinas Valley Promise application deadline**

Monday, March 2

**Baseball vs. MPC**

2 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 3  
Tony Teresa Diamond

**Softball vs. Gavilan**

3 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 3  
Hartnell Softball Field

**Softball vs. MPC**

3 p.m.  
Thursday, March 5  
Hartnell Softball Field

**Music Extravaganza**

6 p.m.  
Friday, March 6  
Building K

**Planetarium Children’s Show, “Earth, Moon, and Sun”**

5:15 p.m.  
Friday, March 6  
Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

**Planetarium Evening Show, "Dynamic Earth"**

6:45 p.m.

Friday, March 6

Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

**Baseball vs. MPC**

1 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

Tony Teresa Diamond

**Educator in Residence Dr. Jean E. Fox Tree**

**"The Power of Little Words in Everyday Conversation"**

12 p.m.

Monday, March 9

Steinbeck Hall

**Hartnell Community College Board of Trustees**

5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

Steinbeck Hall

**Planetarium Children's Show, "The Little Star that Could"**

5:15 p.m.

Friday, March 13

Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

**Planetarium Evening Show, "Sunstruck"**

6:45 p.m.

Friday, March 13

Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

**Women's Empowerment Conference**

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

Building C, Steinbeck Hall

**[Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit](#)**

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, and all day Wednesday, March 18

Lewallen STEM Center (Building S) and Center for Performing Arts (Building K)

**Planetarium Children's Show, "The Little Star that Could"**

5:15 p.m.

Friday, March 20

Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

**Planetarium Evening Show, "Sunstruck"**

6:45 p.m.

Friday, March 20  
Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

**Money Monday**

3-5:45 p.m.  
Monday, March 23  
Building B, room 110

**Hartnell Community College Board of Trustees**

Board Development  
5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 24  
Steinbeck Hall

**Planetarium Children's Show, "Astronaut"**

5:15 p.m.  
Friday, March 27  
Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)

**Planetarium Evening Show, "Incoming!"**

6:45 p.m.  
Friday, March 27  
Building S, room 101 (Planetarium)