



HARTNELL COLLEGE

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

Vice President of Student Affairs

Romero Jalomo, Ph.D.

- Met with Dan Baldwin from the Community Foundation for Monterey County to discuss a nomination to the Board of Directors.
- Attended the Bright Futures Goal 6 (College & Career Readiness) planning meeting on December 4, 2020 to identify 2021 sponsored projects and to create the agenda for a January 2021 advisory group meeting.
- Participated in the Community of Practice: High Quality Dual Enrollment for Equity Workshop sponsored by the Career Ladders Project on December 4, 2020.
- Participated in a Bright Futures Steering Partner meeting to seek Sponsor Foundation funding for reducing systemic racism locally.

Enrollment Services

Maria Ceja, Dean

- During this holiday season, the Veterans Services Center collaborated with Campus Life to offer veteran students 60 \$80 grocery store gift cards.
- The Admissions & Records and Financial Aid teams participated in the Hartnell College Dreamer Ally Training on December 4, 2020.

Student Success

Carla Johnson, Dean

- Successfully launched the counseling schedule upgrade: SARS Anywhere (this was a sizable endeavor that included several individuals with IT's help), including eSARS (the online scheduling system).
- Successfully launched two new Online Probation Workshops (also a large endeavor that Early Support Program team and IT took on).
- The Early Support Program team set up a Canvas Shell in which to provide early support resources to students.
- Hosted the College Transitions & Curriculum Institute on Friday, November 20, 2020, which had 84 educators/administrators in attendance and featured keynote speaker Senator Anna Caballero.

**COVID-19**

- The College Pathways Team conducted various live parent workshops on Hartnell's Facebook (including financial aid).

### Categorical Programs

Paul Casey, Director

- Program staff are happy to announce CalWORKS student Shanice Virrueta was accepted into the LVN Program beginning Spring 2021.

### College Readiness

Laurencia Walker, Director

- College Readiness met with the HSI External Evaluators on December 2, 2020 to provide updates and field questions on HSI-Cultivamos grant progress, objectives, and experiences from the field.
- College Readiness along with Hartnell Administration and High School Partner Administrators/practitioners participated in a Community of Practice hosted by the College Futures Foundation, Gates Foundation, and the Career Ladders Project on December 4, 2020, to discuss equitable outcomes for dual enrollment by integrating with the guided pathways framework. This Community of Practice includes three other California community colleges and creates a space to discuss what is working and lessons learned in our specific contexts as well as system wide.

### Department of Supportive Programs & Services (DSP&S)

Michelle Peters, Director

- DSPS Director participated in the Secondary Transition meeting, hosted by MCOE SELPA, to promote a smooth transition of incoming DSPS students from high school.

### **COVID-19**

- DSPS Director provided coverage at the District Study Hall/Area.

### Equity Programs

Bronwyn Moreno, Director

- Mi CASA hosted a Dreamer Ally Training on Friday December 4, 2020 from 9 AM to 12 PM. 75 Faculty, staff, and community members participated in the training to develop awareness of the policies and practices that impact undocumented students, and gain knowledge of the challenges, strength and resilience of our students. Participants received presentations about financial, legal, and social emotional factors in the undocumented student experience and began to explore how they will apply the knowledge in becoming a more effective ally. 95% of participants who completed the evaluation indicated that the training increased their ability to effectively support undocumented students.
- In collaboration with Financial Aid, Mi CASA hosted Dreamer Money Monday on December 7, 2020 to support undocumented students in applying and receiving financial aid.

- In collaboration with immigration attorneys from the UFW Foundation, hosted a DACA legal update for students and the community on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 to explain recent developments in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) and Advanced Parole.
- Conducted holiday appreciation meetings for Student Ambassadors and Equity fellows.

#### Financial Aid

Marina Reyes, Interim Director

- PELL Grant year to date disbursed to students: \$4,183,315
- FSEOG year to date disbursed to students: \$76,100
- Financial aid staff continues to provide virtual presentations for the upcoming 2021-22 FAFSA and Dream Act Applications.

#### **COVID-19**

- \$1,386,500 CARES Act funds disbursed to date.

#### High School Equivalency Program

Laura Zavala, Director

- HEP Director presented on High School Equivalency options in a collaboration with the General Mexican Council of San Jose's Ventanilla Educativa (Education Window). The Spanish workshop aired live on social media, and was well attended (or viewed). HEP and the General Council will continue to collaborate on future collaborations.
- HEP Director co-chaired the Outreach and Onboarding Committee. For its December 7th meeting, the committee received a presentation by VP. Jackie Cruz who spoke about promoting Hartnell College among high school educators. The Outreach Committee agreed to provide input for the design of a college viewbook and also to integrate the engaging educators plan into the team's work. Jay Singh, Director of Academic Support, presented on the Calling Campaign initiative which received support front members of the committee.

#### **COVID-19**

- HEP held in-person High School Equivalency testing for the first week of the month. Future HSE testing will be conducted based on proctoring availability. HEP was able to graduate 14 HSE students due to this effort; however, shelter in place restrictions prevented the continuation of these testing dates.

Office of Student Life  
Augustine Nevarez, Director

### **COVID-19**

- Lights of Love was hosted by ASHC for Hartnell students with children.
- Pop-Up Pantry food distribution continues to be provided to students twice a month.
- Worked with a group of Student Affairs Directors to design a plan to open in-person Study areas. The plan will begin with opening the Main Gym and will provide space for 50 students and host a morning and afternoon 3-hour sessions.

### SSS/TRiO Program

Manuel Bersamin, Director

- The SSS/TRiO Program staff implemented the NEXT STEPS (Graduation/Transfer) Meeting for the SSS/TRiO parents and students on December 2, 2020. The virtual meeting had the goal of preparing the SSS/TRiO parents and students for the final steps of the transfer process.
- The Hartnell College SSS/TRiO program staff, counselors, Norma Nichols, Jazmin Rios and director Manuel Bersamin have implemented the NEXT STEPS meeting curriculum to educate both the students and simultaneously, their parents on how to handle the different issues and situations listed above. As a result, of the SSS/TRiO students and parents left the Virtual meeting with the goal of opening a dialogue between parents and child about the transfer decision to ensure that the students make the most OPTIMAL DECISION about their transfer options.

### Upward Bound

Cesar Velazquez, Director

- Upward Bound/TRiO is offering our Pebble Beach Foundation scholarship to our seniors. Participants will have the opportunity to apply for one of ten \$1000 scholarships.