



**HARTNELL COLLEGE**

Monthly Report to the Governing Board  
Dr. Romero Jalomo, Vice President  
Division of Student Affairs  
Month of August

Vice President of Student Affairs

Romero Jalomo, Ph.D.

- Attended the Community Foundation of Monterey County's Community Impact meeting on August 4, 2021 and CFMC Board meeting on August 24, 2021.
- Along with Dr. Rodriguez and VP Cruz, met with a representative from Congressman Jimmy Panetta's office to discuss federal education priorities and local concerns requiring federal support on August 5, 2021.
- Participated in the Bright Futures Steering Partners meeting on August 13, 2021 to discuss the status of the partnership and to identify existing and new areas to address for the next five years.
- Joined Hartnell Executive Team members in a roundtable discussion with UCSC Chancellor Cynthia Larive and her colleagues to discuss student transfer from Hartnell to UCSC on August 17, 2021.
- The Vice President of Student Affairs was the featured guest on a CSUMB Podcast to discuss community college relations and partnerships with CSUMB on August 20, 2021 and attended the new Student Union Ribbon Cutting on August 24, 2021.

Enrollment Services

Maria Ceja, Dean

- The Enrollment Services team assisted students with application processing and registration for Fall 2021.

**COVID-19**

- Enrollment Services and the Veteran Services Center expanded in person services to students while continuing to provide online remote services.

Student Success

Carla Johnson, Dean

- Build Schedule for Spring 2022 Counseling courses.
- Finalize Fall 2021 semester counseling faculty and courses (including arranging for substitutes for absent faculty).
- Onboard and participate in New Counseling Faculty Training August 18-19, 2021; 6 hours total.
- Mr. Jimenez, ESP Specialist, and Dr. Singh, Student Academic Support

Director, worked with IT to set up the Early Alert SARS platform to pilot this FA2021 semester.

- Oversee production of Meta Major introductory video.
- Provide support for Guided Pathways work in areas of Welcome Center, Meta major and Program Mapper, website redesign, and student success teams.

### **COVID-19**

- Set up signage, PPE and arrange offices for in-person staff return.
- Finalize In-Person Counseling faculty rotations at each Campus site.
- Work with IT to set up both the in-person and online counseling appointment scheduling system, SARS.
- Redesign the Counseling web pages to reflect access and information on both in-person and online services.

### Categorical Programs

Paul Casey, Director

- Enrolled new CARE and CalWORKs students. Followed up with Summer eligibility docs, closed out summer 2021 budget. Processed CARE passports for Fall 2021. Sent CalWORKs Employment Services updated student schedules to follow new book voucher protocols.
- On August 8, 2021 CARE and CalWORKs staff provided a presentation to Guardian Scholars staff and students.

### College Readiness

Laurencia Walker, Director

- Throughout the month of August, College Readiness facilitated several enrollment workshops with partner high school schools to support College and Career Access Pathway (CCAP) dual enrollment. Workshops were both scheduled in-person and online formats for each course in addition to standing virtual office hours twice a week. Students were also able to schedule appointments as needed for individualized support.
- College Readiness Director co-presented on equity with the Director of Equity Programs and the Director of Academic Support at the new Faculty Orientation.
- College Readiness presented during Hartnell's Fall 2021 Convocation. The session provided an overview of the various types of early college credit options available to students, the ways in which we integrate with other campus services and initiatives, and our equity-focused/data-informed practices when working with students and strengthening partnerships with our school partners.

## Equity Programs

Bronwyn Moreno, Director

- On Wednesday, August 11, 2021 Miriam Vazquez (Hartnell College), accompanied by DOJ accredited representative Ricardo Nunez, presented a live community forum to discuss the impact of the recent federal ruling barring new Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applications.
- In collaboration with local legal services providers, Mi CASA's Undocu-Liaison Miriam Vazquez has launched "Immigration Thursdays/Jueves de Inmigracion". "Immigration Thursdays", consists of short informative videos addressing different topics of immigration which impact our students, taking place on Facebook live on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Each week a Spanish language video is developed and shared with students and allies to provide the most current information on immigration issues.
- 860 first time, full time entering students have been formally admitted to the Salinas Valley Promise program (SVP) for fall 2021 including awarding of appropriate fee waiver or tuition grant. Each SVP participant is required to participate in a cohort based onboarding experience or enroll in a SVP section of a counseling course taught by specially trained counselors who are participating in an equity focused community of practice.
- On August 23 – 24, 2021, a Peer Mentor Training was held for 20 second year Salinas Valley Promise Program participants who will be serving as mentors to first year students in fall 2021.
- Director Bronwyn Moreno collaborated with Directors Laurencia Walker and Dr. Jainesh Singh to present a workshop on equity focused teaching and learning to faculty attending the new faculty orientation on August 24, 2021.
- OEP staff collaborated to conduct intensive outreach and case management of 100 undocumented students with incorrect residency codes to ensure that they completed the appropriate forms to be eligible for in-state tuition (Non-resident tuition exemption) in preparation for fall 2021.

## Financial Aid

Jessica Tovar, Director

- The Financial Aid Department continues to support students in applying for both Federal and State financial aid.
- The Financial Aid Department is gearing up for the close of the 2020-2021 academic year and is awarding all remaining students for the academic year.
- The Financial Aid Department is getting ready to begin processing

financial aid payments for the upcoming Fall 2021 term.

#### **COVID-19**

- The Financial Aid Department is getting ready to auto award CARES act funding III to students with the most need.

#### High School Equivalency Program

Laura Zavala, Director

- HEP staff participated in a 2021 Fall retreat. This retreat was focused on reviewing the new 2021-2026 HEP grant guidelines.
- HEP Director in collaboration with the Mexican General Consulate (San Jose) provided a virtual presentation on High School Equivalency.
- HEP Conducted a kick-off event for all new HSE students.

#### Office of Student Life

Augustine Nevarez, Director

- Hartnell College was chosen by the Foundation for CCC as a CalFresh Student Ambassador implementation site to increase CalFresh and basic needs programming. We were one of 15 colleges chosen to implement this Student Ambassador program and we can submit applications for up to 10 of our students. Chosen Student Ambassadors will receive extensive training and a \$1,500 stipend.

#### **COVID-19**

- Two Pop-Up Pantry food distributions took place during the month of August. This valuable service will continue twice a month during the Fall 2021 semester.

#### SSS/TRiO Program

Manuel Bersamin, Director

- 120 new SSS cohort students were taught in 4 Counseling 1 Classes during the summer session.
- All 120 students are fulltime and are included in the Salinas Valley Promise Program.
- There are now six SSS/TRIO students serving as ASHC senators for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- The SSS Program is working with Catholic Charities to implement CALFRESH amongst our eligible students within our 300 student caseload.
- Two of our students, Daisy Matias Ortiz and Ilyne Castallenos were selected as Chicana Latina Foundation Scholarship recipients.