



HARTNELL COLLEGE

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

Vice President of Student Affairs

Romero Jalomo, Ph.D.

- Participated in a Bright Futures meeting with Hartnell representatives to discuss pursuing a Spencer Foundation grant to support the Teacher Pathway Program on November 9.
- Participated in the Bright Futures Steering Partners meeting on November 12, 2021 to discuss steering partner roles and engagement.
- Presented information on student services redesign during the College Redesign Virtual Town Hall meeting on November 15.
- Participated in the Employer-Employee Relations Committee meeting on November 18 with District and CSEA representatives to discuss CSEA compliance with the district's revised employee vaccination policy.

Enrollment Services

Maria Ceja, Dean

- The Veteran Services Center celebrated our veteran students via a week of events from November 8-12, 2021. Some of the events included pan dulce and coffee, lunch with veterans, the Salinas Valley Parade, and the Warriors Hoops for Troops basketball game at the Chase Center in San Francisco.
- Spring 2022 registration began November 1, 2021. As of November 29, 2021, FTES were 1,631 and 3,934 students were enrolled.

Student Success

Carla Johnson, Dean

- Set SP22 COU course offerings and counseling services, by location and modality.
- Visited the high school counseling departments in our local service area.
- College Pathways Team has facilitated 22/23 applications workshops at local high schools.
- Early Support Program currently piloting the Early Alert System to have faculty set up follow-up indicators for students needing support.

COVID-19

- Hosting online counseling presence over Drop-In Zoom/Express Counseling as well as Online Counseling appointments and online meetings.

Categorical Programs

Paul Casey, Director

- On Friday, November 19, 2021, CARE and CalWORKs hosted a Thanksgiving event for students. Turkey with all the fixings was donated by the Monterey County Food Bank of Salinas Valley. Program staff distributed the dinners at the curb-side next to the Hartnell College Parking Structure.

COVID-19

- EOPS continues to serve students remotely and In-Person: Counseling and Support Services.

College Readiness

Laurencia Walker, Director

- College Readiness was invited to write and was awarded a renewal grant for the Dual Enrollment for Equitable Completion project funded by the College Futures Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The 18-month- \$300,000 grant will allow the Office of College Readiness to continue to work with college and high school partners to strengthen pathways and partnerships integrating our college redesign and early college credit efforts while also participating in a state-wide community of practice helping inform policy and practice.
- College Readiness along with Dr. Jalomo and Dr. Wilkinson met with the Salinas Union High School District as part of our semesterly check-in/feedback meeting regarding our dual enrollment partnership.
- College Readiness Director along with the Director of HSI Initiatives met with HSI external evaluators to provide updates on our HSI grant progress as it relates to our implementation of dual enrollment partnerships.

Department of Supportive Programs & Services (DSP&S)

Michelle Peters, Director

- DSPS Lead Specialist worked collaboratively with Admissions and Records for DSPS students to receive priority registration.
- DSPS Director participated in a collaborative meeting with community partners in Monterey and San Benito counties in support of a smooth transition to Hartnell College for incoming DSPS students, and on-going support of students in efforts for retention.
- DSPS Director participated in the community agency collaborative effort led by the Monterey County (Salinas) One Stop to support people with disabilities pursuing Hartnell College as part of their career goals.

COVID-19

- DSPS has maximized its check out/loan of DSPS PC/laptops to DSPS students.
- DSPS LD Specialist/Counselor has resumed in-person

assessments/evaluations for students with potential learning disabilities.

Equity Programs

Bronwyn Moreno, Director

- Undocu liaison Miriam Vazquez was a featured guest on NPR's "Radio Bilingue" program on Sunday, November 7, 2021, to share information with the Spanish speaking local community regarding Hartnell's services and support for undocumented students and families.
- In collaboration with Financial Aid, hosted "Dreamer Money Mondays" on November 1, 15, and 29, 2021, to provide individualized assistance to undocumented students in completing the CA Dream Act financial aid application.
- Hosted free immigration legal services for students and employees on November 2, 12, and 16, 2021, including face to face appointments on the Hartnell main campus.
- Continued to provide relevant legal information and legislative updates to the immigrant community through Mi CASA's "Jueves de Inmigracion" on Facebook live, hosted by Undocu liaison Miriam Vazquez.
- Mi CASA Counselors Ms. Nunez and Ms. Chavez in collaboration with Undocu liaison Ms. Vazquez hosted "Cafecito Tuesdays" every Tuesday in November. Cafecito is an interactive workshop series for undocumented students focused on wellness and student success. Attendance averages between 10-15 students per week.
- Director Moreno provided data and recommendations as part of a task force for Basic Needs in support of a proposal for a federal funding opportunity facilitated by the Hartnell Foundation.
- In collaboration with Director Nevarez, convened a student advisory group to gain insight and solicit input from students with diverse backgrounds and lived experiences regarding the development of basic needs centers on Hartnell campuses.
- Salinas Valley Promise (SVP) faculty lead Gabriela Lopez convened an SVP community of practice workshop for 12 Counseling faculty on November 16, 2021, to share information and best practices to improve teaching and learning for students entering Hartnell.
- On November 15, 2021, 180 SVP students attended a professional development workshop for Promise scholars, presented by Director Belen Gonzales, to support SVP students in developing their resumes to apply for jobs and internships.
- Distributed \$40,000 in scholarships to MILE and WELI scholars to support their educational expenses.

COVID-19

Financial Aid

Jessica Tovar, Director

- The Financial Aid Department continues its efforts to help students with FAFSA and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) completion for both the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic year.
- The Financial Aid Department continues to work with feeder high schools and community based organizations in the area for FAFSA/CADAA workshops and presentations for the 2022-2023 school year.
- The Financial Aid Department has begun automating the Colleague system in conjunction with the Campus Logic platform to streamline the process of Financial Aid for our Dreamer Student population.
- The Financial Aid Department has processed Pell awards year to date: \$3,145,751 total students 1355.
- The Financial Aid Department has processed Cal Grant B awards year to date: \$282,648 total students 301.
- The Financial Aid Department has processed Student Success Completion Grant year to date: \$242,383 234 students.

COVID-19

- The Financial Aid Department is continuing to provide virtual services to our students via Zoom desk, chat and email.
- The Financial Aid Department continues to provide CARES act funding to students in need.
- The Financial Aid Department has processed CARES (HEERF) awards year to date: \$3,917,000 total students 3,196

High School Equivalency Program

Laura Zavala, Director

- HEP Director met with Salinas Union High School District to explore venues to serve Out of School Youth whose pathway to college may include earning a High School Equivalency.

Office of Student Life

Augustine Nevarez, Director

- Hosted a Dia de Los Muertos community event in collaboration with Hospice Foundation and Hijos del Sol Arts Collaborative. Approximately 300 community members attended this cultural event.
- Hosted a Socksgiving new socks donation drive November 8-30, 2021. Collected socks were donated to Dorothy's Kitchen and Victory Mission.
- Provided students with two CalFresh application workshops.

COVID-19

- Held Pop-Up Pantry food distributions on November 5 and 19, 2021.

SSS/TRiO Program

Manuel Bersamin, Director

- The two SSS programs have assisted about 60 first generation and low income SSS/TRIO students to apply for California State University, University of California campuses for fall 2022 admission. The SSS/TRIO counselors will also be assisting the first generation and low income students to apply for private university admission. The SSS/TRIO Program currently has five SSS/TRIO alumni at the University of Southern California and one will be graduating in May 2022 from Yale University, Mariluz Tejada.
- The two SSS/TRIO Programs staff have been assisting all of our 300 first generation and low income students with FAFSA updating for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- SSS/TRIO Director Manuel Bersamin has returned to the high schools for IN PERSON presentations at Soledad High School and Renaissance High School in Watsonville.
- The SSS/TRIO Program is co-sponsoring the Center for Community Advocacy (CCA) Promotores Parent Training at Hartnell College on December 3 and 17, 2021. The CCA Promotores “train neighborhood leaders to act as *promotores comunitarios*, or education promoters. After training, the *promotores* deliver, to their peers, information about college, financial aid, FAFSA applications and the California higher education institutions”.
- SSS/TRIO staff held a virtual New Parent Meeting for the parents of our 2021-2022 cohort. Approximately, 70 parents attended online and heard how they can support their freshmen students in their first year of college.

Upward Bound

Cesar Velazquez, Director

- Assisted North Salinas High School and Everett Alvarez High School Counselors deliver FAFSA workshops.