

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.

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The President's Weekly Report highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress and success for and within the Hartnell College Community. Please send information and photos by each Wednesday to sfaust@hartnell.edu.

Hartnell College Foundation thanks its donors and volunteer leaders



The Hartnell College Foundation revived its President's Circle Holiday Reception as an in-person event on Dec. 8. A traditional thank you to donors who give more than \$1,000 a year in support of students, the event also honored community partners and recognized outgoing and incoming members of its Board of Directors. The foundation was very successful in 2020-21, raising more than \$10 million to serve students and the greater community, one of its best years ever.

"I'm so grateful to all of you for what you do every day," Jackie Cruz, vice president for advancement and development, told the gathering in Steinbeck Hall. "Those of you who are present are literally our anchors and our family for the foundation."

Cruz joined outgoing foundation board President Judy Sulsona in presenting 2021 Change-Maker awards to United Way of Monterey County for its Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), through which Hartnell has provided \$2.8 million to 450 households, including students; to the Tanimura Family Foundation, whose varied support includes a \$500,000 gift this year for Hartnell's Soledad and Castroville education centers; and to Chevron, whose support for STEM and the King City center, the Ag Tech Summit and more has totaled \$1.17 million since 2007.

Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Raúl Rodríguez shared highlights from the college's past year, such as the public service of nursing and health sciences students, and first-generation students Javier Menjivar and Abraham Lopez told the stories of their journeys at Hartnell.



Lopez (at left), who interrupted his studies to join the Marines and begin working in agriculture, plans to transfer to complete a four-year degree in agricultural business and technology. "I am super blessed to be at this school," he said. "If this were a four-year university, I'd stay all four years."

Also participating were three Killian Scholar music students: Julianna Ramirez, violin; Allen Candelario, trumpet; and Tatiana Magdaleno, vocals and piano.

(Also pictured: (Top) Kelly DeWolfe (at left), impact manager/affordable housing for United Way of Monterey County; Deb Pyle, Hartnell accounting manager for the ERAP program; and Katy Castagna, CEO for United Way of Monterey County. (Middle) Jackie Cruz thanks outgoing foundation board member Al Muñoz, retired Hartnell vice president of administrative services.)

College community shares Panther Pride with state-leading soccer, XC teams

About 150 people gathered Dec. 9 on the Central Plaza on Main Campus for an outdoor rally to recognize and thank student-athletes and coaches on Hartnell's state championship-level soccer and cross country teams.



The Women's Soccer team are 2021 State Champions – a historic first for Hartnell women's sports – and the men's team came in second. The Women's Cross Country team placed second in the state, and the men placed third, boosted by a second-place finish by Panther runner Isaac Gensel.



After welcoming remarks by Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Raúl Rodríguez; Governing Board President Erica Padilla-Chavez (pictured); and Associated Students of Hartnell College President Jane Hernandez; Dean of Athletics Dan Teresa emphasized just how impressive these competitive performances are.

"Something most people don't realize is we have 7,000, 8,000 students, and we're going up against Mt. San Antonio College, the women and the men, who have 35,000 students," Teresa said, "and we showed what we were really all about at Hartnell. ... I'm so proud of the coaches and the students."

He thanked the entire athletics staff, introduced Head Women's Soccer Coach Ivan Guerrero and his players, and stood in for Head Men's Soccer Coach Daniel Ortega, who had an out-of-town commitment, before inviting Head Cross Country Coach Chris Zepeda (pictured at left, with women's team) on stage to introduce and honor his two squads.

Jada Taylor (at right, holding trophy), sophomore defender and national All-American, spoke for her teammates, recalling how they recovered from two early losses and then didn't lose again for 24 straight games. "Thank you for coming out today and supporting all these amazing teams," she said.



Center for Nursing & Health Sciences and Castroville center near completion



The final push is on to complete both the Center for Nursing & Health Sciences on Main Campus and the Castroville Education Center by the first week of January. Both were built with funds from Measure T, a \$167 million bond approved by voters in 2016.

In the nursing building, final painting and finish work is underway, furniture is being delivered, and landscaping work starts the week of Dec. 13. The Nursing & Health Sciences programs are scheduled to move out of Building B during the week of Dec. 20.

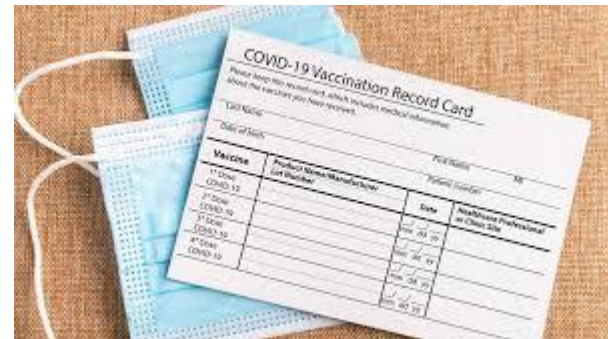
At the Castroville center (pictured: north façade along Merritt Street, looking west), contractor Dilbeck & Sons Construction is focused on parking and driveway paving, and furniture delivery has started.

Designs for modernization of buildings J (visual art) and K (Center for Performing Arts) on the Main Campus await approval by the Department of State Architect.

COVID-19 proof-of-vaccination website began accepting documents on Dec. 2

Hartnell began accepting digital vaccination documents on Dec. 2 in advance of mid-December deadlines for employees and students to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination or submit electronic requests for a medical or religious waiver. Details about the online interface, managed by a vendor called Med+Proctor, and proof-of-vaccination requirements are available at [Hartnell.edu/vax](https://hartnell.edu/vax).

The new system handles the verification of uploaded vaccination documents through integration with databases in 49 states and all of the major pharmacy chains. This removes the verification burden from Hartnell staff. Med+Proctor uses a team of nurses for verification of documents and review of any medical exemption requests.



New MST express bus line offers faster travel from South County



Express round-trip bus service from south Monterey County to Salinas is among several Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) route changes scheduled to take effect on Dec. 11. Hartnell students can ride free on any MST bus 24/7 with a current student ID.

The new Line 23X includes one northbound morning express trip with fewer stops between King City and Hartnell's Main Campus and two express southbound trips from the campus to South County in late afternoon. The route will leave from San Lucas, south of King City, at 6:15 a.m. weekdays and depart Hartnell at 4:05 and 5:05 p.m.

MST's new South Monterey County operations facility in King City is enabling several service changes. The King City location, opened Oct. 11, will support existing and future transit needs in the surrounding communities, with a focus on serving South County residents.

For more information, visit www.mst.org or call Monterey-Salinas Transit toll-free at 1-888-MST-BUS1 (1-888-678-2871). For real-time bus arrival information, text "Next" and your four-digit bus stop ID to 25370. Follow MST on Twitter at www.twitter.com/mst_bus for the latest service alerts.

Teacher Pathways Program/MAESTROs highlights students in fall newsletter

The most recent edition of the Teacher Pathway Program/MAESTROs e-newsletter noted that the MAESTROs program graduated 18 participants in the spring and summer 2021 semesters, and the TPP program graduated 32.



always supportive and always pushed me to do the best of my ability."

The report also features of two current students, both in TPP Cohort 5. Student Mariana Aceves from Gonzales (left) said she hopes to teach kindergarten or first grade. "I want to teach this particular grade level because children at a young age carry what they are taught throughout the rest of their lives," Aceves said. She credits a migrant education resource teacher with inspiring her to become an educator, saying, "She was



Fellow student Raquel Arredondo, from Greenfield (right), said she also would like to teach first-graders “because that’s when a lot of growth is happening!” She also wants to teach in south Monterey County. Arredondo said her own third-grade teacher was her inspiration to pursue a teaching career. “She was my friend, teacher and supporter,” Arredondo said. “I believe that a teacher should be your biggest motivator/friend, and that’s what I want to be for my future students.”

Out-of-state freshmen make mark for women’s and men’s basketball

A pair of freshmen from outside California are leading the women’s and men’s basketball teams in scoring as their teams prepare for the start of conference play. Both will open on Jan. 5 at home against San Jose (women at 5 p.m., men at 7 p.m. in the Hartnell Gymnasium).

For the women’s team, whose record stands at 1-11, forward/center Tori Gillette (pictured against Ohlone on Nov. 23) has 58 field-goal points, with a 38.7% shooting average. Gillette, 6 feet tall, is from Rexburg, Ore. Right behind her in scoring is fellow freshman forward and North Salinas High grad Leslie Jauregui, who is 5 feet, 10 inches and has scored 55 points from the field, for 32.9%.

Atop the men’s scoring list is forward/center Tyler Biddison of Springville, Utah, who is 6 feet, 3 inches and has scored 65 field-goal points, with a 48.1% scoring percentage. Behind him is 2021 Palma High School grad Aaron Garibay, who has scored 57 points from the field, for 37.3%.

The Panther women play Siskiyou at home on Dec. 16, starting at noon. The men are on the road until they face San Jose. Their record is 4-8.



Dr. Yahdi shares Hartnell lessons in fostering STEM diversity, success

Dr. Mohammed Yahdi, interim dean of academic affairs for STEM, presented twice during the Oct. 25-29 National Diversity in STEM Conference, a virtual event hosted by the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science.

Dr. Yahdi was a panelist for a session titled "The HSI STEM Resource Hub," held in collaboration with The National Science Foundation-funded National Resource Hub for STEM Education at Hispanic Serving Institutions. The session focused on providing resources to help faculty and institutions further student success in STEM. He shared his activities and initiatives at Hartnell, including the STEM micro-internship and internship programs, ways to access Hub resources and strategies to increase STEM funding at Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) to improve student retention and success.

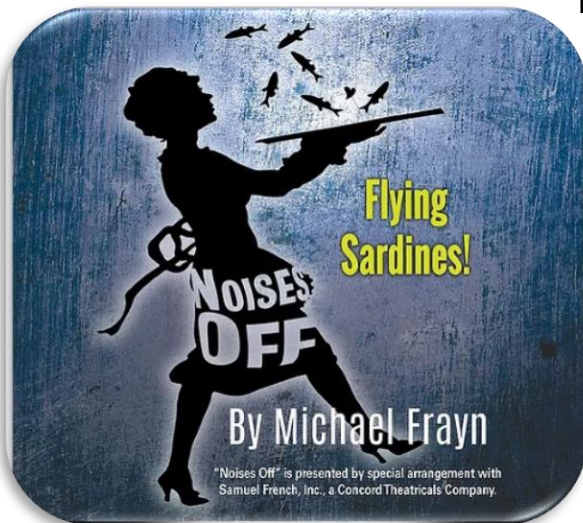
In a separate presentation, Dr. Yahdi presented on "Micro-Internships for Building Capacity and Pathways to STEM Workforce" as a successful implementation of Hartnell's NSF-funded ESTEEM project (Award #1832446) for STEM Building Capacity and Improving Undergraduate STEM Education.

The Western Stage offers half-price deal to new and returning season subscribers

Through Dec. 31, Hartnell's Western Stage theatre company is extending a [47% discount](#) for new subscribers to its 2022 season and 50% off for renewing subscribers. That means a cost of \$100 per ticket for six shows for new subscribers and \$90 per ticket for renewals.

The company's house manager, Heather Osteraa, notes that subscribers also have first pick of available seats. She encourages current subscribers to consider a "gift of theatre" to friends and family at these discounted prices.

The 2022 season will open July 16 with the musical "Floyd Collins." Other shows are "Head Over Heels," "Tuck Everlasting," "Ken Ludwig's A Comedy of Tenors," "How Black Mothers Say I Love You" and a title to be announced for the Studio Theater.



One more show, the British farce "Noises Off," remains in this year's season, which was continued from 2020. It will be presented March 11-27. Ticket information is available [here](#).

In the News

Hartnell College Rallies after Men's, Women's Soccer, Cross Country Wins:

<https://kion546.com/news/2021/12/09/hartnell-college-rallies-after-mens-womens-soccer-cross-country-wins/>

SBCC Battles Back Against Hartnell, Loses in Overtime:

<https://sbcc.prestosports.com/sports/mbkb/2021-22/releases/20211208qehrx0>

Upcoming Events

Hartnell Governing Board – Annual Organizational Meeting

5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Jazz and Concert Band Winter Concert

7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Winter Instrumental Recital

3 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Room 125, Building K

Winter Choral Concert

10:15 and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Hawaiian Music Concert

7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 15
Room 125, Building K

TPP/MAESTROs Teaching Informational Sessions

3 p.m. (via Zoom)
Wednesday, Dec. 15
Register: <https://bit.ly/2L4rnun>

From Russia with Love

7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 16
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Women's Basketball vs. Siskiyous

6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 16
Hartnell Gym

Pop-Up Pantry

12 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 17
Hartnell Parking Structure

Final Day of Fall Semester

Dec. 18

Winter Break -- Campus locations closed

Dec. 20-Jan. 2

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Nov. 3 & 17
Dec. 1 & 15

Time: 3-4pm

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