



HARTNELL COLLEGE

President's Weekly Report

July 10, 2020

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.

Note to readers:

The President's Weekly Report to the Community has temporarily moved to twice-monthly publication while the volume of news is slower due to COVID-19 restrictions. Thanks for reading!

Board welcomes Dr. Raul Rodriguez as interim superintendent/president

Longtime California Community College senior executive Dr. Raul Rodriguez will lead Hartnell College as interim superintendent/president starting July 13, following his selection by the Hartnell Community College District Governing Board on July 7.



Dr. Rodriguez served as interim president at East Los Angeles College this past year, and for nine years before that, he was chancellor of the Rancho Santiago Community College District in Orange County, one of the largest in California, with annual enrollment of 80,000 students. Previously, he was superintendent/president of San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton for eight years.

Board President Aurelio Salazar Jr. said the board's priority is to support the Office of the Superintendent/President and sound management of the college.

"We want to make sure that our students, faculty, staff and administrators have a superintendent/president with the leadership skills and vision to keep our institution moving forward," Salazar said.

Trustee Candi DePauw, who served with fellow trustees Erica Padilla-Chavez and Manuel Osorio on an Ad Hoc Committee to review applications, said she looked forward to welcoming Dr. Rodriguez to campus.

"His leadership skills will be a great asset as the fall semester approaches with its wide variety of challenges," DePauw said.

Dr. Rodriguez takes over for Dr. Romero Jalomo, acting superintendent/president since June 16, when the board accepted the resignation of Dr. Patricia Hsieh, who held the position since September. Dr. Jalomo will continue his duties as vice president of student affairs.

Dr. Rodriguez thanked the board for its trust in him, adding, "I look forward to working closely with the faculty, students, staff, and administration and being of service."

He further said he is "delighted to join Hartnell," where his two sons both attended. One of them recently transferred to the University of California, Santa Cruz.

His previous administrative experience includes: president of Los Medanos College in the Contra Costa Community College District (six years), interim president of San Jose City College; vice president of instruction at San Jose City College and dean of Instruction at Cabrillo College, among others.

Dr. Rodriguez earned a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He also holds a Master of Arts degree in School and Applied Psychology from Fairfield University and a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from Bowling Green State University. He taught psychology at Cabrillo and UC-Santa Cruz and is a graduate of the Harvard Institute for Educational Management.

As sports move to spring, videos give voice to coaches and athletes



The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) announced July 9 that it will implement a COVID-19 contingency plan to move Fall 2020 intercollegiate sports to spring, with compressed schedules for spring and fall programs.

The decision does not come as a surprise, and Panther coaches and student-athletes are prepared to make the best of it, said Dan Teresa, dean of academic affairs, athletics, physical education & health.

Plans call for schedules to be reduced to 70 percent of normal, with limited post-season play, as well. The tradition fall sports will compete from January to early March, and the spring sports will go from late March to early June.

"We've got a really great coaching staff, so we'll make it work," Teresa said. "It comes down to one thing: whatever's best for the students."

Given the restrictions on team practices so far, Panther coaches and student-athletes have begun recording and sharing videos on Facebook and Instagram to provide updates and tips for how to stay in shape amid the pandemic.

Since June 24, Baseball Head Coach [Travis Babin](#), Volleyball Head Coach [Jamie Pedroza](#) and Cross Country/Track & Field Head Coach [Chris Zepeda](#) have all recorded and shared short videos, along with Men's Cross Country Team Captain [Isaac Gensel](#) (pictured) and Women's Cross Country Team Captain [Faith Mora](#).

Former student chose Hartnell over Marines – and earns national chem honor

If not for a hiccup during his enlistment six years ago, Jose Ramirez would just now be concluding an infantry hitch with the U.S. Marines. Instead, the former Hartnell student will soon receive national recognition for outstanding undergraduate achievement in chemistry and begin working toward his doctorate at the University of Illinois.

For the recognition, Ramirez can thank a retired IBM chemist, Dr. Jane Frommer, who spent years engaging aspiring students much like him from Hartnell and colleges in the Bay Area. She continues to work as a science advisor for the San Jose-based consulting firm Collabra Inc., specializing in nanotechnology and working with Google in particular.

Ramirez and Dr. Frommer will come together in celebration when she accepts the highly respected Perkin Medal for innovation in applied chemistry. The medal is awarded by the Society of Chemical Industry to a scientist residing in the United States for "innovation in applied chemistry resulting in outstanding commercial development."

As part of the medal honor, she will present him with the 2020 Perkin Chemistry Scholar award. The scheduling of this year's Perkin Medal banquet is pending due to COVID-19.

Although Dr. Frommer hadn't known Ramirez before, she said she chose him for his promise as an aspiring chemist from Hartnell and his interest in eventually teaching first-generation students like himself, at Hartnell or elsewhere.

The son of Jose and Elisa Ramirez, Ramirez came very close to joining the Marines in the summer of 2014. But his "ship date" for basic training was pushed back to October because of an error in his medical paperwork followed by the sudden death of his examining physician.

During that delay, he decided to enroll at Hartnell instead, starting a journey that led him to a bachelor's degree in chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley, and now onto a tuition-paid doctoral program and research in chemistry at the University of Illinois. He also will benefit from a \$5,000 scholarship that comes with the Perkin award from Dr. Frommer.

Read the full story [here](#).

Graduates Villicana and Garza receive CA Latino Legislative Caucus scholarships

Hartnell staff for the Teacher Pathway and MAESTROs programs were excited to learn that two MAESTROs education graduates are among 52 students to receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the CA Latino Legislative Caucus Foundation – out of 1,266 applicants.





30th District Assemblymember Robert Rivas announced June 30 that he had called 2020 Hartnell graduates Estefania Villicana Albanil (pictured, upper right) and Sofia Garza-Guzman (pictured, lower right) with news of their scholarships.

Villicana will attend the University of California, Los Angeles, with plans to teach high school social studies in Salinas, and Garza will attend Cal State Monterey Bay with plans to teach Spanish.

"Congratulations, Estefania and Sofia!" Rivas wrote on his Facebook page. "You are our community's pride!"

37-year Hartnell coach Gary Shaw 'helped mold champions in life'

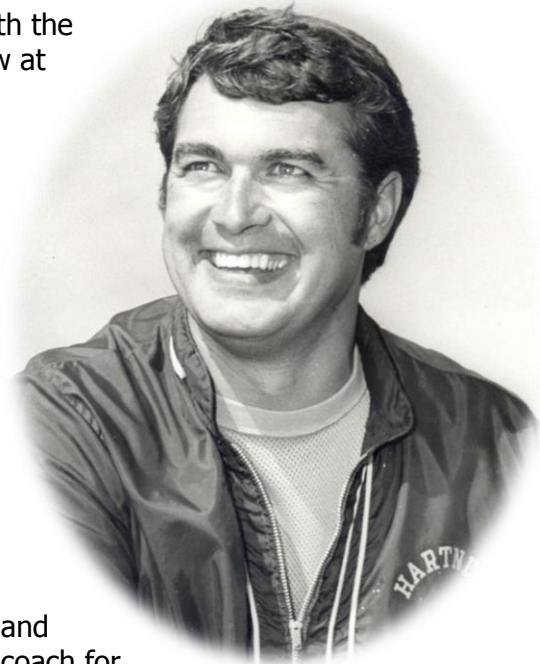
Hartnell lost one of its most legendary athletics figures on July 1 with the passing of former track, cross country and football coach Gary Shaw at age 75.

In a message to the college and greater community, Hartnell Community College District Governing Board President Aurelio Salazar Jr. extended deepest sympathies to Shaw's wife, Susie, and their entire family.

"We will forever cherish the memory of Gary Shaw and his outstanding service to Hartnell and its students," Salazar said.

Shaw's 37-year Hartnell career, from 1969 to 2006, was a crucial building block in the proud tradition of Panther Athletics, as recognized in 2015 with his induction into the Hartnell Athletics Hall of Fame.

Starting in 1970, Shaw produced scores of championships in men's and women's track and cross country. He also was an assistant football coach for Hartnell for 19 years, including much of the '80s – a golden age for the maroon and gold. His football record was recognized on March 14 when he was inducted into the California



Community Colleges Football Coaches Hall of Fame. With characteristic humility, he used the moment to credit Hartnell's student-athletes and his fellow Panther coaches.

Dan Teresa, dean of academic affairs, athletics, physical education and health, said Shaw created a "championship environment for all of his teams and student-athletes."

"But most importantly, he helped mold young men and women to be champions in life," Teresa said. "He will sorely be missed by the Hartnell family."

The Shaw family has established the Gary Shaw Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Hartnell College Foundation. Here is the full [obituary](#).

DSPS reaches out to help students succeed with online instruction

Hartnell's Department of Supportive Programs & Services (DSPS) is finding its services for students with physical disabilities and learning challenges are more crucial than ever, said Michelle Peters, director of student affairs and supportive programs and services.

"DSPS continues to be here to support our students as they navigate classes and programs," said Peters (pictured). "Whether via website, email or phone, we are happy to connect with them."

The sudden move to all-online learning in late March gave DSPS staff an opportunity to rethink how and why they provide services to students, while at the same time maximizing access and success, she said. Providing seamless services under dramatically different circumstances required creativity, flexibility and a commitment.

"I am proud and appreciate my staff and counselors who collaborate and put extra effort to work together to provide seamless services for and about students with disabilities," Peters said. "Weekly meetings allow us to be prepared to provide the best service possible."

Through it all, the DSPS office is keeping students involved and engaged by sending positive messages to inspire them to stay on course, she said, as well as through coaching and leading by example.



Like departments and offices throughout the college, the DSPS team has been working remotely to support students with additional resources and tools, such as laptops, iPads and other electronic devices available on loan for the students, to support them in fully participating in online classes and student services.

"We message DSPS students who are active and inactive with DSPS, to ensure they have information on how DSPS is available to support them," Peters said. "We have shared that DSPS team members are continuing to work remotely, to provide accommodation eligibility and counseling services, as well as note-taking, and alternative media for their books."

To reach DSPS counselors, visit hartnell.edu and click on Support Services. Students may also call (831) 755-6760 for an appointment or for inquiries.

Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter remembered for public service and support of Hartnell

Dr. Romero Jalomo, in his role as acting superintendent/president, shared a tribute to Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter following news of Gunter's death on June 29 at age 73.

"We share in the loss felt by the entire city of Salinas, the communities of the Salinas Valley and beyond," Dr. Jalomo said in an email to the college and greater Hartnell community.



"Our hearts go out to Joe's wife, Lisa, and their entire family, as well as his colleagues in City Hall and the Salinas Police Department."

Gunter's legacy as a public servant and city leader includes his many contributions to Hartnell and its students. A key advocate of Measure T bonds for new construction, he joined the college in February for a public forum to help envision the community dividends of expanded offerings.

Likewise, in December, Gunter was among speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony (pictured) for the new Center for Nursing and Health Sciences on Main Campus. He described the building as a "job center" that would benefit not only our graduates but the entire community, and he spoke with pride of how Hartnell's "fingers reach up and down the valley." As a Marine Corps veteran, he took a special interest in veteran students. He also was an active participant in the Salinas Valley Five Cities network and a regular speaker at the Hartnell Athletics Hall of Fame.

"We are deeply and forever grateful for Mayor Gunter's support of Hartnell College and its students," Dr. Jalomo said. "His contributions will be felt here and throughout our city for many years to come."

Western Stage launches 'Welcome Home' presentations by theater company alums

From July 29 through Aug. 19, The Western Stage at Hartnell will present four interactive online forums featuring expert guidance and inside information from alumni of the theater company now working throughout the entertainment industry.

These initial presentations in the "Welcome Home Series," part of the company's 2020-21 theme of "Home," will be presented through Zoom. They are especially designed for high school and college students, as well as others interested in learning about stage and screen careers.

The first presentation is "A Day in the Life of a Voice Actor" with Colin Jennings and Kristen Egermeier at 6 p.m. on July 29. This session will cover what it takes to pursue a career in acting with a focus on voiceover. Jennings and Egermeier are SAG/AFTRA and Actor's Equity Association members, working in Los Angeles in theatre, film, television and voiceover.



The fee is \$15 per individual forum or \$45 for a pass to attend the entire series. The cost for Hartnell students is just \$5 per session. To learn more, visit www.westernstage.com.

In the News

Hartnell Board of Trustees selects Raul Rodriguez as interim superintendent and president:

http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/news_blog/hartnell-board-of-trustees-selects-raul-rodriguez-as-interim-superintendent-and-president/article_4c6ed0d4-c16a-11ea-b77c-7b6d82c977ba.html

Hartnell College picks Raul Rodriguez as interim president/superintendent:

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2020/07/08/hartnell-college-picks-raul-rodriguez-as-interim-president-superintendent/>

Legendary coach Gary Shaw, 75, leaves unparalleled legacy on Hartnell athletics:

<https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2020/07/02/hartnell-coach-shaw-75-left-unparalleled-legacy-panther-athletics/5367089002/>

Upcoming Events

Note: All in-person campus events are cancelled until further notice in compliance with a statewide shelter-in-place order.

“Let’s Talk” Live Chat: Teacher Pathway Program

3 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15

Zoom meeting ID: 98583873386 or Hartnell College Facebook Live

Hartnell Governing Board – Regular Meeting

5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Summer 2020 Classes End

Saturday, July 25

CBEST Prep Workshop – Reading/Writing

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thursday, July 31

Register: tinyurl.com/y87bunhw

CBEST Prep Workshop – Math

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 7

Register: tinyurl.com/y87bunhw

Hartnell Governing Board – Regular Meeting

5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Hartnell Governing Board – Regular Meeting

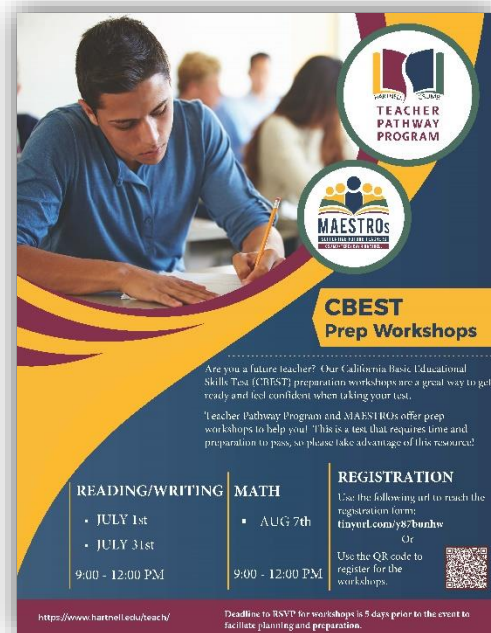
5 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 11

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Fall 2020 Convocation

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



The graphic is a promotional poster for CBEST Prep Workshops. It features a background image of a student writing in a notebook. The top right corner has two circular logos: one for the 'TEACHER PATHWAY PROGRAM' and another for 'MAESTROS'. The main title 'CBEST Prep Workshops' is in a yellow box. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: 'Are you a future teacher? Our California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) preparation workshops are a great way to get ready and feel confident when taking your test. Teacher Pathway Program and MAESTROS offer prep workshops to help you! This is a test that requires time and preparation to pass, so please take advantage of this resource!' At the bottom, there is a table with registration details for Reading/Writing and Math workshops, including dates, times, and registration links. A QR code is also present for registration.

READING/WRITING	MATH	REGISTRATION
• JULY 1st • JULY 31st	▪ AUG 7th	Use the following url to reach the registration form: tinyurl.com/y87bunhw Or
9:00 - 12:00 PM	9:00 - 12:00 PM	Use the QR code to register for the workshops.

<https://www.hartnell.edu/beach/> Deadline to RSVP for workshops is 5 days prior to the event to facilitate planning and preparation.

Friday, Aug. 21
Employee email Zoom invitation after Aug. 17