

# President's Weekly Report



**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.

## Share your news!

The President's Weekly Report is distributed every Monday and highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress and success for and within the Hartnell College Community. Please send information and photos by each Thursday to [sfaust@hartnell.edu](mailto:sfaust@hartnell.edu).

## Hartnell informs students of COVID vaccination deadline

Hartnell on Oct. 22 informed current students that they will need to show proof of full vaccination for COVID-19 by Dec. 10 in order to remain enrolled for the Spring 2022 semester. After that date, students will have to provide vaccine documentation before completing their enrollment.

The college will consider requests for medical and religious exemptions.

The Dec. 10 deadline does not affect students' ability to complete classes during the Fall 2021 semester, which ends Dec. 18. Spring semester classes will start on Jan. 24.

The all-student notification was a follow-up to a Sept. 21 decision by the Hartnell Community College District (HCCD) Governing Board to adopt policies requiring COVID-19 vaccination for all students and employees.



Details of how the employee vaccine requirement will be implemented are still being determined in consultation with bargaining units.

In addition to an email to all students in English and Spanish, the information was posted on the college website and its student academic portal and shared through social media. A letter with identical bilingual content is being mailed to students' homes.

"These policies are intended to help keep our entire community as safe as possible," said the email, signed by Dr. Raúl Rodríguez, interim superintendent/president, and Erica Padilla-Chavez, president of the HCCD Governing Board. "If you already are fully vaccinated, we sincerely thank you!"

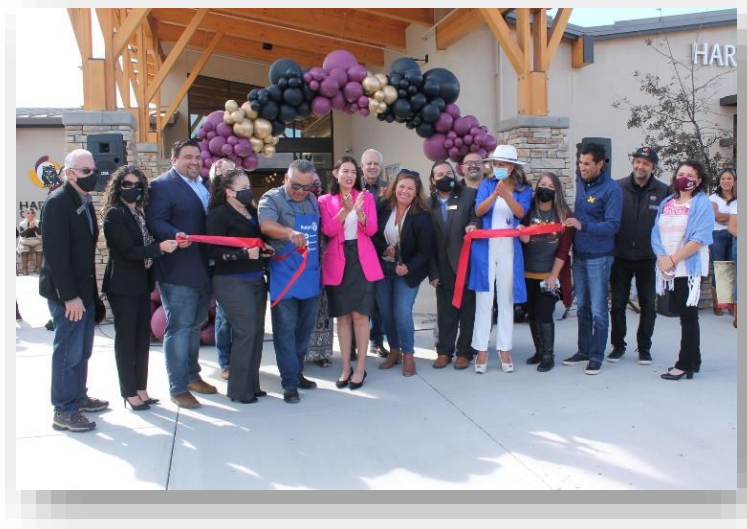
The vaccination requirement will apply to all students, regardless of whether they plan to take in-person or online classes. This is because all students are encouraged to come onto campus to use the library or other student and academic services.

(Pictured: Hartnell vocational nursing student Erika Estrada administers the COVID-19 vaccine to Hartnell softball team member Ariel Camacho-Green at Hartnell on April 28.)

## **Community proudly celebrates ribbon cutting at Soledad Center**

Nearly 300 community members of the greater Soledad area came together Oct. 23 to experience and celebrate a source of pride and a transformational new asset for the Salinas Valley – Hartnell's Soledad Education Center.

The Hartnell Community College District invited residents of all ages to watch as it formally cut the ribbon on the 16,750-square-foot center, which was completed this spring and began offering classes in August.





Participants were able to tour the building and learn about becoming a student during the upcoming Spring 2022 semester, which starts Jan. 24. The center has a tutoring and study center known as the Panther Learning Lab, wet and dry science labs and three state-of-the-art classrooms.

“This has been such a long time coming,” said Hartnell Governing Board President Erica Padilla-Chavez, who represents Soledad as the district’s Area 6 trustee. “I’ve spoken to so many folks who have lived here all their lives and who dreamed of one day having a Hartnell center right here in Soledad. Well, it’s here now, and it’s for you. Today’s celebration is about our community coming together to make this happen.”

Padilla-Chavez hailed the City of Soledad’s decision to provide 3.7 acres for the center for just one dollar, which allowed Hartnell to stretch its construction funds from the \$167 million Measure T bond.

She also gave made special mention of Hartnell’s former superintendent/president Dr. Willard Lewallen, who attended, for his embrace of building a satellite campus in Soledad, as well as other Measure T projects, as she did for former Soledad mayor Fred Ledesma, also a longtime supporter of the project.



Community involvement in the celebration

included

the Soledad High School band and the Naval Junior ROTC color guard and drill team. The local San Vicente Dance Team put on a show, the Soledad Rotary Club provided and prepared a free hot dog and hamburger lunch, and the Soledad Historical Society exhibited photos and documents.

The morning’s final speaker was Soledad center student Maria Godoy, who at age 41 has restarted her education to increase her business knowledge and strengthen her English skills. She and her husband own a sign company in Soledad.





"I would like to thank all the supporters of the Soledad center for making it possible for students like me to receive the opportunities this new center provides," Godoy said.

Prior to the community celebration, the Hartnell College Foundation hosted donors and interested supporters at a breakfast reception inside the center to highlight funders who have helped raise nearly \$3.4 million to help pay operating expenses at all three centers.

(Pictured: 1.) Board President Erica Padilla-Chavez (center) cuts the ribbon, joined by current and former elected and appointed officials from the City of Soledad, the Soledad Unified School District, Monterey County and the California Legislature, as well as fellow Hartnell trustees Candi DePauw, Irma Lopez and Alejandra González and Interim Superintendent/President Raúl Rodríguez. 2.) Trustee Irma Lopez, Padilla-Chavez, former Hartnell south county services director Paulette Bumbalough, Executive Assistant Lucy Serrano and Trustee Candi DePauw. 3.) From left, former Soledad Mayor Fred Ledesma, former superintendent/president Dr. Willard Lewallen and Monterey County Supervisor Chris Lopez. Both Dr. Lewallen and Lopez are also members of the Hartnell College Foundation Board of Directors. 4.) Soledad High School Naval Junior ROTC drill team.)

## **Governing Board hires firm to assist with superintendent/president search**

The Hartnell Governing Board voted unanimously at its Oct. 19 development meeting to hire Community College Search Services (CCSS) to facilitate its search for the next superintendent/president of the Hartnell Community College District, succeeding interim executive Dr. Raúl Rodríguez, whose term ends in June 2022.

The board acted on a recommendation from an ad hoc selection committee composed of board Vice President Candi DePauw (pictured) and trustees Ray Montemayor and Alejandra González. DePauw worked with Linda Beam, interim vice president of Human Resources and EEO, to narrow down an original nationwide pool of 78 firms to five that they interviewed via Zoom on Oct. 12.

Criteria used to make the recommendation included strong facilitation skills, intentional transparency and board responsiveness, a proven history of recruiting diverse candidates, an outstanding candidate vetting process and experience working with California higher ed institutions.

"We made it clear that we need to know as much about any of these candidates that make it to the final stage as possible," DePauw said.

The \$30,000 agreement with CCSS includes development of search process materials, facilitation and coordination of screening committee meetings and comprehensive reports for up to three finalists.

## Donors and local leaders tour Castroville center

On Oct. 22, about 30 donors, prospective donors and community leaders participated in a private luncheon and tour at Hartnell's Castroville Education Center, which is still under construction and scheduled to open in January.

During lunch in a tent on the project site, Governing Board Trustee Alejandra González welcomed the group, and Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Raúl Rodríguez shared how the Castroville, the new Soledad center and the newly expanded King City center together form a strategy of extending services beyond Salinas.

"When you build a new center like this, you build enrollment, but even more importantly you build partnerships," Dr. Rodríguez said. "That's why we welcome all of our donors and our community

members here. We've started that process, but we want to create even bigger partnerships in the future to make this center successful and to really make it an integral part of this community."

Clint Cowden, who will direct the Castroville center as an extension of his role as dean of career-technical education and workforce programs, said the center will provide a range of agricultural courses, as well as general education classes, including those in the STEM fields.

Especially important, he said, will be ensuring that the Castroville center has a welcoming atmosphere with strong community ties. "I've been given very strict orders that we need to make sure we're connected to the community," Cowden said, highlighting such student services as a Panther Learning Lab that will be center for tutoring and both group and independent study.

(Pictured: 1.) Tour participants in the building's spacious lobby. 2.) Joseph Reyes, executive director of facilities, planning and construction management, with trustees Alejandra González (center) and Margaret D'Arrigo.)



## No. 2 Men's Soccer ties No. 1 Foothill as women improve record to 12-2-2

The Hartnell Men's Soccer team (11-1-2), ranked No. 2 in the state behind cross-conference rival Foothill as of Oct. 18, broke the Owls' 12-0 streak on Oct. 22 with a 1-1 tie on the Panthers home field. Hartnell nearly won on an unassisted goal by [Luis Politron](#) in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute before Foothill evened the score in the final minute. The Panthers have three conference home games in a row: Ohlone at 1 p.m. on Oct. 26, San Francisco at 4 p.m. on Oct. 29 and Cabrillo at 1 p.m. on Nov. 2. (Pictured: Freshman Forward [Allan Bedolla Corrales](#) advances against Foothill.)



**Women's Soccer:** The Panthers (12-2-2) were ranked No. 10 in the state as they beat West Valley on the road, 2-1, on Oct. 19. They will pick up again at home against San Francisco at 4 p.m. on Oct. 26 and then be back at home at 4 p.m. on Nov. 2 against De Anza. All are conference games.

**Volleyball:** Hartnell (11-9) continues to be highly competitive, pushing conference rival MPC to four sets at home on Oct. 20 and then bouncing back with a 3-2 win at De Anza at Oct. 22. They host West Valley on Oct. 27 and San Francisco, both at 6:30 p.m. Both are conference games.

The men's and women's cross country teams and Hartnell Football had a bye the weekend of Oct. 22-23. The football team (3-3) will travel to San Jose on Oct. 30 before returning home against MPC for their final home game at 6 p.m. on Nov. 6.

## Arts Festival is first student event in redesigned plaza

Students in the visual and performing arts teamed up on Oct. 21 to present a Mini Arts Festival in the Central Plaza's mini amphitheater, the first event of its kind since the site was redesigned in 2019-20 with Measure T Bond funds.

The festival from 12-2:15 p.m. came with a free box lunch and was sponsored by the Hartnell Writers' Guild and the Theatre Arts & Cinema Team.







It included an open mic performance on guitar, spotlight performances by theatre and cinema students (pictured, with Dr. Glazier at left), an exhibition and sale of student ceramics work and a brief concert by the Hartnell Jazz Band.

“It was so great seeing happy people assembling on the plaza to appreciate all of the beautiful work,” said co-organizer Dr. Marnie Glazier, Theatre & Cinema faculty lead. “I am hoping that we can plan other events like this in the future. Again, many thanks for being there and continuing to support efforts like these!”

Jesse Torres (pictured above), a sophomore from Salinas studying communications, said his public guitar and singing performance was his first ever since he took up music with support from his late uncle, who died last year from COVID-19. “When I play music, I feel like he’s still with me,” Torres said.

The ceramics creations are still available for purchase, said Visual Arts Instructional Associate Maria Marin. Email [mmarin@hartnell.edu](mailto:mmarin@hartnell.edu) to arrange to see the items.

## **Meet an Adjunct Instructor** **Barry Sheppy teaches Spanish and ESL,** **cites key reasons for Hartnell’s success**

Barry Sheppy, who teaches Spanish and English as a second language (ESL) at the King City Education Center, has been an adjunct instructor at Hartnell since 2008. He also is an ESL adult education instructor for the North Monterey County Unified School District.

Sheppy holds a Master of Arts in Spanish Literature from Columbia University, a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Literature and Secondary Education from Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico and a law degree from the Peoples College of Law in Los Angeles. He was a doctoral candidate in Romance linguistics at Ohio State University.

He credits Hartnell’s success to four essential components: “an awesome staff, an outstanding faculty, strong student support systems and an ongoing community commitment.”

“I consider it an honor to be a part of the Hartnell community as we continue to prepare students for future endeavors, Sheppy said. His non-academic interests include camping, fishing, national parks, travel and woodworking.

# Cowden highlights mechatronics during drone automation symposium

Clint Cowden, dean of career technical education and workforce programs, was part of an "Education/Workforce" panel presentation on Oct. 21, the third day of the Drone Automation & Robotics Technology (DART) Symposium in Monterey. Also on the panel were representatives of the University of California, Santa Cruz, Cal State Monterey Bay and the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership.



Cowden spoke about Hartnell's emerging mechatronics program, including training for incumbent workers that was developed through industry tours and bolstered by \$1.7 million in new technology equipment. He also noted that Hartnell has long been a leader in high-technology workforce development, including the K-12 STEM and CoderDojo programs and CSin3 joint computer science degree with CSUMB.



## Newborn daughter for Ana Ibarro-Castro and family

Ana G. Ibarro-Castro, project manager for the Hartnell College Foundation's ERAP rental and utility assistance program, welcomed a newborn daughter, Zarah Tejeda, on Oct. 15. She was born at 9:18 a.m. and weighed 7.1 pounds at birth. Ibarro-Castro reports that her new daughter "currently enjoys eating and listening to whale sounds."

## English instructor Converse publishes novel on Amazon

Dr. Sachiko Matsunaga, dean of languages, learning support and resources, reports that adjunct English instructor Joshua Converse has published a new novel, "Mani's Daughters: A Sequel to The Diana Strain." Converse described it as a "fun Halloween read."

As described on [Amazon](#), the tale involves a dead werewolf that falls into government hands, "and the race to weaponized lycanthropy begins."





# In the News

## **Hartnell College to require student vaccinations by Dec. 10:**

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/10/22/hartnell-college-to-require-student-vaccinations-by-dec-10/>

## **Hartnell invites community to help celebrate new Soledad Education Center:**

<https://salinasvalleytribune.com/hartnell-invites-community-to-celebrate-new-soledad-education-center/>

## **Great California ShakeOut puts local participants to the test:**

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/10/21/great-california-shakeout-puts-local-participants-to-the-test/>

## **Hartnell Foundation celebrates King City Education Center with donors:**

<https://kingcityrustler.com/hartnell-foundation-celebrates-king-city-education-center-with-donors/>

# Upcoming Events

## **The Western Stage: "Native Gardens"**

Through-Nov. 7

Recital Hall, Building K

Hartnell employee discount: Cheryl Worthy at (831) 755-6816; [cworthy@hartnell.edu](mailto:cworthy@hartnell.edu)

<https://www.westernstage.com/tickets>

**Men's Soccer vs. Ohlone**

1 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 26  
Hartnell Soccer Field

**Women's Soccer vs. San Francisco**

4 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 26  
Hartnell Soccer Field

**Public Forum – Hartnell College Redistricting  
Presentation on 2020 Census data**

6 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 27  
Zoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/97827195408>

**Volleyball vs. West Valley**

6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 27  
Hartnell Gymnasium

**Men's Soccer vs. San Francisco**

4 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 29  
Hartnell Soccer Field

**Student Pride Club Poetry Reading**

1:30 p.m.  
Monday, Nov. 1  
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**Hartnell Governing Board – Regular Meeting**

5 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 2  
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**FALL 2021**

**PANTHER ATHLETICS**

Always free to students! For dates and times, visit [HARTNELLPANTHERS.com](http://HARTNELLPANTHERS.com)

All Home games are FREE to HARTNELL STUDENTS, and all sports but football and basketball are FREE to ALL.

Tickets for football and basketball: Hartnell students and employees: free with Hartnell ID. Military: free with military ID. Other students and adults: \$6. 55 and older: \$5. Children under 12: free.

**Home games through Dec. 30:**

<b>FOOTBALL</b> Through Nov. 6 Rabobank Stadium, Salinas	<b>CROSS COUNTRY (Men/Women)</b> Through Oct. 27 Toro County Park	<b>MEN'S BASKETBALL</b> Nov. 4-Dec. 18 Hartnell Gymnasium
<b>MEN'S SOCCER</b> Through Nov. 2 Hartnell Soccer Field	<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> Through Nov. 10 Hartnell Gymnasium	<b>WOMEN'S BASKETBALL</b> Nov. 9-Dec. 30 Hartnell Gymnasium
<b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b> Through Nov. 2 Hartnell Soccer Field		

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**Dia de Los Muertos observance**

6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Central Plaza and Student Center

**TPP/MAESTROs Teaching Informational Sessions**

3 p.m. (via Zoom)

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Register: <https://bit.ly/2L4rnun>

**Hartnell Choir Chamber Singers with Monterey County Pops!**

3 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11

National Steinbeck Center, Oldtown Salinas

**Hartnell Governing Board – Developmental Meeting**

5 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**TPP/MAESTROs Teaching Informational Sessions**

3 p.m. (via Zoom)

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Register: <https://bit.ly/2L4rnun>



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Nov. 3 & 17  
Dec. 1 & 15**

**Time: 3-4pm**

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